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### **Judge Farrell to be sworn in today; Justice Walker response filed**

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Judge Paul T. Farrell will be sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice in a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in the Supreme Court Chamber. The ceremony is open to the media and the public.

Chief Justice Margaret Workman appointed Judge Farrell yesterday to serve on the Supreme Court during the suspension of Justice Allen Loughry, according to an order Chief Justice Margaret Workman filed late Thursday. Justice Beth Walker filed a response to that order early today.

Judge Farrell was appointed to the bench in the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Cabell County) by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin on February 14, 2011, and was elected in 2012.

Judge Farrell was born in Huntington. He graduated from Xavier University in 1971 and West Virginia University College of Law in 1978.

At the time of his appointment to the bench he had been practicing law at Farrell, Farrell, & Farrell, PLLC, for fifteen years. He also previously served as Assistant Attorney General for West Virginia (1978), Counsel for the West Virginia Senate President (1982-1989), Administrative Law Judge at the West Virginia Department of Employment Security (1988-1990), Hearing Examiner for the West Virginia Workers' Compensation Board (1985-1988), Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Marshall University (1982-1985), Assistant Trust Officer at First Huntington National Bank (1978-1980), Assistant Cabell County Prosecutor (1982-1990), solo practitioner (1980-1990) and Assistant United States Attorney (1990-1995). Judge Farrell served in the U. S. Army from 1971-1973 as a First Lieutenant.

Judge Farrell is active in the Huntington community, having served as Little League president and coach, youth soccer coach, high school and college soccer referee, and as a volunteer at Hospice of Huntington and Habitat for Humanity.

He is married to Charlene M. Farrell and they have three sons and seven grandchildren.

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