

Benchmarks

The 2011 General Assembly will be asked to reconsider its decision to freeze all nonappellate judicial vacancies for the 2010–12 biennium. (See Virginia State Bar President Irving M. Blank's column, page 10.)

Presently, the following current and known future judicial vacancies remain unfilled:

Circuit Courts

2nd Circuit — retirement of A. Joseph Canada Jr. of Virginia Beach in February 2010; mandatory retirement of Glen A. Tyler of Accomack in February 2011, mandatory retirement of Frederick B. Lowe of Virginia Beach in February 2012

5th Circuit — retirement of Westbrook J. Parker of Suffolk in June 2010

6th Circuit — mandatory retirement of Samuel E. Campbell of Prince George in February 2012

9th Circuit — death of N. Prentis Smiley Jr. of York County and Poquoson in December 2008

11th Circuit — retirement of Thomas V. Warren of Nottoway in February 2010

13th Circuit — retirement of Theodore J. Markow of Richmond in February 2010; mandatory retirement of Walter W. Stout III of Richmond in February 2012

14th Circuit — mandatory retirement of Burnett Miller III of Henrico County in February 2011; mandatory retirement of Daniel T. Balfour of Henrico County in February 2012

15th Circuit — retirement of Horace A. Revercomb III of King George in March 2010

17th Circuit — mandatory retirement of Benjamin N.A. Kendrick of Arlington in February 2011

18th Circuit — mandatory retirement of Donald M. Haddock of Alexandria in February 2012

24th Circuit — retirement of J. Leyburn Mosby Jr. of Lynchburg in February 2010

27th Circuit — retirement of Ray Wilson Grubbs of Christiansburg, in February 2010

30th Circuit — resignation of Joseph R. Carico of Wise County in September 2010

General District Courts

2nd District — retirement of Virginia Ladd Cochran of Virginia Beach in November 2009; mandatory retirement of Robert L. Simpson of Virginia Beach in February 2012

4th District — mandatory retirement of James S. Mathews of Norfolk in February 2012

6th District — retirement of Kenneth Wilson Nye of Hopewell in February 2010; mandatory retirement of J. Larry Palmer of Hopewell in February 2011

12th District — retirement of Thomas Leroy Murphey of Chesterfield in April 2011

13th District — retirement of Thomas O. Jones of Richmond in December 2009

19th District — election of Lorraine Nordlund of Fairfax to circuit court in February 2010

20th District — retirement of Charles B. Foley of Warrenton in February 2010

25th District — retirement of A. Lee McGratty of Staunton in December 2008

27th District — retirement of Edward M. Turner of Hillsville in December 2010

Note: The 19th District has a preauthorized unfilled vacancy which has remained vacant for several years.

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts

11th District — retirement of James E. Hume of Petersburg in December 2009

14th District — retirement of Sharon B. Will of Henrico County in April 2010

15th District — retirement of Larry E. Gilman of Hanover in March 2010

27th District — resignation of M. Keith Blankenship of Wytheville in December 2008

Note: The 29th District has a preauthorized unfilled vacancy which has remained vacant for more than twenty years.

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