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Governor Musgrove Appoints Bobby DeLaughter As Circuit Court Judge

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has named Judge Bobby B. DeLaughter to fill the unexpired term of Circuit Court Judge Breland Hilburn. DeLaughter's appointment is effective Friday, May 31, 2002.

"Bobby DeLaughter has proven himself time and again as a strong advocate for justice, and I know he will continue to serve the law well on the circuit court," Musgrove said. "He brings a broad range of experience to the bench, experience that will serve all who appear before him."

A 1977 graduate of the University of Mississippi Law School, DeLaughter practiced law for ten years before joining the Hinds County District Attorney's Office, gaining recognition as the prosecutor in the re-trial of Byron De La Beckwith for the murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

He is a past president of the Mississippi Prosecutors' Association and a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Law Institute. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National District Attorneys' Association and as lawyer-in-residence at Pepperdine Law School in Malibu, CA.

DeLaughter and his wife, Peggy, live in Terry, MS. They have three children.

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