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Justice-Elect Walker robing ceremony to be Dec. 5

For immediate release

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Justice-Elect Elizabeth “Beth” D. Walker will be sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, in the Chamber of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court Chamber is located on the third floor of the East Wing of the Capitol. The media is invited to attend; there will be no pool.

Justice Allen H. Loughry II will deliver the oath of office.

Justice-Elect Walker was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia on May 10, 2016, becoming the first Justice elected in a nonpartisan race. Her term of office will begin on January 1, 2017.

Justice-Elect Walker was raised in Huron, Ohio. She is a 1987 *summa cum laude* graduate of Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan. She earned her law degree in 1990 from The Ohio State University, where she was Articles Editor for *The Ohio State Law Journal*.

She joined the law firm of Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love (now Bowles Rice) in Charleston. During her 22 years at Bowles Rice, she concentrated her statewide practice on labor and employment law and mediation. Justice-Elect Walker served on the firm’s Executive Committee and in several other leadership roles.

After moving to Morgantown in 2011, Justice-Elect Walker became Associate General Counsel for the West Virginia United Health System.

In 2012, Justice-Elect Walker was elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. In 2016 she received the Hillsdale College Distinguished Alumna Award and the Leadership West Virginia Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Justice-Elect Walker is former chair and current member of the board of directors of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. She has been an active community volunteer and served as chairwoman of the boards of Leadership West Virginia and Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center.

She is married to Mike Walker and stepmother to Jennifer. They live in Morgantown.