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Supreme Court Clerk named Bar Foundation Fellow

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Supreme Court Clerk Rory Perry II has been named a West Virginia Bar Foundation Fellow.

The West Virginia Bar Foundation, the philanthropic organization of the state legal profession, each year chooses lawyers and judges to become fellows whose “professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and honorable service to the legal profession.”

This year’s group of 22 new fellows will be honored at a private dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Charleston Marriott Town Center.

Perry is the fourteenth person to serve as Clerk of the Supreme Court since West Virginia was founded in 1863. He was named Clerk in July 2000.

Perry also is the current President of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. The NCACC is made up of clerks in state and federal appellate courts across the country, including the Supreme Court of the United States. As President, Perry is responsible for a wide range of executive duties and will preside over the group’s fortieth annual conference, to be held in August in Seattle.

Perry has served as chairman of the NCACC’s website committee and previously served for two years on the executive committee. He also was asked to represent the NCACC on a standards development team for case management systems; he served as program chairman in 2008 for the annual education meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.; and he has spoken twice at the National Center for State Courts International Court Technology Conference.

When he was hired as Deputy Clerk late in 1998, Perry’s primary task in West Virginia was to update the Court’s case management system. By January 2000, he had implemented a new system. In September 2001, West Virginia became one of only six Supreme Courts in the country to webcast oral arguments live on the Internet. In 2010, in his tenth year as Clerk, he helped the Court revise its appellate court rules, which had not been comprehensively changed in more than thirty years.

Perry also is involved in the West Virginia Youth in Government Program and the West Virginia Civics Literacy Council. During his time as Clerk, he has spoken to hundreds of Capitol visitors about the history of the Court and the architecture of the

court chamber. He is also a frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars throughout the state.

Perry is a native of Huntington and also grew up in South Carolina and Georgia. He moved back to West Virginia in the 1980s and attended Marshall University, where he earned an English creative writing degree and spent his summers helping his uncle, Mike Perry, at the Heritage Farm Museum. He graduated from West Virginia University College of Law in 1994. Perry is married and has an adult son.

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