

District Court Administrative Plan  
Saline County  
32nd District Court District  
22nd Judicial Circuit

District Judges

Division 1- Benton District Judge Mike Robinson

Division 2- Bryant District Judge Stephanie Casady

A. Assignment of Cases

1. Per statutory assignment, Division 1 (Mike Robinson) shall hear traffic and misdemeanor cases from the city of Benton, the city of Alexander and Saline County and Division 2 (Stephanie Casady) shall hear traffic and misdemeanor cases from the cities of Bryant, Haskell, Bauxite, and Shannon Hills. Such cases shall be heard in the locations agreed to by the assigned judges and the county judge and mayors of each city.
2. Civil cases shall be heard by Judge Casady in the Benton District Court and the Bryant District Court.
3. Small Claims cases shall be heard by Judge Casady in the Bryant District Court.

B. District Court Authority granted by Circuit Judges for certain Circuit Court cases

1. The Saline County District Courts shall have all authority permitted under the Arkansas Supreme Court's Administrative Rule 18.
2. The Bryant Division shall be the primary point of contact for Temporary Order of Protection Petitions and shall hear all Final Order of Protection cases. The Bryant Division shall also be the primary point of contact for uncontested agency adoptions.
3. The Benton Division shall conduct first appearance hearings in felony criminal cases. The Benton Division shall continue to operate a misdemeanor DWI court.
4. As described more fully in Administrative Rule 18, the District Courts shall have authority to hear emergency or uncontested matters pending in civil, domestic relations, or probate court. Any orders which result from said actions shall be copied for review to the appropriate Circuit Judge immediately via paper, fax, or electronic mail.

C. Recusal and Exchange Procedure

1. Each judge shall be available for exchange of cases with the other judge, and neither judge shall refuse assignment of a case solely on the grounds that he or she is not responsible for that type of case.
2. The judges within this district have unanimously agreed upon the herein division of duties and further agree that this plan shall not be altered except upon unanimous agreement. The judges shall meet from time to time, and in any event, no less than once every six months to review this plan and ensure the effective administration of justice.
3. In the event recusal is necessary, the District Judge shall personally inquire as to whether the other judge is available to handle the case. In the event that the other judge is unable to hear the case, the requesting judge shall contact the Administrative Office of the Courts for assignment of a judge to hear the case.


D. Specialty Dockets

Saline County has one District Court Specialty Docket as authorized by statute and previously approved by the Arkansas Supreme Court. The respective presiding judge by his signature below hereby certifies that his program conforms to all applicable sentencing laws.

Saline County DWI Court—District Judge Mike Robinson

APPROVED THIS 2 DAY OF APRIL, 2019.  
To begin on July 1, 2019.

  
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Mike Robinson  
District Judge

  
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Stephanie Casady  
District Judge