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**SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201**

JACK HOLT, JR.
CHIEF JUSTICE



The Honorable Bill Clinton, Governor,
Members of the Arkansas General Assembly,
Fellow Justices and Judges and Fellow Arkansans:

I am pleased to provide you with this summary of the work of the Arkansas Judicial System during fiscal year 1987-88. The 1989 session of the Arkansas General Assembly will allow for consideration of several items of tremendous importance to the judicial branch and to all Arkansans. This annual report reflects the present state of the judiciary, so as to enable us to better prepare for our planning of the future.

Two items, the Judicial Discipline Amendment and the Juvenile Justice Amendment, appeared on the November ballot and were approved by Arkansas voters. Both offer a rare opportunity for improvement of our judicial system. Our most recent history shows that constitutional reform has been very beneficial to the citizens of the state. This report, for the first time, documents the effect of Amendment 64, which was adopted by voters in 1986. The intent of the amendment was to give citizens greater access to their local municipal courts by raising that court's jurisdictional limits, while at the same time relieving the pressure of increased caseloads in our circuit courts. The data shows that statewide municipal court civil filings increased by some 29%, while civil case filings in circuit courts decreased some 22%. These and other significant events are summarized in the Major Developments section of this report.

I thank and express my appreciation to the trial judges and clerks throughout the state, and the staff of the Arkansas Judicial Department, for their work in reporting and compiling the data for this report. In addition, I extend my special "thanks" to Chris Thomas for his good work and outstanding service to our state as Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Judicial Department.

It is my hope that we will make use of this report to continue to provide and improve a judicial system which is both fair and efficient for all Arkansans.

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Jack Holt, Jr.
Chief Justice

**MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 1987-88**

Municipal Court Improvement

In November of 1986 the voters of Arkansas overwhelmingly adopted Amendment 64. That amendment increased civil jurisdiction of our municipal courts from \$300 to a more realistic level of \$3,000. By its terms, the amendment became effective July 1, 1987. Thus, after that date, cases involving claims of up to \$3,000 which had previously been filed in circuit court could be filed in municipal court.

The experience of the first full year under Amendment 64 indicates that the citizens of Arkansas are beginning to enjoy the benefits of Amendment 64.

During the last fiscal year (86-87) the municipal courts of Arkansas reported over 33,000 cases filed in their civil divisions. Subsequent to the effective date of Amendment 64, during fiscal year 87-88, the number of civil cases which were reported filed in municipal courts jumped by over

10,000 cases, for a total of 43,000 reported cases filed. This represents an increase of almost 30% during this fiscal year. Correspondingly, the movement of these 10,000 cases to municipal court, from circuit court, resulted in a 22% decrease in the number of civil cases filed in circuit court. It is reasonable to anticipate that, as the citizens become more aware of the increased municipal court jurisdiction, greater use will be made of our municipal courts.

As a result of the increased responsibility placed on municipal judges and clerks by Amendment 64, there are increased needs for continued education and training. Act 744 of 1987 authorized a \$.25 cost to be collected in each civil proceeding in municipal court. These funds, which are administered by the Judicial Department, will be of value in the continuing effort to improve the educational opportunities available to our municipal judges and clerks.

Progress for Juvenile and Paternity Court

As reported in the FY 86-87 annual report, the Arkansas Supreme Court recently declared the juvenile court system in this state to be unconstitutional. As a result, juvenile proceedings are, on an interim basis, being administered by circuit and chancery judges across the state. In November of 1988, there was a constitutional amendment on the general election ballot which, authorizes the General Assembly, during the 1989 session, to create a new juvenile and paternity court system.

In preparation for that, Governor Bill Clinton appointed a Commission on Juvenile Justice, chaired by Senator Wayne Dowd of Texarkana.

During this fiscal year that commission has met on frequent occasion. The Commission has employed an Executive Director, Donna Gay, and retained the services of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. The Commission is charged with the responsibility of preparing legislation for introduction during the 1989 session of the legislature.

Additionally, the Arkansas Judicial Department, during this fiscal year, conducted a field audit of all juvenile proceedings filed in circuit and chancery court. This substantial undertaking involved a visit to each courthouse in the state where all proceedings filed in juvenile cases were manually audited by Judicial Department personnel. In this manner, the Commission on Juvenile Justice will have available the most current information on the number of such cases pending across the state. In previous years, the Judi-



Fort Smith Municipal Judge John Settle addresses speaker at mid-year meeting of Municipal Judges and Clerks.



Donna Gay (center), Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission, confers with commission members Rhonda Lessenbery, left, and Paula Casey, right.

cial Department had been unable to audit juvenile court statistics. The improved reporting which resulted from this field audit revealed an additional 3,000 juvenile cases filed during FY 87-88.

Survey of State Caseload

The number of cases filed in the general jurisdiction trial courts of the state (circuit, chancery and probate) significantly decreased, and, the number of cases filed in the appellate courts also declined.

In the Supreme Court, 12% fewer cases were filed during FY 87-88 than in the previous year. At the same time, the Supreme Court was able to increase their number of cases concluded by nearly 10% during the same time period.

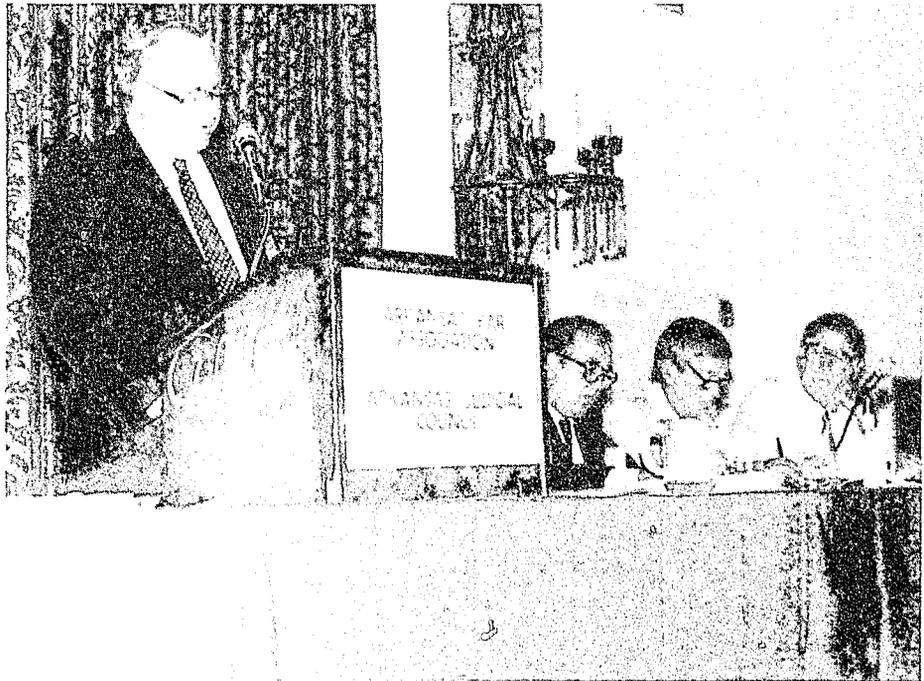
The Court of Appeals enjoyed a much smaller decrease in the number of filings, 5%, yet, cases terminated decreased as well.

The most notable change in filings occurred at the general jurisdiction trial level. Particularly, as

a direct result of the adoption of Amendment 64 (which increased municipal court civil jurisdiction), there was more than a 22% decrease in the number of civil cases filed in circuit court. This dramatic decline, when figured in the overall general jurisdiction caseload, resulted in a 7% decrease in the number of cases filed statewide. The recent fiscal year also marked the first time in recent history that the disposition rate in circuit court has exceeded 100%.

Judges and Lawyers Meet Together

For the first time, the judges of the Arkansas Judicial Council, and the lawyers of the Arkansas Bar Association, met together. The meeting was held in Hot Springs in early June of 1988. The goal of the joint meeting was to improve communication among the members

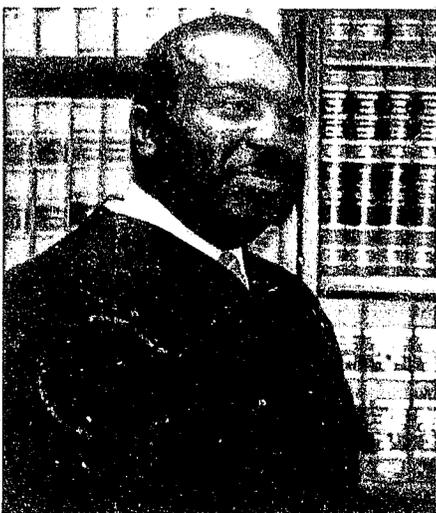


Attorney Dennis Shackelford of El Dorado addresses joint meeting of the Arkansas Judicial Council and the Arkansas Bar Association.

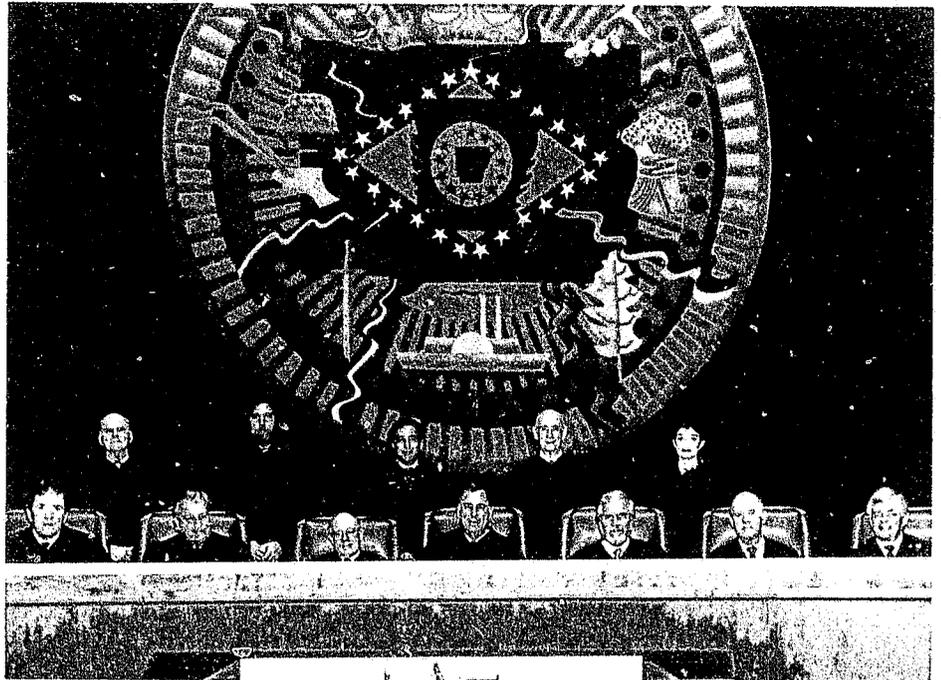
of the bench and the bar. This goal was represented in the theme of the meeting—"A Partnership Spirit . . . Among Lawyers and With the Bench". The keynote address was delivered by the Honorable William Webster, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Of particular interest to those in attendance, Director Webster emphasized his belief that the "rule of law" must govern the actions of all government's agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency.

During the two day program numerous subjects of interest to the judges and lawyers were discussed. In many cases, this unique joint meeting allowed lawyers to present comments on current issues, followed by critiques by a panel of judges.

It is anticipated that another joint meeting between the Judicial Council and the Arkansas Bar Association will be sought, perhaps during 1990.



Berlin Jones, Circuit/Chancery Judge, Eleventh West Judicial Circuit.



The Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals met in combined session to honor the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

Additional Seats Created

Legislation was passed during the 1987 General Assembly which created additional circuit and chancery judge positions. Six such judgeships were created as a result of that legislation, one of which was effective July 1, 1987. Berlin Jones was appointed to that newly created seat as circuit/chancery judge in the Eleventh West Judicial Circuit, which is composed of Jefferson and Lincoln Counties.

The remaining five judgeships included: in the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Pulaski and Perry Counties), two new chancellors and one new circuit judge; in the Seventh Judicial Circuit (Grant, Hot Spring and Saline Counties), a circuit/chancery judge; and, in the Eighteenth East Judicial Circuit (Garland County), a circuit/chancery judge position was created.

The addition of these judicial

positions represents the most substantial increase in the number of general jurisdiction judgeships in many years.

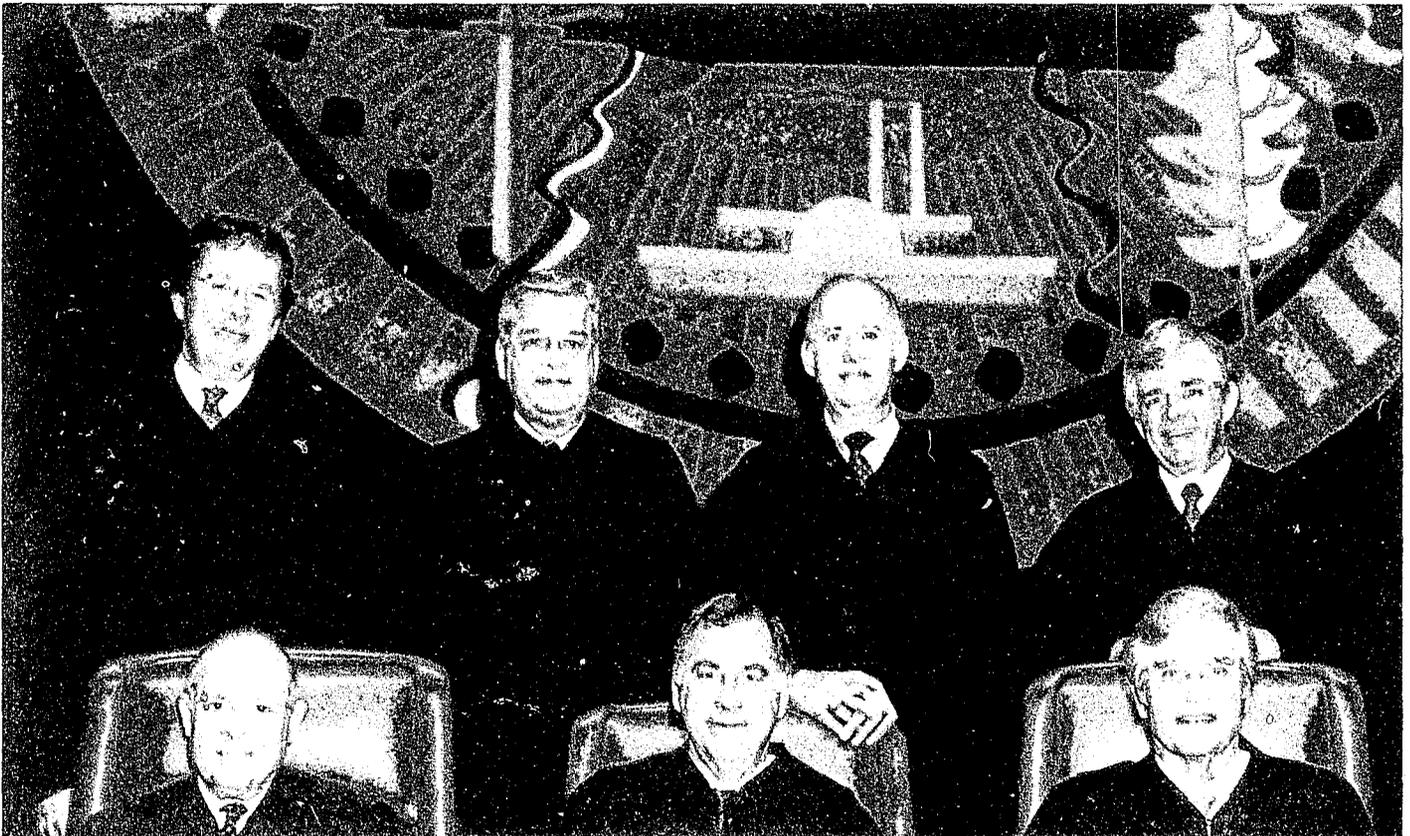
Celebration of the Bicentennial

September 17, 1987 marked an historic occasion for the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. In honor of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, the two courts convened jointly. This occasion marked the first time the two courts had convened together in formal session.

Prior to Constitution Day, a special ceremony was held in the Supreme Court courtroom to honor the state winners of the National Bicentennial Essay Contest. The contest was sponsored by the National Bicentennial Commission and the American Bar Association.

THE COURTS

APPELLATE COURTS



Bottom row (left to right): Justice Darrell Hickman, Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr. and Justice John Purtle. Top row (left to right): Justice David Newbern, Justice Robert Dudley, Justice Steele Hays and Justice Tom Glaze.

Supreme Court

Arkansas' highest appellate court is the Supreme Court, comprised of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices.

The Constitution of 1874 sets forth the powers and jurisdiction of the Court and establishes in it "general superintending control over all inferior courts of law and equity. . ."

The members of the Court are elected to staggered eight year terms by the voters of the state. The Governor fills any vacancies on the Court by appointment.

When necessary, a special justice is appointed by the Governor in cases where a member of the Court recuses, and it is decided that the participation of a special justice would be required for the Court to render a decision. Special justices who served during 1987-88 were: John Robert Graves, John D. Eldridge, Alex G. Streett, Robert C. Compton, Jan R. Cromwell, Robert Edwards, William G. Wright, George D. Ellis, John Norman Harkey, Hugh R. Kincaid, Harry Truman Moore, Mike Gibson and A. Watson Bell.

The workload of the Court is

measured in terms of appeals, petitions and motions (excluding those for time extensions) of which final disposition is made during the fiscal year.

