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Sue Ann Armitage Appointed Family Law Magistrate for St. Mary's County

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government is proud to announce the appointment of Sue Ann Lewis Armitage as Family Law Magistrate for the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

A lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, Mrs. Armitage brings more than three decades of legal experience to the bench. A 1990 graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law, she has been in private practice since 1991, serving individuals and families across Southern Maryland with dedication, skill, and compassion.

Over her distinguished career, Mrs. Armitage has built a reputation as a trusted advocate and community leader. Her legal experience spans a broad range of practice areas, with her primary focus in recent years on family law—an area that makes up nearly 70% of the Circuit Court's caseload—making her uniquely qualified for this role.

In her new position as Family Law Magistrate, Mrs. Armitage will preside over a variety of domestic relations matters, including divorce, child custody and visitation, child and spousal support, use and possession of the family home and marital property, and modification of existing orders.

Mrs. Armitage has long been committed to public service and has held leadership roles on the Boards of Directors for the St. Mary's County Bar Association, the Southern Maryland Inns of Court, the Juvenile Drug Court, St. Mary's Ryken High School, and Bay Montessori School.

Her work has been widely recognized. She is a recipient of the Maryland State Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award, was named to The Daily Record's Top 100 Women in Maryland in 2023, honored as a Leader in Law in 2022, and named to The Daily Record's Power List of Family Law Attorneys—one of only 25 statewide. Most recently, she was recognized as a "Pillar of the Community" in 2024.

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The Commissioners of St. Mary's County extend their congratulations to Mrs. Armitage and thank her for her ongoing commitment to justice, families, and the people of St. Mary's County.

For more information on the Circuit Court of St. Mary's County, please visit:

www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Circuit-Court.

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