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Justice Pamela Goodwine speaks with other attendees before Gov. Andy Beshear's State of the Commonwealth address at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort on Jan. 7, 2026.

## Should Justice Goodwine hear Lexington judge's challenge?

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Kentucky House Republicans asked Justice Pamela Goodwine to recuse herself from reviewing an impeachment petition contested before the state's Supreme Court, while attorneys for the judge at the center of the case are arguing Goodwine should stay on the panel.

Goodwine, who also faced an impeachment petition this year, recused herself from the suit brought by Fayette Circuit Judge Julie Goodman. The House forwarded articles of impeachment against Goodman to the Senate, which will hold an impeachment trial in the weeks to come.

Goodman attempted to get the Franklin Circuit Court to intervene in her case, but Judge Phillip Shepherd denied her motion. She then appealed to the state's high court on grounds that the legislature is violating the state Constitution.

The general counsel for the House Republican caucus, Eric Lycan, filed a request last week for Goodwine to recuse herself from hearing Goodman's appeal. He argued that the Supreme Court's decision could impact the impeachment proceeding against Justice Goodwine, which, he wrote, "remains pending."

The House last week appeared to drop the impeachment actions against Goodwine and a Fayette County school board member. The chair of the House Impeachment Committee, House Republican Whip Jason Nemes, told the Lexington Herald-Leader that the committee would not meet during the remainder of the legislative session to consider pending petitions. A House GOP spokesperson confirmed that to the Lantern.

Before Lycan's motion, Goodwine had disclosed to the court that she faced an impeachment petition but "does not believe the foregoing forms a basis for her disqualification in the within-styled action, nor would she be influenced whatsoever by the facts within this Disclosure." However, she later granted Lycan's motion "out of an abundance of caution to avoid any appearance of impropriety as required by the Judicial Canons."

One of Goodman's attorneys, Mitchel Denham, argued in a filing over the weekend that the petition against Goodwine was "completely unrelated" to the petition against Goodman, as that petition involves six cases, none of which Goodwine is a party in.

Denham also pointed to Nemes' public comments about the work of the committee being finished this year.

"These comments are consistent with the action (or inaction) of the Committee. The last action of the Committee regarding the petition of Justice Goodwine was on February 26, 2026 when it publicly posted her Response submitted February 18, 2026," Denham wrote. "They have taken no action since, and from the public comments of Respondent Chair Nemes, they will not before they adjourn sine die."

An impeachment proceeding is a rare occurrence in the Kentucky Senate. The chamber held its last impeachment trial in 2023 and unanimously convicted former prosecutor Ronnie Goldy who asked a defendant for nude images in exchange for prosecutorial favors. Goldy was later convicted on federal fraud and bribery charges and sentenced to 41 months. Before that, the Senate last held an impeachment trial in 1888 against former state Treasurer "Honest Dick" Tate, who was tried for stealing nearly \$200,000 in state funds.

The proceedings against Goodman have drawn some criticism from the legal community. The Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (KACDL) filed a brief in Goodman's case, saying that before the Judicial Article was adopted in 1976, the state's Constitution said governors could "'remove' judges upon address of the Senate and House of Representatives showing 'reasonable cause.'"

The Judicial Article moved that power to the Judicial Conduct Commission. Goodman's attorneys' previously wrote that the commission had never found her in violation of the judicial code.

"The present impeachment effort is a serious, if unintended, attack on the independence of the Court of Justice," KACDL's brief said. "Attorneys must now wonder if judges will be able to rule fairly on suppression motions or take other justified actions favorable to the defense if judges have to look over their shoulder to see if an impeachment is in their future."

The Lexington Herald-Leader reported that almost 70 Kentucky attorneys signed a letter pushing back at the impeachment hearings against Goodman.

However, some family members of victims that disagreed with Goodman's sentences have spoken out in support of removing Goodman. The widower of Tammy Botkin, a woman who died in a 2020 hit-and-run in Lexington gave brief testimony during the House committee's public hearing on Goodman's petition.

## ST. MARK

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In the 1970s and 80s, under Fathers Garvey and Stratman, the parish participated in nationwide programs, added new pews, and expanded the sanctuary. In 1988, St. Mark joined the Diocese of Lexington, with Bishop J. Kendrick Williams installing the first bishop and appointing the parish's first permanent deacon, Dick Jackson.

To address priest shortages, in 1990, Father Greg Schuler was assigned to serve both St. Mark and nearby St. Stephen Parish. A new church complex was dedicated in 1998, with classrooms, a kitchen, and gymnasium, while preserving the historic stone church as a community space. The old church now functions as a gather-

ing area, with the Blessed Sacrament Chapel maintaining Eucharist since 1908, featuring a donated tabernacle.

St. Stephen's Newman Center was founded in 1936 by Virginia Perraut. It expanded under chaplains like Father John McGuire, who helped acquire land. In 1970, Father Ronald Kettler became the first full-time chaplain, and the center's residence opened on Oak Street.

Funded in 1976, the current Newman Center opened in 1977, named after Stephen Potocsnak. It grew through the 1980s and 90s under leaders like Fathers Paul Prabell and Greg Schuler.

In 1994, St. Mark and St. Stephen merged into St. Mark Parish. Father Ken Waibel, then pastor, appointed Elaine Caldwell as pastoral associate. Recent pastors include

Father Patrick Stewart (1998-2016) and Father Tom Farrell (2016-present), who continue to serve and foster community.

The parish offers Mass every Saturday at 4:00 p.m., with a Spanish Mass at 6:00 p.m., and on Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. at the Newman Center when ECU is in session. Weekday Masses are held Tuesday through Thursday at 6:00 p.m., and Friday at 9:00 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. and by appointment. Adoration takes place on the first Friday after Mass until 5:00 p.m., with sign-up available through the office. The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., closed for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.



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The historic St. Mark Catholic Church in Richmond has served generations of parishioners since its dedication in the early 20th century.

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2	2008	Chevrolet	Silverado (2x4)	2gcek190781311272
3	2010	Dodge	Dakota (4x4)	1d7ce3bk3as151067
4	2001	Ford	F-350 (4x4)	1fdwf36f21ed06200
5	2005	Ford	F-150 (4x4)	1fttrf14w85kf13678
6	1990	Chevrolet	C7H042	1gbj7h1pxj202012
7	2012	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	1gcnpcpea0zc124826
8	2006	Chevrolet	Silverado 3500 (4x4)	1gchk39d76e138893
9	2006	Chevrolet	Silverado 3500 (4x4)	1gchk34c56e137977
10	2006	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500	1gchr24u36e114038
11	2007	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 (2x4)	18cec14c875237778
12	1998	GMC	C8500	18dp7h1j8wj511096
13	2000	GMC	C-6500	1gdj6h1d0yj504097
14	2002	John Deere	Mower	MOX4751011515