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Justice Bunn Takes Office, Investiture Scheduled May 12

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Justice C. Haley Bunn was sworn into office this afternoon in a private ceremony so she could begin work. Her first day on the bench will be Tuesday, May 3, when the Court hears an argument docket in front of high school students in Braxton County.

A public investiture ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 12 in the Supreme Court Courtroom. Seating is limited, but the media is encouraged to attend.

Justice Bunn was appointed to the Supreme Court on April 6, 2022, by Governor Jim Justice.

She was born and raised in Oceana, Wyoming County. She is a 2007 honors graduate of West Virginia University. She graduated Order of the Coif and Order of Barristers from WVU College of Law in 2010.

She worked in private practice in Charleston from 2010 to 2012 and from 2019 until her appointment to the Supreme Court. She primarily practiced civil defense litigation, representing individuals and companies ranging from family businesses to large corporations.

From 2012 to 2019, she was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia in the Criminal Division. Her focus as a prosecutor was on major drug distribution cases. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice selected her as one of twelve prosecutors in the country to serve in an Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit. The OFADU was dedicated to curtailing illegal diversion of prescription opioids and healthcare fraud related to the opioid crisis.

She is a member of the American Bar Association. She serves on the board of the Bible Center School in Charleston, and she has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America's Legal Explorers Program.

She and her husband, Joseph Bunn, live in Charleston and have two children.

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