

# SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-044

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered January 20, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF  
JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT, CRAWFORD COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT, VAN BUREN  
DEPARTMENT, VAN BUREN  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

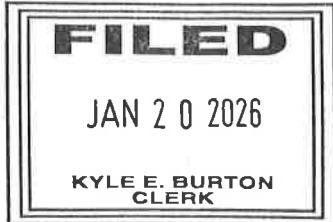
## ORDER

Under Section 13C of Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, a special judge may be assigned if the Chief Justice shall determine “there is other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed.” Therefore, under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965 as amended, and Ark. Const. Amend. 80, and because the Chief Justice has determined there is “other need for a Special Judge to be appointed,” Hon. Fred Kirkpatrick, Retired District Court Judge, is hereby assigned to the Crawford County District Court, Van Buren Department, to hear the following case:

*State of Arkansas v. Travis Martin VAS-25-3227*

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 Kirkpatrick.

This order made and entered this 20th day of January 2026.



  
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Karen R. Baker  
Chief Justice