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Ceremony for New Preston County Judge to be Friday

For immediate release

KINGWOOD, W.Va. – Steven L. Shaffer will be sworn into office as a Judge in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit (Preston County) during a ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday, May 18, in the courtroom of the Preston County Courthouse in Kingwood.

Senior Status Justice Larry Starcher will deliver the oath of office.

The ceremony is open to the public.

Judge-elect Shaffer, 63, plans to begin work on May 29. He was elected to fill the remainder of the term of Judge Lawrance Miller, who retired last year but has continued working as a senior status judge. The term ends December 31, 2024.

Judge-elect Shaffer is a resident of Tunnelton and a graduate of Tunnelton High School. He spent 23 years in construction and as a coal miner before attending college and law school. He graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law in 2003. He worked for then-Preston County Prosecutor Ron Brown before entering private practice.

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