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Chief Justice Davis to be keynote speaker at Elder Abuse Awareness event For immediate release Thursday, June 10, 2010

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Chief Justice Robin Jean Davis of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia will be the keynote speaker at West Virginia’s first commemoration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

The event will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, in the Capitol Rotunda.

Abuse and neglect of older persons is under-recognized and can take many forms, including financial, physical, psychological, emotional, or sexual. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is set aside nationally to focus attention on the life, well-being, and dignity of older adults.

Elder Law generally is grouped into three areas: income and asset protection, autonomy, and health care, which includes safety. Supreme Court Administrative Office personnel have been meeting and collaborating with service providers and stakeholders to determine how to improve West Virginia law and court processes to address those issues.

Chief Justice Davis has made improving the way the court system meets the needs of senior citizens the main focus of this year, her fifth term as Chief Justice. She also served as Chief Justice in 1998, 2002, 2006, and 2007.

The Supreme Court Administrative Office, the West Virginia Auditor’s Office, the state Department of Health and Human Resources, the state Bureau of Senior Services, the AARP Foundation, Legal Aid of West Virginia, and Kanawha Valley Senior Services together have organized West Virginia’s commemoration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

The event also will include exhibits and refreshments.

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