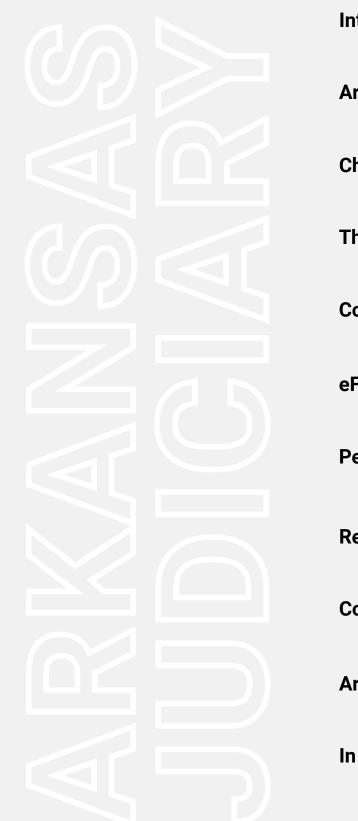
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# Introduction

### **Our Mission**

As an equal and independent branch of government, the Arkansas Judiciary, acting with integrity, shall provide a safe, accessible, transparent, efficient, and impartial system of justice by fairly resolving disputes, protecting the public interest, and preserving individual rights while maintaining respect for the rule of law.

### My fellow Arkansans,

It is my honor and distinct pleasure to present the 2021 Annual Report to the Community. As an equal and independent branch of government, the Arkansas Judiciary remained committed to providing the public with a safe, accessible, transparent, efficient, and impartial court system.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we continued to make great strides in increasing transparency and accountability. The Judicial Branch continued to improve the quality and availability of online services to the public, leading the way by embracing innovative technology to ensure the courts are accessible, operate efficiently and continue to be productive.

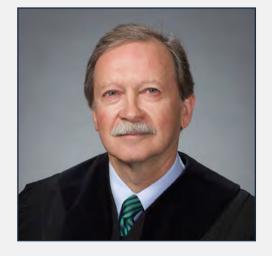
We are excited to report that e-Filing access was expanded to 70% of the counties in the state, with more to be added in 2022. Eliminating the conventional method of paper filing reduces paper copies, postage, and trips to the clerk's office. This greatly benefits the public by granting access to documents in a timely, complete, and accurate manner. The judiciary also made considerable progress in increasing the number of counties that can accept online electronic payments.

In November 2021, the Administrative Office of

the Courts was awarded a grant to advance the Commission on Children, Youth, and Families Racial Justice Task Force. The project focuses on identifying racial and ethnic disparities and disproportionate minority contact within the state of Arkansas. The grant will establish a three-year strategic implementation process to support this project. Additionally, this report highlights other court-related initiatives including access to justice for all Arkansans and the growth of specialty court programs.

The Arkansas Judiciary continued its tradition of service during 2020. Over 158,000 cases were filed in circuit courts with a disposition rate of 85.3%. Additionally, our district courts produced a disposition rate of 91.6% and received nearly 850,000 filings. Those clearance rates are remarkable considering the challenges of the pandemic.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of judges, court personnel and staff.



Chief Justice John Dan Kemp Arkansas Supreme Court



Marty Sullivan, Director Administrative Office of the Courts

## **ARKANSAS COURT SYSTEM.**

### The Arkansas court system consists of three levels: district, circuit, and appellate courts.

#### STATE AND LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS

These courts handle traffic violations. misdemeanor criminal offenses, and violations of state law and local ordinances. District Courts also handle civil disputes involving contracts, matters of damage to personal property, and recovery of personal property.

District court judges are elected to 4-year terms.

#### CIRCUIT COURTS

These are trial courts with general jurisdiction over most criminal and civil matters. This includes jury trials or bench trials (a judge only). Circuit court judges hear all types of cases: juvenile, civil, criminal, domestic relations, and probate.

