

# PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



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# INTRODUCTION

As an equal and independent branch of government, the Arkansas Judiciary strives to provide the public with an accessible, transparent, and impartial court system that fairly resolves disputes and protects the public interest.

In 2019, the judiciary worked to expand access to the courts, address issues that have long been plaguing the legal profession, and improve the juvenile justice system. We also found new ways to reach out to the public and improve electronic services.

Rapid population growth in the northern portion of the state in recent years has meant a growing need for more judges.



Chief Justice John Dan Kemp  
Arkansas Supreme Court



Marty Sullivan, Director  
Administrative Office of the Courts

In 2019, lawmakers approved five new judgeships to meet the demands of an ever-increasing judicial caseload: four in the northwest portion of the state and one in the northeast. These new judgeships, which were part of our court expansion plan presented in 2018, will mean improved access to court services for Arkansans.

Several studies over the years have concluded that lawyers are more prone to alcoholism and depression than people in other professions. The problem appears to also affect law students, who are reported to be among the most dissatisfied and depressed of any graduate student population. The state Supreme Court created the Arkansas Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being this past year. The task force recently released a report with recommendations for addressing the issue, which can be found at [arcourts.gov](http://arcourts.gov). It is now moving forward to implement the recommendations.

Efforts to reduce out-of-home placements for court-involved youth are underway with some promising results. We are working to implement a universal risk assessment tool across Arkansas juvenile courts to evaluate youths' needs and to determine what services are appropriate. The risk assessment can guide whether a juvenile will be sent to an out-of-home placement or, alternatively, receive services in his or her community.

In Fall 2019, the Arkansas Judiciary launched a redesigned website. The new website helps users navigate to the information they are seeking by recognizing the needs of three distinct audiences accessing the website: the public, court staff, and attorneys. We encourage you to browse the website and give us your feedback.

What follows is our 2019 year-in-review report to the community with greater detail on initiatives of the past year and those currently underway. It has been an exciting year for the Arkansas court system. We look forward to serving the public in 2020!

# ARKANSAS COURTS

The Arkansas court system consists of three levels of courts: district, circuit, and appellate courts.

## STATE AND LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS

These courts handle traffic violations, misdemeanor criminal offenses, and violations of state law and local ordinances. Other types of cases generally filed in district court include civil and small claims disputes involving contracts, matters of damage to personal property, and recovery of personal property.

## CIRCUIT COURTS

These are courts of general jurisdiction, often referred to as trial courts. Cases in these courts are decided by either a jury or a judge. Circuit court judges hear all types of cases: juvenile, civil, criminal, domestic relations, and probate.

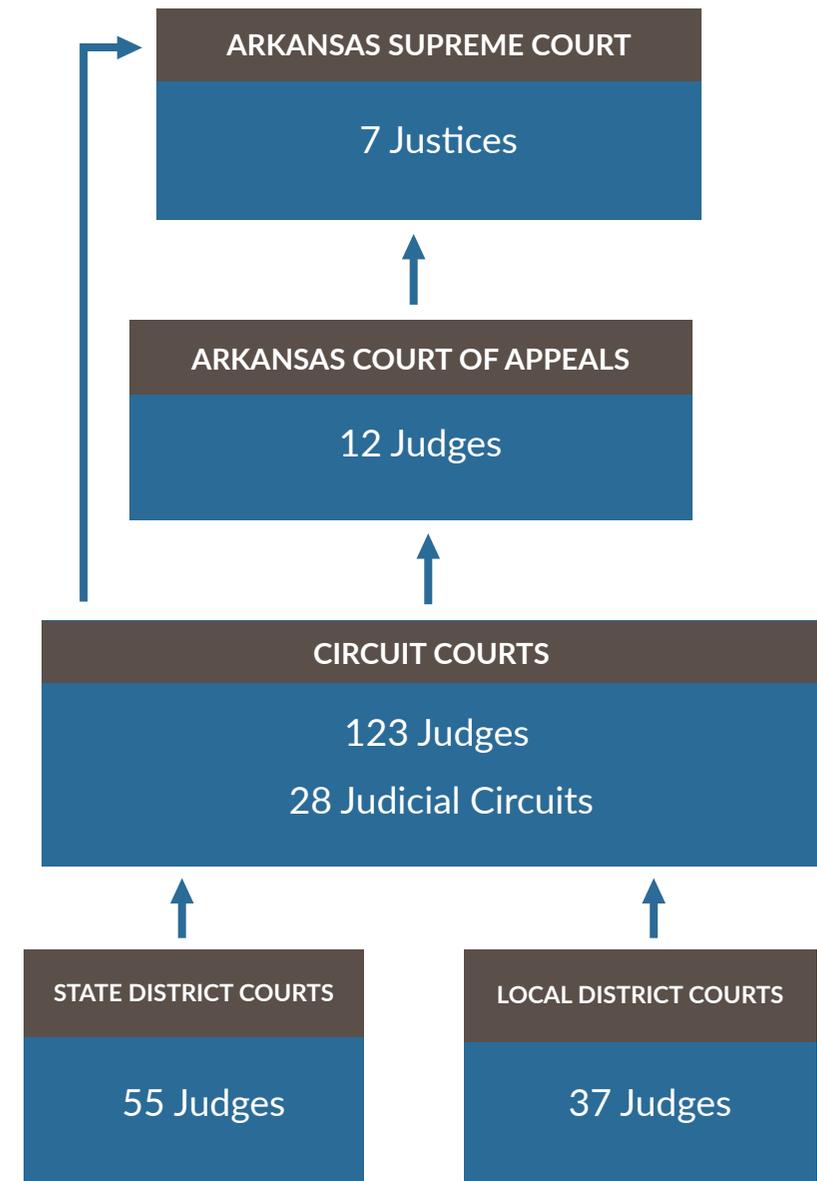
Circuit court judges are elected to 6-year terms.

