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**2016 Judicial Election Candidates**

**ACAP Update • and more**

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Benton County Courthouse

## Going Digital



The Administrative Office of the Courts has eliminated the paper version of *Friends of the Court* and gone to an online-only format. This allows room for regular content, more diverse court-related news, and more features on *you*, the people who do the work of the Judicial Branch.

The newsletter has been completely reformatted to utilize the new medium. It has undergone a name change as well, and will now be called *Arkansas Court News*, a title more fitting for its content.

The electronic version of the newsletter will be published on the Judiciary website:

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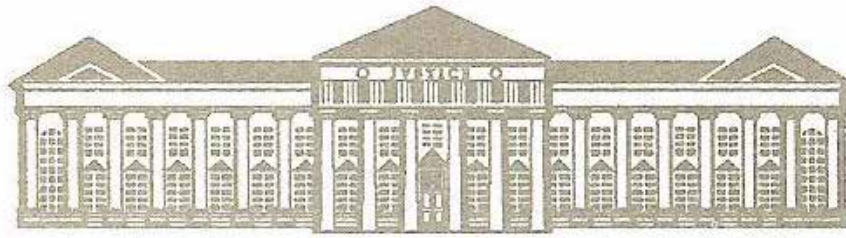
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# Supreme Court Historical Society Now Accepting New Members



## ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Arkansas Supreme Court Historical Society, Inc. was incorporated on December 20, 1999. Its mission is to promote the preservation, dissemination and understanding of the history of the judicial department of state government through exhibits, conferences, publications, and other activities.

To promote these goals, the Society:

- Sponsors a continuing series of articles published by the Arkansas Bar Association in its publication, *The Arkansas Lawyer*. Beginning in 2005, these articles include histories of important Arkansas Supreme Court decisions and biographical sketches of Arkansas Supreme Court justices.
- Accepted portraits of retired Arkansas Supreme Court justices. Most recently in April, 2015, the Society received the portrait of Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr. (1985-1995). The portraits are displayed within the Justice Building. In 2015, the Society added to its website interviews with fifteen retired Arkansas Supreme Court justices.
- Cooperated with the Justice Building exhibits program to develop conferences on historical topics complementing exhibit themes, including Racial Justice (2004), Women and the Law (2005), Arkansas Constitutions (2006), American Courthouses (2007), the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Civil War (2012).

The Society is governed by the board of directors elected by its dues-paying membership. Membership is maintained on a calendar-year basis, and is open to anyone with an interest in Arkansas legal history. Individual annual dues are \$25. Partnership, corporation or company annual dues are \$500, which entitles the firm to name up to 10 individual members. Special rates are provided for students (\$10 annual dues), and non-profit organizations or educational institutions (\$75 annual dues, which entitles the organization or institution to name up to 3 individual members). The 2016 membership form is now available online.



**The Arkansas Supreme Court Historical Society, Inc.  
Membership Form - Calendar Year 2016**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10    **Student**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25    **Individual**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$75    **Non-profit organization or educational institution** (the entity may name up to 3 individual members)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500    **Partnership, corporation, or company** (the entity may name up to 10 individual members)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000    **Sponsor** (lifetime membership for natural persons only, payable in installments during a period not to exceed 5 years)
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**Please send your completed membership form and dues payment, to:**

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# 2016 Judicial Election Candidates

The filing period for the 2016 Nonpartisan Judicial Election closed on November 9, 2015. The ballot will include contested races for two state-wide Supreme Court positions, two Court of Appeals Districts and four Circuit Court judgeships. Terms for all of the state's District Court judgeships will also expire and several contested races will appear on local ballots.

With the resignation of former Chief Justice Jim Hannah and the expiration of the interim appointment of Chief Justice Howard Brill, two candidates are seeking the Chief Justice position. They include Associate Justice Courtney Goodson and Circuit Judge Dan Kemp. Seeking the position currently held by Associate Justice Paul Danielson are Circuit Judge Shawn A. Womack and Clark W. Mason.

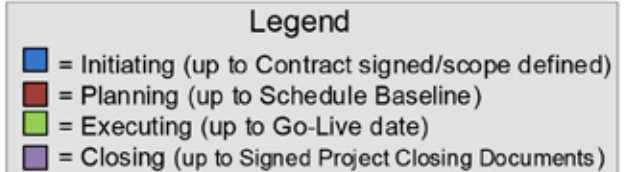
Each of the judicial positions and the registered candidates is shown on this list. The election will be held on March 1, 2016.