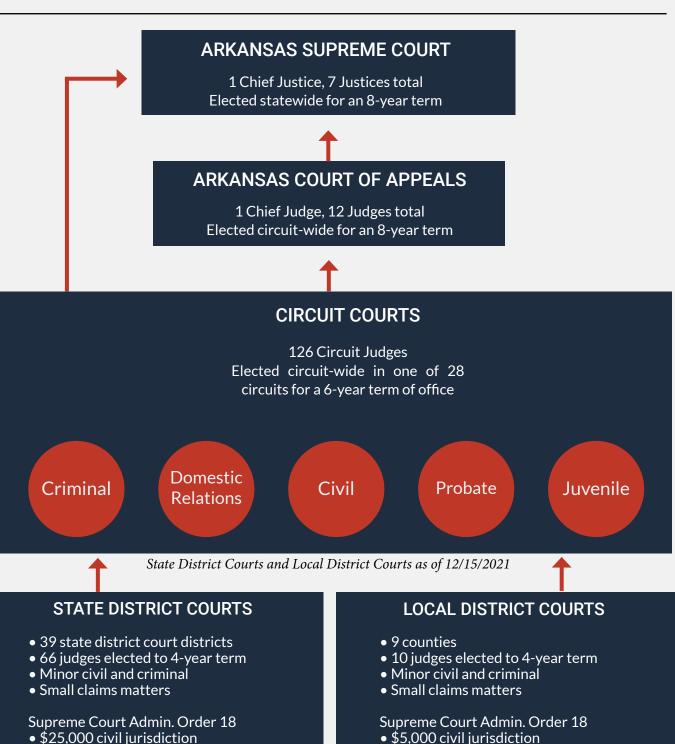
#### APPELLATE COURTS

A party who loses at trial has the right to appeal the case to an appellate court and argue that certain unfavorable rulings and determinations compromised the fairness of the outcome.

There are two state appellate courts: the Arkansas Court of Appeals and the Arkansas Supreme Court. These judges and justices are elected to 8-year terms. The Arkansas Supreme Court has the discretion to hear any case decided by the Court of Appeals.

In addition to discretionary review, the Arkansas Supreme Court hears cases involving the interpretation of the Constitution, all criminal cases where the punishment is life in prison or the death penalty, election matters, and cases regarding the discipline of judges or attorneys.

### **Court System Structure**



Circuit court judges are elected to 6-year terms.

There are currently 221 judges serving in various capacities across 75 counties.

• \$5,000 small claims jurisdiction Circuit court referral

- \$5.000 civil jurisdiction
- \$5,000 small claims jurisdiction

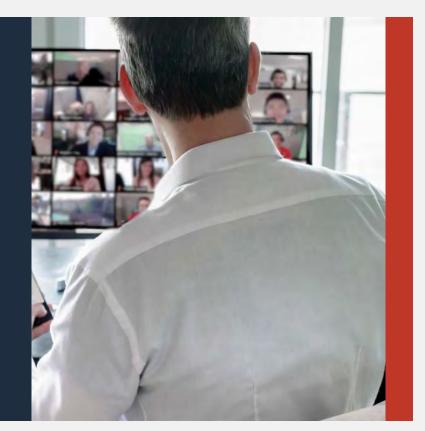
# CHILDREN & FAMILIES.

### **Racial Justice Task Force**

# Virtual Hearings in 2021

The Commission on Children, Youth, and Families has continued to work with courts to support remote hearings and promote best practices.

The Videoconferencing Committee is actively studying nationwide best practices to make long-term recommendations on how remote technology can best be used to support child welfare hearings during the pandemic and beyond.



### The Commission on Children, Youth, & Families

In 2011, the Supreme Court of Arkansas created the Commission on Children, Youth, and Families to study how children and families in Arkansas interact with the court system. The Commission works with stakeholders across the state to identify areas of need and improves the way the court system serves children and families. While focusing on juvenile justice and dependencyneglect proceedings, the Commission's work also includes any court proceeding that involves children.

The Commission updated its website to include materials and information for the public, attorneys, and judges. Visit ARCommissionOnChildren.org to learn more.

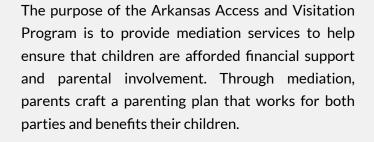


The Commission on Children, Youth, and Families created the Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF). Under Judge Tjuana Byrd's leadership, the RJTF decided to focus on disproportionate minority contact at the point of arrest for juveniles. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) applied for a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to support and expand the RJTF's work. The grant was awarded to the AOC in November 2021. The Commission and RJTF look forward to working with the AOC during the three-year implementation of the grant.

