



Restore Fairness, Balance To West Virginia's Supreme Court

What Judicial Principles Do You Support?

The selection of a new justice for a 12-year term to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals is critical for our state's future. With the November 2 General Election fast approaching, it is important that we select an individual who will serve with honor and dignity and who will restore fairness, balance and impartiality to the high court.

Confidence and integrity in our Supreme Court will result when we have justices who will support and uphold fundamental principles of judicial fairness and balance.

- Justices should refrain from "legislating" from the bench by creating opinions that go beyond the high court's role as interpreters and arbiters.
- Justices should stay within a strict, narrow interpretation of the state's Constitution.
- Justices should remove themselves from proceedings when a family member is involved...either as a plaintiff, defendant, party to a suit or prosecutor, legal counsel or government official.
- Justices should refrain from making public statements on proceedings or matters that affect or come before the Supreme Court.
- Justices should serve independently from any special interest or cause nor advance any personal agendas or causes while on the Court.

Adoption and adherence to these principles will correct the current national perception that the West Virginia Supreme Court lacks fairness and balance.

Let us all work toward restoring our state Supreme Court so that it is a body that upholds the fundamental principles of fairness, balance and impartiality.



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