Honorable Jim Justice Governor State of West Virginia Charleston West Virginia 25305

Re: Judicial Retirement

Dear Governor Justice:

As of March 31st, I will have served as a Circuit Court Judge from Kanawha County (13th Judicial Circuit) for more than thirty two consecutive years. Now, I hereby submit my resignation as a judge, to be effective on March 31st, 2021 at midnight. As required, please certify my eligibility to receive the judicial retirement benefits afforded under our plan pursuant to Wva. Code 51-9-9 effective April 1st, 2021.

It has been my honor to serve our State and her people as Judge to the best of my ability and energy over all of these years. By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Honorable Chief Justice of our Supreme Court and the Director of the Public Employees Retirement Board of this correspondence and my plans.

Respectfully yours,

Tod J. Kaufman

Judge

Cc: Hon. Evan Jenkins, Chief Justice

Cc. Terasa Miller/ Jeff Fleck WVa. Retirement Board

Cc: Joseph Armstrong, W.V.S.C.A.

Cc: Brian Abraham, Esq., c/o Gov. Justice