

ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

29TH DISTRICT

Composed of Jefferson and Lincoln Counties

1. Judges

The 29th District Court is a state district court served by 3 judges.

Division 1	Kim Bridgforth
Division 2	John Kearney
Division 3	Phillip Green

Divisions 1 and 2 are stationed in Pine Bluff and do not utilize exchange agreements. Division 3 is stationed in Star City and utilizes exchange agreements with the following nearby single judge districts: 26th District (Ashley County); 27th District (Desha and Chicot Counties); 28th District (Drew and Bradley Counties); and Arkansas County Southern District. The purpose of those agreements is to allow the Division 3 judge to assist those single judge districts as needed. The exchange agreements are not used for cases in Lincoln County, as those cases are assigned to the other two divisions of the 29th district pursuant to a random selection method that complies with Administrative Order 16.

No small claims magistrates have been designated by the administrative judge of the judicial circuit.

2. Departments

The statutory authority for the organization and designations of this district court is found at A.C.A. section 16-17-1110, et. seq.

The judges serve in the statutorily designated departments of the court as follows:

<u>Judge</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Cities Designated as Departments and Locations</u>
Kim Bridgforth	Jefferson	Pine Bluff, 223 East Third Avenue Alzheimer, 209 West 2 nd Street Humphrey, 113 South Division Street White Hall, 101 Parkway Drive Wabaseka, 100 South Paw Paw Redfield, 509 Sheridan Road
John Kearney	Jefferson	Pine Bluff, 223 East Third Avenue
Phillip Green	Lincoln	Star City, 300 South Drew Street Grady, 501 South Main Street Gould, 301 North Gould Avenue

None of the above statutorily designated departments have been abolished, although the Alzheimer Police Department is currently inactive.

3. Other Jurisdictional Areas

There are no cities or towns operating police departments other than those listed above.

4. Court Sessions and Types of Cases by Subject Matter

Sessions of the court are generally scheduled on the following days of the week at the following times:

Judge	Department	Day	Time	Type of Case
Kim Bridgforth	Pine Bluff	Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m.	Criminal, traffic pleas
Kim Bridgforth	Pine Bluff	Tuesdays, Thursdays	10:00 a.m.	Civil, small claims
Kim Bridgforth	Pine Bluff	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Tuesdays, all Thursdays	12:45 p.m.	Criminal, traffic trials
Kim Bridgforth	White Hall	1 st Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Criminal, traffic, Civil, small claims
Kim Bridgforth	Redfield	2 nd Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Criminal, traffic, Civil, small claims
Kim Bridgforth	Alzheimer	4 th Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Criminal, traffic Civil, small claims
Kim Bridgforth	Humphrey	2 nd Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Criminal, traffic Civil, small claims
Kim Bridgforth	Wabbaseka	2 nd Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Criminal, traffic Civil, small claims
John Kearney	Pine Bluff	Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m.	Criminal, traffic pleas
John Kearney	Pine Bluff	Monday, Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Criminal, traffic trials
John Kearney	Pine Bluff	Tuesday, Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Civil, small claims
Phillip Green	Star City	1 st Tuesday, 3 rd Thursday	9 a.m.	County criminal, traffic
Phillip Green	Star City	1 st Tuesday, 4 th Wednesday	9 a.m.	City criminal, traffic
Phillip Green	Star City	2 nd Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Criminal, traffic trials
Phillip Green	Star City	3 rd Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Civil, small claims

Phillip Green	Grady	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays	9:00 a.m.	Criminal, traffic Civil, small claims
Phillip Green	Gould	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays	9:00 a.m.	Criminal, traffic Civil, small claims

Warrant dockets are established within all criminal divisions. Warrants pertaining to potential felony cases are filed with the Circuit Clerk.

5. Administrative Order No. 18 Referrals from Circuit Court

The circuit court administrative plan contains the following provisions, which are hereby adopted as part of this plan:

STATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

Judge Kim Bridgforth, Judge John Kearney and Judge Phillip Green are State District Judges for the 29th District. With this distinction, the State District Court Judges have authority, pursuant to Administrative Order Number 18, to handle some matters that were previously exclusive to the Circuit Courts. However, the circuit judges in this district DO NOT refer pending circuit court cases to the State District Judges.

While recognizing that the State District Court Judges maintain a full-time docket, the State District Court Judges shall have the following additional authority if a circuit judge is not available:

To sign ex-parte orders of protection pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 9-15-201 through 217;

To sign ex-parte emergency involuntary commitments pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-47-209 and 210;

To sign ex-parte orders in Forcible Entry and Detainers and Unlawful Detainer pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 18-60-312;

Any other matters allowed pursuant to Administrative Order Number 18 that from time to time may become necessary or expedient to be exercised by said District Courts.

When a State District Court Judge signs any ex-parte order allowed pursuant to this Plan, the State District Court Judge shall coordinate with the Circuit Court where the case originated for the scheduling of the return hearing.

DEFENDANTS IN JAIL

The State District Judges in Jefferson and Lincoln Counties, Judge Kim Bridgforth, Judge John Kearney and Judge Phillip Green, conduct first appearance hearings Monday through Friday for those Defendants arrested and incarcerated in the Jefferson and Lincoln County Detention Centers. These hearings are conducted pursuant to Rule 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5 and Rule 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure. In the absence of a District Judge, a Circuit Judge will conduct the hearings.

All District courtrooms are equipped with approved recording equipment.

6. Specialty court.

The State District Judges **DO NOT** conduct any type of specialty court.

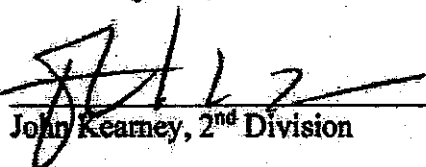
7. Effective date

This administrative plan is effective July 1st, 2023.



Kim Bridgforth, 1st Division

6/13/23
Date



John Kearney, 2nd Division

6-13-23
Date



Phillip Green, 3rd Division

6/13/23
Date