Type of Office	Current Office Holder	Candidate's Name	Position
<b>Circuit Court</b>	Circuit Judge Chalk S. Mitchell	E. Dion Wilson	Circuit Judge, District 01, Division 01, Subdistrict 1.1
	Circuit Judge Kathleen Bell	Robert E. Kinchen	Circuit Judge, District 01, Division 4, Subdistrict 1.1
		Chalk S. Mitchell	Circuit Judge, District 01, Division 4, Subdistrict 1.1
	Circuit Judge Tommy Fowler	Richard Lusby	Circuit Judge, District 02, Division 02, At Large
	Circuit Judge Victor Hill	Tonya Alexander	Circuit Judge, District 02, Division 06, Subdistrict 2.1
		Curtis Walker, Jr.	Circuit Judge, District 02, Division 06, Subdistrict 2.1
	Circuit Judge Joanna Taylor	Circuit Judge Joanna Taylor	Circuit Judge, District 04, Division 07
	Circuit Judge Dennis C. Sutterfield	Circuit Judge Dennis C. Sutterfield	Circuit Judge, District 05, Division 04
	Circuit Judge Leon Johnson	Circuit Judge Leon Johnson	Circuit Judge, District 06, Division 01, Subdistrict 6.1
	Circuit Judge Wendell Griffen	Circuit Judge Wendell Griffen	Circuit Judge, District 06, Division 05, Subdistrict 6.1
	Circuit Judge Alice Gray	Circuit Judge Alice Gray	Circuit Judge, District 06, Division 12, Subdistrict 6.1
	Circuit Judge Don Glover	P. Luevonda Ross	Circuit Judge, District 10, Division 04, Subdistrict 10.1
	Circuit Judge Teresa French	Circuit Judge Teresa French	Circuit Judge, District 10, division 05, At Large
	Circuit Judge Berlin Jones	Alex Guynn	Circuit Judge, District 11-West, Division 01, Subdistrict 11.1
		City Attorney Althea Hadden-Scott	Circuit Judge, District 11-West, Division 01, Subdistrict 11.1
		James L. Williams, II	Circuit Judge, District 11-West, Division 01, Subdistrict 11.1
	Circuit Judge Leon N. Jamison	Circuit Judge Leon N. Jamison	Circuit Judge, District 11 West, Division 04, Subdistrict 11.1
	Circuit Judge Annie Powell Hendricks	Circuit Judge Annie Powell Hendricks	Circuit Judge, District 12, Division 02
	Circuit Judge Jim Spears	Shannon L. Blatt	Circuit Judge, District 12, Division 03
		Dianna Hewitt Ladd	Circuit Judge, District 12, Division 03
		Phil Milligan	Circuit Judge, District 12, Division 03
	Circuit Judge Hamilton H. Singleton	Circuit Judge Hamilton H. Singleton	Circuit Judge, District 13, Division 01
	Circuit Judge Michael Landers	Circuit Judge Michael Landers	Circuit Judge, District 13, Division 02
	Circuit Judge Holly Meyer	Don McSpadden	Circuit Judge, District 16, Division 02
<b>Court of Appeals</b>	Court of Appeals Judge Cliff Hoofman	Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland	Court of Appeals Associate Judge, District 02, Position 02
		Circuit Judge Mike Murphy	Court of Appeals Associate Judge, District 02, Position 02
	Court of Appeals Judge Mike Kinard	Mark Klappenbach	Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 05
		James McMenis	Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 05
		Job Serebrov	Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 05
	Court of Appeals Judge Rita W. Gruber	Court of Appeals Judge Rita W. Gruber	Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 06, Position 01
	Court of Appeals Judge Waymond Brown	Court of Appeals Judge Waymond Brown	Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 07
<b>Supreme Court</b>	Chief Justice Howard W. Brill	Supreme Court Associate Justice Courtney Goodson	Supreme Court Chief Justice Position 1
		Circuit Judge Dan Kemp	Supreme Court Chief Justice Position 1
	Associate Justice Paul Danielson	Clark W. Mason	Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 5
		Circuit Judge Shawn A. Womack	Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 5

