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### **Juvenile Justice Commission releases annual report**

For immediate release

BARBOURSVILLE, W.Va. – The Supreme Court’s Juvenile Justice Commission approved its annual report at a quarterly meeting recently in Barboursville.

“Each year the Commission works to promote systemic progress in the juvenile justice system by facilitating better treatment options and educational programs, monitoring juveniles in detention facilities, and protecting public safety,” said Justice Margaret L. Workman, who established the Commission when she was Chief Justice in 2011. “This latest report demonstrates that we are achieving these goals and will continue to help these juveniles.”

In 2015, Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit (Putnam County) Judge Phillip M. Stowers became chairman of the Commission when former Ninth Judicial Circuit (Mercer County) Judge Omar Aboulhosn resigned to become a federal magistrate judge.

Judge Stowers said, “The important work of this Commission and the commitment of each commissioner to protect and help each child in the juvenile justice system in West Virginia shows in this report.”

“The Court continues to demonstrate its interest and commitment to the juvenile justice system by way of this Commission,” said Juvenile Justice Commission Director Cindy Largent-Hill. “Our work involves all branches of government and the State Department of Education, and it continues to be collaborative relationships that effect positive changes for this complicated and challenging teen population.”

A link to the commission’s 2015 report is available on the West Virginia Judiciary website at <http://www.courtswv.gov/court-administration/juvenile-justice-commission/juvenile-justice-commission.html>.

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