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### **Judge Paul T. Farrell, Jr., appointed to Supreme Court**

For immediate release

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Judge Paul T. Farrell will serve as a Supreme Court Justice during the suspension of Justice Allen Loughry, according to an order Chief Justice Margaret Workman filed late Thursday.

“Court employees have received many inquiries about whether the work of the Court will continue as scheduled in the term that begins Sept. 5. It will. The Court calendar is set and the docket will proceed as usual,” Chief Justice Workman said.

“Supreme Court Justices are Constitutionally required to keep the Court open and will continue to fulfill their Constitutional duties,” Chief Justice Workman further said.

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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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: ASSIGNMENT OF THE HONORABLE PAUL T. FARRELL, JUDGE OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TO THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Menis E. Ketchum, former justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia resigned, effective July 28, 2018. The resignation of Menis E. Ketchum creates a vacancy on the Supreme Court of Appeals, and the notice of such vacancy was provided to the Governor of the State of West Virginia.

WHEREAS, by order entered on June 8, 2018, Allen H. Loughry II, Justice, was suspended without pay, and is prohibited from hearing any civil or criminal matter or performing any other judicial functions during the pendency of the judicial disciplinary proceedings against him. As a result of this suspension Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman deems it is necessary to assign a judge to provide assistance on the Supreme Court of Appeals during the suspension of Allen H. Loughry II.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Honorable Paul T. Farrell, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, be, and he is hereby temporarily assigned to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia under the provisions of article VIII, section 8 of the Constitution of West Virginia, with said assignment commencing on August 9, 2018 and continuing until the Chief Justice determines that the assistance is no longer necessary.

WHEREAS, Articles of Impeachment have been adopted by the House Judiciary

Committee to be presented to the House of Delegates. Pursuant to the provisions of article VIII, section 8 of the Constitution of West Virginia, and the Rule of Necessity, it is further ORDERED that if the Articles of Impeachment proceed to the Senate, the Honorable Paul T. Farrell, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit be, and is hereby assigned to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia as the Acting Chief Justice for said impeachment proceedings.

It is further ORDERED that the Acting Chief Justice Paul T. Farrell appoint other justices to preside as needed.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia record this Order in the Office of said Clerk and that proceedings be held in the manner provided by law.

ENTERED: *August 9, 2018*

*Margaret L. Workman*  
Margaret L. Workman  
Chief Justice

Attest: *Edythe Nash Gaiser*  
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Clerk of Court