Appeals filed in the Supreme Court totaled 400 for the 1987-88 fiscal year, a decrease of 12.86% from the previous fiscal year. Appeals terminated during the fiscal year totaled 457, an increase of 9.86% from the previous fiscal year. Petitions filed for the same time period numbered 419, a decrease of 4.34% from the previous fiscal year. Petitions terminated during the fiscal year totaled 415,

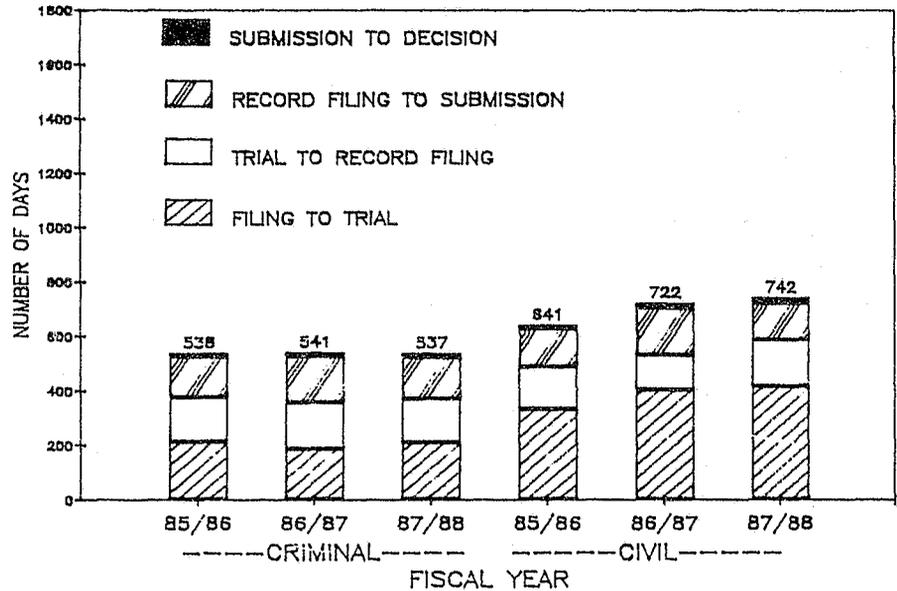
a decrease of 1.43% from the previous fiscal year.

There were 150 appeals and 47 petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1987-88. The 150 appeals pending represent a 27.54% decrease from the previous fiscal year while the 47 petitions represent a 9.3% increase.

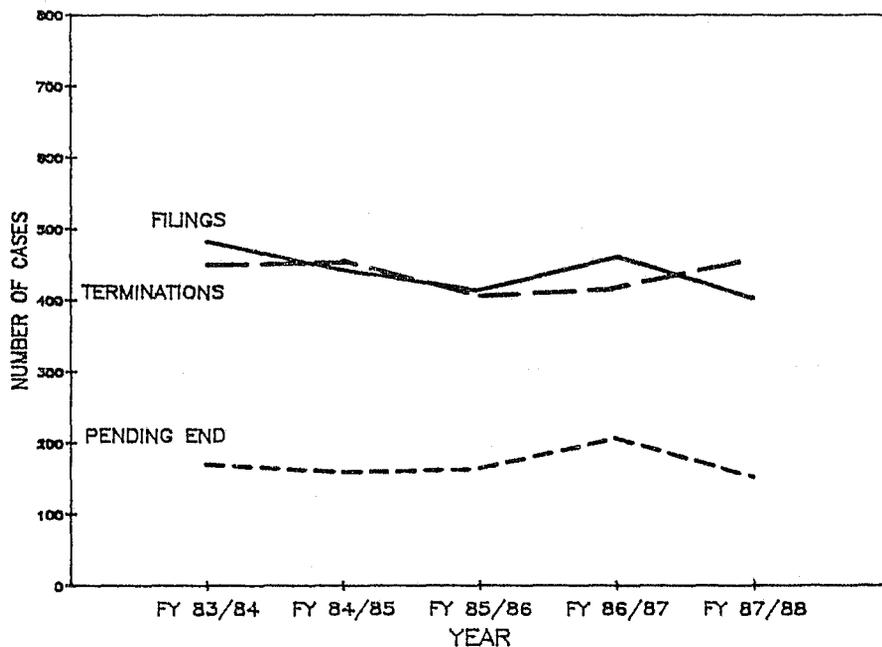
Supreme Court Time Study

For the 1987-88 fiscal year a total of 73 criminal cases was surveyed. Eleven of these cases were decided after oral arguments. It required an average of 636 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 62 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 537 days elapsed from filing in circuit court

SUPREME COURT TIME STUDY THREE YEAR COMPARISON CASES WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENTS



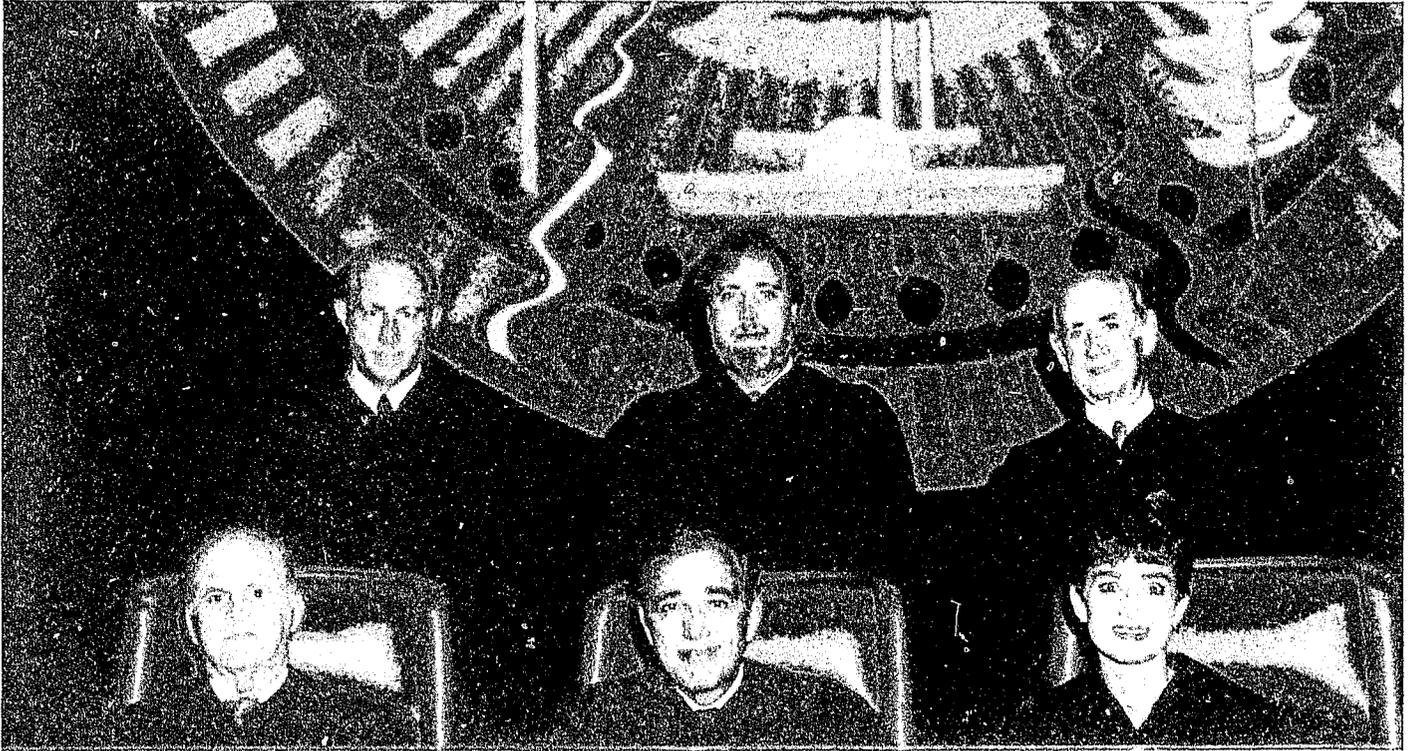
SUPREME COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY FY 83/84 - FY 87/88



to decision by the Supreme Court.

A total of 172 civil cases was surveyed for the 1987-88 fiscal year. Forty-one of these cases were decided after oral arguments. An average of 795 days was required to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 131 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 742 days elapsed from filing to decision by the Supreme Court.

On the average, approximately 70% of the time taken to process each case is spent in the lower trial court. The remaining 30% of the time is spent in the Supreme Court.



Bottom row (left to right): Judge George Cracraft, Chief Judge Don Corbin and Judge Beth Gladden Coulson. Top row (left to right): Judge John Jennings, Judge Jim Cooper and Judge Melvin Mayfield.

Court of Appeals

Amendment 58 to the Arkansas Constitution authorized the General Assembly to establish an intermediate appellate court known as the Court of Appeals. This Court has helped to alleviate the tremendous caseload which burdened the Supreme Court during the early and mid-1970's.

The Court of Appeals is composed of a Chief Judge and five Associate Judges. The six judges are elected for staggered eight year terms from six geographical districts. The Court is divided into two panels of three judges each and any decision rendered by a panel is final, unless a single judge

dissents, whereby the case is decided "en banc" by all six judges.

The Court of Appeals is authorized to correct errors in cases on appeal from the same trial courts which may appeal to the Supreme Court. Judgements of the Court of Appeals may be appealed to the Supreme Court when any one of three circumstances exists: the case was erroneously filed in the Court of Appeals; a case filed in the Court of Appeals is believed to be of paramount public interest and is "certified" to this Supreme Court; or, the case was decided on a tie vote in the Court of Appeals.

The workload of the Court of Appeals is measured in the same way as that of the Supreme Court.

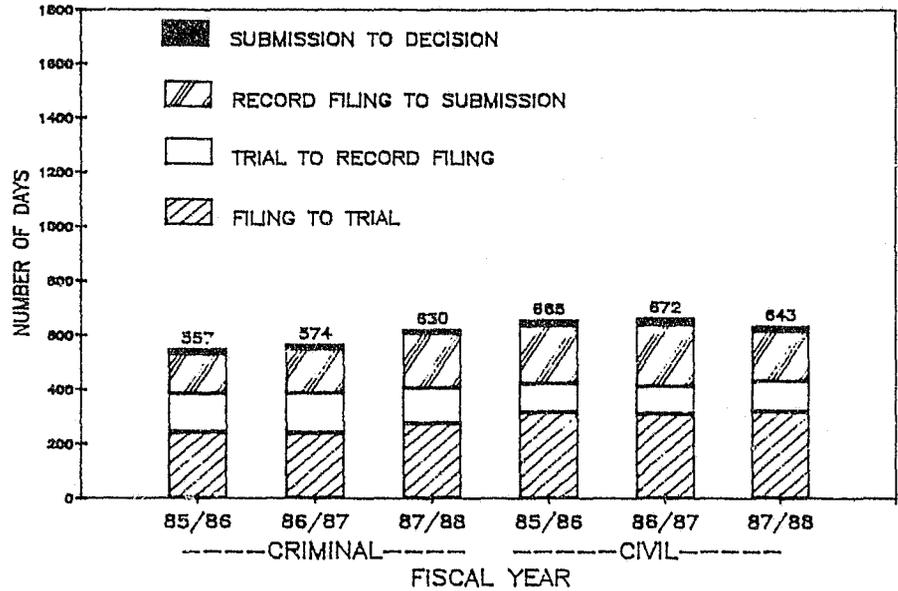
Appeals filed in the Court of Appeals totaled 899, a decrease of 5.27% from the previous fiscal year. Appeal terminations for the 1987-88 fiscal year were 827, a decrease of 15.87% from the previous fiscal year. One hundred and ten petitions were filed in the 1987-88 fiscal year, showing a decrease of 14.58% from the previous reporting period. Petition terminations for the 1987-88 fiscal year increased by 10% from 100 to 110. There were 498 appeals and 7 petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1987-88. The 498 appeals pending represent a 16.9% increase from the previous fiscal year, while the seven petitions represent no change.

Court of Appeals Time Study

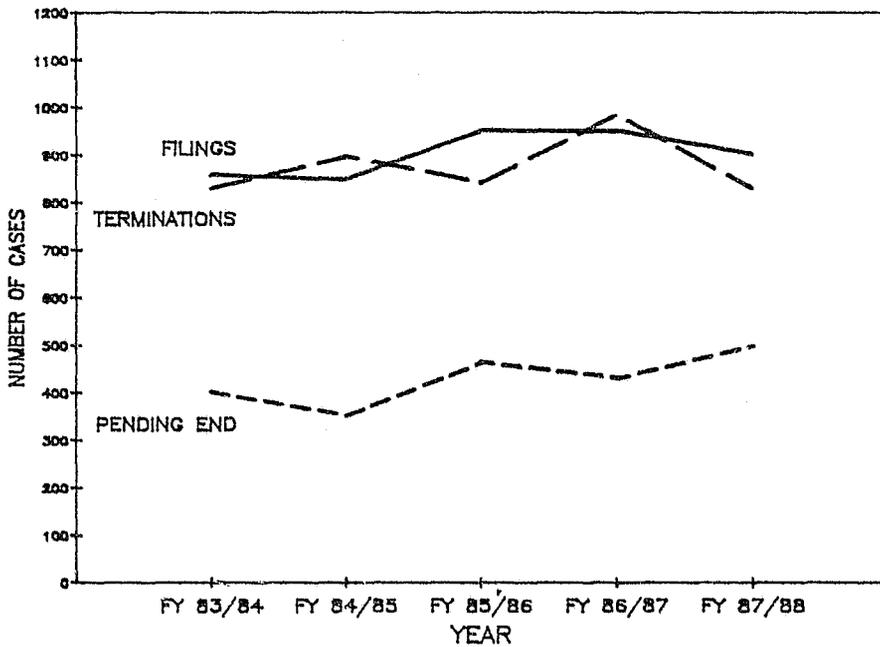
For the 1987-88 fiscal year, 182 criminal cases were surveyed. Twelve of these were decided after oral arguments. It required an average of 709 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 170 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 630 days elapsed from filing in circuit court to decision by the Court of Appeals.

A total of 330 civil cases was surveyed for the 1987-88 fiscal year. Forty-six of these cases were decided after oral arguments. An average of 755 days was required to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 284 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 643 days elapsed from filing to decision by the Court of Appeals.

**COURT OF APPEALS
TIME STUDY
THREE YEAR COMPARISON
CASES WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENTS**



**COURT OF APPEALS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY
FY 83/84 - FY 87/88**



On the average, approximately 70% of the time taken to process each case is spent in the lower trial court. The remaining 30% of the time is spent in the Court of Appeals.

APPELLATE COURTS SUPPORT STAFF

Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court

Administrative personnel of the Supreme Court play a vital role in assisting the Court in fulfilling its administrative functions. Appeals are filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and docketed for either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The office then monitors progress of all appeals and original proceedings, processes appeals-related documents, maintains calendars, schedules oral arguments before the Court, reviews briefs for compliance with Supreme Court Rules, records Court decisions, orders and directives and controls their release and distribution. The Office of the Clerk is responsible for distributing cases and motions to both Courts for decision. In essence, the Office of the Clerk

manages all legal records of both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

The Clerk of the Court is appointed by the Supreme Court for a period of six years. Assisting the Clerk is a staff of nine, including two chief deputies and seven deputies. In addition to the duties of managing the Courts' judicial proceedings, the Clerk is responsible for collecting and recording attorneys' fees for licensing. The Supreme Court of Arkansas licenses over 4,200 attorneys to practice law in the state. Each attorney licensed in the State of Arkansas must renew his license annually with the Supreme Court. The Clerk distributes these fees into four areas: Continuing Legal Education, the Committee on Professional Conduct, the Client Security Fund, and the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Supreme Court Library

The Supreme Court Library is located on the first floor of the Justice Building on the State Capitol grounds. It was founded in 1951 by an act of the General Assembly. The funding for the Supreme Court Library comes from several sources, including filing fees.

A majority of the materials in the Supreme Court Library are primary materials, legal periodicals, and numerous encyclopedic materials. It cooperates with the two law schools, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and the State Library in exchanging materials and information needed by patrons.

In 1963 the Supreme Court Library became a selective federal government depository. The enabling legislation allows the Court of Last Resort in a state to receive publications published by the U.S. Government. The Library selects only those that pertain to the law.

Although it is not a lending library, the staff will assist users in locating materials. The largest users of the Library are the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, with state-employed attorneys and practicing attorneys following. Laypersons use the Library periodically.

Court personnel may access court opinions through LEXIS and WESTLAW computer research systems, which are maintained by the Library. Microfiche of all of the holdings of any Arkansas library utilizing a computer system is also part of the library's collection.



Supreme Court Clerk Leslie Steen (left) is assisted by Chief Deputy Melissa Fuller (center) and Chief Deputy Robin Horne (right).

COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION

Circuit and chancery courts in Arkansas are the trial courts of general jurisdiction, with circuit courts hearing civil and criminal cases and chancery courts hearing equity, divorce and child support cases. Chancellors also act as probate judges and hear cases involving decedent estates, guardianship, adoption, and civil commitment matters. The state is divided into 24 judicial circuits served by 32 circuit judges, 30 chancellors and nine combined jurisdiction judges.

In fiscal year 1987-88, 115,152 cases were filed in Arkansas' general jurisdiction courts, representing a decrease of 7.3% from the previous fiscal period. Most of that decrease is a result of the fall in civil cases filed in circuit court, caused in part by the implementation of Amendment 64. The percentage of decrease in the circuit and chancery courts can be broken down as follows:

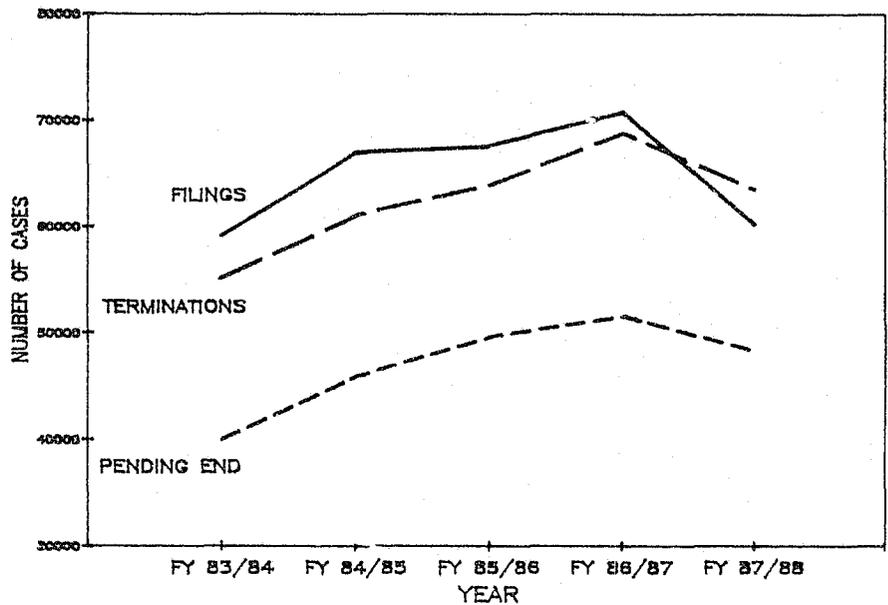
Cases Filed	FY 87-88	FY 86-87	% Increase or Decrease
Civil	28,356	36,401	-22.1%
Criminal	31,905	34,452	- 7.4%
Chancery	43,093	42,022	+ 2.5%
Probate	11,798	11,404	+ 3.5%
Total - all courts	115,152	124,279	- 7.3%

The courts of general jurisdiction disposed of 115,607 cases during this fiscal year, a decrease of 4% from the previous fiscal year.

