"Completion" Party Held in Hot Spring County

Dignitaries attending the "Completion Party" in Hot Spring County included: (L. to R.) Court of Appeals Judge David "Mac" Glover, 7th Circuit Judge Phillip Shirron, Retired Circuit Judge John Cole, Chief Justice Jim Hannah, J.D. Gingerich/AOC Director, and 7th Circuit Judge Chris Williams.

On Monday, March 1, 2010, state and local dignitaries gathered at the Hot Spring County Courthouse to mark the completion of Hot Spring County's participation in the Arkansas Court Automation Project. Hot Spring County is the first county in the state to have both circuit and district courts fully automated on the new system.

Seventh Judicial Circuit Judge Chris Williams, Malvern District Judge Sherry Burnett and Hot Spring County Circuit Clerk Sue Jones have served on the Supreme Court Committee on Automation, which selected the case management system and guided its implementation. Ms. Jones and District Clerk Melba Russell served on the Core Team for the automation project and underwent extensive training and testing.

(L. to R.) Tim Holthoff/Court Information Services Director, Melba Russell/Hot Spring County District Court Clerk, and Alex Rogers, ACAP Program Manager.

Pulaski and Garland Counties "Go Live"

On February 16, 2010, Pulaski County Circuit Court became the 2nd circuit court in Arkansas to use the new statewide case management system, Contexte. Pulaski County Circuit Clerk, Pat O'Brien, chose Contexte over upgrading to the newer version of the County's old system. Pulaski Court Administrator, Steve Sipes, has played an instrumental role in Pulaski County's case management set up and in system customizations for Arkansas courts over the past years.

Amanda Armstrong (foreground), Pulaski County Assistant Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk, participated in the "go live" event.

Garland County went live on Contexte on Monday March 8, 2010. Garland Circuit Clerk Vicki Rima worked in conjunction with Affiliated Computer Systems (ACS) and the AOC for the implementation. Later this year, Garland

County will use Contexte to process juvenile cases and is scheduled for the ACS Jury Management software, also provided by the AOC. There are currently five district courts and three circuit courts using the Contexte case management system.

In the coming months the Administrative Office of the Courts will be releasing ACS CourtConnect for online public access to court information, and ACS E-Traffic, an online traffic payment module. Additionally, the AOC is engaged in the development of ACS E-Juror, which will allow jurors and potential jurors to interact with the courts over the Internet. These systems also permit the sharing of justice information with state agencies, including the Office of Driver Services, and the Arkansas Crime Information Center. There are, also, plans to begin electronic filing projects, including the filing of law enforcement citations in Arkansas courts.

Improving public access to court information, and providing current, accurate and complete information to justice agencies to improve public safety are key tenets of the Arkansas Court Automation Project.

Vicki Rima, Garland County Circuit Clerk, Kathy Church, ACS, and Melanie McClure, Deputy Clerk.

Trial Court Assistants Meet

2010-2011 Trial Court Assistant Officers: (L. to R.) Polly Leimberg, Barbie Reed, Kim Dodson, Eunie Dunkin, Joyce Morgan, Susan McGehee, and Vicki Evans.

The Trial Court Assistants met in Little Rock the first week of March for their annual meeting. Their education agenda included sections on staying healthy, court security, identifying armed persons, pro se litigants, Arkansas Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program,, ACAP (Arkansas Court Automation Project), balancing work and life, and information about interesting web sites.

Wes Harris, ACAP Training Manager, gave a demonstration of using Contexte to manage court cases. The demonstration covered entering new court cases, adding parties (judges, defendants, attorneys, etc.) to the case, recording filings in the case, scheduling events (trial hearing), adding violations the defendant committed, disposing of the case (guilty verdict), sentencing and on-demand printing features (arrest warrant, summons, etc.).

Harris also demonstrated search capabilities, finding people that are updated weekly from Driver's Services by using their driver license record, and Court Connect, the public web search available to the public that displays case and person history information.

Officers for the 2010-2011 term are: Eunie Dunkin/14th Cir.-President, Joyce Morgan/2nd Cir.-Vice President, Susan McGehee/20th Cir.-Secretary, Vicki Evans/13th Cir.-Treasurer, Polly Leimberg/14th Cir.-Parliamentarian, Kim Dodson/12th Cir.-2nd Vice President, and Barbie Reed/12th Cir.-Past President.

Wes Harris, ACAP Training Manager.

