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Judge Christopher C. Wilkes named panelist at Business Court symposium

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals announced that West Virginia Business Court Division Chairman and Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit (Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties) Judge Christopher C. Wilkes has been named a panelist at an upcoming Business Court Symposium.

The Symposium, *Taking Stock of Maryland's Business and Technology Case Management Program and Business Courts Around the Country*, will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 26 at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore, MD. Judge Wilkes' panel will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Symposium will be presented by the Business Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, in collaboration with the University of Baltimore School of Law and the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Judge Wilkes was asked to represent West Virginia's Business Court Division and join business court judges from New York, Delaware, North Carolina, and Maryland.

Topics at the Symposium include The History and Role of Business Courts; Program Structure/Centralization, Assignment and Responsibilities of Judges, and Case Selection; Case Management, Publication of Decisions, and Appeals; and Education, Resources, and Potential Barriers to Implementation and/or Effectiveness.

The Business Court is a division within West Virginia's Judiciary designed to handle complex commercial litigation between businesses.

Trial Court Rule 29.02 calls for the Business Court Division to consist of up to seven active or senior status circuit court judges appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

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