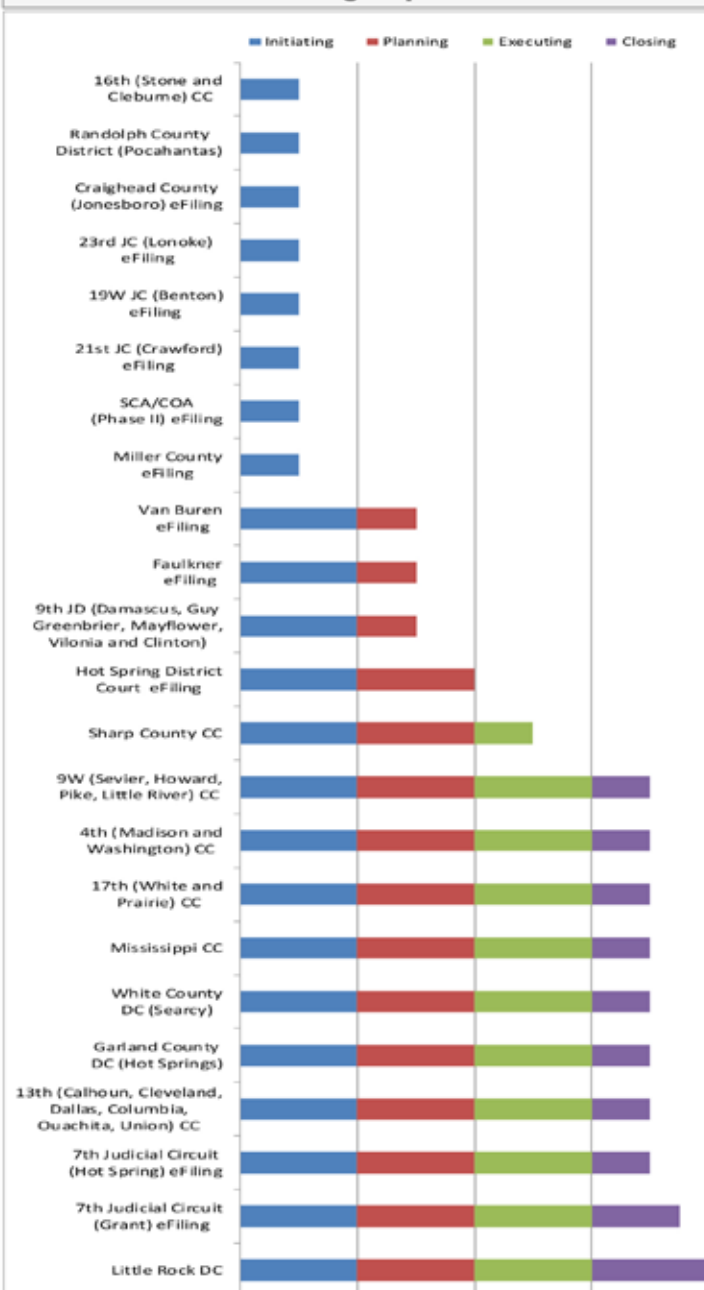
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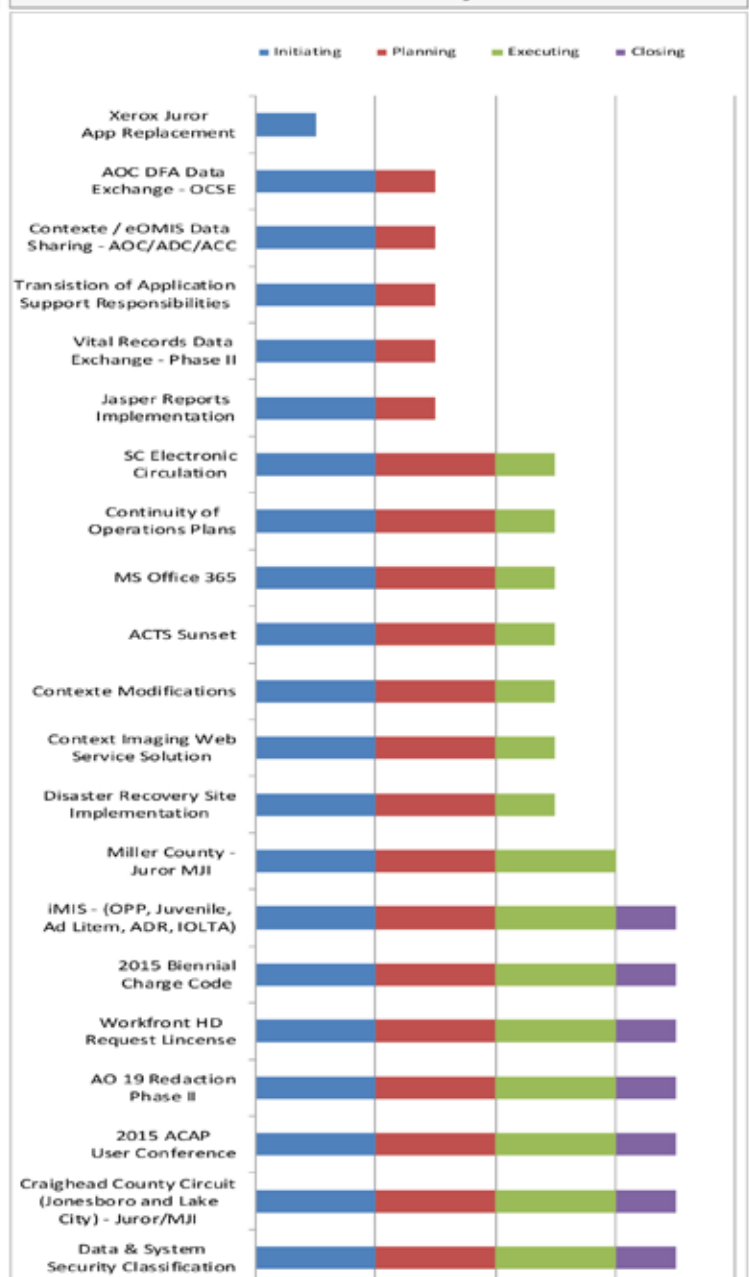
## CIS Division Projects Progress at a Glance Week of January 4, 2016



