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Putnam Family Court Judge takes medical leave

For immediate release Friday, January 4, 2013

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Judge William M. Watkins, III, Family Court Judge in the Twenty-Sixth Family Court Circuit (Putnam County), sent a letter to Chief Justice Brent D. Benjamin late Friday informing him that he was taking a medical leave.

Justice Benjamin immediately appointed former Family Court Judge Deloris J. Nibert as a temporary Family Court Judge in that circuit during the duration of Judge Watkins' disability.

Judge Nibert was appointed by then-Chief Justice Menis Ketchum on December 12 to fill in for Judge Watkins from that day through December 31.

The full text of Judge Watkins' letter follows.

“Dear Chief Justice Benjamin:

“Due to my deteriorating health, my doctor has ordered me to take medical leave immediately.

“I recommend that Shawn Bayliss be appointed in my place.

“Very truly yours,

“William M. Watkins, III”

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January 4, 2013

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Re: Medical Leave

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I recommend that Shawn Bayliss be appointed in my place.

Very truly yours,



William M. Watkins, III

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