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VIA REGULAR MAIL AND EMAIL

Chief Justice Dan Kemp Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Building, 625 Marshall Street Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Amendment to Current Administrative Plan

Dear Chief Justice Kemp,

We, the Circuit Judges of the Fourth Judicial District, submit this letter to amend our Administrative Plan which is currently in place. We hereby amend the schedule by which juvenile detention hearings are held in Division 3 and Division 8.

As Division 3 and Division 8 are now both fully staffed with juvenile court officers, the two divisions will continue to equally share the hearing of juvenile detention hearings for both Madison and Washington counties but the schedule in which juvenile detention hearings are held by the two divisions shall change as follows:

The two juvenile divisions shall alternate weeks in handling juvenile detention hearings (rather than the current Division 3 handling Monday/Tuesday -Division 8 handling Thursday/Friday). Beginning Monday, June 6, 2022, Division 8 shall hear all juvenile detention hearings for Madison and Washington counties on the week of Monday June 6 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and alternating weeks thereafter. Beginning Monday, June 13, 2022, Division 3 shall hear all juvenile detention hearings for Madison and Washington counties the week of Monday, June 13 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and alternating weeks thereafter. (See attached 2022/2023 calendar noting the designated weeks for juvenile detention hearings).

Juvenile detention hearings shall continue to be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday so that the juveniles are brought before a juvenile division judge in the most expeditious manner.

Therefore, the Administrative Plan approved by the Arkansas Supreme Court on December 16, 2021 and effective January 1, 2022 is amended with respect to the last two sentences of the paragraph entitled 'Juvenile Detention Hearings/First Appearance' page 3) and in the chart section of the listing of Division 3 (page 4) and Division 8 (page 6) to reflect the above-referenced changes.

We circuit judges request that the Arkansas Supreme Court approve the above -referenced amendments to our Administrative Plan.

Sincerely

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Mark Lindsay, Circu Sixth Division

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