2010 JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

The preferential primary and non-partisan judicial election will be held May 18, 2010. Nonpartisan runoffs will be held at the General Election, November 2, 2010. Candidates for judicial office include:

Supreme Court

Associate Justice Position 3
• Court of Appeals Judge Courtney Henry
• Circuit Judge John Fogleman

Associate Justice Position 6
• Evelyn Moorehead
• Court of Appeals Judge Karen Baker
• Circuit Judge Tim Fox

Court of Appeals

Judge District 02, Position 01
• Circuit Judge Rhonda Wood
• Court of Appeals Judge Jo Hart

Judge District 03, Position 01
• Court of Appeals Judge Robert Gladwin

Judge District 05
• District Judge Robin F. Wynne

Circuit Judges

Circuit Judge, District 01, Div. 01, Subdistrict 1.1
• Judge L. T. Simes II

Circuit Judge, District 01, Div. 4, Subdistrict 1.1
• Circuit Judge Kathleen Bell

Circuit Judge, District 02, Div. 06, Subdistrict 2.1
• Circuit Judge Victor L. Hill

Circuit Judge, District 04, Div. 05
• Beth Storey Bryan
• Marsha (Marti) Woodruff

Circuit Judge, District 04, Div. 7 (New Position)
• Charles M. Duell
• District Judge Joanna Taylor
• Steve Zega
• Gary Carson

Circuit Judge, District 05, Div. 04
• Circuit Judge Dennis C. Sutterfield

Circuit Judge, District 06, Div. 01, Subdistrict 6.1
• Leon Johnson

Circuit Judge, District 06, Div. 05, Subdistrict 6.1
• Causley Edwards
• Wendell Griffen
• District Judge Rita Bailey

Circuit Judge, District 06, Div. 12, Subdistrict 6.1
• Circuit Judge Alice S. Gray

Circuit Judge, District 08-South, Div. 02
• Prosecuting Attorney Brent Haltom

Circuit Judge, District 10, Div. 04, Subdistrict 10.1
• Circuit Judge Don Glover

Circuit Judge, District 10, Div. 05, At Large
• Circuit Judge Teresa A. French

Circuit Judge, District 11-West, Div. 01, Subdistrict 11.1
• Circuit Judge Berlin C. Jones

Circuit Judge, District 11-West, Div. 04, Subdistrict 11.1
• Circuit Judge Leon N. Jamison

Circuit Judge, District 12, Div. 02
• Annie Powell Hendricks
• Joseph C. Self

Circuit Judge, District 12, Div. 03
• Circuit Judge Jim D. Spears

Circuit Judge, District 13, Div. 01
• Circuit Judge Hamilton H. Singleton

Circuit Judge, District 13, Div. 02
• Circuit Judge Mike Landers

Justice Building Staying "Green"

The Arkansas Supreme Court and all personnel in the Justice Building are continuing to do their part in recycling efforts in the State. The Supreme Court entered into a recycling partnership with a non profit organization, Profiles Productions, in March of 2008. Profiles Production serves individuals with developmental disabilities in Faulkner County and provides employment for nearly 60 individuals with handicaps.

Every ton of paper that is recycled conserves: 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 4,100 kilowatts of electricity, 380 gallons of crude oil and 3.3 cubic yards of real estate normally used for landfill.

Since the partnership was initiated, the Justice Building has contributed to Profiles Production nearly 38 tons of paper, which equals 75,656 lbs of paper!!!!

New faces in the Judiciary

AOC
Assistant Ad Litem Coordinator – **Janet Bledsoe.**

Circuit Judges
6th Circuit — **Ernest Sanders** replaces Judge Willard Proctor.

City Court Judges
Stephens – **Tony Joe (TJ) Huffman** replaces Francis Crumpler.

District Court Clerks
Mississippi County/Blytheville – **Grace Haynie** replaces Nancy Pannell.

Pulaski County – **Carol Wilkins** replaces Carole Hoofman.

Sebastian County/Central City – **Florene Brown** replaces Cindy DuBois.

City Court Clerks
Coal Hill — **Laura A. Bryant** replaces Doris Davis.

Damascus — **Lisa Hurst** replaces Angela Smith.

Mayflower — **Sheila Caudle** replaces Betty Vanbuskirk.

Trial Court Assistants
5th Circuit (Pearson) — **Cindi Sheely** replaces Judy M. Minniear.

16th Circuit (Kemp) — **Barbara Kuhn —** Additional TCA.

Coal Hill — **Laura Bryant** replaces Doris Davis.

Official Court Reporter
16th (Kemp) — **Kristena Repech** replaces Jill Barber.

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