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A statement of apology from Chief Justice Robin Jean Davis

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As Chief Justice and because this was handled in my own office, I want to apologize for the release today of the wrong version of an opinion in the case *Manor Care Inc., et al. v. Tom Douglas*.

We do our best to guard against the inappropriate release of early drafts of opinions and decisions that are written as we deliberate among ourselves, and I am pleased that the track record of our Court in this regard is very good. I frankly can't remember the last time this happened. However, it did happen earlier today. Although we caught the mistake within a matter of a few hours of the unauthorized draft's release, in today's immediate media world, a few hours is an eternity.

So I want to apologize to the litigants and the lawyers in this case and to all of the people of West Virginia for this error. I also want to apologize to the reporters who cover our Court who strive to report the contents of our opinions accurately, because I know this mistake makes their jobs more difficult.

I especially want to apologize to my colleagues on the Supreme Court for this very unfortunate mistake, which I deeply regret.

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