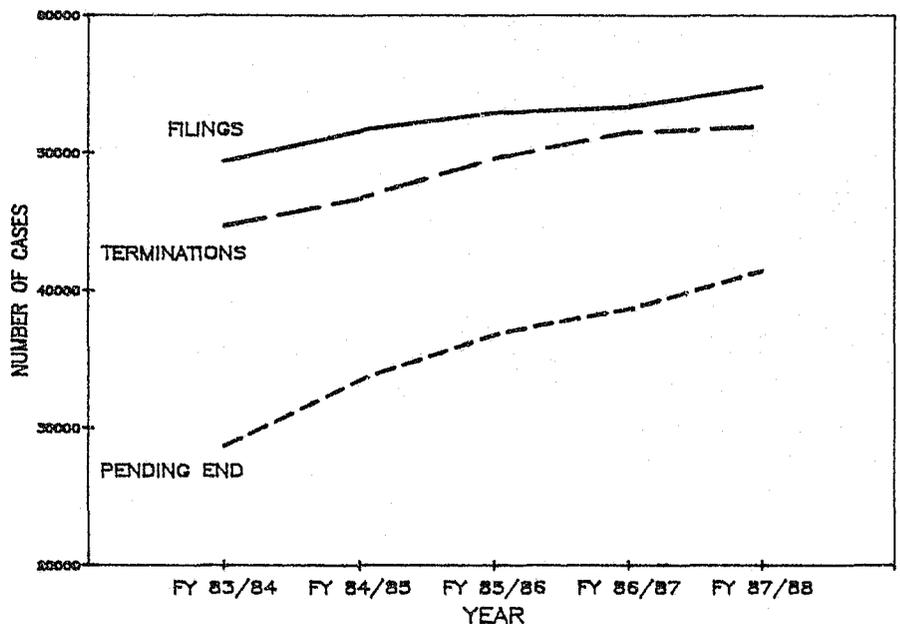
Cases Terminated	FY 87-88	FY 86-87	% Increase or Decrease
Civil	31,512	36,104	-12.7%
Criminal	31,999	32,793	- 2.4%
Chancery	42,697	42,025	+ 1.6%
Probate	9,399	9,550	- 1.6%
Total - all courts	115,607	120,472	- 4.0%

The disposition rate compares the number of terminations to the number of filings. The disposition

**CIRCUIT COURTS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY
FY 83/84 - FY 87/88**



**CHANCERY COURTS
CASELOAD ACTIVITY (Including Probate)
FY 83/84 - FY 87/88**



rate for courts of general jurisdiction was 100.4%, an average of 1,628 terminations per judge. (See the disposition rates by circuit in the statistical section on page 43.)

There were 89,963 cases pending in the courts of general jurisdiction at fiscal year end, representing a .5% decrease from the previous reporting period. These cases may be broken down as follows:

Cases Pending	FY 87-88	FY 86-87	% Increase or Decrease
Civil	22,019	25,175	-12.5%
Criminal	26,379	26,473	-.4%
Chancery	22,642	22,246	+1.8%
Probate	18,923	16,524	+14.5%
Total - all courts	89,963	90,418	-.5%

Processing Times

The chart below compares Arkansas' court processing times for general jurisdiction courts. Processing time is defined as the average time it takes for a case or group of cases to be processed by the court system from filing to disposition. Time is expressed in months. The chart compares fiscal years 86/87 and 87/88. (Note that the figures presented here are statewide averages. Processing times may vary widely by case and/or judicial circuit.)

Generally, criminal case processing time has decreased negligi-

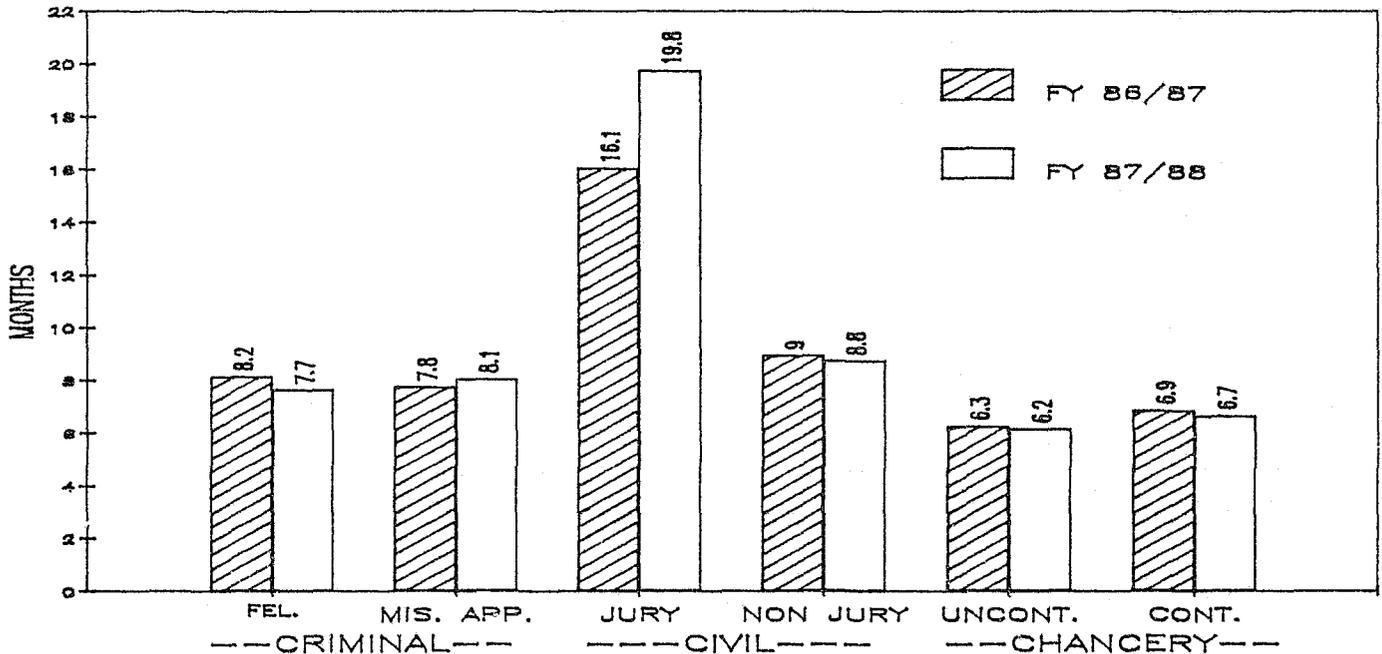
bly, while civil case processing time has increased noticeably. In chancery court, case processing time has decreased negligibly.

The chart reflects a decrease in processing time of approximately two weeks for felony cases from last fiscal year to the present fiscal year. Misdemeanor appeals had a negligible increase.

Civil jury cases reflect an increase of nearly four months in processing time. Non-jury cases decreased negligibly.

Chancery cases for both contested and non-contested cases decreased negligibly.

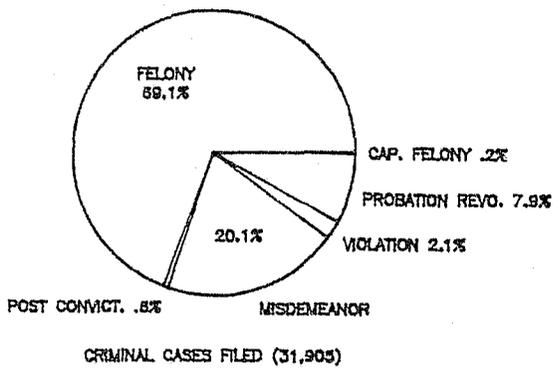
**STATE CASE PROCESSING TIMES
AS STATED IN MONTHS
FY 86/87 VS FY 87/88**



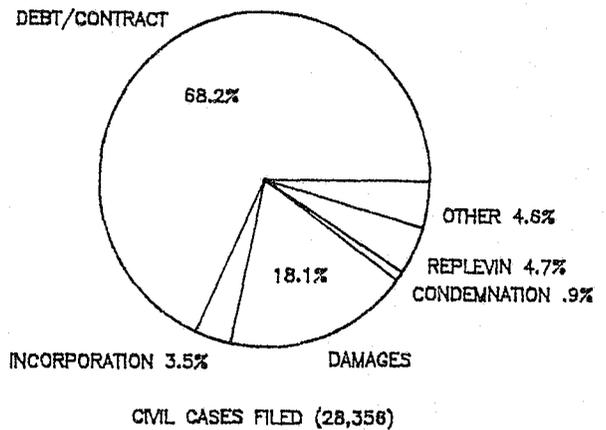
**STATEWIDE FILINGS BY CASE TYPE
FY 1987/88**

CIRCUIT COURT

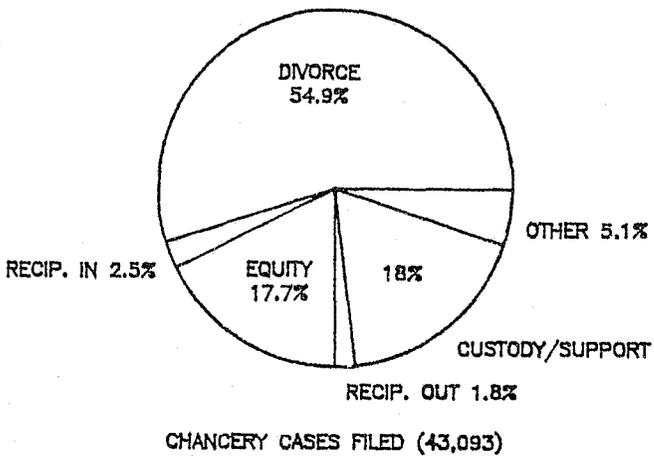
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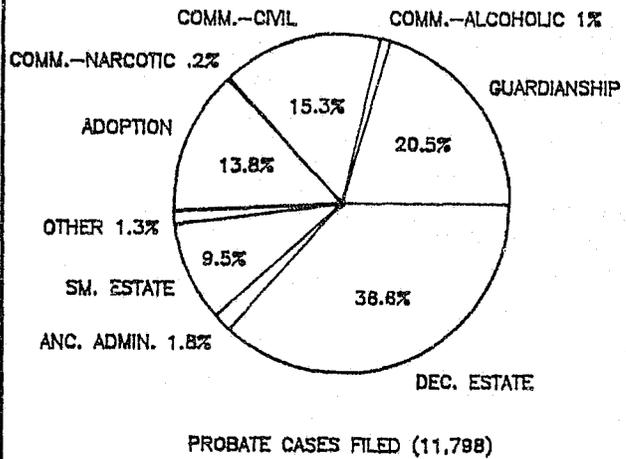
CIVIL



CHANCERY COURT



PROBATE COURT



COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

The establishment of courts of limited jurisdiction is authorized by both the Arkansas Constitution and legislative enactment. At present these courts include: municipal courts, county courts, courts of common pleas, city courts and police courts.

MUNICIPAL COURTS - Municipal courts in the State of Arkansas constitute the principal courts of limited jurisdiction and have county wide jurisdiction. These courts, presided over in most cases by part-time judges, handle a majority of the cases filed within the state. A municipal court can

be established in one of three circumstances: in a "first class city" (those having a population of 2,400 or more); those cities that are the county seat; or by an act of the legislature. At present, there are 124 municipal courts in the state, presided over by 106 judges and assisted by 126 clerks. During the 1987-88 fiscal year the municipal courts of Arkansas reported 444,916 cases filed.

COUNTY COURTS - The county judge presides over the court and is also the business manager of the county. The jurisdiction and powers of the county courts in-

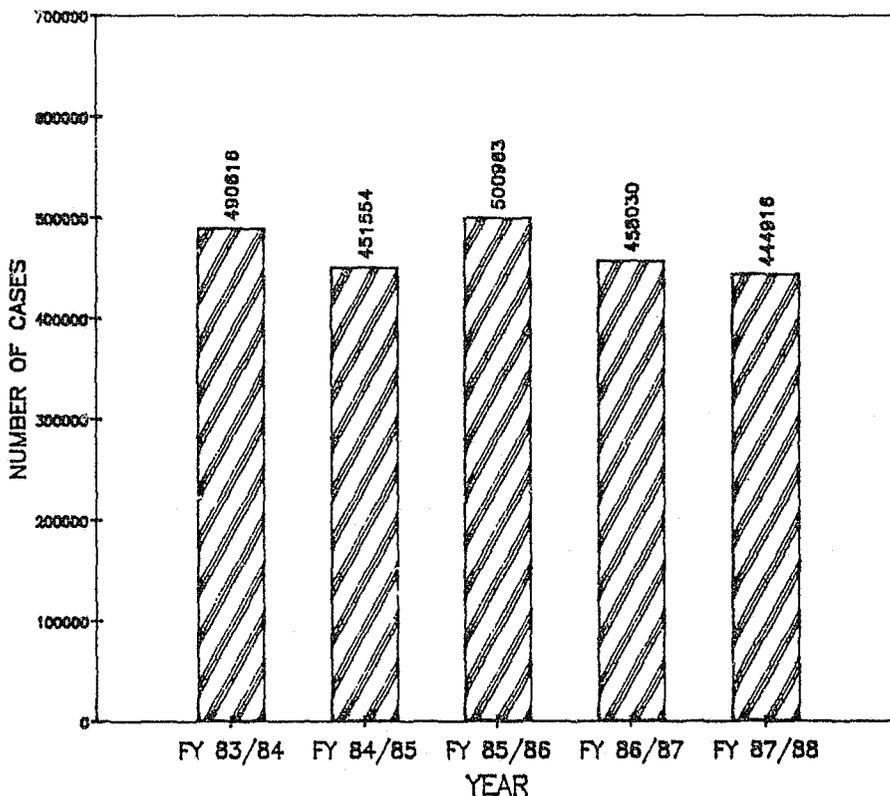
clude: original jurisdiction in all matters relating to county taxes, bastardy cases, paupers, apprenticeship of minors, and, in the absence of the chancellor from the county, the power to issue writs of injunction or restraining orders after an action has commenced. In the absence of the circuit judge, the county judge has the power to issue orders for injunction.

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS - These courts are presided over by the county judge and are limited to civil actions in which the disputed amount does not exceed \$1,000. Only thirteen counties in Arkansas are authorized to have courts of common pleas.

CITY COURTS - These courts, of which there are currently 93, function much the same as municipal courts with these exceptions: they are established in cities with a population of less than 2,400; they only have city wide jurisdiction; and the judge is not required to be an attorney. City courts are presided over by 82 judges and assisted by 98 clerks.

POLICE COURTS - The jurisdiction in these courts is similar to that of city courts, but the judge is elected as a judge, not as the mayor. Arkansas has five existing police courts.

**MUNICIPAL COURT FILINGS
FY 83/84 - FY 87/88**



**THE JUDICIAL
DEPARTMENT**

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

The Judicial Department is the administrative office for the non-judicial business of the courts. The staff consists of: Executive Secretary, Deputy Director, the Systems Division, Deaf Interpreter/Translator, Financial Officer, Legal Research Coordinator, Judicial Education Coordinator, Mental Health Magistrate and Foster Care Magistrate.

The Executive Secretary is responsible for assisting the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court with the administration of the judicial system. He also serves as secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Judicial Council.

The Deputy Director assists the Executive Secretary in all administrative functions and has the primary responsibility of monitoring the fiscal conditions of the courts.

The Systems Division of the Judicial Department has the responsibility for the statewide judicial information system. The Division monitors the uniformity of



Anne McCord (seated), Mental Health Magistrate, hears cases at the State Hospital, assisted by Melinda Amundson (standing), Court Reporter.

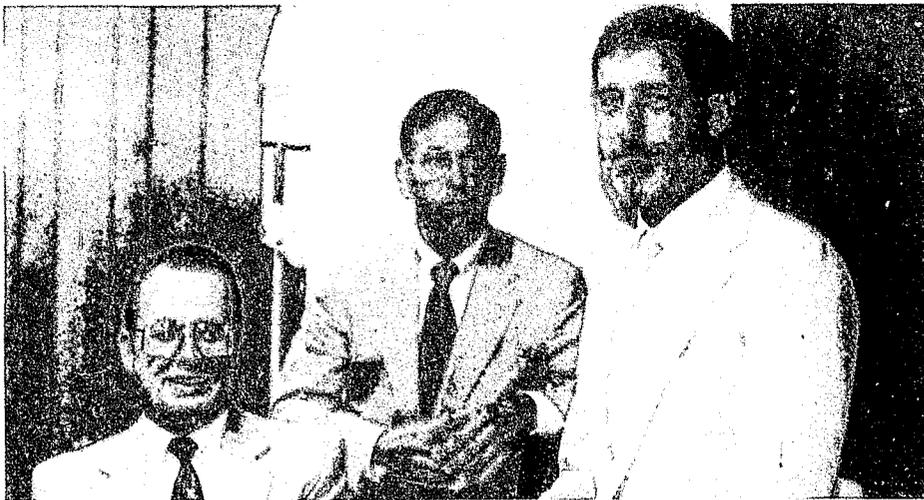
the judicial statistics of the courts and makes recommendations to the Executive Secretary for improvement of the reporting and collection process.

The Systems Division also surveys the courts of record and compiles statistics reflecting their caseloads. In most instances, data is reported on paper forms completed in the clerks' offices and mailed to the Division for computer entry. Several courts have

begun utilizing computers and are sending reports on magnetic media, which can be fed directly into the computer.

The Deaf Interpreter/Translator is responsible for assisting the courts of the state in civil and criminal proceedings where deaf or hearing impaired people are involved. The interpreter is also responsible for developing training programs for other interpreters. During the 1987-88 fiscal year the Deaf Interpreter/Translator assisted in 108 hearings involving deaf citizens.