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# **THROUGH MEDIATION.**

The Arkansas Access and Visitation Program is a statewide mediation program serving residents who want to mediate issues of custody, visitation, and child support. The program is administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts and funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement.





Most parents who mediate through the Access and Visitation Program reach an agreement on custody, visitation, and child support. Between 2016 and 2021, more than 65% of cases mediated reached a settlement.

To qualify for the program, the issues in dispute must be custody, visitation, and/or child support, and the parties must be the parents or guardians of the minor children and residents of Arkansas or subject to the jurisdiction of Arkansas Courts. Parties may self-refer into the program, be referred by their attorney, or be referred by the Court. Marital status is not a factor in eligibility.

Parties interested in using the program must complete an intake questionnaire and submit it to the program director. Each party must submit a separate questionnaire. The director reviews the questionnaires to determine eligibility and appropriateness for mediation. Once a case is accepted into the program, the director determines the rate that each party will pay based on income and number of dependents. Participants are eligible for up to 6 hours of mediation and pay anywhere from \$0 to \$45 per hour. The director then assigns the case to the mediator selected by the parties. The assigned mediator contacts the parties to schedule the mediation.

#### **Access & Visitation Mediation Program**



When the case is concluded, the parties pay their More information about the program, including portion of the cost directly to the mediator. The the intake questionnaire and sample court orders, mediator submits an invoice to the program is available on the Access and Visitation website director for the remainder. Mediators working in at http://araccess.org. the program are paid a total of \$90 per hour. To be eligible to work in the program, mediators must be certified by the Arkansas Alternative Dispute **Resolution Commission and complete an Access** and Visitation Mediation Orientation course.

# **COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE.**

Untreated substance use and behavioral health disorders have become an unprecedented public health crisis. These issues cannot be solved solely through incarceration. The alternative sentencing measures available through specialty courts have proven to be part of the much-needed solution. Specialty courts are effective because they seek to reduce the incidence of substance use, untreated mental health disorders, family separation, and drug-related crimes through judicial monitoring of intensive treatment and strict supervision.



In 2021, 104 special across the state.

In response to the critical need for judicial intervention and support for effective treatment programs, there has been an expansion of specialty courts available in Arkansas. These programs now include Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, and DWI Court. These specialized court programs operate within the criminal justice system, both at the district and circuit court levels, and are targeted to serve specific populations as indicated by unique and intentional program names.

To be eligible for a specialty court, an individual must be charged with a criminal offense, have an untreated substance use or behavioral health disorder, and be at substantial risk for reoffending or failing to complete a less intensive disposition, such as general probation or parole. These individuals are commonly referred to as "high-risk, high-need." In other words, they are the most challenging individuals within the criminal justice system.

Individuals entering specialty courts are often unemployed, homeless, engaged in severe drug use, and facing long-term incarceration. Rather than incarceration, specialty courts provide an opportunity to enter long-term treatment with intensive court supervision. Specialty courts address the root causes of criminal behavior, such as substance use and behavioral health disorders, poverty, physical health conditions, and unemployment. Through a combination of accountability and treatment, specialty court

### In 2021, 104 specialty courts were operational

participants are able to maintain recovery from drugs and alcohol, gain employment, reunite with family, pursue educational advancements, and act as valued members of the community.

Unlike traditional courts, specialty courts use a collaborative team approach to justice. Specialty court teams are composed of a judge, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, program coordinator, probation officer, treatment provider, and law enforcement liaison. Together, team members use their expertise to aid participants in achieving individualized goals and hold participants accountable for lapses in improvement.

Nationally, specialty courts have been reviewed and studied for over twenty years, proving that these programs are the most innovative and effective tool available to address and treat the high-risk, high-need population. Research and publications on these programs have provided comprehensive, evidence-based practices that guide Arkansas's specialty court policies and procedures.

Specialty courts are proven to enhance public safety, reduce recidivism, and preserve tax dollars. Most importantly, specialty courts effect positive change in the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

In 2021, one hundred four (104) specialty courts were operational across the state. These programs served an average of 2,396 participants each month.

