

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 22-444

IN RE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

Order Delivered August 29, 2022

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE,
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEVENTH
DIVISION, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

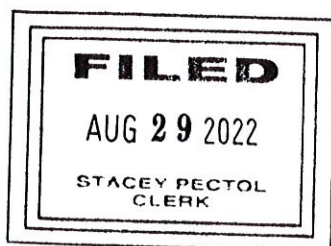
ORDER

The Pulaski County Circuit Clerk, has requested assignment of a special judge under Section 13 C of Amendment 80, which provides for “other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed.” Judge Karen Whatley has a capital murder trial scheduled in Pulaski County, which will conflict with her regularly scheduled docket in the same county. 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,” Judge Chris Piazza, Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 6th Judicial Circuit, 7th Division, to sit on the following date:

September 1, 2022

On that date, Judge Piazza will assume Judge Whatley’s regularly scheduled docket while Judge Whatley presides over a capital murder trial in the same county and the same circuit.

This order made and entered this 29th day of August 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the text "Chief Justice" is printed.

Chief Justice