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Justice Davis to hold seven truancy meetings during next two weeks

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Robin Jean Davis and Nineteenth Circuit Judge Alan Moats will hold seven regional meetings on truancy in the next two weeks.

The public is invited to all the meetings and no registration is needed. Anyone can attend any meeting, but each meeting is designed for people living in specific counties.

The meetings will be held

- 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, Circuit Judge Gary Johnson's Courtroom, Nicholas County Courthouse, Summersville. This meeting is for people living in Braxton, Clay, Nicholas, and Webster Counties.
- 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, Courtroom No. 302, Logan Country Courthouse, Logan. This meeting is for people living in Boone, Logan, and Mingo Counties.
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, Berkeley County Judicial Center, Martinsburg. This meeting is for people living in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties.
- 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, Mineral County Courthouse, Keyser. This meeting is for people living in Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral Counties.
- 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, Randolph County Courthouse, Elkins. This meeting is for people living in Pendleton, Randolph, and Tucker Counties.
- 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, Courtroom B, Raleigh County Courthouse, Beckley. This meeting is for people living in Fayette, Mercer, McDowell, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming Counties.
- 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7, Main Circuit Court Courtroom, Mason County Courthouse, Point Pleasant. This meeting is for people living in Jackson, Mason, Putnam, and Roane Counties.

Justice Davis encourages parents, educators, social service workers, court officials, and anyone who works with children on a daily basis to attend. Justice Davis has been designated by the Supreme Court to coordinate and expand judicial truancy programs in West Virginia.

She will be accompanied at all the meetings by Judge Moats, who began an anti-truancy and dropout program in Barbour and Taylor Counties when he realized he was seeing many of the same people appear before him in criminal cases who had appeared before him in truancy cases. He did some research and discovered that more than fifty percent of Barbour and Taylor County students miss more than ten days of school each year.

Justice Davis and Judge Moats already have held regional truancy meetings in Charleston, Clarksburg, Morgantown, Lewisburg, and Huntington. Future meetings are planned Nov. 14 in Wheeling and Nov. 15 in Parkersburg.

The Wheeling meeting is intended for those living in Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, and Ohio Counties. The Parkersburg meeting is designed for those living in Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie, Tyler, Wirt, and Wood Counties.

Nikki Tennis, Director of the Supreme Court Division of Children's Services, is coordinating follow-up events and discussions from the meetings. She can be reached at 304-558-0145 or Nikki.Tennis@courtswv.gov.

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