## SCALES.

Specialty Court Application and Legal Exchange System (SCALES)



In 2019, the Administrative Office of the Courts received grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and initiated the development of a comprehensive case management system for specialty courts. This application is known as SCALES: Specialty Court Application and Legal Exchange System. SCALES provides essential case management functionality to promote adherence to evidence-based practices while enhancing team collaboration and communication. In addition to fundamental case management features, SCALES supports the use of the statewide validated risk/need assessment tool known as RANT.

(20) pilot courts selected by the Specialty Court Program Advisory Committee.

In 2021, SCALES was made available to all specialty courts serving the adult population. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided SCALES training to seventy (70) of the eightyeight (88) adult specialty courts. Additionally, the Administrative Office of the Courts released eight system updates allowing specialty courts to manage participant information, drug / alcohol testing and confirmation, phase promotion, status changes, case transfers, staffing reports, programmatic reporting, and statewide reporting within the SCALES application.

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# **JUVENILE JUSTICE**.



• All Juvenile Officers have been trained in Risk Assessment and Behavioral Health Screening as required by Act 189. Booster Trainings have also been conducted and were recorded for ondemand juvenile officer training on the AOC's Learning Management System.

• Contexte (the Court System's Case Management System) Peer Training was conducted for both juvenile probation and intake officers via a webinar. This valuable training was also recorded for use on the AOC's Learning Management System.

• A Chief Juvenile Officers Advisory Council was formed to allow for discourse on Juvenile Justice topics and practice throughout the state. This Council is also utilized to disseminate best practice information to juvenile departments. This Council is currently reviewing for agreement a Juvenile Officer Policy and Procedures Manual created by the Juvenile Justice Specialist. • A Juvenile Probation Officer Case Planning Handbook was created to assist juvenile officers who have been trained in Arkansas's Risk Assessment and Behavioral Health Screenings (RABS) to select case plan goals and activities that align with criminogenic needs and that meet the SMART objectives (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timebound). This guide is designed to support the juvenile officer in the selection of goals and activities utilizing cultural competency and responsivity to the courtinvolved youth and family's circumstances.

• A Family Guide to Juvenile Justice in Arkansas was created to help families better understand Arkansas's juvenile justice system and to serve as a general guide about the juvenile justice process and possible assistance for their child(ren). These guides are being distributed to juvenile courts and staffs around the state.

# **EFILING VIEW.**

Arkansas courts continue to improve technology and its accessibility, efficiency, and productivity in the judicial system.

We have completed nine efiling lite counties and 1 full efiling project in district court. The eFiling Lite option simplifies the implementation process by postponing the setup of the electronic payment feature for filers.

There are now

55 eFiling courts in the state

representing over 73% of the

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#### There are now 55 eFiling courts in the state representing over 73% of counties in the state.

We have active projects in Sebastian, St. Francis, Cross, Monroe, Lee, Phillips, Sharp, Polk, Lawrence, Montgomery, Hempstead, Nevada, and Woodruff Counties.