## APPELLATE COURTS

Parties dissatisfied with the decision of a trial court may take their case to an appellate court. The appellate court will review the lower court decision and make a determination as to whether the outcome was fair and correct.

There are two state appellate courts, the Arkansas Court of Appeals and the Arkansas Supreme Court. These judges and justices are elected to 8-year terms.

# COURT SYSTEM STRUCTURE



TOTAL NUMBER OF JUDGES:  
**234**

# COURTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Civic literacy and engagement are essential to a healthy democracy.



The Arkansas Judicial Branch partners with teachers, community groups, and others to foster public understanding of the role of the court system in our government – its functions, programs and services, history, and relation to the other two branches of government.

## LAW DAY 2019: FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOMS

The Arkansas Supreme Court held an art and essay contest open to any student in grades 4 through 12. The contest was in advance of a Law Day celebration on May 1. The Law Day theme called upon students to reflect on the freedoms that Americans have as part of the First Amendment.

The Court sent out an announcement about the contest to every public school across the state, several private schools, and homeschooling groups.

There were six winners in total, three for the art contest and three for the essay contest. The winners were announced during a ceremony at the Justice Building in Little Rock. Chief Justice John Dan Kemp gave out awards, and students had the opportunity to meet with several Supreme Court justices, as well as judges from the Arkansas Court of Appeals.





## TWO COURTS WITH ONE GOAL

### JUSTICE ON THE LINE: A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HIGH COURTS

In January 2019, the justices of the Arkansas and Texas Supreme Courts met in the twin cities of Texarkana to give area high school students and community members the opportunity to meet members of both courts. The event marked the first time two state supreme courts have come together for an educational outreach event, according to the National Center for State Courts.

On January 30, the Arkansas Supreme Court heard oral arguments at Arkansas High School with the Texas Supreme Court in attendance. On January 31, the Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments at Texas High School with members of the Arkansas Supreme Court in attendance. On both days, members from the two courts met with students after oral argument for question-and-answer sessions.

Justices from both courts also spoke at a legal education seminar for area attorneys.



### APPEALS ON WHEELS: A VISIT TO ARKADELPHIA

In October 2019, Arkansas Supreme Court justices traveled to Henderson State University to hear oral arguments in a real court case. This gave students, teachers, and other members of the community the opportunity to see how the court operates.

Following the oral argument, students formed groups and were partnered with a justice for a question-and-answer session.

Nearly 900 students from Henderson State University, Ouachita Baptist University, and area high schools were in attendance.





## JUDICIAL OUTREACH WEEK



On March 7, three justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court and the director of Arkansas Access to Justice spoke to the public at the main library of the Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock.

The event, called “A Conversation with Arkansas Supreme Court Justices,” featured a question-and-answer session. Around 40 people attended.

## CONSTITUTION DAY



On September 17, three Arkansas Supreme Court justices and one Court of Appeals judge visited four schools in central Arkansas. The effort was in partnership with the Arkansas Bar Association. A member of the Bar co-presented with a member of the court.

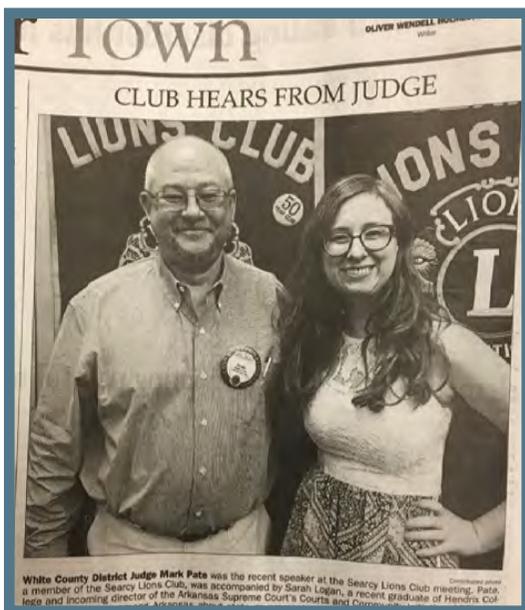
In total, more than 430 students heard a Constitution Day presentation, which focused on the role of the judicial branch and careers in the legal field.



## ARKANSAS COURTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Arkansas Courts and Community Initiative (ACCI) expanded the scope of the Arkansas judiciary's public outreach efforts in 2019.