The Judicial Education Coordinator has the responsibility of planning and implementing seminars and programs involving the courts. During the past fiscal year, the Judicial Department has been able to assist with training to the Arkansas Judicial Council, the Arkansas Municipal Judges Council, court clerks, circuit and chancery case coordinators, juvenile referees and court reporters. The Department also organized a Judicial Writing Seminar taught by faculty from the National Judicial College in Reno. In addition, funds were available to allow for



Jack Marks (left), Systems Analyst, John Stewart (center), Chief of the Systems Division, Pete Neathery (right), Programmer, are responsible for the Judicial Department's computer.

one additional meeting for municipal court judges and clerks. The Coordinator has the added responsibility of editing the quarterly newsletter, *Friends of the Court*, and assisting with the preparation of the annual report.

The Mental Health Magistrate conducts hearings at the State Hospital for the involuntary commitment of persons to the State Hospital. This court offers serv-

ices to all counties in the state except for seven counties in the George W. Jackson Hospital "catchment" area in Northeast Arkansas. The caseload statistics of this office reflect 1,998 hearings docketed during FY 87-88, an increase of 22.4% from the previous fiscal year.

The Foster Care Magistrate hears cases in which the Human Serv-

ices Division of the Department of Social Services files a petition for guardianship in probate courts. The Magistrate has been appointed in 74 counties statewide and travels to the various judicial circuits to hold the necessary hearings. The Magistrate's caseload statistics for FY 87-88 reflect a total of 339 hearings, for an increase of 7.3% from the previous fiscal year.

COURT FINANCES

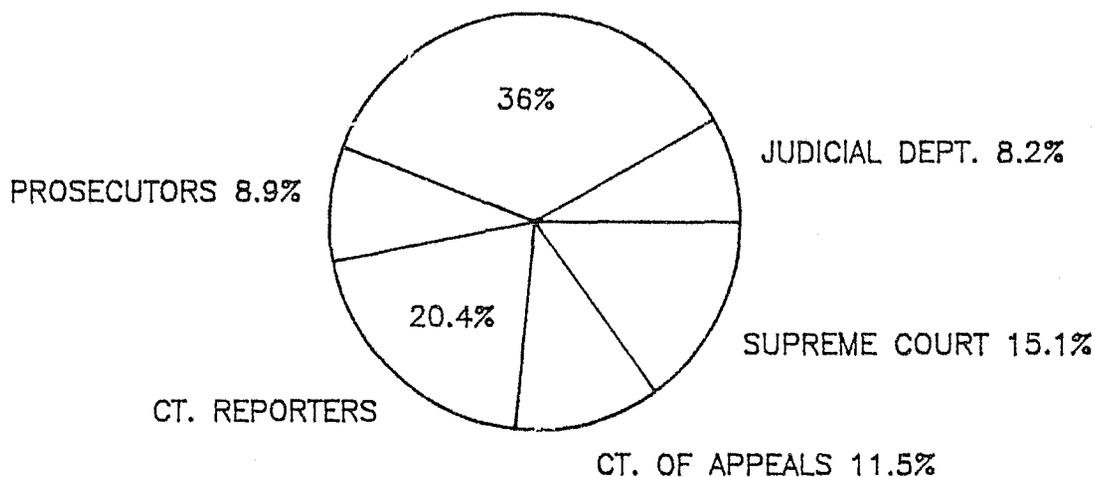
The state portion of the FY 87-88 funding for courts is \$13,370,626. This covers only those costs that are considered a state responsibility. The state assumes salaries and expenses for circuit and chan-

cery judges, court reporters and prosecuting attorneys. The cost of operating the Judicial Department, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals is borne entirely by the state. This cost includes salaries

and all other expenses related to the operation of their offices. The remainder of court funding is provided by county and city government.

ARKANSAS JUDICIARY STATE LEVEL BUDGET SUMMARY

CIRCUIT & CHANCERY JUDGES



FY 87/88 (\$13,370,626)

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS
COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS
FISCAL YEAR 1987-88**

SUPREME COURT COMMITTEES

(Appointed by Supreme Court through per curiam order)

Committees on Rules of Pleading, Practice and Procedure

The Supreme Court has appointed two committees to advise the Court on changes to the Rules of Criminal and Civil Procedure in all courts of the state and to prescribe the time and manner of taking appeals. The committees are to serve as a vehicle for continuous study and review of the rules.

Members of the Criminal Procedure Committee are: Circuit Judge William Enfield, Chairman; H. William Allen, Hugh Robert Edwards, Chief Justice Retired John A. Fogleman, Samuel Perroni, official reporter; Ray Hartenstein, Ray Guzman, Stevan E. Vowell, Circuit/Chancery Judge Philip B. Purifoy, James A. Ross, Jr., Robert Hays Williams, Associate Justice Steele Hays, liaison, and Caran Curry, advisor.

Members of the Civil Procedure Committee are: Circuit Judge Henry Wilkinson, Chairman; Walter B. Cox, H. David Blair, Chancellor Thomas F. Butt, Circuit Judge William Enfield, John P. Gill, O. Wendall Hall Jr., Phillip Hicky, Frank Huckaba, Stephen A. Matthews, Chancellor Jim Gunter, Dennis L. Shackelford, William H. Sutton, Kenneth Gould, William R. Wilson, Jr. and John Watkins. Associate Justice David Newbern is the liaison for this committee.

Committees on Model Jury Instructions

Two committees exist which are

charged with the preparation of Model Jury Instructions, the Committee on Civil Jury Instructions and the Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions. Both committees remain active for the purpose of updating and revising the instructions as needed.

Members of the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee are: John C. Calhoun, Jr., Chairman; Associate Justice Tom Glaze, Retired Circuit Judge Gerald Brown, Circuit Judge William Enfield, Circuit Judge Jack Lessenberry, Wayne Matthews, Ray Guzman, Steve Engstrom, Frank Newell, Fredrick S. Ursery, Tom Carpenter, Larry Carpenter and Associate Justice Retired George Rose Smith.

Members of the Civil Jury Instructions Committee are: Winslow Drummond, Chairman; Philip S. Anderson, Jr., W.H. Arnold, III, H. David Blair, Phillip Carroll, John C. Everett, Robert L. Jones, Jr., James H. McKenzie, Dale Price, Jacob Sharp, Jr., Associate Justice Tom Glaze, Floyd M. Thomas, Jr., Federal Judge Henry Woods, Tilden P. Wright, III, Paul B. Young and Associate Justice Retired George Rose Smith.

Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners

The Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners was established in 1983. This board has the primary responsibility of implementing and administering the rules and regulations of the Court Reporter Certification Program.

The Board is composed of seven members who are appointed by

the Supreme Court. Four of the members are judges of the general jurisdiction or appellate courts, and the remaining three members are court reporters. The members are appointed for a term of three years.

The members of the board are: Circuit Judge Charles H. Eddy, Chairman; Circuit Judge Jack Lessenberry, Circuit Judge John Cole, Chancellor Jim Hannah, Maude Parkman, Maria Lafferty and Sue H. Clark.

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

This committee has the responsibility of receiving and investigating complaints against persons charged with practicing law without a license.

One member is appointed from each congressional district. Three members are appointed at large. The at-large members of the committee are non-lawyers. Members of the committee are: Zack Wilson, Chairman; Kathleen Bell, Jerry Pinson, Carolyn Clegg, Mel Orender, Wayne Hartsfield and Ernest B. Matkin, Jr.

State Board of Law Examiners

This Board prepares the questions for the Bar examinations conducted twice yearly, grades the papers of those taking the examinations and certifies to the Court the names of those who pass. It also investigates and recommends applicants for admission by reciprocity.

Members of the Board are appointed for a term of three years. Two members are appointed from

each congressional district, with three members appointed at large. Hayward Battle is the Executive Secretary. Members are: Michael L. Gibson, W. Frank Morledge, Gale Stewart, James R. Wallace, E. Lamar Pettus, Roy E. Stanley, Martin G. Gilbert, Dennis L. Shackelford, James H. Pilkinton, Jr., Joyce Warren and A. Watson Bell.

Committee on Professional Conduct

The Committee on Professional Conduct receives and investigates complaints against attorneys who are charged with professional misconduct. Activity of this committee is financed by a portion of the annual license fees.

Members of the committee are appointed by the Supreme Court to serve seven year terms. The committee is comprised of seven members. One is appointed from each congressional district and

three are appointed at large. Members of the committee are: Berl Smith, Chairman; Sam Ed Gibson, Gary B. Isbell, Damon Young, Sue Winter, Nancy M. Wood and Darrell F. Brown. Mike Gaines, the only full-time employee, is the Executive Secretary of the Committee.

Client Security Fund Committee

This committee is authorized to consider claims of clients who have suffered losses by reason of dishonesty of attorneys who represented them. The committee is authorized to pay such claims (within limits) from a fund established by the Court and supported by a portion of the annual license fee. The committee is comprised of five members. One member is appointed at large and the remainder from each Congressional District. The members are: Meredith

Catlett, Chairman; James V. King, Secretary; Donald P. Raney, Dewain Hodge and Joe E. Woodward.

Board of Legal Specialization

The Board of Legal Specialization is responsible for the drafting, publishing, implementation and enforcement of the standards, rules and regulations that govern how attorneys may represent themselves to the public as specialists in one or more fields of law or law practice.

The members of the Board are: Tim Boe, Chairman; Bill Penix, Richard Hatfield, Thomas B. Burke, Charles A. Ledbetter, Toney D. McMillian, Oliver Clegg, and Larry Yancey.

The Advisory Commission is composed of: George L. McClure, Sr., Chairman; Laverne Feaster, Carol Williams, Dr. James M. Sloan and Fred I. Brown.

OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS AND BOARDS

(The following organizations, which are not created by Supreme Court per curiam Order, are active within the judicial branch)

Arkansas Judicial Council, Inc.

The Judicial Council consists of the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, Judges of the Circuit and Chancery Courts and retired judges. The Council was organized to foster and preserve the integrity, dignity and independence of the judiciary; to promote uniformity and dispatch in judicial administration; to develop, implement and maintain a program of judicial

education for assisting members newly elected or appointed to the bench; to provide continuing judicial education for members, accommodating the diverse needs of chancellors, circuit judges and appellate justices; and to select members of the Judicial Retirement Board.

The Judicial Council meets in the spring and fall each year. During the meetings, educational presentations are provided and the subcommittees meet to discuss

issues that might affect the judiciary.

Officers are: Chancellor Eugene "Kayo" Harris, President; Circuit Judge John M. Graves, Vice-President; Christopher Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

Municipal Judges Council, Inc.

The Municipal Judges Council was formed as a voluntary organization to promote the effective-

ness of the municipal courts and to provide a comprehensive educational program for all municipal judges.

The Municipal Judges Council meets twice a year. Educational topics are presented and a business meeting is held to elect officers and discuss issues that concern municipal courts.

Officers of the Council are: David Hale, President; Alan Epley, First Vice-President; Leroy Froman, Second Vice-President; and Edwin Alderson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Judicial Retirement Board

The Judicial Retirement Board was created to determine the eligibility for retirement or disability of judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit and Chancery Courts.

The members of the Board are selected and serve at the pleasure of the State Judicial Council. The members are: Associate Justice Robert Dudley, Chairman; Circuit/Chancery Judge Gayle Ford and Circuit Judge John Graves.

Judicial Ethics Committee

The Judicial Ethics Committee was created in 1977 and became operational in December of 1978. The committee has the following

powers and duties: 1) to investigate formal charges or complaints or alleged violations of laws, canons of judicial ethics, and the mental or physical disability of members of the Supreme, Circuit, Chancery and Municipal Courts which affect their competency or ability to perform the duties of their office; and 2) to prepare and file with the General Assembly a bill of charges, specifying the misconduct or disability with which a member of the judicial branch is charged, whenever the committee believes there is probable cause for discipline or removal from office.

The committee is composed of five members, appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees. The members of the committee are: Meredith Wine-land, Chairman; George Steel, Jr., Garland Ridenour, Dale Price and Don Smith.

Code Revision Commission

This commission, established by statute, is responsible for publishing amendments to the statutes of Arkansas. During the 1987 legislative session the name of the commission was changed to the Arkansas Code Revision Commission and its duties were enlarged to provide for continuing review, revision, codification and updating of the statutes.

Supreme Court appointees to the commission are: William S. Arnold, Chairman; Douglas O. Smith, Jr. and William H. Sutton. Other commissioners are: R.B. Friedlander, Lawrence Averill, J.W. Looney, Senator Mike Beebe and Representative J.L. Shaver, Jr. Vince Henderson serves as Director of the Commission.

Adult Probation Commission

The Adult Probation Commission was established to make probation services available throughout the state, to improve the effectiveness of probation services, to provide alternatives to incarceration and to establish uniform probation administration standards.

The commission consists of nine members, five of whom are circuit judges who hear criminal cases and four who are private citizens not employed in the criminal justice system. Members serve a term of six years. Commission members are: Michael O'Brien, Chairman; Circuit Judge Cecil Tedder, Vice-Chairman; Circuit Judge Stark Ligon, Circuit/Chancery Judge Hugh Lookadoo, Circuit/Chancery Judge Gayle Ford, James Haddock, Lucretia McDonald and Rev. Tyrone Broomfield. Linda Oldner serves as Director of the Commission.

COURT PERSONNEL

**SUPREME COURT, LAW
CLERKS AND SECRETARIES**

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr.
Mike Rosenthal, Clerk
William Campbell, Clerk
Haley Yaniger, Admin. Asst.

Justice Darrell Hickman
Catherine Templeton, Clerk
Carla R. Nadzam, Clerk
Hilda Thomas, Secretary

Justice John Purtle
James Powell, Clerk
Scott Howard, Clerk
Linda Frasure, Secretary

Justice Robert Dudley
Patricia Luppen, Clerk
Richard Robinson, Clerk
Dee Hickman, Secretary

Justice Steele Hays
Dorothy Crookshank, Clerk
Drake Mann, Clerk
Joan Hunter, Secretary

Justice David Newbern
Valerie Denton, Clerk
Pamela Marshall, Clerk
Ann West, Secretary

Justice Tom Glaze
Stacy McCord, Clerk
Barry Ward, Clerk
Martha Williamson, Secretary

SUPREME COURT STAFF

Leslie Steen, Clerk
Robin Horne, Chief Deputy
Clerk
Janie Owen, Deputy Clerk
C.J. "Kit" Acklin, Deputy Clerk
Rae Warren, Deputy Clerk
Todd Griffin, Deputy Clerk
Jacqueline Wright, Librarian
Margaret Anne Beam, Assis-
tant Librarian
Timothy Neal Holthoff, Library
Technical Assistant

Marlo Bush, Reporter of
Decisions
Susan Stevens, Assistant
Reporter
Sue Newbery, Criminal
Justice Coordinator
Kris Baber, Assistant to the
Criminal Justice Coordinator
Pam Dodson, Secretary

**COURT OF APPEALS, LAW
CLERKS AND SECRETARIES**

Chief Judge Don Corbin
Karen Rogers, Clerk
Jennifer Farmer, Clerk
Marilyn Cuffman,
Secretary

Judge George Cracraft
Curtis Hampton, Clerk
Cindy Fearn, Clerk
Linda Wortsell,
Secretary

Judge Jim Cooper
Deborah Johns, Clerk
Mike Spencer, Clerk
Judy Cooper, Secretary

Judge John Jennings
Pat Dolson, Clerk
Millie Hansen, Clerk
Sherry Craven,
Secretary

Judge Melvin Mayfield
Emma Jane Ohnemus, Clerk
Marian Epperson, Clerk
Mary Mayfield,
Secretary

Judge Beth Gladden Coulson
Bill Jones, Clerk
Omar Greene, Jr., Clerk
Lesa Morgan, Secretary

COURT OF APPEALS STAFF

Larry Jegley, Chief Staff
Attorney

Kathy Holt, Staff Attorney
Rita Cunningham, Staff Attorney
Melissa Fuller, Chief
Deputy Clerk
Denise Parks, Deputy Clerk
Greta Bivens, Deputy Clerk
Ray Allen Waters, Deputy Clerk
Rose Doan, Deputy Clerk
Debbie Garner, Secretary
Janet Dean, Receptionist

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
STAFF**

Christopher Thomas, Executive
Secretary
Jack Jarrett, Deputy Director
John Stewart, Chief-Systems
Division
Elizabeth Dowling, Foster Care
Magistrate
Elizabeth Anne McCord, Mental
Health Magistrate
Shirley Herald, Court Transla-
tor/Interpreter
Keith Caviness, Research Coor-
dinator
Rose Stewart, Financial Officer
Kay Boothman, Judicial Educa-
tion Coordinator
Jack Marks, Systems Analyst
Pete Neathery, Programmer
Eileen Parins, Data Auditor II
Dinda Hemphill, Data Auditor II
Elizabeth Jose, Data Auditor I
Ben Houston, Data Auditor I
Sue Blenden, Data Auditor I
Karin Greenberg, Intake Officer
Karolyn Bond, Court Reporter
Melinda Amundson, Court
Reporter
Marvie Toms, Court Reporter
Nancy Jewell, Office Manager
Joyce Duran, Secretary
Connie Binz, Secretary

Note: All personnel noted in this
section reflect only those who were
in employment with the judicial
system during the 1987-88 fiscal
year.

CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY JUDGES

CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT JUDGE	CHANCELLOR
1	Henry Wilkinson Harvey Yates	John Pittman Bentley Story
2	Olan Parker, Jr. David Burnett Gerald Pearson	Graham Partlow Howard Templeton Rice Van Ausdall
3	Harold Erwin	Tom L. Hilburn
4	Mahlon Gibson Kim Smith	Thomas F. Butt John Lineberger
5	John S. Patterson	Richard Mobley
6	David Bogard Tom F. Digby Jack Lessenberry John W. Langston Floyd Lofton Perry Whitmore	Ellen Brantley John Earl Lee A. Munson Judith Rogers
7	John W. Cole	Robert Garrett
8	John W. Goodson *Philip B. Purifoy	Jim Gunter
9-E	*Hugh Lookadoo	
9-W	*Ted Capeheart	
10	Paul K. Roberts Stark Ligon	Jerry Mazzanti Robert Gibson
11-E	*Russell Rogers	
11-W	H.A. Taylor Randall Williams *Berlin Jones	Lawrence Dawson Eugene Harris
12	John Holland Floyd Rogers *Don Ray Langston	Warren Kimbrough Harry Foltz
13	Harry F. Barnes John Graves	Charles Plunkett Ed Jones
14	Robert M. McCorkindale, II	Roger V. Logan, Jr.
15	Charles H. Eddy	Van Taylor
16	John Dan Kemp	Carl McSpadden
17-E	Cecil Tedder	Jim Hannah
17-W	*Jim Burnett	
18-E	Walter Wright	John Robbins
18-W	*Gayle Ford	
19	William Enfield *Tom Keith	Oliver Adams
20	Francis Donovan	Andre McNeil

*Circuit/Chancery & Probate Judge

COURT REPORTERS

CASE COORDINATORS

<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Circuit Reporter</u>	<u>Chancery Reporter</u>	<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Circuit Coordinator</u>	<u>Chancery Coordinator</u>
1	Charlene Chandler Nancy Norman	Beverly Campbell Carla Astin	4	Saundra Gibson Joan Lester	Tamara Duncan Barbara Lineberger
2	Barbara Fisher Al Barnett Clyde Still	Margie Arwood William Kisselburg Cecilia Ragsdale	5	Roberta Golden	
3	Evelyn Stackhouse	Anita Howard	6	Terri Hughes Veda Rutherford Ann Mehlin	1st Div. Beverly Bryant 2nd Div. Bobbi Vinson 3rd Div. Debbie Hall
4	Debbie Miller Karen Morrow	Darlene Taylor Cathy Gardisser		Adele Evans Jodie Laster Trudy Jacobson	4th Div. Tommie Ellis 5th Div. 6th Div.
5	Johna Roedenbeck	Ruth Teal	7	Melinda Nall	
6	Nina S. Flack Patricia Shinn Raymia Baucom Loretta Johnson Ellen Kuciejski Genie Power	Lana Guess Jacqueline L. Bell Bill McFarland Maudine Day	8	*Mary Pankey	Donna Watkins
			9-E	*Paula Doss	
			9-W	*Esther Capeheart	
			11-E	*Stacy Sebree	
7	Lois Green	Sally Cox	11-W	Eva Glover Docie Johnson	Maria Lafferty Shirley Stewart
8	Jewell Benson *Betty Voltz	Carl Arrington		*Annette Evans	
9-E	*Mary Dixon		12	**Denora Coomer Janet Smith Sandy Helmert	Jackie Railey Susan Clifton
9-W	*Elizabeth McAlister			*Carol Langston	
10	Nan Coburn Mike Ashcraft	Bobby Painton Marilyn Ashcraft	13	Sandra Smith	
11-E	*Jill Barber		14	Barbara Lucas	Fran Lair
11-W	Barbara H. Bryant Joan Williams *Nila Keels	Phoebe Spharler Maria Lafferty	15	Pat McVey	Lea Ellen Witt
			16	Donna Sullivan	
12	Barbara Walker Wylie Brewer *Joan Douglas	Rebecca Kimbrough Brenda Thompson	17-E	Rhonda Roberts	JoAnn Brown
			17-W	*Jeannie Pack	
13	Marian Schmidt Eloise Paulus	Sherry Freeland L. Sue M. Bell	18-E	Debbie Lovelace	Jana Hawley
14	Patti Honeycutt	Patty Frederick	18-W	*Glenda Yahn	
15	Laverne Ball	Larry Shepherd	19	Linda Jackson *Terri Womack	Sidney Hewgley
16	Fay Dilbeck	Patsy Newcomb	20	Charlotte Garrett	Penny Blake
17-E	Allen Hill	Linda Goforth			
17-W	*Kathy Minton				
18-E	Terry Jackson	Mary Hill			
18-W	*Joyce Wolfe				
19	Kenneth W. Dover *Joyce Cooper	Janis Hall			
20	Carol Simmons	Rita Collums			

* Combined Court Reporter for Circuit and Chancery

*Combined Coordinator for Circuit and Chancery
**Trial Court Administrator

CIRCUIT CLERKS, COUNTY CLERKS, JUVENILE REFEREES

<u>County</u>	<u>Circuit Clerk</u>	<u>County Clerk</u>	<u>Juvenile Referee</u>
ARKANSAS	Joan Pollard	Vicki Sherman	***
ASHLEY	C. Dean Nelson	Sarah Atkins	Tim Tarvin
BAXTER	Linda Thrasher	Linda Thrasher	Ron Kincade
BENTON	Sue Hodges	Mary Lou Slinkard	Blaine Jackson
BOONE	Helen Speer	David Witty	Bill Doshier*
BRADLEY	Catherine Richardson	Ioma McKinney	Bill Wells
CALHOUN	Harold Watson	Harold Watson	Ronnie A. Phillips
CARROLL	Jackie Bunch	Stephen Swofford	Kent Coxsey
CHICOT	Gladys Hicks	Kathy P. Johnson	O.C. Burnside
CLARK	Billy C. Williams	Lynda C. Franklin	John Jackson
CLAY	Gary N. Magee	Lavon Smart	Gary Garland
CLEBURNE	Wetzel Stark	Wetzel Stark	Stephen Choate
CLEVELAND	John T. Reed	John T. Reed	Ronnie A. Phillips
COLUMBIA	Harold Rogers	Nell Marie Smith	Rodney Chambers
CONWAY	Bobby Epperson	Jerry R. Scroggins	Bart Virden
CRAIGHEAD	Pat Fleetwood	Harold Thompson	William L. Howard
CRAWFORD	Linda Howard	Harold D. Loyd	Paul D. Gant
CRITTENDEN	Mary S. Besett	Sallye B. Brady	W.P. Rainey
CROSS	Vernon Horton	Joline Norris	***
DALLAS	Norma Castleberry	Norma Castleberry	Ronnie A. Phillips
DESHA	Gale M. Rowland	Brenda Smith	Brooks Gill
DREW	Vivian Harris	W. "Mike" Cavaness	Sam Bird
FAULKNER	Sharon Rimmer	Ruben Goss	***
FRANKLIN	Janis Morris	Mary Williams	Gregory P. McKenzie
FULTON	Gene Magufee	Gene Magufee	Jim Short
GARLAND	Calvin Sanders	Nancy Jean Johnson	Ron Naramore
GRANT	Maurice Shoptaw	Maurice Shoptaw	J. Larry Allen
GREENE	Mildred Gramling	Nadine Jamison	Jon Williams
HEMPSTEAD	Carolyn Neel	Velora Haltom	***
HOT SPRING	Ralph Parrish	Carole Burns	Mark Roberts
HOWARD	Kay McClure	Shirley Dildy	Edwin J. Alford***
INDEPENDENCE	Ron Webb	Margaret Boothby	Linda Boone
IZARD	Charles Cheatham	Charles Cheatham	Connie Barksdale*
JACKSON	Donald Daniels	Geneva Leland	***
JEFFERSON	Dorothy Pearson	A.G. "Abe" Stone	Jimmy D. Joyce
JOHNSON	Betty Hardgrave	Lynda Hickenbottom	Benny E. Swindell
LAFAYETTE	Tom Stevens	Diane Fletcher	***
LAWRENCE	Carolyn Hayes	Vurnece H. Jones	***
LEE	Willa Dean Spath	Pat Wilson	***
LINCOLN	Vera B. Reynolds	Virginia B. Adcox	R. Victor Harper
LITTLE RIVER	Helen M. Green	Delores Pullen	John C. Finley, III
LOGAN	Debbie Williams	Sonja C. Fletcher	Brian Mueller
LONOKE	Mary Jane Hallum	Myrtle Finch	Joe O'Bryan
MADISON	Shirley Allred	Herbert Hathorn	W.Q. Hall
MARION	Lois Stonecipher	Lois Stonecipher	***
MILLER	Judy C. Langley	Ann Nicholas	Joe E. Griffin
MISSISSIPPI	Donna DiCicco	JoAnn Morgan	Max Harrison
MONROE	Phyllis Stinson	Janet E. Tweedle	***
MONTGOMERY	Jo Neil Morphew	Jo Neil Morphew	William H. McKimm
NEVADA	Louise Haynie	Nell Grifford	***
NEWTON	Clinton Daniels	Clinton Daniels	Thomas Martin **
OUACHITA	Elizabeth Eppinette	Juanita Biggers	John E. Gaughan, III
PERRY	Barbara L. Lovell	Barbara L. Lovell	***
PHILLIPS	Wanda McIntosh	Kay Benz	John Anderson
PIKE	Dian Henderson	Dian Henderson	John Jackson
POINSETT	Barbara Eastin	Ralph L. Walker	Patricia Van Ausdall
POLK	Linda Jones	Pat Myers	Jerry Ryan
POPE	Juanita Barber	Don Johnson	Dale Finley
PRAIRIE	Nancy Guthrie	Nancy Guthrie	Robert Abney

CIRCUIT CLERKS, COUNTY CLERKS, JUVENILE REFEREES, cont'd

<u>County</u>	<u>Circuit Clerk</u>	<u>County Clerk</u>	<u>Juvenile Referee</u>
PULASKI	Jacquetta Alexander Alice Holcomb	Carolyn Staley	Vicky Sandage Angela Jegley ***
RANDOLPH	Jack Wilson	Phyllis French	B. Michael Easley
ST. FRANCIS	W.C. "Bill" Gatling	Dick Krablin	Paul K. Lancaster
SALINE	James H. Seals	George Ramsey	Donald Goodner
SCOTT	Evelyn Ammons	Evelyn Ammons	***
SEARCY	Deris L. Adams	Deris L. Adams	Sherry Carber
SEBASTIAN	Peggy Watson	Betty Jaber	Robert Lowery ***
SEVIER	Ann Miller	Sandra Dunn	Jeff Dobbins
SHARP	Tommy Estes	Tommy Estes	Michael Landers ***
STONE	Glenda White	Glenda White	Earl Hafer
UNION	Carol Nesbit	Josephine Proctor	A. Watson Bell ***
VAN BUREN	Maurice Stoltzfus	Maurice Stoltzfus	Randall Dixon
WASHINGTON	Alma Kollmeyer	Marilyn Edwards	
WHITE	Alice Barker	Mary Mann	
WOODRUFF	Forrestine Taggart	Pat Rives	
YELL	Carolyn Morris	Carolyn Morris	

*Circuit Judge hears cases.

**Chancery Judge hears cases.

***Circuit and Chancery Judges hear cases.

MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND CLERKS

<u>CITY/County</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
ARKADELPHIA/Clark	B.W. Sanders	Elizabeth Garner
ASHDOWN/Little River	John C. Finley, III	Ernestene Lewis
ASH FLAT/Sharp	Kevin King	Doris Wright
AUGUSTA/Woodruff	Ray A. Waters, Jr.	Tanya Baker
BATESVILLE/Independence	Roy Edward Thomas	Brenda Bobrosky
BEEBE/White	Thomas Hughes, III	Ruby Baker
BENTON/Saline	Paul K. "Pete" Lancaster	Diane Mattison
BENTON COUNTY-WEST/Benton	Thurston Thompson	Julia Bowman
BENTONVILLE/Benton	John Skaggs	Caroline McElroy
BERRYVILLE/Carroll	H. Paul Jackson	Thelma Bohannan
BISCOE/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Carolyn Prince
BLYTHEVILLE/Mississippi	Max B. Harrison	Dorothy Besharse
BOONEVILLE/Logan	C. Richard Lippard	Marie Hill
BRINKLEY/Monroe	Larry Horton	Dot Glover
BRYANT/Saline	D. Derrell Davis	Dianne Pittman
CABOT/Lonoke	Lance Hanshaw	Marva Verkler
CAMDEN/Ouachita	Edwin A. Keaton	Corin Blackwood
CARLISLE/Lonoke	Joseph V. Svoboda	Vicki L. Elder
CHARLESTON/Franklin	Stephen A. White	Dorena J. Smith
CLARENDON/Monroe	Robert Serio	Tammy Ellis
CLARKSVILLE/Johnson	Len Bradley	Marlene Dugan
CLINTON/Van Buren	Stephen E. James	Liz James
CONWAY/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Shirley Garrett
CORNING/Clay	Guy Brinkley	Donna Ernest
CROSSETT/Ashley	W.P. Switzer	Teresa Stanley
DARDANELLE/Yell	Ken Helton	Linda Goocher
DeQUEEN/Sevier	Robert L. Lowery	Marceline Robinson
DERMOTT/Chicot	Don E. Glover	Linda Bolding
DEVALLS BLUFF/Prairie	Gary B. Rogers	Peggy Murphy
De WITT/Arkansas	Claude Jenkins	Elizabeth Ferguson

MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND CLERKS, cont'd

CITY/County

DUMAS/Desha
 EAST CAMDEN/Ouachita
 EL DORADO/Union
 ELKINS/Washington
 ENGLAND/Lonoke
 EUDORA/Chicot
 EUREKA SPRINGS/Carroll
 FAYETTEVILLE/Washington
 FORDYCE/Dallas

FORREST CITY/St. Francis
 FORT SMITH/Sebastian
 GOULD/Lincoln
 GRADY/Lincoln
 GREENWOOD/Sebastian
 HAMBURG/Ashley
 HAMPTON/Calhoun

HARRISBURG/Poinsett
 HARRISON/Boone

HAZEN/Prairie
 HEBER SPRINGS/Cleburne
 HELENA/Phillips
 HOPE/Hempstead
 HOT SPRINGS/Garland
 HUNTSVILLE/Madison
 JACKSONVILLE/Pulaski
 JASPER/Newton
 JONESBORO/Craighead
 LAKE CITY/Craighead
 LAKE VILLAGE/Chicot
 LEPANTO/Poinsett
 LEWISVILLE/Lafayette
 LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski
 LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski
 LONOKE/Lonoke
 McCRORY/Woodruff
 McGEHEE/Desha
 MAGNOLIA/Columbia
 MALVERN/Hot Spring
 MARIANNA/Lee

MARION COUNTY/Marion
 MARKED TREE/Poinsett
 MARSHALL/Searcy
 MAUMELLE/Pulaski
 MELBOURNE/Izard
 MENA/Polk
 MONTICELLO/Drew
 MORRILTON/Conway
 MOUNT IDA/Montgomery
 MOUNTAIN HOME/Baxter

MOUNTAIN VIEW/Stone
 MURFREESBORO/Pike
 NASHVILLE/Howard
 NEWPORT/Jackson

Judge

L. David Stubbs
 Edwin Keaton
 Edwin B. Alderson, Jr.
 Ray Reynolds
 Joseph Svoboda
 David Gillison, Jr.
 Alan D. Epley
 Charles N. Williams
 Grady R. Colvin

John D. Bridgforth
 John Settle
 Murray F. Armstrong
 Murray F. Armstrong
 David R. Rogers
 Tim Tarvin
 Ron A. Phillips

Patricia Van Ausdall
 Donald J. West

Gary B. Rogers
 Stephen Choate
 Edward Grauman
 James H. Pilkinton, Jr.
 John Homer Wright
 W. Q. Hall
 Robert Batton
 Karen B. Walker
 W. F. "Bill" Webster
 W. F. "Bill" Webster
 David Gillison, Jr.
 Steve Inboden
 Patsy Robinson
 Allan Dishongh
 Bill Watt
 Lance Hanshaw
 Richard Proctor
 Robert M. Smith
 Rodney T. Chambers
 William C. Gilliam
 Dan Felton, III

Kenneth Smith
 Burk Dabney
 Jerry D. Patterson
 David Pake
 Connie B. Barksdale
 James D. Stoker
 William R. Daniels
 James Scott Adams
 William H. McKim
 John Crain

Navada Richardson
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 OSCEOLA/Mississippi
 OZARK/Franklin
 PARAGOULD/Greene
 PARIS/Logan
 PERRYVILLE/Perry
 PIGGOTT/Clay
 PINE BLUFF/Jefferson
 POCAHONTAS/Randolph
 PRAIRIE GROVE/Washington
 PRESCOTT/Nevada
 PULASKI COUNTY/Pulaski
 RECTOR/Clay
 RISON/Cleveland
 ROGERS/Benton
 RUSSELLVILLE/Pope
 SALEM/Fulton
 SEARCY/White
 SHERIDAN/Grant
 SHERWOOD/Pulaski
 SILOAM SPRINGS/Benton
 SPRINGDALE/Washington
 STAR CITY/Lincoln

STUTTGART/Arkansas
 TEXARKANA/Miller
 TRUMANN/Poinsett
 TYRONZA/Poinsett
 ULM/Prairie
 VAN BUREN/Crawford
 WALDRON/Scott
 WALNUT RIDGE/Lawrence
 WARREN/Bradley
 WEST FORK/Washington
 WEST HELENA/Phillips
 WEST MEMPHIS/Crittenden
 WHITE HALL/Jefferson
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 J. E. "Rusty" Porter, Jr.
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 ALMA/Crawford
 ALTHEIMER/Jefferson
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 AMITY/Clark
 ARKANSAS CITY/Desha
 ATKINS/Pope
 AUSTIN/Lonoke
 BALD KNOB/White
 BARLING/Sebastian
 BEARDEN/Ouachita
 BLACK ROCK/Lawrence

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BUCKNER/Lafayette
BULL SHOALS/Marion
CALICO ROCK/Izard
CAMMACK VILLAGE/Pulaski
CAVE SPRINGS/Benton
COTTER/Baxter
COTTON PLANT/Woodruff
DAMASCUS/Faulkner
DIAZ/Jackson
DOVER/Pope
EARLE/Crittenden*
ELAINE/Phillips
EMMET/Nevada
FARMINGTON/Washington
FLIPPEN/Marion
FOREMAN/Little River
FOUKE/Miller
GASSVILLE/Baxter
GILLETT/Arkansas
GLENWOOD/Pike
GOSNELL/Mississippi
GRAVETTE/Benton
GREEN FOREST/Carroll
GREENBRIER/Faulkner
GREENLAND/Washington
GREERS FERRY/Cleburne
GURDON/Clark
GUY/Faulkner
HOLLY GROVE/Monroe*
HORSESHOE BEND/Izard
HOXIE/Lawrence
HUGHES/St. Francis
HUMNOKE/Lonoke
HUMPHREY/Arkansas
JOHNSON/Washington
JUDSONIA/White
KENSETT/White
LEACHVILLE/Mississippi*
LEXA/Phillips
LINCOLN/Washington
LONDON/Pope
LOWELL/Benton
McRAE/White
MADISON/St. Francis
MAGAZINE/Logan
MANILA/Mississippi*
MARION/Crittenden*
MARMADUKE/Greene
MARVELL/Phillips
MAYFLOWER/Faulkner
MOUNTAIN PINE/Garland
MOUNTAINBURG/Crawford
MULBERRY/Crawford
NORPHLET/Union
PALESTINE/St. Francis