### eFiling Circuit Courts in the State

### **55** Counties

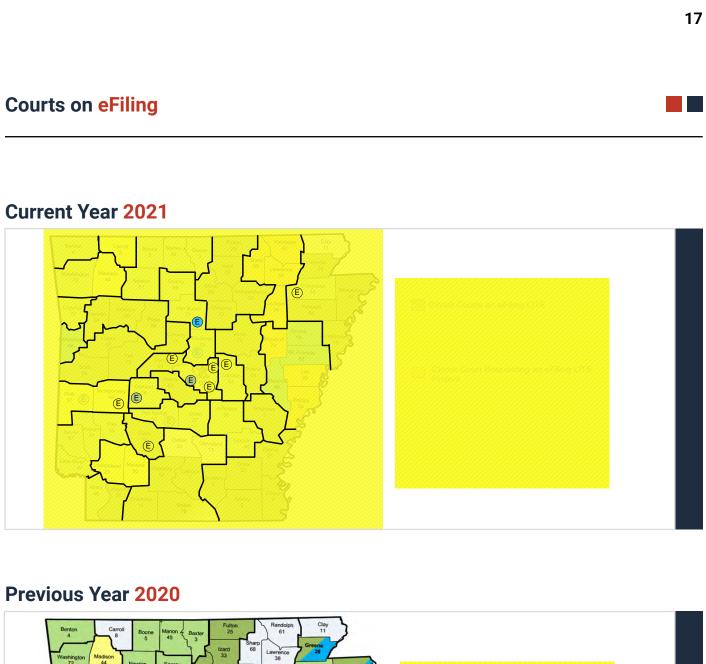
eFiling District Courts in the State

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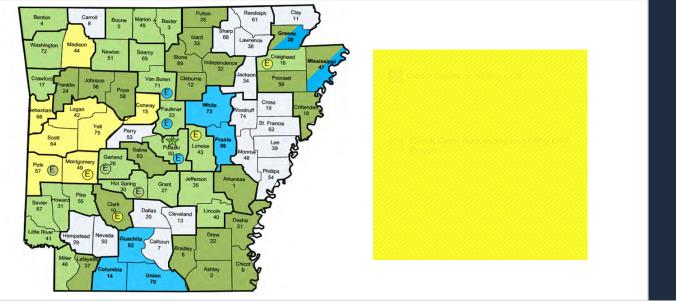
**Upcoming eFiling Projects 2022** 

### **14** Counties

**2** District Courts



### Previous Year 2020





### **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

The Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts distributed over 1.2 million disposable masks and 1,800 bottles of hand sanitizer.



The AOC has distributed six rounds of PPE to courts since the beginning of the pandemic.



We were able to distribute PPE to all 75 counties in Arkansas.

# **REPRESENTING HOPE.**



### **Arkansas Access to Justice Commission**

In 2003, the Arkansas Bar Association petitioned the Arkansas Supreme Court to create an access to justice commission. The Court granted this request, and it gave the Commission one objective: To provide equal access to justice in civil cases for all Arkansans.

## \$664,000

In grants awarded to provide legal aid to lowincome Arkansans facing eviction, foreclosure, and other housing-related challenges.

### 600

Over 600 Arkansans have received free legal advice through the AR Free Legal Answers Program.

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Arkansas Access to Justice hosted 11 pro bonofocused CLEs in 2021. These CLEs provided the knowledge and skills attorneys need to handle pro bono cases in high-need areas in an effort to close the gap between cases and pro bono attorneys available to assist.

# **COURT CASELOADS.**

### Supreme Court

CASE TYPE	FILINGS	DISPOSITION
APPEAL BY STATE	2	1
APPELLATE FELONY	13	26
APPELLATE MISDEMEANOR	2	2
APPELLATE WRIT - OTHER - CR	1	1
APPELLATE WRIT - OTHER - CV	1	1
CAPITAL DEATH	0	2
CAPITAL LIFE W/O PAROLE	4	5
CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT	31	45
CIVIL PETITION FOR REVIEW	0	1
CRIMINAL PETITION FOR REVIEW	0	1
DEPT WORKFORCE SERVICE	0	2
DHS JUVENILE APPEAL	1	1
INCARCERATED CIVIL APPEAL	42	65
INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL	11	10
ORIGINAL ACTION	23	19
POST CONVICTION APPEAL	42	48
POST CONVICTION DEATH	2	4
PROBATE APPEAL	3	1
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	2	2
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CR	2	1
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CV	5	5
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS - CV	1	1
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CR	12	9
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CV	9	8
WRIT OF PROHIBITION - CV	2	3
TOTALS	211	264

Court of Appeals

### **CASE TYPE**

APPELLATE FELONY APPELLATE MISDEMEANOR CIVIL APPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT DEPT WORKFORCE SERVICE DHS JUVENILE APPEAL INCARCERATED CIVIL APPEAL INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL JUVENILE CIVIL APPEAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY APPEAL POST CONVICTION APPEAL PROBATE APPEAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WORKER'S COMPENSATION

### TOTALS



For more detailed Arkansas court data go to: https://tinyurl.com/JusticeStats

FILINGS	DISPOSITION
142	174
12	10
0	5
198	205
379	276
56	65
4	2
14	14
1	0
9	5
33	28
24	19
5	3
20	26
897	832

### **Circuit Courts**

	FILINGS	DISPOSITION
CIVIL	33,320	31,849
CRIMINAL	49,135	35,209
DOMESTIC REL	42,069	39,310
JUVENILE	14,566	13,933
PROBATE	19,352	14,877
GRAND TOTAL	158,442	135,178