The program recruited local judges from across the state to give presentations on civic engagement and to explain the role of the legal system in people's lives. ACCI made presentations to both adult and student groups.



The initiative accomplished its goal of visiting all 75 counties in Arkansas. The judiciary also created a sample presentation for the judges to use as a guide for the types of topics they might want to cover in their presentations.



## TOURS OF THE JUSTICE BUILDING

Hundreds of students and members of community groups from across Arkansas visited the Justice Building in Little Rock in 2019. All tours included a presentation by a Supreme Court justice and a question-and-answer session afterward.



# HELPING OUR VETERANS



Judge Tom Smith of the Benton County veterans treatment program congratulates graduate Travis Reed.

Veterans treatment programs are relatively new to the court system. The judicially supervised programs focus on providing alternatives to incarceration for veterans involved in the criminal justice system as a result of substance abuse, brain injuries, or mental health disorders, like PTSD. These programs can reduce the chance that veterans will reoffend or end up homeless.

The veterans treatment model requires regular court appearances, mandatory attendance at treatment sessions with licensed healthcare professionals, and frequent and random testing for drug and alcohol use.

Currently, eight veterans treatment programs are operational in Arkansas in Benton, Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski, Sebastian, Washington, Garland, and Jefferson Counties.

Judicial districts in the state are not required to establish a veterans treatment program. Judges who open a program for veterans in their districts agree to take on the extra responsibilities.



Judge Stephen Tabor of the Sebastian County veterans treatment program looks on as a veteran speaks at her graduation from the program. Photo Credit: Jamie Mitchell/Times Record

## MENTOR PROGRAMS

Another meaningful element of veterans treatment programs is mentoring. Volunteer veterans engage, encourage, and empower their fellow veterans to change their lives for the better.

In addition to providing camaraderie and veteran-to-veteran support, mentors assist with housing, employment, transportation, and other services.



In August 2019, a mentor bootcamp hosted by the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Court provided training to military veterans who are volunteering to assist in veterans treatment programs.



## LAWYER WELL-BEING REPORT

Several studies over the decades have concluded that lawyers are more prone to alcoholism and depression than people in other professions.

A 2016 study by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and the American Bar Association found that about 36% of lawyers surveyed had scores consistent with problem drinking. Approximately 28% struggled with some level of depression.

The problem appears to also affect law students. According to a study by the Dave Nee Foundation, law students are among the most dissatisfied and depressed of any graduate student population.

Following the publication of a report by the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being, the Arkansas Supreme Court formed the Arkansas Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being to review the national report and make recommendations specific to the state. The task force was made up of lawyers from varying professional backgrounds, judges, legislators, and medical professionals with expertise in addiction.

Recommendations in the report include securing adequate funding for assistance programs, training the legal community in identifying lawyers who are struggling, establishing mentor programs, and creating a lawyer well-being index to measure progress.

## ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES

When it comes to accessing legal services, Arkansas is one of the most underserved states in the country. In 2018, there were around 22 resident lawyers for every 10,000 people statewide, with rural counties averaging only six lawyers per 10,000, according to Arkansas Access to Justice.

In 2019, the Arkansas Supreme Court approved an order that allows retired attorneys to volunteer to provide pro bono (free of charge) legal services to low-income citizens. This is called an Emeritus Pro Bono Rule. The rules ease some of the licensing burden for retired or inactive attorneys who agree to limit their practice to pro bono cases.

Arkansas Access to Justice estimates that nearly 300 lawyers in the state are now eligible to provide pro bono services under the order.





## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

The Arkansas Supreme Court's *Commission on Children, Youth, and Families*, established in 2011, works to protect children from abuse and neglect.

### DECREASING CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

When a suspected case of child abuse enters the court system, a child's testimony against an abuser plays a crucial role in the outcome, and children on the witness stand are often dealing with a tremendous amount of stress.

We are learning more about what courts can do to ensure the least traumatic experience for a child participating in the legal system, while also conducting a proceeding that allows for due process for the accused.

In 2019, the Commission began developing a guide to assist defense attorneys, prosecutors, and judges with best practices for testimony by child witnesses. The guide addresses multiple issues, like crafting developmentally appropriate questions, ensuring children are prepared for court, and making children feel like their testimony is valued and respected.

Another project the Arkansas court system is working on is ensuring that the proper technology is in place when children in foster care cannot easily attend court proceedings in person.

Unfortunately, most children in foster care are placed outside of their county of residence. Children may have to miss school and travel several hours to attend court in person. The Commission's goal is to provide an alternative when the court and the parties deem it appropriate.

Through video feed, children will be able to observe what is happening so they can feel more involved in their case. This is especially helpful for children in rural parts of the state who are not able to travel to the court where their case will be heard.

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“They've already lost control of their lives when they are put in foster care. We don't want them to feel like they have lost further control by not understanding what is going on in court and not being able to participate.”

Justice Rhonda Wood, Chair  
Commission on Children, Youth, and Families

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# JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM

The Arkansas Supreme Court’s *Commission on Children, Youth, and Families* also works to improve the juvenile justice system.

## RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Arkansas continues to work on ways to reduce out-of-home placements for juveniles. One initiative includes the implementation of a universal risk assessment tool across Arkansas juvenile courts to evaluate youths’ needs to determine the best ways to serve them. The validated risk assessment can guide whether a youth will be placed outside of the home or provided with services in the community.

The purpose of using the same assessment tools across many courts is to make objective determinations of what resources each juvenile needs in order to overcome poor decisions made in the past and successfully enter adulthood.

The Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) draws from existing research and professional literature on adolescent development, as well as violence and aggression in youth.

In 2019, the Administrative Office of the Courts in Arkansas trained a majority of juvenile officers in the state on using SAVRY. Nearly every juvenile court has implemented the tool. As a result, the number of juveniles committed to the Arkansas Department of

Youth Services has continued to decrease.

Statewide rollout of another assessment tool called the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) is also in progress. OYAS is an assessment process designed to help juvenile courts determine whether court involvement is necessary. In other words, it gives guidance on who can be safely diverted away from the juvenile justice system and who should remain.

With the assessment tools in place, it is now vital to ensure there are enough local services in each county that are tailored to adolescent needs and to juveniles’ risk factors. To that end, the Commission formed a committee in 2019 focused on addressing juvenile officer staffing issues. The geographic disparity in pay and benefits results in a disparity in aid to juveniles at risk. Both of these areas are being studied, and data collection and analysis will help Arkansas move forward with relevant solutions.

## EXPANDING SERVICES

Recognizing that there is a lot of work ahead, the Arkansas Supreme Court approved the hiring of the Commission’s first full-time staff member who will help manage projects. In August 2019, Derek Henderson was hired to serve in this role. Derek has extensive experience in juvenile justice. Most recently, he worked as Special Education Coordinator at a youth residential facility in Arkansas.



In Fall 2019, Commission members from Arkansas met with members of the Texas Commission on Children to share operational methodology, challenges, and areas of growth.



## DIGITAL SERVICES

### INTRODUCING THE NEW ARCOURTS.GOV

In an effort to enhance the public's experience with Arkansas courts, we've redesigned the judiciary's website, arcourts.gov.

The new website helps users navigate to the information they are seeking by recognizing the needs of three distinct audiences accessing the site: the public, court staff, and attorneys. It also makes it easier to access court records and opinions, schedule a tour of the Justice Building, and take advantage of other e-Services.

### GROWING SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the past year, the court system has stepped up its efforts to connect with the public on social media. The Arkansas Judiciary now regularly posts videos and court opinions. It also posts a weekly segment called *Courts & Community*. These one-minute educational spots are a quick and convenient way to learn about the judicial branch of government in Arkansas.

Visit us on Facebook or Twitter: @arcourts

## CIVICS CORNER

Inside the Justice Building in Little Rock, young people have a space to access educational video games produced by iCivics, a provider of civic education curriculum and resources founded by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.





## PROTECTING COURT DATA

Cyberattacks are a reality for every public organization, including state courts. In 2019, after hackers found their way into court information systems in Georgia and Kentucky, cybersecurity was a substantial matter of concern within the judicial system.

Court technology leaders from seven states including Arkansas have formed a Court Information Technology Officers Consortium. The group of senior-level officers are working together to improve technology being used by the courts and resolve technology issues, including implementation of a plan for thwarting cybersecurity breaches.

Members of Arkansas's court information technology team gave presentations at the Court Information Technology Conference 2019 in New Orleans. One session they presented was called *Building a Basic Cybersecurity Survival Toolkit*.

“The message was that there are many measures to take to protect an organization's computer systems and network, but here is a way to go about it in smaller, measurable pieces. A way to eat the elephant one bite at a time,” says Dain Couch, the Chief IT Security Officer at the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts.



Members of the Arkansas and Michigan court systems co-presented during a session at the Court Information Technology Conference 2019 on project management styles.

## IMPROVING EFFICIENCY

At the Court Technology Conference, court information technology professionals from Arkansas and Michigan made a joint presentation on transitioning to an agile workplace.

As the Arkansas court system tries to meet the demands of modernizing aging systems and increasing technology services for the public, it is experimenting with changing its approach to completing technology projects in an effort to work as efficiently as possible.

Agile project management is an approach in which court technology information professionals work with customers closely on a small piece of a larger technology project to work more rapidly. This approach is being tested by the Arkansas and Michigan court systems, among others.

All appellate and circuit court data comes from information entered into the Arkansas Judiciary's online data system.

In some counties, data forms are submitted on paper, so data entry into the system can be delayed and may be incomplete.