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PANGBURN/White
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PARKIN/Cross
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PEA RIDGE/Benton
PORTIA/Lawrence
POTTSVILLE/Pope
QUITMAN/Cleburne
REDFIELD/Jefferson
ROSE BUD/White
SHANNON HILLS/Pulaski
SMACKOVER/Union
STAMPS/Lafayette
STEPHENS/Ouachita
SULPHUR SPRINGS/ Benton
SUMMIT/Marion
SUNSET/Crittenden
TAYLOR//Columbia
THORNTON/Calhoun
TRASKWOOD/Saline
TUCKERMAN/Jackson
VILONIA/Faulkner
WALDO/Columbia
WARD/Lonoke
WHEATLEY/St. Francis
WILMOT/Ashley
WILSON/Mississippi
WRIGHTSVILLE/Pulaski

Judge

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Benson Hart
Edie Deal
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Marie Kahland
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Diann Parker
Sunshine Sutton
Margie Wagnon
Elizabeth Newell
Cynthia Finley
Delois Lewis
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Ben Frank
Barbara Fields
Joyce Goff
Gladys Baldwin
Jennie Sue Woods
Betty McClain
Mary Butler
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TABLE 1 SUPREME COURT APPEAL ACTIVITY

	APPEALS				TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	By Opinion	By Dismissal	By Transfer	By Other
APPEALS								
CRIMINAL	80	143	156	67	136	11	7	2
Felony	50	85	100	35	86	7	5	2
Capital	11	15	14	12	14	0	0	0
Post-Conviction	16	37	33	20	29	3	1	0
Misdemeanor	3	6	9	0	7	1	1	0
CIVIL	127	257	301	83	242	37	20	2
Law	88	174	210	52	173	25	10	2
Equity	33	72	75	30	57	11	7	0
Probate	6	11	16	1	12	1	3	0
TOTAL	207	400	457	150	378	48	27	4

TABLE 2 SUPREME COURT PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated		Pending End
			Granted	Denied	
PETITIONS					
CRIMINAL	29	204	45	159	29
Post-Conviction	18	77	6	82	7
Certiorari	3	8	3	4	4
Rehearing	0	23	0	20	3
Review	1	16	1	13	3
Rule on Clerk	7	63	33	32	5
Other	0	17	2	8	7
CIVIL	14	215	40	171	18
Certiorari	0	5	3	2	0
Rehearing	5	72	5	66	6
Review	2	49	9	40	2
Rule on Clerk	3	36	9	27	3
Other	4	53	14	36	7
TOTAL	43	419	85	330	47

TABLE 3 SUPREME COURT WRITTEN OPINIONS

WRITTEN OPINIONS

	<u>Majority</u>	<u>Concurring</u>	<u>Dissenting</u>	<u>Dissenting/ Concurring In Part</u>	<u>Total</u>
Holt	54*	1	3	0	58
Hickman	49*	13	17	3	82
Purtle	46* *	16	50	5	117
Dudley	54* *	2	4	0	60
Hays	52*	4	23	0	79
Newbern	59* *	6	4	0	69
Glaze	52	21	17	1	91
Special Justice	10	1	2	0	13
Subtotal	376	64	120	9	569
Per Curiam	221	0	0	0	221
Total	597	64	120	9	790

* Includes 1 Supplemental Opinion

* * Includes 2 Supplemental Opinions

TABLE 4 SUPREME COURT APPEAL DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	<u>CRIMINAL</u>					<u>CIVIL</u>				
	<u>Post Conviction</u>	<u>Other Felony</u>	<u>Capital Felony</u>	<u>Misde- meanor</u>	<u>Sub- Total</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Pro- bate</u>	<u>Sub- Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Affirmed	16	53	7	1	77	94	28	7	129	206
Reversed	0	4	0	0	4	7	3	0	10	14
Reversed and Remanded	2	12	5	3	22	49	11	1	61	83
Dismissed w/o Opinion	3	7	0	1	11	25	11	1	37	48
Affirmed/Part- Reversed/Part	0	2	0	1	3	3	3	1	7	10
Reversed and Dismissed	0	2	0	2	4	1	2	0	3	7
Dismissed with Opinion	0	3	0	0	3	14	4	0	18	21
Affirmed as Modified	0	1	2	0	3	2	0	3	5	8
Transferred to Court Appeals	1	5	0	1	7	10	7	3	20	27
Other*	0	2	0	0	2	5	6	0	11	13
Subtotal	22	91	14	9	136	210	75	16	301	437
Per Curiam Opinions	11	9	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	20
Total	33	100	14	9	156	210	75	16	301	457
**Oral Arguments	1	4	8	0	13	40	12	0	52	65

*Included in this category are those opinions that were Affirmed in part, Reversed and remanded in part; Affirmed as modified and remanded; Modified and remanded; Affirmed and remanded; Consolidated with another case.

** 1 Oral on Writ of Prohibition - CR 88-20

TABLE 5 COURT OF APPEALS APPEAL ACTIVITY

	APPEALS				TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	By Opinion	By Dismissal	By Transfer	By Other
APPEALS								
CRIMINAL	120	285	235	170	205	13	17	0
Felony	86	231	186	131	163	11	12	0
Misdemeanor	34	54	49	39	42	2	5	0
CIVIL	191	422	440	173	331	49	59	1
Law	117	219	258	78	192	28	38	0
Equity	66	174	156	84	120	19	16	1
Probate	8	29	26	11	19	2	5	0
SUBTOTAL	311	707	675	343	536	62	76	1
ESD**	115	192	152	155	26	5	0	121*
TOTAL	426	899	827	498	562	67	76	122

* Affirmed Without Opinion

** ESD- Appeals from Employment Security Division

TABLE 6 COURT OF APPEALS PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated		Pending End
			Granted	Denied	
PETITIONS					
CRIMINAL	3	27	2	24	4
Certiorari	0	2	2	0	0
Rehearing	3	25	0	24	4
CIVIL	4	83	7	77	3
Certiorari	0	1	0	1	0
Rehearing	4	65	1	66	2
Rule on Clerk	0	15	6	9	0
Other	0	2	0	1	1
TOTAL	7	110	9	101	7

TABLE 7 COURT OF APPEALS WRITTEN OPINIONS

WRITTEN OPINIONS

	<u>Majority</u>	<u>Concurring</u>	<u>Dissenting</u>	<u>Dissenting/ Concurring In Part</u>	<u>Total</u>
Corbin	97*	3	5	0	105
Cracraft	100*	2	3	0	105
Cooper	91*	0	4	0	95
Jennings	91* **	3	3	0	97
Mayfield	87*	1	2	0	90
Coulson	103	0	0	0	103
Per Curiam	2	0	0	0	2
Subtotal	<u>571</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>597</u>
Per Curiam (On Motions)	35	0	0	0	35
Total Opinions	<u>606</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>632</u>

* Includes 1 Supplemental Opinion
 ** Includes 2 Supplemental Opinions

TABLE 8 COURT OF APPEALS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	CRIMINAL			CIVIL					
	<u>Other Felony</u>	<u>Mis- demeanor</u>	<u>Sub- Total</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Pro- bate</u>	<u>Sub- Total</u>	<u>ESD*</u>	<u>Total</u>
Affirmed	149	37	186	147	87	14	248	23	457
Reversed	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	4
Reversed & Remanded	9	1	10	26	10	4	40	3	53
Dismissed without Opinion	11	2	13	28	19	2	49	5	67
Affirmed/Part-Reversed/ Part	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3
Reversed & Dismissed	0	3	3	4	1	0	5	0	8
Dismissed with Opinion	0	0	0	6	3	0	9	0	9
Affirmed as Modified	1	1	2	1	10	0	11	0	13
Transferred to Supreme Court under Rule 29	12	5	17	38	16	5	59	0	76
Affirmed without Opinion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	121
Other **	2	0	2	4	8	0	12	0	14
Per Curiam	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	<u>186</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>827</u>
Oral Arguments	9	5	14	29	18	4	51	2	67

*ESD - Employment Security Division

** Included in this category are those opinions that were consolidated with another case; Affirmed in part, Reversed in part and Remanded; Affirmed as Modified and Remanded; Affirmed in part, Reversed and Dismissed in part; Reversed in part, Affirmed in part as Modified; and Reversed in part and Remanded.

TABLE 9 TOTAL CASES FILED - CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1978	38,692	42,867	81,559
1979	42,549	43,879	86,428
1980	46,518	46,421	92,939
1981	48,280	49,165	97,445
1982	54,034	49,629	103,663
FY 83-84	59,280	49,416	108,696
FY 84-85	67,113	51,653	118,766
FY 85-86	67,736	52,963	120,699
FY 86-87	70,853	53,426	124,279
FY 87-88	60,261	54,891	115,152

TABLE 10 STATEWIDE AVERAGE FILINGS PER JUDGE

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1978	1,334	1,587	1,456
1979	1,289	1,328	1,371
1980	1,410	1,407	1,409
1981	1,420	1,490	1,454
1982	1,589	1,504	1,547
FY 83-84	1,718	1,520	1,622
FY 84-85	1,918	1,565	1,747
FY 85-86	1,882	1,558	1,724
FY 86-87	1,968	1,571	1,775
FY 87-88	1,651	1,591	1,622

TABLE 11 RANKING OF CIRCUIT COURT BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	7	1	3	2,772
2	16	1	5	2,134
3	6	6	2	1,990
4	12	2.5*	2	1,970
5	19	1.5*	2	1,784
6	14	1	4	1,730
7	13	2	6	1,708
8	2	3	6	1,677
9	4	2	2	1,631
10	5	1	3	1,618
11	18-E	1	1	1,552
12	1	2	6	1,480
13	3	1	4	1,446
14	17-E	1	2	1,410
15	20	1	3	1,332
16	15	1	4	1,323
17	11-W	2.5*	2	1,301
18	8	1.5*	4	1,225
19	10	2	5	1,172
20	11-E	0.5*	1	873
21	17-W	0.5*	1	864
22	9-W	0.5*	3	667
23	9-E	0.5*	2	538
24	18-W	0.5*	2	355

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,651

* Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 12 RANKING OF CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	6	4	2	2,547
2	18-E	1	1	2,266
3	7	1	3	2,262
4	19	1.5*	2	1,877
5	15	1	4	1,826
6	20	1	3	1,798
7	2	3	6	1,781
8	14	1	4	1,692
9	16	1	5	1,670
10	17-E	1	2	1,557
11	5	1	3	1,481
12	3	1	4	1,463
13	4	2	2	1,379
14	12	2.5*	2	1,379
15	1	2	6	1,322
16	13	2	6	1,293
17	8	1.5*	4	1,192
18	11-W	2.5*	2	966
19	9-W	0.5*	3	855
20	10	2	5	823
21	17-W	0.5*	1	765
22	9-E	0.5*	2	570
23	18-W	0.5*	2	556
24	11-E	0.5*	1	500

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,591

* Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 13 CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT DISPOSITION RATE

Circuit	CIRCUIT COURT			CHANCERY COURT		
	Filings	Terminations	Disposition Rate	Filings	Terminations	Disposition Rate
1	2,960	3,030	102.36	1,930	2,003	103.78
2	5,031	4,952	98.43	4,293	4,090	95.27
3	1,446	1,474	101.94	1,099	1,131	102.91
4	3,262	3,356	102.88	2,293	2,282	99.52
5	1,618	1,716	106.06	1,155	1,050	90.91
6	11,941	14,196	118.88	7,894	7,848	99.42
7	2,772	1,752	63.20	1,822	1,810	99.34
8	1,838	1,850	100.65	1,370	1,345	98.18
9-E	538	744	138.29	435	436	100.23
9-W	667	680	101.95	660	730	110.61
10	2,334	2,619	112.21	1,253	1,233	98.40
11-E	873	644	73.77	387	379	97.93
11-W	3,252	2,817	86.62	1,904	1,756	92.23
12	4,926	5,852	118.80	2,763	2,717	98.34
13	3,417	3,358	98.27	1,936	2,028	104.75
14	1,730	1,780	102.89	1,264	1,231	97.39
15	1,323	1,549	117.08	1,474	1,524	103.39
16	2,134	2,551	119.54	1,351	1,222	90.45
17-E	1,410	1,750	124.11	1,286	1,292	100.47
17-W	864	856	99.07	618	838	135.60
18-E	1,552	1,710	110.18	1,715	1,697	98.95
18-W	355	395	111.27	431	395	91.65
19	2,676	2,326	86.92	2,287	2,078	90.86
20	1,332	1,554	116.67	1,473	1,582	107.40
Statewide Totals	60,261	63,511	105.39	43,093	42,697	99.08

TABLE 14 CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT PENDING CASES OVER TWO YEARS OLD

Circuit	CIRCUIT COURT		CHANCERY COURT	
	Cases Pending	% Over 2 Years	Cases Pending	% Over 2 Years
1	309	11	384	23
2	237	6	492	19
3	168	12	33	5
4	437	10	6	1
5	17	2	314	30
6	734	11	62	2
7	1,128	25	117	10
8	298	15	75	8
9-E	33	8	41	15
9-W	22	6	13	5
10	313	15	324	33
11-E	27	5	11	5
11-W	178	6	5	1
12	225	7	63	4
13	510	18	51	5
14	37	4	39	6
15	66	6	10	2
16	92	7	152	17
17-E	7	1	2	1
17-W	12	3	7	3
18-E	64	7	33	5
18-W	60	18	66	23
19	258	10	59	5
20	77	7	71	8
Statewide Totals	5,309	11	2,430	11

TABLE 15 CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
FIRST CIRCUIT										
Cross										
Criminal	170	344	326	115	73	101	6	8	7	18
Civil	197	224	259	162		110	36	16	10	-35
Chancery	382	319	502	199		132	45	22	11	-183
Probate	158	92	56	194		71	40	83	43	36
Total	907	979	1143	670	73	414	127	129	19	-164
Lee										
Criminal	120	120	120	109	11	75	18	16	15	0
Civil	136	110	158	88		53	21	14	16	-48
Chancery	145	159	190	114		67	26	21	18	-31
Probate	105	78	62	121		46	28	47	39	16
Total	506	467	530	432	11	241	93	98	23	-63
Monroe										
Criminal	169	147	151	106	59	95	7	4	4	-4
Civil	175	219	216	178		120	40	18	10	3
Chancery	104	217	166	155		90	31	34	22	51
Probate	116	78	59	135		52	30	53	39	19
Total	564	661	592	574	59	357	108	109	19	69
Phillips										
Criminal	581	485	391	649	26	399	185	65	10	94
Civil	353	246	319	280		147	75	58	21	-73
Chancery	458	514	396	576		257	106	213	37	118
Probate	354	233	179	408		122	78	208	51	54
Total	1746	1478	1285	1913	26	925	444	544	28	193
St. Francis										
Criminal	328	415	382	160	201	152	7	1	1	33
Civil	429	409	423	415		205	124	86	21	-14
Chancery	482	560	615	427		276	109	42	10	-55
Probate	270	182	179	273		102	62	109	40	3
Total	1509	1566	1599	1275	201	735	302	238	19	-33
Woodruff										
Criminal	149	138	178	85	24	66	13	6	7	-40
Civil	93	103	107	89		48	24	17	19	-4
Chancery	143	161	134	170		89	29	52	31	27
Probate	116	51	30	137		40	31	66	48	21
Total	501	453	449	481	24	243	97	141	29	4
First Circuit										
Criminal	1517	1649	1548	1224	394	888	236	100	8	101
Civil	1383	1311	1482	1212		683	320	209	17	-171
Chancery	1714	1930	2003	1641		911	346	384	23	-73
Probate	1119	714	565	1268		433	269	566	45	149
Total	5733	5604	5598	5345	394	2915	1171	1259	24	6
SECOND CIRCUIT										
Clay										
Criminal	37	105	96	44	2	41	3	0	0	9
Civil	82	77	106	53		37	8	8	15	-29
Chancery	157	214	242	129		92	29	8	6	-28
Probate	107	80	56	131		54	18	59	45	24
Total	383	476	500	357	2	224	58	75	21	-24

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Craighead										
Criminal	380	542	628	256	38	225	27	4	2	-86
Civil	772	681	743	710		413	228	69	10	-62
Chancery	776	1197	952	1021		530	172	319	31	245
Probate	396	331	200	527		221	85	221	42	131
Total	2324	2751	2523	2514	38	1389	512	613	24	228
Crittenden										
Criminal	474	627	516	492	93	361	102	29	6	111
Civil	374	494	456	412		262	108	42	10	38
Chancery	462	933	872	523		363	61	99	19	61
Probate	289	173	151	311		107	69	135	43	22
Total	1599	2227	1995	1738	93	1093	340	305	18	232
Greene										
Criminal	260	348	397	173	38	122	36	15	9	-49
Civil	175	250	258	167		129	25	13	8	-8
Chancery	225	502	479	248		165	53	30	12	23
Probate	174	116	78	212		90	50	72	34	38
Total	834	1216	1212	800	38	506	164	130	16	4
Mississippi										
Criminal	436	965	770	318	313	256	52	10	3	195
Civil	294	372	419	247		184	49	14	6	-47
Chancery	470	1043	1060	453		376	64	13	3	-17
Probate	316	233	187	362		119	71	172	48	46
Total	1516	2613	2436	1380	313	935	236	209	15	177
Poinsett										
Criminal	243	330	321	240	12	191	45	4	2	9
Civil	239	240	242	237		155	53	29	12	-2
Chancery	355	404	485	274		187	64	23	8	-81
Probate	156	118	76	198		86	39	73	37	42
Total	993	1092	1124	949	12	619	201	129	14	-32
Second Circuit										
Criminal	1830	2917	2728	1523	496	1196	265	62	4	189
Civil	1936	2114	2224	1826		1180	471	175	10	-110
Chancery	2445	4293	4090	2648		1713	443	492	19	203
Probate	1438	1051	748	1741		677	332	732	42	303
Total	7649	10375	9790	7738	496	4766	1511	1461	19	585
THIRD CIRCUIT										
Jackson										
Criminal	241	194	178	190	67	131	20	39	21	16
Civil	196	229	240	185		121	38	26	14	-11
Chancery	197	319	342	174		128	29	17	10	-23
Probate	148	96	64	180		67	36	77	43	32
Total	782	838	824	729	67	447	123	159	22	14
Lawrence										
Criminal	259	126	170	119	96	83	25	11	9	-44
Civil	199	206	229	176		114	43	19	11	-23
Chancery	188	261	301	148		109	34	5	3	-40
Probate	123	95	82	136		48	29	59	43	13
Total	769	688	782	579	96	354	131	94	16	-94

