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Changes In The State's Judiciary

The Judiciary in Arkansas is experiencing numerous changes. Associate Justice Tom Glaze announced in August his impending retirement. Justice Glaze has served the judiciary for 29 years. From 1979 - 1980, he served as a chancellor in the 6th Judicial District. Following his trial bench service, he served on the Court of Appeals from 1981 - 1986, and then was elected to the Supreme Court bench where he has served for the past 21 years. A retirement party was given in September by Justice Bldg. employees in honor of Justice Glaze's retirement. During the reception, he was presented a surprise award from the Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers by their current President, Pamela Walker, in honor of his being the first man to pay dues and join the organization after the bylaws of the group were changed in the early 1980's to allow men to join.

Governor Beebe has appointed Elana Wills of Little

Rock to finish Justice Glaze's term, which ends in 2010. Wills has worked in the Opinions Division of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office for the past 20 years, which has included 11 years as Deputy Attorney General for Opinions.



Elana Wills

Court of Appeals Judge Brian Miller was appointed to the Federal bench and sworn in for the Federal bench on April 7, 2008. Governor Beebe has appointed Eugene Hunt to fill that position until the first of the year. At that time, newly elected Court of Appeals Judge Waymond Brown will begin a new term for that position. Two other new judges, Courtney Henry of Fayetteville, and Judge Rita Gruber of Little Rock will take their seats on the Court of Appeals in January.

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Chief Justice Jim Hannah makes comments after Pamela Walker presents award to Justice Glaze.



Justice Glaze and Judge Eugene Hunt visit at the reception held in Glaze's honor.

Judges

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With two new circuit judge positions taking effect in the 19th West and 22nd Circuits as of January 1, 2009, there will be a total of 120 trial judges in the State. Brand new to the bench include: Tom Cooper/19th W., Kent Crow/19th E., Brent Davis/2nd, Robin Green/19th W., Adam Harkey/16th, Lee Harrod/16th, Sandy Huckabee/23rd, Ann Hudson/1st, Tom Hughes/17th, Kenneth Johnson/10th, Bobby McCallister/22nd, Bill Pearson/5th, Randy Philhours/2nd, Richard Proctor/1st, Doug Schrantz/19th W., and Herbert Wright/6th.

Rep. Steve Harrelson Receives "First Branch Award"

Representative Steve Harrelson of Texarkana received the "First Branch Award" in September during a Texarkana Bar Association meeting. Circuit Judge Rice Van Ausdall, President of the Arkansas Judicial Council, presented the award to Representative Harrelson.

The "First Branch Award" was established in 1992 to recognize outstanding service on behalf of and for the improvement of the state judicial system by a member of the Arkansas Legislature. During the past legislative session, Representative Harrelson was a member of the House Judiciary Committee and was actively involved in several pieces of legislation which were a part of the Judicial Council's legislative package, particularly the Court Security Act and several pieces of legislation involving improvements to the jury system.



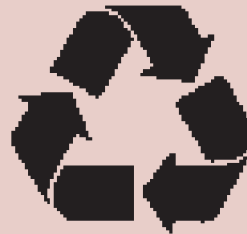
2008-2009 District Court Judges' Council



2008-2009 District Court Judges' Council (Left to right) Mike Robinson/Benton-President, Mike Irwin/Heber Springs-Vice President, Francis "Lucky" Crumpler/Magnolia-4th District Rep., Don Bourne/Russellville-3rd District Rep., Dan Stidham/Paragould-1st District Rep., John Finley/Ashdown-Immediate Past President, Kim Bridgeforth/Pine Bluff-Secretary/Treasurer. Not pictured: Milas "Butch" Hale/Sherwood-2nd District Rep.

Justice Building Employees Continue to Recycle

As reported in the May issue of "Friends of the Court", Justice Building employees began a recycling program to dispose of the voluminous quantity of paper from court briefs that previously just went to the dump. Independent Living Services in



Conway is the non profit business that has been taking the paper from the Justice Building. They reported during the summer that the Justice Building recycling efforts for the months of March, April, May and June totaled over **13 tons!**

**This includes 16,756 lbs of paper
and 9,566.5 pounds of books;
total being 26,322.5 lbs.**

State CASA Serves Record Number of Children

Arkansas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) have completed gathering data on the number of children CASA served during the last fiscal year. The numbers for fiscal year 2007 - 2008 indicated that 23 local CASA programs advocated for children in 26 of Arkansas's 28 judicial circuits. Statewide, 1,016 trained advocates served 3,082 children in 1,577 dependency-neglect cases. A new record, according to Julian Holloway, Director, Arkansas State CASA Association.

Recently Arkansas CASA was recognized at a reception by the Spirit of 110 Council which is a part of the State Division of Volunteerism. The Spirit of 110

Council honors those who involve volunteers in state government or provide support to state agencies. The Division of Volunteerism publishes an annual Economic Impact study, featuring information about the contribution of volunteerism in Arkansas. For 2007, the total for all of Arkansas State CASA programs was 148,237 volunteer hours, valued at \$3,168,414!

"CASA helps provide hope for kids in dependency-neglect cases by being a voice for them in court and providing a consistent, compassionate presence in their lives." stated Holloway.



The C.A.L.L. (Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime) recently received recognition in Washington, D.C., as a 2008 Angel in Adoption™ for their outstanding advocacy of adoption and foster care issues in Arkansas. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) orchestrates the Angels in Adoption™ program.

Treca Dyer, an Attorney Ad Litem for the Administrative Office of the Courts, has been instrumental in organizing and developing C.A.L.L. in the state. In collaboration with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services, The C.A.L.L. has recruited adoptive and foster families in Pulaski County with the vision of having no waiting children in foster care in Arkansas.



Arkansas CASA Volunteers were among those honored at a reception at the Governor's Mansion in September. Julian Holloway, State CASA Coordinator (center) displays the certificate received by the group in recognition of their commitment to utilizing volunteers.





The Arkansas Supreme Court will conduct oral argument at Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas in Helena at on Thursday, November

6, 2008. This will only be the eighth occasion in modern times that the Supreme Court has held court outside of Little Rock. Since 2002, the Supreme Court has held oral argument in Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Monticello, Hope, Harrison, and Bentonville. Members of the Court routinely visit in local schools after each oral argument during their visits around the State.

Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, adopted by vote of the people in 2000, provides that the Supreme Court may meet at such times and places as designated by the Court.

New faces in the Judiciary

District Court Clerks

Mountain View — **Gail Jason** replaces Pam Henderson

Court Reporter

19th West (Scott)
Therese Olenberger replaces Linda Spence

6th (Proctor) — **Kimala Hardin** replaces Neva Warford

“The jury system has come to stand for all we mean by English justice. The scrutiny of 12 honest jurors provides defendants and plaintiffs alike a safeguard from arbitrary perversion of the law.”

— *Winston Churchill*

CALENDAR

October

Fall Judicial College/Judicial Council Mtg. (Jonesboro) **15-17**

Court Reporters' Annual Conference (Jonesboro) **17-18**

November

District Court Clerks Certification - 1st and 3rd Districts (Eureka Springs) **21**

February

District and City Court Clerks Certification - 2nd and 4th Districts (Little Rock) **13**

District Court Officers (Hot Springs) **19-20**

March

Trial Court Assistants Conference (Little Rock) **5-6**



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