**District Court** 

**CASE TYPE** 

APPEALS **CIVIL - OTHER** CONTRACTS DWI 1 DWI 2 DWI 3 DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY **DEBT COLLECTION FELONIES BOUND OVER** LOCAL ORDINANCE MISDEMEANOR - DV MISDEMEANOR - DRUG **MISDEMEANOR - OTHER** MISDEMEANOR - PERSON **MISDEMEANOR - PROPERTY** MISDEMEANOR - PUBLIC ORDER **MISDEMEANOR - WEAPON** PARKING **RECOVERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY** SMALL CLAIMS **TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION VIOLATION - OTHER CONTEXTE COURT CRIMINAL - OTHER CONTEXTE COURT CIVIL - OTHER** 

**GRAND TOTAL** 

DISPOSITION

#### 774 699 11,845 9,091 2,301 3,246 7,463 6,610 962 846 299 181 51 22 13,641 8,270 9,421 2,708 23,926 20,864 4,981 3,174 6,451 11,405 106,002 206,573 2,726 1,635 5,227

2,726 8,526 17,896 1,265 137 11 3,232 55,009 175,936 47,070 228,644

847,082

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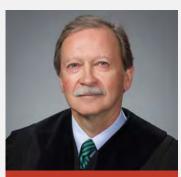
37,198

349,268

16,545

# **ARKANSAS JUDICIARY.**

### **Arkansas Supreme Court**



Chief Justice John Dan Kemp Mountain View, AR Elected: 2016



Justice Karen Baker Clinton, AR Elected: 2010



Justice Courtney Hudson Fayetteville, AR Elected: 2010







**Chief Judge Brandon Harrisor** District 4, Position 1

**Judge Ray Abramson** District 1, Position 1





**Judge Mike Murphy** District 2, Position 2







**Justice Barbara Webb** Little Rock, AR Elected: 2020



Conway, AR Elected: 2014



Fordyce, AR Elected: 2014



**Justice Shawn Womack** Mountain Home, AR Elected: 2016





Judge Phillip Whiteaker District 1, Position 2



Judge Bart Virden District 2, Position 1



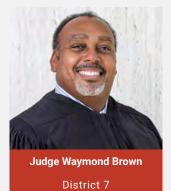
District 3, Position 2



Judge Stephanie Potter Barrett District 4, Position 2



Judge Larry D. Vaught District 6, Position 2



# **CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES.**

Hon. Tonya Alexander	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 6
Hon. Wren Autrey	8th South Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Andrew Bailey	14th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Blake Batson	9th East Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Cristi Beaumont	4th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4
Hon. Kimberly Boling Bibb	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 8
Hon. Shannon Blatt	12th Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Troy Braswell	20th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Laurie Bridewell	10th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Mary Lile Broadaway	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 7
Hon. Daniel Brock	17th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Earnest Brown, Jr.	11th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 6
Hon. Beth Bryan	4th Judicial Circuit, Div. 5
Hon. Tjuana Byrd	6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 8
Hon. Robin Carroll	13th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4
Hon. Ken Casady	22nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Bryan Chesshir	9th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. David Clark	20th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4
Hon. Chuck Clawson	20th Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Ken Coker	5th Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Cathleen Compton	6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Tom Cooper	9th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Johnnie Copeland	14th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4
Hon. Duncan Culpepper	8th North Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Gunner DeLay	12th Judicial Circuit, Div. 5
Hon. Jodi Dennis	11th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 5
Hon. Xollie Duncan	19th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 5
Hon. James Dunham	5th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Cecilia Dyer	18 East Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Scott Ellington	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 12

Hon. Barbara Elmore Hon. Josh Farmer Hon, H.G. Foster Hon. Tim Fox Hon. Teresa French Hon. Donna Galloway Hon. Robert Gibson III Hon. Andy Gill Hon. Danny Glover Hon. Alice Gray Hon. Robin Green Hon. Wendell Griffen Hon. Alex Guynn Hon. Brent Haltom Hon. Craig Hannah Hon. Lee Harrod Hon. Marcia Hearnsberger Hon. Annie Hendricks Hon. Robert Herzfeld Hon. Kathie Hess Hon. Pamela Honeycutt Hon. Christine Horwart Hon. Brent Houston Hon. Sandy Huckabee Hon. Michelle Huff Hon. Scott Jackson Hon. Patricia James Hon. Leon Jamison Hon. Amy Dunn Johnson Hon. Leon Johnson Hon. Shanice Johnson Hon. Shawn Johnson Hon. Carlton Jones Hon. Brad Karren Hon. Edwin Keaton

