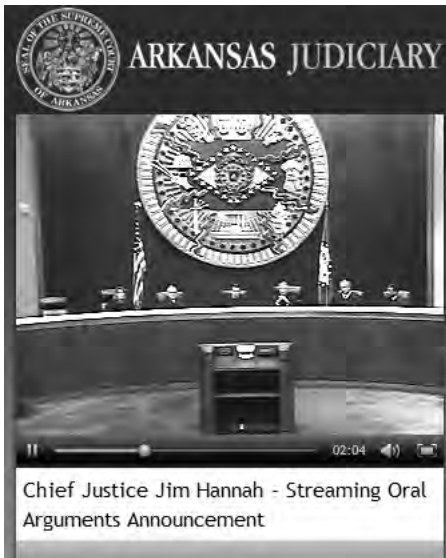


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Oral Arguments Now Streamed Live On Internet



The Arkansas Supreme Court held a press conference September 14th to announce that their oral arguments, held on Thursdays beginning at 9:00 a.m., will be streamed live on the Internet beginning September 16th.



Chief Justice Hannah answers questions from the media after the press conference.

The Court of Appeals will be streaming their oral arguments on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. as well. The broadcasts can be located by going to the Arkansas Judiciary website: <http://courts.state.ar.us> and linking into "Oral Arguments Video". The arguments will be archived for viewing at any time. In addition, once the opinion is handed down on each case argued orally, it will be posted next to the archived argument.

In his comments to those attending the press conference, Chief Justice Jim Hannah emphasized that the new streaming capability will enhance the Court's efforts in providing greater access to the State's judiciary.

The cameras were installed last fall and the software was tested over the summer.



Justice Ron Sheffield, Dean Cynthia Nance, Justice Paul Danielson and Court of Appeals Judge Courtney Henry visit after the press conference.



New Court of Appeals Judge

Court of Appeals Judge Raymond Abramson, accompanied by his wife, Mockie, is sworn in by Attorney General Dustin McDaniel.

Raymond Abramson of Holly Grove was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe in June to serve as Associate Judge for District 1, Position 2 on the Arkansas Court of Appeals. Abramson, 59, has spent 34 years in private practice in Clarendon. A 1976 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law, Abramson is past president of both the Arkansas Public Defenders Association and the Monroe County Bar Association. The appointment, effective August 1st, fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Price Marshall, who has been appointed and confirmed to the federal bench. Abramson will serve through the end of 2012. The remaining two years of Marshall's term will be filled by a judge to be elected by the voters of the twelve East-Arkansas counties that comprise District 1.

2010-2011 District Judges' Council



District Judges met in Hot Springs for their fall conference. Pictured is the District Judges Council for the 2010-2011 term. Seated: (left to right) Don Bourne, Wayne Gruber. Standing: Mike Irwin, Randy Hill, Butch Hale, and Alice Lightle. Not pictured: Kim Bridgforth and Dan Stidham.

The Supreme Court opened its 2010 - 2011 term by celebrating the 174th birthday of the Court. Court members and Justice Building employees gathered together on September 9th to enjoy cake and commemorate the annual event. Court members pictured left to right: Justice Elana Wills, Justice Robert Brown, Chief Justice Jim Hannah, Justice Paul Danielson, Justice Jim Gunter and Justice Ron Sheffield.



Arkansas Circuit Judge Receives National Award

Judge John Scott, 19th W Judicial District, has been nominated by Congressman John Boozman

to be recognized and receive an Angel in Adoption award for his outstanding advocacy for adoption. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), which

orchestrates the Angels in Adoption program, will honor Judge Scott along with 190 other "Angels" at an awards ceremony and gala event in Washington, D.C. on October 6, 2010. CCAI is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the tens of thousands of orphans and foster children in the United States and the millions of orphans around the world in need of per-

Arkansas Judicial Educator Elected to National Position



Marty Sullivan, Judicial Branch Education Director for the AOC, has been elected by his peers in the National Association of State Judicial Educators (NASJE) to the position of Vice President of the organization. Sullivan's election makes him the youngest member ever to be elected to the post as well as being younger than the organization itself. He will serve first as Vice President, then President-Elect, and will be President for the 2012 - 2013 term of office.

manent, safe, and loving homes through adoption.

