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Cabell County judge to be sworn in Monday

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Huntington attorney Paul T. Farrell will be sworn in as West Virginia’s newest circuit judge at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, in Courtroom No. 1 of the Cabell County Courthouse in Huntington.

Senior Status Judge L. D. Egnor will deliver the oath of office. Supreme Court Justice Menis Ketchum and Acting Governor/Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin will attend and make brief remarks. Attorney Paul Farrell Jr., the new judge’s son, will be the master of ceremonies. Chief Circuit Judge David M. Pancake will preside.

The public is invited to the ceremony and to a reception to follow at the Marshall University Foundation Building.

Mr. Farrell replaces Senior Status Judge Dan O’Hanlon as one of four judges in the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Cabell County). Judge O’Hanlon retired Oct. 31 after serving 25 years.

“Paul’s vast experience as a criminal and civil trial lawyer make him a welcome addition as a trial judge. He will do an outstanding job,” said Supreme Court Chief Justice Margaret Workman.

At the time of Mr. Farrell’s appointment to the bench on Jan. 21, he was practicing law at the Huntington law firm Farrell, Farrell, and Farrell, PLLC. His practice focused on defense of healthcare providers, public and private employers, and criminal defendants.

He previously served as an assistant attorney general, counsel for the West Virginia State Senate, counsel for the Senate President, administrative law judge for the West Virginia Unemployment Compensation Division, assistant prosecutor in Cabell County and assistant U.S. attorney.

Mr. Farrell is a graduate of Xavier University and the West Virginia University College of Law.

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