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### **New circuit judge to be sworn in 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit**

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MARTINSBURG, W.Va. – West Virginia’s newest judge will be sworn into office during a ceremony at 6 p.m. Monday, March 19, in the historic Berkeley County Courthouse on King Street in Martinsburg.

R. Steven Redding was appointed by Governor Jim Justice on Feb. 22. He fills the vacancy in the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit (Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties) created by the retirement last year of Judge Gray Silver III.

Mr. Redding will serve until the nonpartisan election in the May primary. He ran unsuccessfully for the circuit court bench two years ago and already had filed to run for this vacant seat at the time of his appointment. He faces Twenty-Fourth Family Court Circuit (Berkeley and Jefferson Counties) Judge David Camilletti and attorney Kim Crockett of Falling Waters.

Mr. Redding, 57, is a native of New Carrollton, Md., and his father, Robert S. Redding, was an attorney and Workers’ Compensation Commissioner in Maryland. Mr. Redding has an undergraduate degree in government and politics from the University of Maryland. He has a law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where he graduated with honors and was a member of the *Law Review*.

Mr. Redding attended law school at night while starting his family and working full-time on the Prince George’s County, Md., Fire Department. He continued to work at the fire department as an attorney and firefighter for several years after he completed his law degree. As a firefighter he was awarded a Medal of Valor for rescuing a small child from an apartment fire. He ended his firefighting career as a Lieutenant.

After leaving the fire department, he entered private practice and concentrated on insurance and medical malpractice defense law before becoming a partner at Franklin & Prokopik, PC.

He took four years off from the practice of law to recover from injuries sustained in a serious car accident. In 2011 he initially returned to work part-time as a guardian *ad*

*litem*, representing children in abuse and neglect cases. Mr. Redding returned to full time practice in 2013, continuing his representation of children. In February, 2017 Mr. Redding joined the Public Defender Corporation for the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit.

He has coached high school and AAU basketball for a number of years in the Eastern Panhandle. He and his wife, Kristie Tobin Redding, live in Hedgesville. They have six adult children, four grandchildren, and also unofficially “adopted” one of his basketball players, caring for him from the 6th grade until he left for college in 2015.

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