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Randolph										
Criminal	128	152	127	105	48	84	4	17	16	25
Civil	149	136	157	128		80	28	20	16	-21
Chancery	152	285	286	151		116	30	5	3	-1
Probate	134	79	39	174		54	47	73	42	40
Total	563	652	609	558	48	334	109	115	21	43
Sharp										
Criminal	131	199	165	144	21	95	24	25	17	34
Civil	138	204	208	134		97	26	11	8	-4
Chancery	122	234	202	154		114	34	6	4	32
Probate	145	94	82	157		64	37	56	36	12
Total	536	731	657	589	21	370	121	98	17	74
Third Circuit										
Criminal	759	671	640	558	232	393	73	92	16	31
Civil	682	775	834	623		412	135	76	12	-59
Chancery	659	1099	1131	627		467	127	33	5	-32
Probate	550	364	267	647		233	149	265	41	97
Total	2650	2909	2872	2455	232	1505	484	466	19	37

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Madison										
Criminal	134	142	141	78	57	65	5	8	10	1
Civil	69	48	80	37		23	10	4	11	-32
Chancery	53	200	199	54		53	1	0	0	1
Probate	45	46	36	55		29	6	20	36	10
Total	301	436	456	224	57	170	22	32	14	-20
Washington										
Criminal	3091	1683	1463	1465	1846	863	251	351	24	220
Civil	1239	1389	1672	956		682	200	74	8	-283
Chancery	568	2093	2083	578		560	12	6	1	10
Probate	425	419	310	534		245	114	175	33	109
Total	5323	5584	5528	3533	1846	2350	577	606	17	56
Fourth Circuit										
Criminal	3225	1825	1604	1543	1903	928	256	359	23	221
Civil	1308	1437	1752	993		705	210	78	8	-315
Chancery	621	2293	2282	632		613	13	6	1	11
Probate	470	465	346	589		274	120	195	33	119
Total	5624	6020	5984	3757	1903	2520	599	638	17	36

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Franklin										
Criminal	150	295	251	190	4	160	26	4	2	44
Civil	60	100	113	47		45	2	0	0	-13
Chancery	150	189	165	174		94	23	57	33	24
Probate	122	60	80	102		37	34	31	30	-20
Total	482	644	609	513	4	336	85	92	18	35
Johnson										
Criminal	112	117	147	37	45	37	0	0	0	-30
Civil	76	169	176	69		63	4	2	3	-7
Chancery	282	273	241	314		112	53	149	47	32
Probate	137	93	90	140		48	33	59	42	3
Total	607	652	654	560	45	260	90	210	38	-2

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Pope										
Criminal	442	534	572	395	9	329	55	11	3	-38
Civil	269	403	457	215		173	42	0	0	-54
Chancery	523	693	644	572		339	125	108	19	49
Probate	344	173	107	410		114	66	230	56	66
Total	1578	1803	1780	1592	9	955	288	349	22	23
Fifth Circuit										
Criminal	704	946	970	622	58	526	81	15	2	-24
Civil	405	672	746	331		281	48	2	1	-74
Chancery	955	1155	1050	1060		545	201	314	30	105
Probate	603	326	277	652		199	133	320	49	49
Total	2667	3099	3043	2665	58	1551	463	651	24	56
SIXTH CIRCUIT										
Perry										
Criminal	79	52	80	46	5	33	11	2	4	-28
Civil	120	94	88	126		52	28	46	37	6
Chancery	70	149	165	54		51	3	0	0	-16
Probate	89	29	22	96		20	17	59	61	7
Total	358	324	355	322	5	156	59	107	33	-31
Pulaski										
Criminal	3626	5395	6324	1814	883	1361	151	302	17	-929
Civil	4891	6400	7704	3587		2573	630	384	11	-1304
Chancery	3120	7745	7683	3182		2866	254	62	2	62
Probate	2693	2264	1611	3346		1148	749	1449	43	653
Total	14330	21804	23322	11929	883	7948	1784	2197	18	-1518
Sixth Circuit										
Criminal	3705	5447	6404	1860	888	1394	162	304	16	-957
Civil	5011	6494	7792	3713		2625	658	430	12	-1298
Chancery	3190	7894	7848	3236		2917	257	62	2	46
Probate	2782	2293	1633	3442		1168	766	1508	44	660
Total	14688	22128	23677	12251	888	8104	1843	2304	19	-1549
SEVENTH CIRCUIT										
Grant										
Criminal	105	65	99	69	2	35	17	17	25	-34
Civil	145	183	114	214		106	58	50	23	69
Chancery	133	239	206	166		104	40	22	13	33
Probate	90	40	32	98		30	24	44	45	8
Total	473	527	451	547	2	275	139	133	24	76
Hot Spring										
Criminal	478	514	466	518	8	352	146	20	4	48
Civil	314	377	273	418		209	120	89	21	104
Chancery	223	431	375	279		173	74	32	11	56
Probate	300	143	124	319		94	49	176	55	19
Total	1315	1465	1238	1534	8	828	389	317	21	227
Saline										
Criminal	1601	810	191	1506	714	540	372	594	39	619
Civil	799	823	609	1013		464	191	358	35	214
Chancery	793	1152	1229	716		547	106	63	9	-77
Probate	405	257	234	428		161	86	181	42	23
Total	3598	3042	2263	3663	714	1712	755	1196	33	779

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Seventh Circuit										
Criminal	2184	1389	756	2093	724	927	535	631	30	633
Civil	1258	1383	996	1645		779	369	497	30	387
Chancery	1149	1822	1810	1161		824	220	117	10	12
Probate	795	440	390	845		285	159	401	47	50
Total	5386	5034	3952	5744	724	2815	1283	1646	29	1082
EIGHTH CIRCUIT										
Hempstead										
Criminal	252	341	285	243	65	170	64	9	4	56
Civil	190	146	138	198		86	56	56	28	8
Chancery	214	368	295	287		199	64	24	8	73
Probate	169	104	96	177		64	56	57	32	8
Total	825	959	814	905	65	519	240	146	16	145
Lafayette										
Criminal	22	51	22	50	1	40	10	0	0	29
Civil	45	91	59	77		55	17	5	6	32
Chancery	76	150	146	80		66	11	3	4	4
Probate	87	38	40	85		24	15	46	54	-2
Total	230	330	267	292	1	185	53	54	18	63
Miller										
Criminal	850	682	841	556	135	342	142	72	13	-159
Civil	455	335	336	454		220	98	136	30	-1
Chancery	504	685	743	446		310	101	35	8	-58
Probate	372	209	149	432		150	85	197	46	60
Total	2181	1911	2069	1888	135	1022	426	440	23	-158
Nevada										
Criminal	56	122	95	79	4	69	9	1	1	27
Civil	94	70	74	90		37	34	19	21	-4
Chancery	99	167	161	105		66	26	13	12	6
Probate	80	67	72	75		38	11	26	35	-5
Total	329	426	402	349	4	210	80	59	17	24
Eighth Circuit										
Criminal	1180	1196	1243	928	205	621	225	82	9	-47
Civil	784	642	607	819		398	205	216	26	35
Chancery	893	1370	1345	918		641	202	75	8	25
Probate	708	418	357	769		276	167	326	42	61
Total	3565	3626	3552	3434	205	1936	799	699	20	74
NINTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Clark										
Criminal	225	210	262	111	62	96	15	0	0	-52
Civil	208	187	260	135		81	27	27	20	-73
Chancery	183	303	302	184		125	28	31	17	1
Probate	201	86	100	187		55	48	84	45	-14
Total	817	786	924	617	62	357	118	142	23	-138
Pike										
Criminal	126	64	145	35	10	27	8	0	0	-81
Civil	56	77	77	56		40	10	6	11	0
Chancery	86	132	134	84		58	16	10	12	-2
Probate	63	49	30	82		30	19	33	40	19
Total	331	322	386	257	10	155	53	49	19	-64

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Ninth Circuit East										
Criminal	351	274	407	146	72	123	23	0	0	-133
Civil	264	264	337	191		121	37	33	17	-73
Chancery	269	435	436	268		183	44	41	15	-1
Probate	264	135	130	269		85	67	117	43	5
Total	1148	1108	1310	874	72	512	171	191	22	-202
NINTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Howard										
Criminal	55	115	110	43	17	32	9	2	5	5
Civil	121	150	168	103		76	24	3	3	-18
Chancery	104	206	239	71		57	11	3	4	-33
Probate	75	77	51	101		54	13	34	34	26
Total	355	548	568	318	17	219	57	42	13	-20
Little River										
Criminal	36	121	110	47	0	39	3	5	11	11
Civil	81	121	131	71		48	18	5	7	-10
Chancery	112	228	250	90		74	11	5	6	-22
Probate	108	61	42	127		50	30	47	37	19
Total	337	531	533	335	0	211	62	62	19	-2
Sevier										
Criminal	37	80	85	29	3	22	6	1	3	-5
Civil	60	80	76	64		43	15	6	9	4
Chancery	95	226	241	80		68	7	5	6	-15
Probate	95	57	46	106		38	20	48	45	11
Total	287	443	448	279	3	171	48	60	22	-5
Ninth Circuit West										
Criminal	128	316	305	119	20	93	18	8	7	11
Civil	262	351	375	238		167	57	14	6	-24
Chancery	311	660	730	241		199	29	13	5	-70
Probate	278	195	139	334		142	63	129	39	56
Total	979	1522	1549	932	20	601	167	164	18	-27
TENTH CIRCUIT										
Ashley										
Criminal	290	365	310	313	32	250	51	12	4	55
Civil	394	344	470	268		116	58	94	35	-126
Chancery	439	381	405	415		179	62	174	42	-24
Probate	146	75	73	148		50	30	68	46	2
Total	1269	1165	1258	1144	32	595	201	348	30	-93
Bradley										
Criminal	134	102	167	57	12	49	6	2	4	-65
Civil	138	126	187	77		37	21	19	25	-61
Chancery	73	172	154	91		66	11	14	15	18
Probate	77	70	51	96		48	23	25	26	19
Total	422	470	559	321	12	200	61	60	19	-89
Chicot										
Criminal	355	200	234	188	133	129	39	20	11	-34
Civil	224	188	220	192		94	44	54	28	-32
Chancery	188	212	205	195		71	18	106	54	7
Probate	134	74	76	132		47	35	50	38	-2
Total	901	674	735	707	133	341	136	230	33	-61

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Desha										
Criminal	268	385	324	264	65	216	37	11	4	61
Civil	222	219	193	248		111	60	77	31	26
Chancery	148	248	217	179		111	48	20	11	31
Probate	137	92	101	128		60	30	38	30	-9
Total	775	944	835	819	65	498	175	146	18	109
Drew										
Criminal	205	178	228	128	27	95	24	9	7	-50
Civil	186	237	286	137		87	35	15	11	-49
Chancery	119	240	252	107		75	22	10	9	-12
Probate	106	82	76	112		43	25	44	39	6
Total	616	737	842	484	27	300	106	78	16	-105
Tenth Circuit										
Criminal	1252	1230	1263	950	269	739	157	54	6	-33
Civil	1164	1114	1356	922		445	218	259	28	-242
Chancery	967	1253	1233	987		502	161	324	33	20
Probate	600	393	377	616		248	143	225	37	16
Total	3983	3990	4229	3475	269	1934	679	862	25	-239
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Arkansas										
Criminal	145	486	392	62	177	54	5	3	5	94
Civil	189	387	252	324		215	85	24	7	135
Chancery	204	387	379	212		170	31	11	5	8
Probate	224	113	105	232		69	56	107	46	8
Total	762	1373	1128	830	177	508	177	145	17	245
Eleventh Circuit E.										
Criminal	145	486	392	62	177	54	5	3	5	94
Civil	189	387	252	324		215	85	24	7	135
Chancery	204	387	379	212		170	31	11	5	8
Probate	224	113	105	232		69	56	107	46	8
Total	762	1373	1128	830	177	508	177	145	17	245
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Jefferson										
Criminal	1251	2017	1558	1040	670	836	151	53	5	459
Civil	1009	942	1043	908		549	247	112	12	-101
Chancery	492	1714	1556	650		602	44	4	1	158
Probate	406	459	417	448		202	95	151	34	42
Total	3158	5132	4574	3046	670	2189	537	320	11	558
Lincoln										
Criminal	54	209	153	80	30	72	7	1	1	56
Civil	67	84	63	88		52	24	12	14	21
Chancery	93	190	200	83		77	5	1	1	-10
Probate	40	52	43	49		25	13	11	22	9
Total	254	535	459	300	30	226	49	25	8	76
Eleventh Circuit West										
Criminal	1305	2226	1711	1120	700	908	158	54	5	515
Civil	1076	1026	1106	996		601	271	124	12	-80
Chancery	585	1904	1756	733		679	49	5	1	148
Probate	446	511	460	497		227	108	162	33	51
Total	3412	5667	5033	3346	700	2415	586	345	10	634

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
TWELFTH CIRCUIT										
Crawford										
Criminal	772	646	664	440	314	322	58	60	14	-18
Civil	339	460	481	318		247	54	17	5	-21
Chancery	476	794	809	461		362	72	27	6	-15
Probate	173	181	137	217		101	48	68	31	44
Total	1760	2081	2091	1436	314	1032	232	172	12	-10
Sebastian										
Criminal	1858	2423	2805	1185	291	964	144	77	6	-382
Civil	1363	1397	1902	858		619	168	71	8	-505
Chancery	972	1969	1908	1033		847	150	36	3	61
Probate	648	503	534	617		301	123	193	31	-31
Total	4841	6292	7149	3693	291	2731	585	377	10	-857
Twelfth Circuit										
Criminal	2630	3069	3469	1625	605	1286	202	137	8	-400
Civil	1702	1857	2383	1176		866	222	88	7	-526
Chancery	1448	2763	2717	1494		1209	222	63	4	46
Probate	821	684	671	834		402	171	261	31	13
Total	6601	8373	9240	5129	605	3763	817	549	11	-867
THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Calhoun										
Criminal	26	37	51	10	2	10	0	0	0	-14
Civil	124	78	158	44		34	5	5	11	-80
Chancery	66	76	87	55		40	8	7	13	-11
Probate	24	26	15	35		16	9	10	29	11
Total	240	217	311	144	2	100	22	22	15	-94
Cleveland										
Criminal	8	43	25	26	0	25	0	1	4	18
Civil	89	81	118	52		31	14	7	13	-37
Chancery	61	88	87	62		50	8	4	6	1
Probate	29	13	12	30		9	9	12	40	1
Total	187	225	242	170	0	115	31	24	14	-17
Columbia										
Criminal	228	286	256	210	48	187	22	1	0	30
Civil	266	267	297	236		145	60	31	13	-30
Chancery	213	396	378	231		167	62	2	1	18
Probate	206	118	74	250		70	47	133	53	44
Total	913	1067	1005	927	48	569	191	167	18	62
Dallas										
Criminal	47	115	79	75	8	69	6	0	0	36
Civil	184	136	217	103		66	20	17	17	-81
Chancery	101	105	139	67		45	14	8	12	-34
Probate	81	52	18	115		39	21	55	48	34
Total	413	408	453	360	8	219	61	80	22	-45
Ouachita										
Criminal	229	586	495	223	97	207	9	7	3	91
Civil	490	373	363	500		180	111	209	42	10
Chancery	350	628	620	358		278	67	13	4	8
Probate	186	184	136	234		95	46	93	40	48
Total	1255	1771	1614	1315	97	760	233	322	24	157

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Union										
Criminal	384	688	599	458	15	412	45	1	0	89
Civil	755	727	700	782		350	201	231	30	27
Chancery	428	643	717	354		252	85	17	5	-74
Probate	488	257	187	558		175	96	287	51	70
Total	2055	2315	2203	2152	15	1189	427	536	25	112
Thirteenth Circuit										
Criminal	922	1755	1505	1002	170	910	82	10	1	250
Civil	1908	1662	1853	1717		806	411	500	29	-191
Chancery	1219	1936	2028	1127		832	244	51	5	-92
Probate	1014	650	442	1222		404	228	590	48	208
Total	5063	6003	5828	5068	170	2952	965	1151	23	175
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Baxter										
Criminal	152	340	402	78	12	72	4	2	3	-62
Civil	213	278	296	195		146	33	16	8	-18
Chancery	251	466	484	233		180	42	11	5	-18
Probate	295	230	198	327		141	69	117	36	32
Total	911	1314	1380	833	12	539	148	146	18	-66
Boone										
Criminal	194	488	448	201	33	194	7	0	0	40
Civil	210	268	286	192		133	52	7	4	-18
Chancery	228	468	454	242		194	34	14	6	14
Probate	164	109	87	186		71	44	71	38	22
Total	796	1333	1275	821	33	592	137	92	11	58
Marion										
Criminal	71	177	172	61	15	60	1	0	0	5
Civil	52	63	69	46		29	14	3	7	-6
Chancery	121	228	199	150		126	20	4	3	29
Probate	109	69	43	135		57	39	39	29	26
Total	353	537	483	392	15	272	74	46	12	54
Newton										
Criminal	67	68	54	75	6	55	15	5	7	14
Civil	43	48	53	38		23	11	4	11	-5
Chancery	60	102	94	68		46	12	10	15	8
Probate	44	20	17	47		13	16	18	38	3
Total	214	238	218	228	6	137	54	37	16	20
Fourteenth Circuit										
Criminal	484	1073	1076	415	66	381	27	7	2	-3
Civil	518	657	704	471		331	110	30	6	-47
Chancery	660	1264	1231	693		546	108	39	6	33
Probate	612	428	345	695		282	168	245	35	83
Total	2274	3422	3356	2274	66	1540	413	321	14	66
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Conway										
Criminal	140	178	201	91	26	79	11	1	1	-23
Civil	272	255	276	251		143	84	24	10	-21
Chancery	145	375	385	135		120	13	2	1	-10
Probate	186	99	220	65		49	6	10	15	-121
Total	743	907	1082	542	26	391	114	37	7	-175

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Logan										
Criminal	180	224	264	108	32	97	9	2	2	-40
Civil	154	156	183	127		85	27	15	12	-27
Chancery	159	478	503	134		120	10	4	3	-25
Probate	208	128	124	212		84	49	79	37	4
Total	701	986	1074	581	32	386	95	100	17	-88
Scott										
Criminal	103	119	140	65	17	57	8	0	0	-21
Civil	55	73	75	53		31	10	12	23	-2
Chancery	49	215	206	58		52	4	2	3	9
Probate	51	35	24	62		23	12	27	44	11
Total	258	442	445	238	17	163	34	41	17	-3
Yell										
Criminal	217	152	205	104	60	81	16	7	7	-53
Civil	186	166	205	147		95	47	5	3	-39
Chancery	157	406	430	133		125	6	2	2	-24
Probate	121	90	70	141		50	40	51	36	20
Total	681	814	910	525	60	351	109	65	12	-96
Fifteenth Circuit										
Criminal	640	673	810	368	135	314	44	10	3	-137
Civil	667	650	739	578		354	168	56	10	-89
Chancery	510	1474	1524	460		417	33	10	2	-50
Probate	566	352	438	480		206	107	167	35	-86
Total	2383	3149	3511	1886	135	1291	352	243	13	-362
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT										
Cleburne										
Criminal	280	272	381	72	99	49	21	2	3	-109
Civil	144	175	221	98		56	27	15	15	-46
Chancery	176	325	333	168		127	36	5	3	-8
Probate	71	87	57	101		58	29	14	14	30
Total	671	859	992	439	99	290	113	36	8	-133
Fulton										
Criminal	65	92	132	24	1	16	8	0	0	-40
Civil	42	44	53	33		23	6	4	12	-9
Chancery	63	138	117	84		59	19	6	7	21
Probate	58	38	44	52		23	16	13	25	-6
Total	228	312	346	193	1	121	49	23	12	-34
Independence										
Criminal	420	434	472	205	177	157	27	21	10	-38
Civil	499	762	863	398		311	71	16	4	-101
Chancery	287	576	465	398		235	67	96	24	111
Probate	134	115	78	171		80	46	45	26	37
Total	1340	1887	1878	1172	177	783	211	178	15	9
Izard										
Criminal	69	117	100	53	33	43	2	8	15	17
Civil	64	108	117	55		46	8	1	2	-9
Chancery	75	144	109	110		65	29	16	15	35
Probate	65	43	44	64		17	9	38	59	-1
Total	273	412	370	282	33	171	48	63	22	42

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Stone										
Criminal	149	63	127	46	39	27	2	17	37	-64
Civil	54	67	85	36		21	7	8	22	-18
Chancery	167	168	198	137		85	23	29	21	-30
Probate	79	36	20	95		25	16	54	57	16
Total	449	334	430	314	39	158	48	108	34	-96
Sixteenth Circuit										
Criminal	983	978	1212	400	349	292	60	48	12	-234
Civil	803	1156	1339	620		457	119	44	7	-183
Chancery	768	1351	1222	897		571	174	152	17	129
Probate	407	319	243	483		203	116	164	34	76
Total	2961	3804	4016	2400	349	1523	469	408	17	-212
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Prairie										
Criminal	38	81	79	34	6	27	7	0	0	2
Civil	83	106	116	73		54	19	0	0	-10
Chancery	43	133	135	41		40	1	0	0	-2
Probate	51	38	30	59		24	19	16	27	8
Total	215	358	360	207	6	145	46	16	8	-2
White										
Criminal	410	639	787	215	47	208	7	0	0	-148
Civil	399	584	768	215		169	39	7	3	-184
Chancery	247	1153	1157	243		235	6	2	1	-4
Probate	229	233	189	273		125	61	87	32	44
Total	1285	2609	2901	946	47	737	113	96	10	-292
Seventeenth Circuit East										
Criminal	448	720	866	249	53	235	14	0	0	-146
Civil	482	690	884	288		223	58	7	2	-194
Chancery	290	1286	1292	284		275	7	2	1	-6
Probate	280	271	219	332		149	80	103	31	52
Total	1500	2967	3261	1153	53	882	159	112	10	-294
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Lonoke										
Criminal	112	338	331	101	18	96	5	0	0	7
Civil	293	526	525	294		264	18	12	4	1
Chancery	491	618	838	271		238	26	7	3	-220
Probate	399	147	37	509		130	104	275	54	110
Total	1295	1629	1731	1175	18	728	153	294	25	-102
Seventeenth Circuit West										
Criminal	112	338	331	101	18	96	5	0	0	7
Civil	293	526	525	294		264	18	12	4	1
Chancery	491	618	838	271		238	26	7	3	-220
Probate	399	147	37	509		130	104	275	54	110
Total	1295	1629	1731	1175	18	728	153	294	25	-102

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Gariand										
Criminal	284	449	558	125	50	109	10	6	5	-109
Civil	802	1103	1152	753		531	164	58	8	-49
Chancery	693	1715	1697	711		579	99	33	5	18
Probate	722	551	431	842		330	188	324	38	120
Total	2501	3818	3838	2431	50	1549	461	421	17	-20
Eighteenth Circuit East										
Criminal	284	449	558	125	50	109	10	6	5	-109
Civil	802	1103	1152	753		531	164	58	8	-49
Chancery	693	1715	1697	711		579	99	33	5	18
Probate	722	551	431	842		330	188	324	38	120
Total	2501	3818	3838	2431	50	1549	461	421	17	-20
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Montgomery										
Criminal	79	61	84	25	31	13	2	10	40	-23
Civil	47	50	53	44		26	8	10	23	-3
Chancery	67	114	98	83		45	23	15	18	16
Probate	49	28	28	49		17	9	23	47	0
Total	242	253	263	201	31	101	42	58	29	-10
Polk										
Criminal	110	155	145	97	23	57	21	19	20	10
Civil	142	89	113	118		53	44	21	18	-24
Chancery	178	317	297	198		95	52	51	26	20
Probate	112	97	83	126		44	28	54	43	14
Total	542	658	638	539	23	249	145	145	27	20
Eighteenth Circuit West										
Criminal	189	216	229	122	54	70	23	29	24	-13
Civil	189	139	166	162		79	52	31	19	-27
Chancery	245	431	395	281		140	75	66	23	36
Probate	161	125	111	175		61	37	77	44	14
Total	784	911	901	740	54	350	187	203	27	10
NINETEENTH CIRCUIT										
Benton										
Criminal	865	1223	1169	604	315	470	99	35	6	54
Civil	935	999	837	1097		626	314	157	14	162
Chancery	748	1878	1733	893		743	121	29	3	145
Probate	510	450	362	598		295	131	172	29	88
Total	3058	4550	4101	3192	315	2134	665	393	12	449
Carroll										
Criminal	190	286	164	253	59	192	51	10	4	122
Civil	231	168	156	243		110	77	56	23	12
Chancery	214	409	345	278		196	52	30	11	64
Probate	120	78	70	128		56	37	35	27	8
Total	755	941	735	902	59	554	217	131	15	206

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	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated	Pending End	B/W Outstanding	Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	Over 2 Years	% Over 2 Years	Pending Change
Nineteenth Circuit										
Criminal	1055	1509	1333	857	374	662	150	45	5	176
Civil	1166	1167	993	1340		736	391	213	16	174
Chancery	962	2287	2078	1171		939	173	59	5	209
Probate	630	528	432	726		351	168	207	29	96
Total	3813	5491	4836	4094	374	2688	882	524	13	655
TWENTIETH CIRCUIT										
Faulkner										
Criminal	205	473	436	203	39	197	5	1	0	37
Civil	676	610	667	619		366	200	53	9	-57
Chancery	743	1082	1172	653		471	132	50	8	-90
Probate	459	250	171	538		175	108	255	47	79
Total	2083	2415	2446	2013	39	1209	445	359	18	-31
Searcy										
Criminal	111	27	93	29	16	18	4	7	24	-66
Civil	86	62	81	67		37	25	5	7	-19
Chancery	83	111	125	69		40	24	5	7	-14
Probate	82	26	23	85		17	14	54	64	3
Total	362	226	322	250	16	112	67	71	28	-96
Van Buren										
Criminal	125	53	110	44	24	24	16	4	9	-57
Civil	161	107	167	101		61	33	7	7	-60
Chancery	172	280	285	167		101	50	16	10	-5
Probate	94	49	42	101		28	11	62	61	7
Total	552	489	604	413	24	214	110	89	22	-115
Twentieth Circuit										
Criminal	441	553	639	276	79	239	25	12	4	-86
Civil	923	779	915	787		464	258	65	8	-136
Chancery	998	1473	1582	889		612	206	71	8	-109
Probate	635	325	236	724		220	133	371	51	89
Total	2997	3130	3372	2676	79	1535	622	519	19	-242
State-Wide										
Criminal	26473	31905	31999	18288	8091	13384	2836	2068	11	-94
Civil	25175	28356	31512	22019		13723	5055	3241	15	-3156
Chancery	22246	43093	42697	22642		16722	3490	2430	11	396
Probate	16524	11798	9399	18923		7054	4032	7837	41	2399
Total	90418	115152	115607	81872	8091	50883	15413	15576	19	-455

Guardianship, Conservatorship and Trusteeship cases continue under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court over a period of years before a final order can be rendered. While they are considered active cases, it should be remembered and allowances made when using them in pending cases or age of cases comparisons or studies.

B/W Outstanding (bench warrant outstanding) figures should be added to the pending end figure to arrive at a total pending end figure.

TABLE 16 MUNICIPAL AND CITY COURT STATEWIDE STATISTICS

	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Convicted*</u>	<u>Dismissed*</u>	<u>Appealed*</u>	<u>Fines/Costs Assessed</u>	<u>Fines/Costs Collected</u>
MUNICIPAL						
Criminal	117,957	75,828	16,329	608	\$ 7,557,345	\$ 4,454,863
D. W. I.	13,903	10,328	613	649	9,208,378	2,972,223
Other Traffic	<u>269,605</u>	<u>168,840</u>	<u>16,570</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>11,590,403</u>	<u>12,554,585</u>
SUB-TOTAL	401,465	254,996	33,512	1,689	28,356,126	19,981,671
Civil	<u>43,451</u>	<u>19,036</u>	—	—	<u>948,091</u>	<u>1,121,159</u>
TOTAL	444,916	274,032	—	—	29,304,217	21,102,830
Felonies	3,147	6,138				
CITY						
Criminal	5,011	2,745	614	68	360,529	286,516
D. W. I.	1,526	941	94	105	651,884	325,634
Other Traffic	<u>16,448</u>	<u>8,282</u>	<u>1,053</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>913,222</u>	<u>847,027</u>
SUB-TOTAL	22,985	11,968	1,761	328	1,925,635	1,459,177
Civil	<u>225</u>	<u>84</u>	—	—	<u>1,326</u>	<u>3,730</u>
TOTAL	23,210	12,052	—	—	1,926,961	1,462,907
STATEWIDE						
TOTALS	468,126	286,084	35,273	2,017	31,231,178	22,565,737

* Due to the variety of dispositions in Limited Jurisdiction Courts, it is difficult to ascertain precise disposition figures.

Note: The following 10 municipal courts did not report for the 1987-88 Fiscal Year: Bryant, Clarksville, Crossett, Ft. Smith, Gould, Grady, Helena, Marked Tree, Osceola, and West Fork.

A total of 21 municipalities reported for a partial year.

TABLE 17 JUVENILE DELINQUENT CHARGES

COUNTS	OFFENSE NAME	COUNTS	OFFENSE NAME
568	Battery/Assault	50	Robbery
234	Terroristic Threatening/Harassment	3,873	Theft
3	Kidnapping	315	Forgery/Hot Check
28	Rape	189	Resisting Arrest/Fleeing/Escape
58	Sexual Offenses	360	Disorderly Conduct
30	Arson/Arson Related	777	Public Intox/Minor in Possession/D. W. I.
1,367	Criminal Mischief/Trespass	152	Weapon Offense
1,813	Burglary/Breaking or Entering	235	Violation Uniform Controlled Substance
4	Murder/Manslaughter	489	Other
STATEWIDE TOTAL COUNTS: 10,545		FELONIES: 3,468	
		MISDEMEANORS: 6,464	
		VIOLATIONS: 613	

TABLE 18 JUVENILE CASES FILED

	<u>Age of All Cases Pending</u>								Change In Cases Pending
	Pending 7-01-87	Cases Filed	Termi- nations	Pending 6-30-88	Less 1 yr.	1-2 Yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	% Over 2 yrs.	
Delinquent	1,075	7,015	7,239	851	800	44	7	1	-224
*JINS	208	2,257	2,151	314	296	18	0	0	106
Neglect	467	1,849	1,812	504	479	25	0	0	37
Probation Violation	61	452	436	77	58	14	5	6	16
Parole	1	10	9	2	2	0	0	0	1
STATE TOTALS	1,812	11,583	11,647	1,748	1,635	101	12	1	-64

* Juveniles in need of supervision

NOTE: It should be noted that there were 7,015 individual juveniles charged with criminal offenses. This reflects a total of 10,545 charges filed against these juveniles, as shown in Table 17.

The number of cases pending at the end of last fiscal year does not match the number of cases pending at the start of this fiscal year. This is due to a complete field audit of all counties during the fiscal year, during which more accurate information was collected.

In addition, all counties have reported this year. This has increased the rate of filings and dispositions significantly.

BASTARDY CASES

For the 1987 - 88 fiscal year 5,231 bastardy cases were reported filed by county courts. The number of bastardy cases terminated totaled 3,108 for the same period.

TABLE 19 PUBLIC DEFENDERS' STATEWIDE STATISTICS

A. JUVENILE COURT		
Number of Defendants Represented		1,324
Number and Nature of Offenses:		
Felony	812	
Misdemeanor	1,176	
Number Relieved as Counsel	<u>28</u>	
Total Offenses		2,016
B. MUNICIPAL COURT		
Number of Defendants Represented		8,132
Number and Nature of Offenses:		
Felony	3,490	
D. W. I.	807	
Other Traffic	1,667	
Misdemeanor	<u>7,051</u>	
Total Offenses		13,015
Disposition of Defendants:		
Felony:		
Probable Cause Not Found	1,395	
Reduced by Court to Misdemeanor	911	
Reduced to Misdemeanor - Pled Guilty	413	
Relieved as Counsel	638	
Misdemeanors:		
Guilty or Nolo Pleas	3,580	
Trials	1,201	
Relieved as Counsel	<u>506</u>	
Total Dispositions		8,644
C. CIRCUIT COURT		
Number of Defendants Represented		4,591
Number and Nature of Offenses:		
Capital	13	
Felony	6,863	
Misdemeanor	<u>385</u>	
Total Offenses		7,261
D. RESPONDENTS REPRESENTED IN PROBATE COURT:		
Involuntary and Alcoholic Commitments		<u>1,190</u>
E. TOTAL DEFENDANTS REPRESENTED IN ALL COURTS		15,237
F. NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT		133
G. NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO STATE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS		121
H. RULE 37 APPOINTMENTS		9

ARKANSAS COURT SYSTEM

SUPREME COURT

1 Chief Justice, 6 Associate Justices

Jurisdiction:

- Appellate jurisdiction over cases involving interpretation or construction of the Constitution of Arkansas, acts of the General Assembly, municipal or county ordinances, and rules or regulations of any court, administrative agency, or regulatory body; appeals from the Transportation Commission or Pollution Control Commission;
- criminal convictions of death, life imprisonment, or more than thirty years; cases involving rates for public utilities fixed by municipal authorities; declaratory judgment actions concerning rules of agencies subject to the Administrative Procedure Act; election cases; cases involving attorney discipline; cases in which there is a prior decision by the Supreme Court; and cases dealing with questions as to usury, products liability, the law of torts, the construction of deeds or wills, and oil, gas, or mineral rights; post-conviction relief petitions; writs of quo warranto, prohibition, injunction, mandamus, and certiorari; and certain motions and interlocutory appeals.
- Appellate review over those appeals certified for review from the Court of Appeals.

COURT OF APPEALS

1 Chief Judge, 5 Judges

Jurisdiction:

- Appeals from the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Public Service Commission, and the Board of Review created by the Employment Security Law;
- appellate jurisdiction over those lower court cases not within the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

CIRCUIT COURT

24 Districts, 82 Judges

Jurisdiction:

- Civil Cases over \$100
- Original jurisdiction in felony
- Juvenile delinquency
- Hears appeal de novo
- Jury trials

COMBINED CIRCUIT & CHANCERY JUDGES

9 Judges

CHANCERY & PROBATE COURTS

24 Districts, 30 Judges

Jurisdiction:

- Court of equity (land disputes, domestic relations, etc.) Hears probate matters and adoptions
- Juveniles in need of supervision and dependency neglect
- No jury trials

MUNICIPAL COURTS

123 Courts, 106 Judges

Jurisdiction:

- Contract, personal injury and property damage - \$8,000 and less
- Felony preliminaries, misdemeanors, traffic, small claims
- No jury trials

CITY COURTS

93 Courts, 82 Judges

Jurisdiction:

- Civil cases under \$300
- Misdemeanors, traffic and city ordinance violations
- No jury trials

COUNTY COURTS

75 Courts, 75 Judges

Jurisdiction:

- Original jurisdiction in county taxes, county expenditures and claims against county
- Bastardy proceedings
- No jury trials

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS

2 Courts, 2 Judges

Jurisdiction: Varies

- Contracts and other civil matters under \$1,000, not involving title to property
- Jury trials

POLICE COURTS

5 Courts, 4 Judges

Jurisdiction:

- Civil cases under \$300
- Misdemeanor, traffic and city ordinance violations
- No jury trials