# ARKANSAS COURT CASELOADS

## SUPREME COURT 2018

	Filings	Dispositions
APPEAL BY STATE	2	2
APPELLATE FELONY	23	20
APPELLATE MISDEMEANOR	2	0
APPELLATE WRIT - OTHER - CRIMINAL	1	2
APPELLATE WRIT - OTHER - CIVIL	1	1
CAPITAL DEATH	1	5
CAPITAL LIFE W/O PAROLE	6	6
CIVIL APPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE	1	2
CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT	56	37
CIVIL PETITION FOR REVIEW	107	116
CRIMINAL PETITION FOR REVIEW	40	34
DEPT WORKFORCE SERVICE	1	0
DHS JUVENILE APPEAL	3	4
INCARCERATED CIVIL APPEAL	74	58
INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL	7	7
ORIGINAL ACTION	6	11
POST CONVICTION APPEAL	62	57
POST CONVICTION DEATH	2	1
PROBATE APPEAL	4	3
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	1	6
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CRIMINAL	3	8
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CIVIL	3	3
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CRIMINAL	14	8
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CIVIL	11	10
WRIT OF PROHIBITION - CRIMINAL	1	1
WRIT OF PROHIBITION - CIVIL	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>397</b>

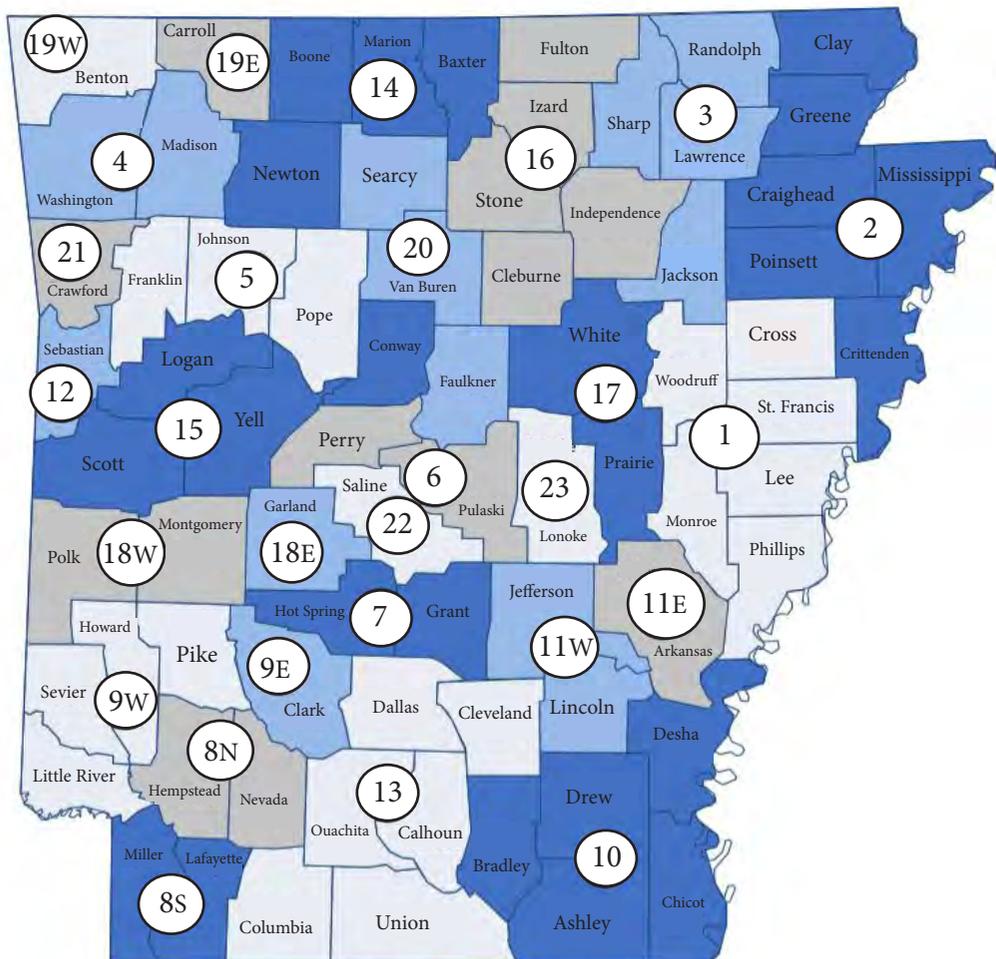
## COURT OF APPEALS 2018

	Filings	Dispositions
APPELLATE FELONY	189	191
APPELLATE MISDEMEANOR	9	8
APPELLATE WRIT - OTHER - CIVIL	0	1
CIVIL APPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE	6	6
CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT	200	220
DEPT WORKFORCE SERVICE	357	346
DHS JUVENILE APPEAL	92	96
INCARCERATED CIVIL APPEAL	5	1
INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL	16	15
JUVENILE CIVIL APPEAL	1	0
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY APPEAL	6	5
ORIGINAL ACTION	0	0
POST CONVICTION APPEAL	32	19
PROBATE APPEAL	20	30
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	0	1
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	32	42
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CRIMINAL	0	0
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CIVIL	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>981</b>

## CIRCUIT COURTS 2018

	Filings	Dispositions
CIVIL	46,199	42,881
CRIMINAL	55,972	50,336
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	48,370	47,988
JUVENILE	21,257	20,156
PROBATE	19,786	18,364
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,584</b>	<b>180,939</b>

