

“Benchmarks” is a new feature that lists judges who are going onto and leaving the bench in Virginia state courts. The information was provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia’s human resources department.

The following reflects judicial changes from January 1, 2007, through August 3, 2007.

Supreme Court

Elizabeth B. Lacy retired effective August 31.

Court of Appeals

James W. Benton Jr. retired effective October 1.

Circuit Courts

4th Circuit: **Karen J. Burrell** of Norfolk succeeded **Lydia Calvert Taylor**, effective July 1.

15th Circuit: **Gordon F. Willis** of Stafford succeeded **H. Harrison Braxton Jr.**, effective April 1. **David H. Beck** of Spotsylvania succeeded **Ann Hunter Simpson**, effective July 1.

16th Circuit: **Cheryl V. Higgins** of Charlottesville succeeded **Paul M. Peatross Jr.**, effective April 1.

19th Circuit: **Charles J. Maxfield** of Fairfax succeeded **M. Langhorne Keith**, effective February 1.

29th Circuit: **Keary R. Williams** of Buchanan announced his retirement, effective December 31.

30th Circuit: **Joseph R. Carico** of Wise succeeded **Birg E. Sergent**, effective February 1.

General District Courts

5th District: **Robert B. Edwards** of Isle of Wight announced his retirement, effective December 31.

6th District: **Stephen D. Bloom** of Emporia was appointed pro tempore to replace **Gammie G. Poindexter**, effective October 1.

9th District: **Michael E. McGinty** of Yorktown succeeded **Merlin M. Renne**, effective July 1.

11th District: **Paul W. Cella** of Powhatan succeeded **Garland L. Bigley**, effective August 1.

15th District: **Sarah L. Deneke** of Stafford succeeded **Gordon F. Willis**, effective April 1.

18th District: **E. Robert Giammittorio** of Alexandria announced his retirement, effective October 31.

23rd District: **Julian H. Raney Jr.** of Salem announced his retirement, effective December 31.

24th District: **F. Patrick Yeatts** of Rustburg succeeded **Jesse C. Crumbley III**, effective April 1.

30th District: **Chadwick S. Dotson** of Wise succeeded **Joseph R. Carico**, effective February 1.

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts

4th District: **Lauri D. Hogge** of Norfolk succeeded **Joan C. Skeppstrom**, effective April 1.

6th District: **Carson E. Saunders Jr.** of Emporia succeeded **Charles A. Perkinson Jr.**, effective June 1.

8th District: **Nelson T. Durden** of Hampton retired December 31, 2006.

13th District: **Richard B. Campbell** of Richmond succeeded **C.N. Jenkins Jr.**, effective April 1. **Kimberly B. O'Donnell** of Richmond resigned effective August 31.

15th District: **Phillip U. Fines** of Spotsylvania succeeded **David H. Beck**, effective July 1.

19th District: **Helen Leiner** of Fairfax succeeded **Charles J. Maxfield**, effective February 1. ... **Janine M. Saxe** was appointed pro tempore to succeed **Michael J. Valentine**, effective July 1.

20th District: **J. Gregory Ashwell** of Warrenton succeeded **H. Dudley Payne Jr.**, effective May 1.

28th District: **Florence A. Powell** of Abingdon was appointed pro tempore to replace **Eugene E. Lohman**, effective April 24.

32nd District: **Croxtton Gordon** of Accomac succeeded **B. Bryan Milbourne**, effective April 1.