

**INDEPENDENCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
2019-2020**

- A. **Jurisdiction and location.** Independence County District Court is a State District court having county-wide jurisdiction with one site at 549 W. Main Street, Batesville, AR 72501 and one State District Judge, Chaney Taylor, Jr.
- B. **Divisions.** Independence County District Court has four divisions: small claims, civil, traffic and criminal. Judge Taylor presides over all four divisions: Court sessions are held per the following schedule:
1. Criminal & traffic plea & arraignment: Every Wednesday 9am to 12pm;
 2. Criminal & traffic trials: Every Wednesday 1pm until finished;
 3. Civil & Small Claims: Last Wednesday of every month, 9am until finished;
 4. Bond hearings, Rule 81 hearings, extradition hearings: Business hours, Monday through Friday, as needed;
 5. Circuit Court Orders of Protection: Every other Thursday, 9:30 a.m. until finished; these proceedings are conducted in accordance with AOC Provisional Guidelines for Digital Audio Recording in State District Courts promulgated pursuant to Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 4; and,
 6. In 2009, a special docket was created, as a subdivision of the criminal docket, namely the Independence County DWI Court (ICDC), a voluntary program which is conducted every Wednesday at twelve noon. The ICDC special docket is geared toward repeat impaired driving offenders, that is,

individuals who face a 2nd or subsequent DWI charge. The ICDC is a highly intensive monitoring program combined with treatment and patterned on the drug court model.

Statutory or Legal Authority: Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Orders 14 and 18, A.C.A. § 5-65-103 et seq. and/or A.C.A § 16-98-303 et seq. I hereby certify that the Independence County DWI Court operates in compliance with all applicable laws, including fines, court costs, fees and probation assessments.

Use of Court resources: The DWI Court Team includes a judge, county prosecutor, city prosecutor, public defender, probation officer/case manager, evaluator, treatment provider and coordinator. Team members have attended training programs offered by the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC) in collaboration with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The ICDC was implemented and operates according to NCDC's Ten Guiding Principles and Arkansas law.

Sources of funding: The ICDC is funded by a grant from the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office in conjunction with NHTSA.

C. **Circuit Court cases.** The Independence County District Judge may from time to time preside over circuit court cases pursuant to Sections 6 and 7 of Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, the 16th Judicial Administrative Plan and/or Act 1137 of 2011, and subject to the approval of the Arkansas Supreme Court, including, but not by way of limitation: circuit judge recusals, transfers and unavailability; cases authorized per Arkansas Supreme Court

Administrative Rule No. 18, including evictions and unlawful detainer actions; 16th Judicial District SWIFT Court Pilot Program cases; Independence County drug court; and probation revocation or parole proceedings, subject at all times to the coordination and superintending control of the Administrative Judge of the 16th Judicial District.

D. **Conclusion.** The undersigned district judge believes the procedures set forth hereinabove when implemented with the provisions of Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Rules 4 and 18, Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, the 16th Judicial District Administrative Plan and applicable law, will maximize efficiencies of case administration and disposition, avoid duplication and utilize available judicial resources here economically and effectively.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned being the duly elected and serving State District Judge of the 14th Judicial District of Independence County respectfully petitions the Supreme Court of Arkansas to approve same for implementation upon approval until such time as it may be superseded.


Chaney Taylor, Jr.
Independence County District Judge

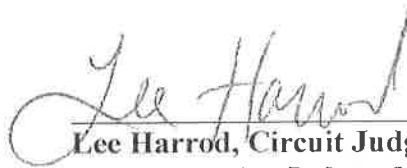
IN THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INDEPENDENCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

APPROVAL OF PLAN

On the 25th day of June, 2019, the Independence County District Court
Administrative Plan is approved by Lee Harrod, the Administrative Judge of the
16th Judicial Circuit.

WITNESS my hand on this 25th day of June, 2019.



Lee Harrod, Circuit Judge
Administrative Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit