



ARKANSAS JUDICIARY

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## Justices, Judges and Officers of the Courts

### Judges of Colonial Arkansas (1686-1804) French Domination

Henri de Tonty	1686-1699
Jean-Baptiste Ménard, Martin Merrick, and Labro	1721-1722
Bertrand Dufresne, Sieur du Demaine	1722-1726
Unknown	1726-1731
First Ensign Pierre de Coulange	1731-1734
First Ensign Jean Ste. Thérèse de Langloiserie	1734
Lieutenant Joseph Louis Boucher de Grandpré	1734-1739
Lieutenant Jean-François Tisserant de Montcharvaux	1739-1748
First Ensign Louis-Xavier-Martin Delinó de Chalmette	1748-1751
Lieutenant Paul Augustin le Pelletier de La Houssaye	1751-1753
Captain Charles Marie de Reggio	1753-1757
Captain de Gamon de La Rochette	1757-1763
First Ensign de Brichet	1763
Captain Pierre Marie Caberet de Trépi	1763-1764
Ensign Le Gros de Grandcour	1764-1766

### Spanish Domination

Ensign Le Gros de Grandcour	1766-1768
Captain Alexandre de Clouet	1768-1769
Captain François Demasellière	1769-1770
Lieutenant Josef Orieta	1770-1771
Captain Fernando de Leyba	1771-1774

Captain Josef Orieta	1774-1776
Sergeant Garcia	1776
Captain Balthazar de Villiers	1776-1782
Lieutenant Luis de Villars	1782-1783
Captain Jacobo Dubreuil Saint-Cyr	1783-1787
Captain Josef Bernard Vallière d'Hauterive	1787-1790
Captain Juan Ignacio Delinó de Chalmette	1790-1794
Captain Carlos Melchior de Vilemont	1794-1802
Captain Francisco Caso y Luengo	1802-1804

### **Judges of the Superior Court of the District of Louisiana (1804-1805)**

Thomas Terry Davis	1804-1805
John Griffin	1804-1805
Henry Vandenberg	1804-1805

### **Judges of the Superior Court of the Territory of Louisiana (1805-1812)**

#### **Position One - Appointed**

John B.C. Lucas	1805
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#### **Position Two - Appointed**

Return Jonathan Meigs, Jr.	1805
John Coburn	1806

#### **Position Three - Appointed**

Rufus Easton	1805
Otho Shrader	1806
William Sprigg	1812

### **Judges of the Superior Court of the Territory of Missouri (1812-1819)**

**Position One - Appointed**

John B.C. Lucas	con't 1812
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**Position Two - Appointed**

John Coburn	con't 1812
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Silas Bent	1813
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**Position Three - Appointed**

William Sprigg	con't 1812
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Alexander Stuart	1814
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**Judges of the Superior Court of the Territory of Arkansas (1819-1836)****Position One - Appointed**

Andrew Scott	1819
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Thomas P. Eskridge	1827
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Archibald Yell	1835
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**Position Two - Appointed**

Charles Jouett	1819
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James Woodson Bates	1819
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Benjamin Johnson	1820
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**Position Three - Appointed**

Robert P. Letcher	1819
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Joseph Selden	1821
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William Trimble	1824
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Edward Cross	1830
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**Position Four - Appointed**

James Woodson Bates	1828
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Charles S. Bibb	1832
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Alexander M. Clayton	1832
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Thomas J. Lacy	1835
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### **Clerks of the Superior Court (1819-1836)**

D.E. McKinney	1819-1830
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William Field	1830-1836
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### **Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Arkansas (1836-Present)**

#### **Position One - Chief Justice**

Daniel Ringo	1836-1844
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Thomas Johnson	1845-1852
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George C. Watkins	1853-1854
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Elbert H. English [Confederate]	1855-1864
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Thomas D.W. Yonley	1864-1866
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David Walker [ousted by military commander]	1866-1868
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W.W. Wilshire	1868-1871
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John E. McClure [Constitution of 1868; held Pos. Five]	1871-1874
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Elbert H. English	1874-1884
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Sterling R. Cockrill	1884-1893
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Henry G. Bunn [appointed; subsequently elected]	1893-1904
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Joseph M. Hill	1904-1909
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Edgar A. McCulloch [appointed; subsequently elected]	1909-1927
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Jesse C. Hart	1927-1933
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Cecil E. Johnson	1933-1936
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Griffin Smith	1937-1955
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Lee Seamster [appointed]	1955-1956
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Carleton Harris	1957-1980
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John A. Fogleman [appointed; prev. held Position Six]	1980
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Richard B. Adkisson	1980-1984
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Webster Lee Hubbell [appointed]	1984
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Jack Holt, Jr.	1985-1995
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Bradley D. Jesson [appointed]	1995-1996
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W.H. "Dub" Arnold	1997-2003
Betty Dickey [appointed]	2004
Jim Hannah [previously held Position Five]	2005-2015
Howard W. Brill [appointed]	2015-2016
John Dan Kemp	2017 -