## ARKANSAS JUDICIAL CIRCUITS



## DISTRICT COURTS 2018

	Filings
MISDEMEANOR - PERSON	3,354
MISDEMEANOR - DV	5,777
MISDEMEANOR - PROPERTY	10,381
MISDEMEANOR - DRUG	14,271
MISDEMEANOR - WEAPON	2,277
MISDEMEANOR - PUBLIC ORDER	23,148
MISDEMEANOR - OTHER	275,100
DWI 1	9,656
DWI 2	1,387
DWI 3	376
TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR	70,297
TRAFFIC VIOLATION	233,525
PARKING	26
LOCAL ORDINANCE	33,602
VIOLATION - OTHER	55,247
CONTRACTS	11,594
DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY	192
DEBT COLLECTION	22,438
SMALL CLAIMS	6,627
RECOVERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	153
CIVIL - OTHER	17,249
FELONIES BOUND OVER	11,407
APPEALS	1,863
CONTEXTE COURTS CRIMINAL - OTHER	236,137
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,046,084</b>



More detailed court data can be accessed here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ArkansasJudicialStats2018>

# ARKANSAS JUDICIARY 2019

## SUPREME COURT



Chief Justice John Dan Kemp  
Mountain View, AR  
Elected: 2016



Justice Karen Baker  
Clinton, AR  
Elected: 2010



Justice Courtney Hudson  
Fayetteville, AR  
Elected: 2010



Justice Josephine Hart  
Mountain View, AR  
Elected: 2012



Justice Rhonda Wood  
Conway, AR  
Elected: 2014



Justice Robin Wynne  
Fordyce, AR  
Elected: 2014



Justice Shawn Womack  
Mountain Home, AR  
Elected: 2016

## COURT OF APPEALS



Chief Judge Rita W. Gruber  
District 6, Position 1



Judge Ray Abramson  
District 1, Position 1



Judge Phillip Whiteaker  
District 1, Position 2



Judge Bart Virden  
District 2, Position 1



Judge Mike Murphy  
District 2, Position 2



Judge Robert J. Gladwin  
District 3, Position 1



Judge Kenneth S. Hixson  
District 3, Position 2



Judge Brandon Harrison  
District 4, Position 1



Judge Meredith B. Switzer  
District 4, Position 2



Judge Mark Klappenbach  
District 5



Judge Larry D. Vaught  
District 6, Position 2



Judge Waymond M. Brown  
District 7



Arkansas Court of Appeals Judge David “Mac” Glover passed away on March 23, 2019.

In April, Judge Meredith B. Switzer was appointed to fill the remainder of his term.

## CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

Hon. Tonya Alexander  
Hon. Gary Arnold  
Hon. Andrew Bailey  
Hon. Blake Batson  
Hon. Cristi Beaumont  
Hon. William Benton  
Hon. Shannon Blatt  
Hon. Sandra Bradshaw  
Hon. Kenneth Johnson (deceased)  
Hon. Wiley Branton  
Hon. Troy Braswell  
Hon. Earnest Brown, Jr.  
Hon. Beth Bryan  
Hon. Robin Carroll  
Hon. Ken Casady  
Hon. David Clark  
Hon. Charles Clawson, Jr.  
Hon. Ken Coker  
Hon. Cathleen Compton  
Hon. Tom Cooper  
Hon. Gary Cottrell  
Hon. James Cox  
Hon. Duncan Culpepper  
Hon. Brent Davis  
Hon. Gunner DeLay  
Hon. Jodi Dennis  
Hon. Xollie Duncan  
Hon. Eddy Easley  
Hon. Robert Edwards  
Hon. Barbara Elmore  
Hon. Harold Erwin  
Hon. Michael Fitzhugh  
Hon. John Fogleman  
Hon. H.G. Foster  
Hon. Tim Fox  
Hon. Teresa French  
Hon. Tom Garner (deceased)  
Hon. Kevin King (deceased)  
Hon. Bynum Gibson  
Hon. Alice Gray

2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 6  
22nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 2  
14th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
9th East Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
4th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4  
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9th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
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Hon. Robin Green  
Hon. Wendell Griffen  
Hon. David Guthrie  
Hon. Alex Guynn  
Hon. Barbara Halsey  
Hon. Brent Haltom  
Hon. Craig Hannah  
Hon. Lee Harrod  
Hon. Marcia Hearnberger  
Hon. Annie Hendricks  
Hon. David Henry  
Hon. Robert Herzfeld  
Hon. Pamela Honeycutt  
Hon. Sandy Huckabee  
Hon. Ann Hudson  
Hon. Michelle Huff  
Hon. Tom Hughes  
Hon. Scott Jackson  
Hon. Patricia James  
Hon. Leon Jamison  
Hon. Kirk Johnson  
Hon. Leon Johnson  
Hon. Carlton Jones  
Hon. Brad Karren  
Hon. Edwin Keaton  
Hon. Deanna “Suzie” Layton  
Hon. Mark Lindsay  
Hon. Richard Lusby  
Hon. Doug Martin  
Hon. Gordon “Mack” McCain  
Hon. David McCormick  
Hon. Marc McCune  
Hon. Mary McGowan  
Hon. Don McSpadden  
Hon. Mike Medlock  
Hon. Holly Meyer  
Hon. Chalk Mitchell  
Hon. Richard Moore  
Hon. Christopher Morledge  
Hon. Wade Naramore  
Hon. Ashley Parker  
Hon. Bill Pearson

