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New Mingo Circuit Judge starts work in the dark

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WILLIAMSON, W.Va. – Miki Thompson was sworn in as the new Circuit Judge in Mingo County this morning, June 11, 2014, despite the fact there was no power in the courthouse.

“We stood beside a window in a jury room,” she said. Senior Status Judge John Cummings delivered the oath of office.

He also will deliver the oath of office at her public (ceremonial) swearing-in at noon on July 10 in the main courtroom of the Mingo County Courthouse in Williamson. That event will be followed by a reception to which the public also is invited.

Judge Cummings has been handling the circuit court docket with Senior Status Justice Thomas McHugh since August 16, 2013, when former Judge Michael Thornsburry was indicted. They continued their work after Judge Thornsburry resigned and pleaded guilty to federal charges.

Despite power outages to many parts of Mingo and Logan Counties caused by a storm Tuesday evening, courts in both counties continued to operate Wednesday although in some cases other county offices were closed.

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin appointed Judge Thompson as Circuit Judge for the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit (Mingo County) after she won the primary election for the seat in May. She had been serving as the Family Court Judge in the Eighth Family Court Circuit (Mingo County) since 2009.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, she began her career as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Mingo County in 1992. She also was the solo practitioner of Thompson Law Office until 2008. She was awarded the Williamson Daily News “Best of the Best” Attorney award 2005-2008.

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