### **Position Two - Associate Justice**

Townsend Dickinson	1836-1842
George W. Paschal	1843
William K. Sebastian	1843-1844
Williamson S. Oldham	1845-1848
Christopher C. Scott	1848-1859
Henry M. Rector	1859-1860
Hulbert F. Fairchild	1860-1864
Albert Pike [Confederate]	1864
C.A. Harper	1864-1866
Freeman W. Compton [ousted by military commander]	1866-1868
Lafayette Gregg [Constitution of 1868]	1868-1874
David Walker	1874-1878
Jesse Turner	1878
John R. Eakin	1878-1885
Burrill B. Battle	1885-1910
William F. Kirby	1910-1916
Thomas H. Humphreys [appointed]	1916-1942
R.W. Robins	1943-1949
Robert A. Leflar [appointed]	1949-1950
Sam Robinson	1951-1965
Osro Cobb [appointed]	1965-1966
J. Fred Jones	1967-1977
Elsijane Trimble Roy [appointed]	1977
George Howard, Jr. [appointed]	1977-1978
John I. Purtle	1979-1989
Otis H. Turner [appointed]	1990

Donald L. Corbin	1991-2014
Robin F. Wynne	2015

### **Position Three - Associate Justice**

Thomas J. Lacy	1836-1845
Edward Cross	1845-1846
William Conway	1847-1848
David Walker	1849-1855
Thomas B. Hanly	1856-1858
Felix I. Batson	1859
Freeman W. Compton [Confederate]	1859-1864
John J. Clendenin	1866-1868
Thomas M. Bowen	1868-1871
John E. Bennett	1871-1874
Freeman W. Compton [appointed]	1874
William M. Harrison	1874-1882
William W. Smith	1882-1888
Monte H. Sandels	1889-1890
William W. Mansfield	1891-1894
James E. Riddick [appointed; subsequently elected]	1894-1907
Jesse C. Hart [appointed; subsequently elected]	1907-1927
Edgar L. McHaney	1927-1948
Charles C. Wine [appointed]	1948
George Rose Smith	1949-1987
Tom Glaze	1987-2008
Elana Cunningham Wills [appointed]	2008-2010
Courtney Hudson Goodson	2011-

### **Position Four - Associate Justice**

M.L. Stephenson [Constitution of 1868]	1873
Wilson E. Hemingway	1889-1893
Richard H. Powell [appointed]	1893
Carroll D. Wood	1893-1929

Turner Butler	1929-1938
W.R. Donham [appointed]	1938
J. Seaborn Holt	1938-1961
Neill Bohlinger [appointed]	1961-1962
J. Frank Holt	1963-1966
Hugh M. Bland [appointed]	1966
Conley Byrd	1967-1980
Richard L. Mays [appointed]	1980
Robert H. Dudley	1981-1996
Ray Thornton	1997-2004
Jim Gunter	2005-2012
Josephine L. Hart	2013-

#### **Position Five - Associate Justice**

John McClure [Constitution of 1868]	1868-1871
Elhanan J. Searle [Constitution of 1868]	1871-1873
Simon P. Hughes	1889-1904
Edgar A. McCulloch	1904-1909
Samuel Frauenthal [appointed]	1909-1912
Frank G. Smith	1912-1949
Edwin Dunaway [appointed]	1949-1950
Paul Ward	1951-1968
J. Frank Holt	1969-1983
P.A. "Les" Hollingsworth [appointed]	1984
David Newbern	1985-1998
Lavenski R. Smith [appointed]	1999-2000
Jim Hannah [elected Chief Justice]	2001-2004
Betty Dickey [appointed]	2005-2006
Paul E. Danielson	2007-2016
Shawn A. Womack	2017-

#### **Position Six - Associate Justice**

William F. Kirby	1927-1934
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Basil Baker	1934-1941
Karl Greenhaw [appointed]	1941-1942
Ben Carter	1943
Robert C. Knox [appointed]	1943-1944
Minor W. Millwee	1945-1958
William J. Smith [appointed]	1958
Jim Johnson	1959-1966
Guy Amsler [appointed]	1966
John A. Fogleman [appointed Chief Justice]	1967-1980
John F. Stroud, Jr. [appointed]	1980
Steele Hays	1981-1994
Andree Layton Roaf [appointed]	1995-1996
Annabelle Clinton Imber	1997-2009
William H. Bowen [appointed]	2010
Ronald Lee Sheffield [appointed]	2010
Karen R. Baker	2011-

#### **Position Seven - Associate Justice**

James W. Mehaffy [died before assuming office]	1927
Tom M. Mehaffy [appointed; subsequently elected]	1927-1942
Ed F. McFaddin	1943-1966
Lyle Brown	1967-1975
Elsijane Trimble Roy [appointed]	1975-1977
Darrell Hickman	1977-1990
Dale Price [appointed]	1990
Robert L. Brown	1991-2012
Cliff Hoofman [appointed]	2013-2014
Rhonda K. Wood	2015