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Hon. Dianna Hewitt Ladd	12th Judicial Circuit, Div. 7
Hon. Deanna "Suzie" Layton	14th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Mark Lindsay	4th Judicial Circuit, Div. 6
Hon. Richard Lusby	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Greg Magness	12th Judicial Circuit, Div. 6
Hon. Doug Martin	4th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Gordon "Mack" McCain	5th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. David McCormick	15th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Marc McCune	21st Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Don McSpadden	16th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Mike Medlock	21st Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Holly Meyer	16th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Chalk Mitchell	1st Judicial Circuit, Div. 4
Hon. Charles "Skip" Mooney	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 5
Hon. Christopher Morledge	1st Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Mac Norton	11th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Ralph Ohm	18th East Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Ashley Parker	23rd Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Mark Pate	17th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2
Hon. Randy Philhours	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 11
Hon. Mackie Pierce	6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 17
Hon. Crews Puryear	10th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. John Putman	14th Judicial Circuit, Div. 3
Hon. Jerry Don Ramey	15th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Robert Ratton	3rd Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Mike Reif	6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 13
Hon. Melissa Richardson	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 9
Hon. Andy Riner	18th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 1
Hon. Dan Ritchey	2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 10
Hon. Quincey Ross	10th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4

Hon. Doug Schrantz Hon. John Scott Hon. Candice Settle Hon. Stephen Shirron Hon. Joe Short Hon. Barry Sims Hon. Hamilton Singleton Hon. Spencer Singleton Hon. Thomas Smith Hon. Terry Sullivan Hon. Dennis Sutterfield Hon. Stephen Tabor Hon. David Talley, Jr. Hon. Joanna Taylor Hon. Mary Thomason Hon. John Threet Hon. Chris Thver Hon. Cindy Thyer Hon. Casey Tucker Hon. Diane Warren Hon. Susan Weaver Hon. Tim Weaver Hon. Adam Weeks Hon. Morgan "Chip" Welch Hon. Chris Williams Hon. Lynn Williams Hon. Dion Wilson Hon. Herbert Wright Hon. Robert Wyatt, Jr. Hon. Stacey Zimmerman Hon. Leigh Zuerker

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# **STATE DISTRICT JUDGES.**

Hon. Bruce Anderson 28th District Composed of Bradley County and Drew County

Hon. A.J. Anglin 1st District Composed of Benton County

Hon. Rita Bailey 31st District Composed of Pulaski County

Hon. Charles "Chuck" Baker 5th District Composed of Crawford County

Hon. Jack Barker 35th District Composed of Union County

Hon. Alex Bigger 11th District Composed of Lawrence, Randolph, and Sharp Counties

Hon. David Boling 19th District Composed of Craighead County

Hon. Claire Borengasser 6th District Composed of Sebastian County, Fort Smith District Hon. Don Bourne 8th District Composed of Pope County

Hon. Henry Boyce 15th District Composed of Jackson County and Woodruff County

Hon. Kim Bridgforth 29th District Composed of Lincoln County and Jefferson County

Hon. Ray Bunch 1st District Composed of Benton County

Hon. Sarah Capp 7th District Composed of Johnson County and Franklin County

Hon. Chris Carnahan 9th District Composed of Faulkner County and Van Buren County

Hon. Christopher Carter 10th District Composed of Baxter County and Marion County Hon. Jason Carter 22nd District Composed of Lee County and Phillips County

Hon. Stephanie Casady 32nd District Composed of Saline County and the City of Alexander in Pulaski County

Hon. Charles Clawson 9th District Composed of Faulkner County and Van Buren County

Hon. Jeff Conner 1st District Composed Benton County

Hon. Catherine Palmer Dean 18th District Composed of Mississippi County, Osceola District

