

# **SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS**

No. 26-022

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered January 8, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE,  
TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT, CRITTENDEN COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT, WEST MEMPHIS  
DEPARTMENT, CRITTENDEN  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

## **ORDER**

Under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965, as amended, Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, and Section 1 of Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 16, as amended, and in response to the written request of the Crittenden County District Court Clerk, the Hon. Mike Smith, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Cross County and St. Francis County District Courts, is hereby assigned to the Crittenden County District Court, West Memphis Department, to hear the following case:

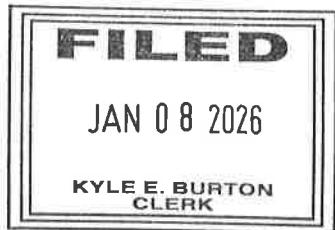
*City of West Memphis v. Shaniera Paxten – WMC-25-2723*

This assignment includes all ancillary proceedings which may arise in connection with said causes, and proceedings subsequent thereto shall be held at such time or times as shall be directed and ordered by Judge Smith.

The assignment of Judge Smith to the Crittenden County District Court, West

Memphis Department, entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Cross County and St. Francis County District Courts, shall remain in Judge Smith to the same extent as though this assignment had not been made.

This order made and entered this 8th day of January 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen R. Baker".

Chief Justice