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Hon. Grisham Phillips 22nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 3  
Hon. Chris Piazza 6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2  
Hon. Mackie Pierce 6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 17  
Hon. Sam Pope 10th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
Hon. Richard Proctor 1st Judicial Circuit, Div. 2  
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Hon. Mary Thomason 13th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2  
Hon. John Threet 4th Judicial Circuit, Div. 2  
Hon. Cindy Thyer 2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 4  
Hon. Joyce Warren 6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 10  
Hon. Susan Weaver 20th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
Hon. Tim Weaver 16th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4  
Hon. Gordon Webb 14th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4  
Hon. Morgan “Chip” Welch 6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 16  
Hon. Chris Williams 7th Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
Hon. Lynn Williams 18th East Judicial Circuit, Div. 3  
Hon. Dion Wilson 1st Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
Hon. Ralph Wilson 2nd Judicial Circuit, Div. 5  
Hon. Herbert Wright 6th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4  
Hon. John Homer Wright 18th East Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
Hon. William Randal Wright 8th North Judicial Circuit, Div. 1  
Hon. Robert Wyatt, Jr. 11th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 2  
Hon. Charles Yeargan 9th West Judicial Circuit, Div. 2  
Hon. Stacey Zimmerman 4th Judicial Circuit, Div. 3  
Hon. Leigh Zuerker 12th Judicial Circuit, Div. 4

## DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

Hon. Bruce Anderson 28th Judicial Dist, Bradley and Drew Counties  
Hon. Wren Autrey 37th Judicial Dist, Lafayette and Miller Counties  
Hon. Rita Bailey 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County  
Hon. Charles Baker 5th Judicial Dist, Crawford County  
Hon. Jack Barker 35th Judicial Dist, Union County  
Hon. Donald Betterton 18th Judicial Dist, Mississippi County  
Hon. David Boling 19th Judicial Dist, Craighead County  
Hon. Claire Borengasser 6th Judicial Dist, Sebastian County  
Hon. Don Bourne 8th Judicial Dist, Pope County  
Hon. Len Bradley 7th Judicial Dist, Johnson County  
Hon. Kim Bridgforth 29th Judicial Dist, Jefferson and Lincoln Counties  
Hon. Christopher Brockett 7th Judicial Dist, Franklin County  
Hon. Jeremy Bueker 16th Judicial Dist, Northern Arkansas County  
Hon. Ray Bunch 1st Judicial Dist, Benton County  
Hon. Chris Carnahan 9th Judicial Dist, Faulkner and Van Buren Counties  
Hon. David Carruth 16th Judicial Dist, Monroe County  
Hon. Stephanie Casady 32nd Judicial Dist, Pulaski and Saline Counties  
Hon. Keith Caviness 12th Judicial Dist, Southern Yell County  
Hon. Carol Collins 12th Judicial Dist, Northern Yell County  
Hon. Jeff Conner 1st Judicial Dist, Benton County  
Hon. David Copelin 17th Judicial Dist, Clay County  
Hon. Mark Derrick 23rd Judicial Dist, White County  
Hon. Jason Duffy 10th Judicial Dist, Baxter County  
Hon. Jason Duffy 10th Judicial Dist, Marion County  
Hon. Paul Efurd 7th Judicial Dist, Franklin County  
Hon. B. Park Eldridge, Jr. 16th Judicial Dist, Southern Arkansas County  
Hon. John Finley, III 36th Judicial Dist, Little River County  
Hon. Vic Fleming 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County  
Hon. Phil Foster 39th Judicial Dist, Ouachita County  
Hon. Tommy Fowler 19th Judicial Dist, Craighead County  
Hon. Melinda French 27th Judicial Dist, Chicot and Desha Counties  
Hon. Andy Gill 31st Judicial Dist, Perry County  
Hon. Donald Goodner 24th Judicial Dist, Scott County  
Hon. David Graham 39th Judicial Dist, Columbia County  
Hon. Joe Graham 41st Judicial Dist, Garland County  
Hon. Phillip Green 29th Judicial Dist, Jefferson and Lincoln Counties  
Hon. Barbara Griffin 15th Judicial Dist, Jackson and Woodruff Counties  
Hon. Chris Griffin 1st Judicial Dist, Benton County  
Hon. Wayne Gruber 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County

