

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: RECALL OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS W. STEPTOE JR. AND THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEADLE TO ACTIVE SERVICE TO PRESIDE IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OVER ANY AND ALL CASES PROSECUTED OR OTHERWISE HANDLED BY THE RANDOLPH COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RANDOLPH COUNTY

The Honorable Jaymie Godwin Wilfong, Judge of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, has advised the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of a motion filed for her disqualification from presiding over any and all cases prosecuted or otherwise handled by the Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Judge Wilfong has further advised the Chief Justice that she does not wish to be disqualified from said cases.


Upon review of said motion, and in accordance with Trial Court Rule 17.01(c), the Chief Justice has determined that the matters set forth therein are sufficient to warrant such disqualification to avoid even an appearance of impropriety.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Honorable Thomas W. Steptoe Jr. and the Honorable Thomas H. Keadle, Senior Status Judges, be, and they hereby are, recalled for temporary assignment to the Circuit Court of Randolph County in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit under the provisions of Article VIII, §§ 3 and 8 of the Constitution of West Virginia and W.Va. Code § 51-9-10 for the purpose of presiding over any and all cases prosecuted or otherwise handled by the Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, with said assignment to continue until the Chief Justice deems the assignment is no longer needed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that after the temporary assignment of either or both Senior Status Judges Steptoe and Keadle is concluded, they are authorized to enter orders and conclude matters heard by them during their assignment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Circuit Clerk of Randolph County record this Order in the Office of the said Clerk.

ENTERED: MAY 1, 2014


ROBIN JEAN DAVIS
Chief Justice