Judge Scott has heard 578 adoption cases since becoming a circuit judge. He states, "Successful adoption cases are some of the most rewarding and enjoyable work that I do because the result is a stable and loving environment for someone who has not previously enjoyed that experience."

Congratulations, Judge Scott!

Independence County DWI Court Has First Graduate



The DWI Court team consists of (l - r) Screener/evaluator Shannon Womack, Treatment professional Amanda Dixson, Probation officer/case manager Lee Huff, Law enforcement representative Deputy Patrick Collins, Coordinator Tammy Sterling, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Brad Sipe, Treatment professional Beth Altman and Independence County District Judge Chaney Taylor. (Public Defender representative not pictured.)

A milestone was reached recently as the Independence County DWI Court graduated its first program participant on July 28, 2010. The team celebrated its first program graduate with cake and punch, a framed Certificate of Completion awarded to the graduate, and special guest speaker Dennis Moore, Director of the North Central Arkansas Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

The Independence County DWI Court program, the first of its kind in Arkansas, officially began in July, 2009, following a three and one-half day training session in Newport Beach, California in March 2009. The team, both collectively and individually, has attended several additional DWI Court trainings since the initial training session in California. The program currently has 10 participants.

DWI courts are distinct court systems dedicated to changing the behavior of alcohol and drug

dependent offenders arrested for DWI. The goal of these courts is to protect public safety by attacking the root cause of DWI: alcohol and other drug abuse. DWI Courts are based on the same concept and model as drug courts, with intensive treatment, close monitoring and behavior modification as the goal(s), rather than incarceration alone. Stand-alone DWI courts and "hybrid" drug courts that also serve an impaired driving population (DWI/drug courts) are changing the mind set of criminal justice professionals and affecting how DWI offenders are handled. Treatment with intensive supervision works with this population and promises better long-term outcomes through decreased recidivism.

For more information about DWI Courts, contact the Independence County District Court, 549 W. Main, Batesville, AR 72501; telephone 870-793-8817.

In Memory

The Arkansas Judiciary has lost a number of jurists in the past few months.

- **Supreme Court Associate Justice John Purtle**, who had served on the Court from 1979 - 1989, died in mid-September.
- **Circuit Judge Henry Wilson** from Trumann passed away in September. He was first appointed in 1973 to fill the remainder of a circuit judgeship and then elected as a chancery judge, serving for 11 years until 1986. After his retirement, Judge Wilson filled an unexpired term as a municipal judge in Trumann until 1996.
- **Circuit Judge William Enfield** passed away in August. He had served as a circuit judge for 20 years (1969 - 1989) in Northwest Arkansas.
- **Circuit Judge Carol Anthony** from the 13th Circuit died in July. She had served on the bench since 1993.
- **District Judge Russell "Jack" Roberts** passed away in June. Judge Roberts had served as Conway District Judge for 27 years.

Sincere condolences are extended to the families and friends of Justice Purtle, Judge Wilson, Judge Enfield, Judge Anthony and Judge Roberts.

New faces in the Judiciary

City Court Judges

Caddo Valley — **Randy Hill**
replaces Alan Levars.

Mayflower — **James E. Patrick II**
replaces Russell Roberts.

City Court Clerks

Diaz — **Perry Stegall** replaces
Brenda Koerbel.

Elm Springs — **Glenda Pettus**
replaces Linda McVittie.

Friendship/Donaldson — **Danielle
Cannon** replaces Cheryl Whitley.
Joiner — **Deloris A. Rodriguez**
replaces Arbedella Kimbrough.

District Court Judges

Faulkner County — **Amy Brazil**
replaces Russell Roberts.

District Court Clerks

Arkansas County — **Lyn
Archambeau** replaces Lelia Bell.

Official Court Reporter

2nd Circuit (Davis) — **Rosemary
Jones** replaces Cecilia Ragsdale.

13th Circuit (Singleton) —
Rosemary Richerdson replaces
Sherry Freeland.

Court of Appeals

Raymond Abramson replaces
Price Marshall.

CALENDAR

October

Fall Judicial 13-15
College/Judicial
Council Meeting
(Little Rock)

Court Reporter's 15-16
Annual Conference
(Little Rock)

November

District Court 19
Clerks Certification
(1st & 3rd Districts)
(West Memphis)



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