Hon. Jessica Steel Gunter 36th Judicial Dist, Howard County  
 40th Judicial Dist, Pike County  
 Hon. Milas “Butch” Hale 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County  
 Hon. Jeff Harper 2nd Judicial Dist, Washington County  
 Hon. Reid Harrod 26th Judicial Dist, Ashley County  
 Hon. Randy Hill 40th Judicial Dist, Clark County  
 Hon. Ron Hunter 20th Judicial Dist, Poinsett County  
 Hon. Dan Ives 39th Judicial Dist, Ouachita County  
 Hon. Mark Johnson 11th Judicial Dist, Sharp County  
 Hon. Casey Jones 2nd Judicial Dist, Washington County  
 Hon. Paula Juels Jones 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County  
 Hon. John Kearney 29th Judicial Dist, Jefferson and Lincoln  
 Counties  
 Hon. Durwood King 22nd Judicial Dist, Lee and Phillips Counties  
 Hon. Fred Kirkpatrick 4th Judicial Dist, Boone, Carroll, Newton,  
 and Searcy Counties  
 Hon. Larry Kissee 14th Judicial Dist, Fulton County  
 Hon. Shannon Langston 18th Judicial Dist, Mississippi County  
 Hon. Mark Leverett 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County  
 Hon. Dale Lipsmeyer 12th Judicial Dist, Conway County  
 Hon. John Martin 16th Judicial Dist, Monroe County  
 Hon. Melanie Martin 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County  
 Hon. Clint McGue 30th Judicial Dist, Northern Lonoke County  
 Hon. William McKimm 24th Judicial Dist, Montgomery County  
 Hon. David Miller 14th Judicial Dist, Izard County  
 Hon. Randy Morley 31st Judicial Dist, Pulaski County  
 Hon. Brian Mueller 12th Judicial Dist, Southern Logan County  
 Hon. Graham Nations 2nd Judicial Dist, Washington County  
 Hon. Jacob Newton 13th Judicial Dist, Stone County  
 Hon. Josh Newton 32nd Judicial Dist, Saline County  
 Hon. Jim O’Hern 6th Judicial Dist, Sebastian County  
 Hon. Ralph Ohm 41st Judicial Dist, Garland County  
 Hon. Mark Pate 23rd Judicial Dist, Prairie and White Counties  
 Hon. Ronnie Phillips 34th Judicial Dist, Calhoun, Cleveland, and  
 Dallas Counties  
 Hon. Dale Ramsey 3rd Judicial Dist, Carroll and Madison  
 Counties  
 Hon. David Reynolds 9th Judicial Dist, Faulkner and Van Buren  
 Counties  
 Hon. David Rush 12th Judicial Dist, Northern Logan County

Hon. Mike Smith 25th Judicial Dist, Cross and St. Francis  
 Counties  
 Hon. Teresa Smith 30th Judicial Dist, Southern Lonoke County  
 Hon. Dan Stidham 17th Judicial Dist, Greene County  
 Hon. William A. Storey 2nd Judicial Dist, Washington County  
 Hon. Chaney Taylor 14th Judicial Dist, Independence County  
 Hon. Sam Terry 6th Judicial Dist, Sebastian County  
 Hon. Stephen Thomas 1st Judicial Dist, Benton County  
 Hon. Fred Thorne 21st Judicial Dist, Crittenden County  
 Hon. Danny Thrailkill 24th Judicial Dist, Polk County  
 Hon. John Throesch 11th Judicial Dist, Randolph County  
 Hon. Michael Wagoner 6th Judicial Dist, Sebastian County  
 Hon. Adam Weeks 11th Judicial Dist, Lawrence County  
 Hon. Emily White 33rd Judicial Dist, Grant and Hot Springs  
 Counties  
 Hon. Many Wood 36th Judicial Dist, Sevier County  
 Hon. Lance Wright 13th Judicial Dist, Cleburne County  
 Hon. Tony Yocom 38th Judicial Dist, Hempstead and Nevada  
 Counties

# IN MEMORIAM

## HONORABLE DAVID GLOVER



Arkansas Court of Appeals Judge David “Mac” Glover passed away on March 23, 2019.

Judge Glover practiced law in Malvern for thirty-four years. He served as an assistant attorney general, the attorney for the city of Malvern, and deputy prosecuting attorney and district judge for Hot Spring County.

In 1989, he was elected president of the Arkansas Bar Association. Judge Glover was first elected to the Arkansas Court of Appeals in 2004, where he continued to serve for the remainder of his life.

## HONORABLE KEVIN KING



Judge Kevin Neil King of Highland, Arkansas, died on Jan. 18, 2019, in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

He served the counties of Sharp, Lawrence, Randolph, and Jackson as Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial District for sixteen years.

Before becoming a circuit judge, King was judge for the Sharp County District Court.

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## HONORABLE TOM GARNER



Judge Tom Garner was appointed as the Third Judicial District’s circuit judge following the passing of Judge Kevin King in Jan. 2019. However, Judge Garner passed away on Nov. 3, 2019, at his home in Ash Flat.

Judge Garner spent more than thirty years practicing as an attorney and also served as a prosecuting attorney for sixteen years before closing down his practice to accept the position of judge in Feb. 2019.

## HONORABLE KENNETH JOHNSON



Circuit Judge Kenneth Johnson passed away on Oct. 13, 2019, following a long battle with health issues.

Judge Johnson was the Division 2 judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in Arkansas. He was re-elected on May 20, 2014, for a term expiring in 2020.

Judge Johnson served on the Arkansas Supreme Court Child Support Committee from 2012 until 2016.



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