

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-287

IN RE THE MATTER OF LRPD
INCIDENT #2026-30339

Order Delivered May 12, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF
JUDGE, THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT, LITTLE ROCK
DISTRICT COURT, DIVISION 1,
PULASKI 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 temporarily appointed,” Hon. Teresa Smith, 30th Judicial District Court, Lonoke County District Court, Division 1, is hereby assigned to the Little Rock District Court, Division 1, to consider any search warrants and court orders regarding a potential Financial Identity Fraud and to preside over the subsequent case(s) if one is filed in the Little Rock District Court, Division 1.

This assignment includes all ancillary proceedings which may arise in connections with said cause, 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 Little Rock District Court, Division 1,

entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Lonoke County District Court, Division 1, shall remain in Judge Smith to the same extent as though this assignment had not been made.

This order made and entered this 12th day of May 2026.



Karen R. Baker

Chief Justice