NORTH ARKANSAS COUNTY (STUTTGART) DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

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1. JUDGES: The North Arkansas County (Stuttgart) District Court is served by one local district judge. The judge serves in the designated divisions of the court as follows:

Small claims, civil, and criminal.

2. COURT: Sessions of court are generally scheduled on:

First and third Tuesday of each month for plea and arraignment. First Thursday of each month for trials.

3. TYPES OF CASES: The following cases are heard at these locations:

All cases are heard in Stuttgart.

4. SPECIALTY PROGRAMS: The following specialty programs are provided:

There are no specialty programs provided.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN SOUTH ARKANSAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT (Effective July 1, 2019)

The District Judge for the South Arkansas County District Court purposes the following plan pursuant to Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 18:

ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

The Judge shall meet periodically with the District Court Clerk and shall consider case management, administrative procedures, forms, calendars, etc. Any modification of the plan shall be decided by the Judge and shall be submitted for approval. Each year a calendar shall be printed and published indicating the court assignments and court dates.

The South Arkansas County District Court is served by one district judge. The judge serves in the designated departments of the court as follows:

B. Park Eldridge, Jr.	DeWitt Department	DeWitt, Arkansas
B. Park Eldridge, Jr.	Gillett Department	Gillett, Arkansas
B. Park Eldridge, Jr.	St. Charles Department	St. Charles, Arkansas
COURT SESSIONS: Sessions of the Court are generally scheduled as follows:		
DeWitt Department:	1st and 3rd Tuesday of each Month.	
Gillett Department:	1st Tuesday of each Month	
St. Charles Department:	3rd Tuesday of each Month	
CASE ALLOCATION		
DeWitt Department: Criminal Cases, Civil Cases, Small Claims, and Traffic Cases		
Gillett Department: Criminal Cases and Traffic Cases generated in the City Limits of Gillett, Arkansas		
St. Charles Department:	Criminal Cases and Traffic Case Charles, Arkansas	s generated in the City Limits of St.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The South Arkansas County District Court operates a Sobriety Court through its DeWitt Department with cases referred to the DeWitt Department from the Gillett and St. Charles Department.

a) Type of program and description of its operation.

The sobriety court program operates on its own docket targeting drug and alcohol offenders. Each individual is individually evaluated for program suitability. The program is operated in a rural area where a first time offender's chances of having a substance abuse problem is far greater due to the limited law enforcement presence. The sobriety court program is a highly intensive monitoring program combined with treatment and is patterned on the drug court model

b) Statutory or legal authority on which it is based.

Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Orders 14 and 18, A.C.A. S 5-65-103 et seq. and/or A.C.A S 16-98-303 et seq.

c) Certification of compliance with all applicable laws, including fines, fees, court costs, and probation assessments.

I hereby certify that the South Arkansas County District Court operates its sobriety court in compliance with all applicable laws, including fines, fees, court courts, and probation assessments.

d) Use of court resources.

The South Arkansas County Sobriety Court Team consists of a judge, chief court clerk, deputy court clerk, chief of police, city attorneys, and probation officer. The South Arkansas County District Courts uses outside treatment facilities that provide written reports to the sobriety court team, but is working on partnering with the DeWitt City Hospital to partner for a local treatment provider. Team members have attended training in setting up a treatment court and have direct in input into the sobriety court's operation. Team members regularly attend sobriety court sessions.

e) Sources of funding.

The South Arkansas County District Court is funded by a grant from the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office and probation fees.

DATED: 6/6/19

B. Park Eldridge, Jr.

B. Park Eldridge, Jr. District Court Judge South Arkansas County District Court