Hon. Mark Derrick 23rd District Composed of Prairie County and White County

Hon. Vic. Fleming 31st District Composed of Pulaski County

Hon. Clay Ford 32nd District Composed of Saline County and the City of Alexander in Pulaski County

Hon. Tommy Fowler 19th District Composed of Craighead County Hon. Melinda French 27th District Composed of Chicot County and Desha County

Hon. Billy Jack Gibson 33rd District Composed of Grant County and Hot Spring County

Hon. David Graham 39th District Composed of Columbia County and Ouachita County

Hon. Joe Graham 41st District Composed of Garland County

Hon. Phillip Green 29th District Composed of Lincoln County and Jefferson County

Hon. Chris Griffin 1st District Composed of Benton County

Hon. Amy Grimes 6th District Composed of Sebastian County, Fort Smith District

Hon. Wayne Gruber 31st District Composed of Pulaski County

Hon. Milas "Butch" Hale 31st District Composed of Pulaski County

# **STATE DISTRICT JUDGES.**

Hon. Jeff Harper 2nd District Composed of Washington County

Hon. Reid Harrod 26th District Composed of Ashley County

Hon. Randy Hill 40th District Composed of Clark County

Hon. Ann Hudson 25th District Composed of Cross County and St. Francis County

Hon. Ron Hunter 20th District Composed of Poinsett County

Hon. Gail Inman-Campbell 4th District Composed of Boone County, the City of Alpena in Carroll County, Newton County, and Searcy County

Hon. Mark Johnson 11th District Composed of Lawrence County, Randolph County, and Sharp County Hon. Casey Jones 2nd District Composed of Washington County

Hon. Paula Juels Jones 31st District Composed of Pulaski County

Hon. John Kearney 29th District Composed of Lincoln County and Jefferson County

Hon. Eric Kennedy 23rd District Composed of Prairie County and White County

Hon. Shannon Langston 18th District Composed of Mississippi County, Chickasawba District

Hon. Mark Leverett 31st District Composed of Perry County and Pulaski County

Hon. Melanie Martin 31st District Composed of Pulaski County

Hon. Clint McGue 30th District Composed of Lonoke County Hon. Randy Morley 31st District Composed of Pulaski County

Hon. Brian Mueller 12th District Composed of Conway, Logan, and Yell County

Hon. Graham Nations 2nd District Composed of Washington County

Hon. Tommy Potter 37th District Composed of Lafayette County and Miller County

Hon. Dale Ramsey 3rd District Composed of Carroll County and Madison County

Hon. Wendy Sharum 6th District Sebastian County, Fort Smith District

Hon. Mike Smith 25th District Composed of St. Francis County

Hon. Teresa Smith 30th District Composed of Lonoke County

Hon. Terra Stephenson 2nd District Composed of Washington County Hon. Dan Stidham 17th District Composed of Clay County and Greene County

Hon. Meredith Switzer 41st District Composed of Garland County

Hon. Chaney Taylor 14th District Composed Independence County

Hon. Fred Thorne 21st District Composed of Crittenden County

Hon. Danny Thrailkill 24th District Composed of Montgomery County, Polk County, and Scott County

Hon. Michael Wagoner 6th District Composed of Sebastian County, Greenwood District

Hon. Lance Wright 14th District Composed of Cleburne County

Hon. Tom Wynne 34th District Composed of Calhoun County, Cleveland County, and Dallas County

Hon. Tony Yocum 38th District Composed of Hempstead County and Nevada County

# LOCAL DISTRICT JUDGES.

Hon. Jeremy Bueker Arkansas County, Northern District

Hon. David Carruth Monroe County

Hon. Park Eldridge Arkansas County, Southern District

Hon. John Finley III Little River County

Hon. Jessica Steele Gunter Howard County and Pike County

Hon. Larry Kissee **Fulton County** 

Hon. John Martin Monroe County

Hon. David Miller Izard County

Hon. Jacob Newton Stone County

Hon. Manya Wood Sevier County

# IN MEMORIAM.

Judge Vicki Cook December 2020

Judge William Bullock December 2020

Judge Andre McNeil December 2020

Judge John Plegge August 2021

**Judge Van Taylor** August 2021

Judge Euguene "Kayo" Harris August 2021







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