### Contexte/eFiling Implementations



### Other ACAP Projects

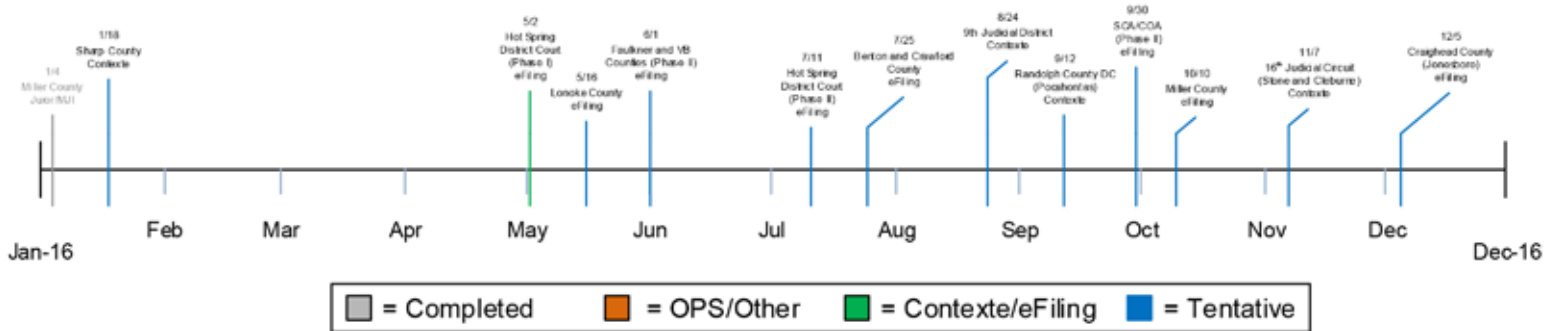


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### Go Live Dates 2016



Justice Rhonda Wood and Connie Hickman Tanner were selected to present at the Models for Change 10th Annual Working Conference on the Arkansas Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families and its work on Juvenile Justice Reform. In September 2014, the Commission adopted the four principles outlined in the *Core Principles for Reducing Recidivism and Improving Outcomes for Youth*. It summarized the latest research into the following four key principles:

- Principle 1: Base supervision, service, and resource allocation decisions on the results of validated risk and needs assessments.
- Principle 2: Adopt and effectively implement programs and services demonstrated to reduce recidivism and improve other youth outcomes, and use data to evaluate the results and direct system improvements.
- Principle 3: Employ a coordinated approach across service systems to address youths' needs.
- Principle 4: Tailor system policies, programs, and supervision to reflect the distinct developmental needs of adolescents.

Justice Wood chairs the Juvenile Justice Committee, which is diligently working with various judicial leaders and stakeholders on a strategic plan to implement these principles. To further this work, the AOC has received a grant from the MacArthur Foundation to implement a risk and needs assessment to aid judges with delinquency disposition decision making, probation terms, and case planning. The AOC has also received a grant from the State Justice Institute to receive technical assistance from the Robert F. Kennedy Resource Center for Juvenile Justice.

# *New Faces*

## **Trial Court Administrators**

2nd Circuit - **Amy Peyton**

20th Circuit - **Kay Beatty**

19th W. Circuit - **Eric Christensen**

## **Court Reporters**

9th Circuit - **Kim Garner**

15th Circuit - **Tonya Freeman**

20th Circuit - **Leigh Coffman**

## **District Clerks**

Benton County - **Thresa Thompson**

# *in the Judiciary*

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my name is

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or know someone who should be  
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know!

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# calendar of events

## January

ADR Access & Visitation Orientation (Little Rock) 12

ADR Commission Meeting (Little Rock) 25-26

## February

District Clerks Certification (Little Rock) 12

District Court Officers (Fayetteville) 25-26

## March

Trial Courts Assistants Conference (Hot Springs) 3-4

ADR Conference (Little Rock) 11

Interpreter Orientation (Monroe, Louisiana) 14-16

Have a conference or program you would like to have added to the calendar? Email it to [meghan.sever@arcourts.gov](mailto:meghan.sever@arcourts.gov)