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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.

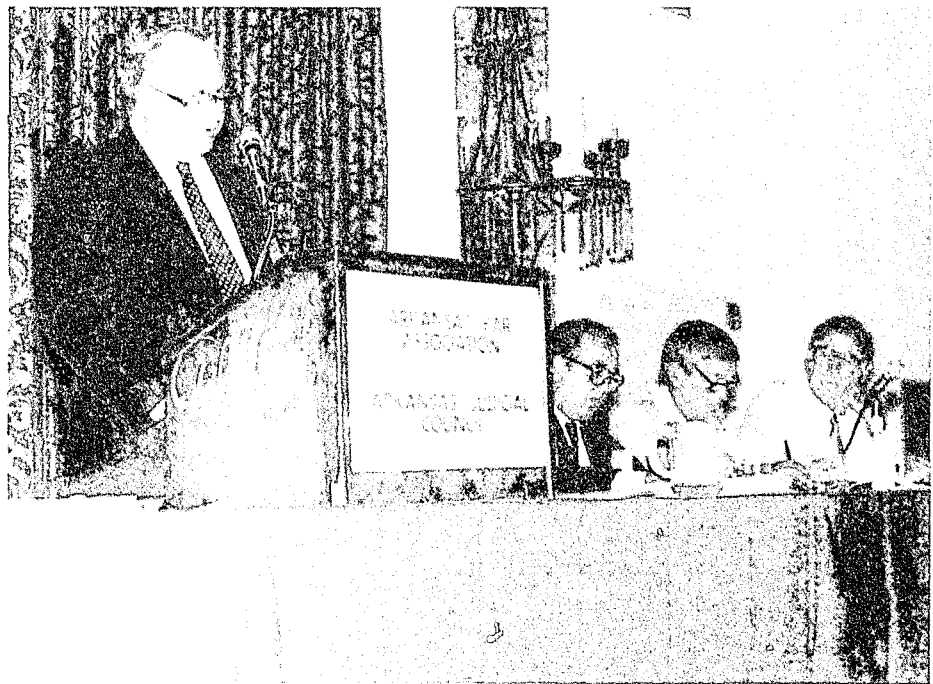
The Court of Appeals enjoyed a much smaller decrease in the number of filings, 5%, yet, cases terminated decreased as well.

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 Shackleford of El Dorado addresses joint meeting of the Arkansas Judicial Council and the Arkansas Bar Association.



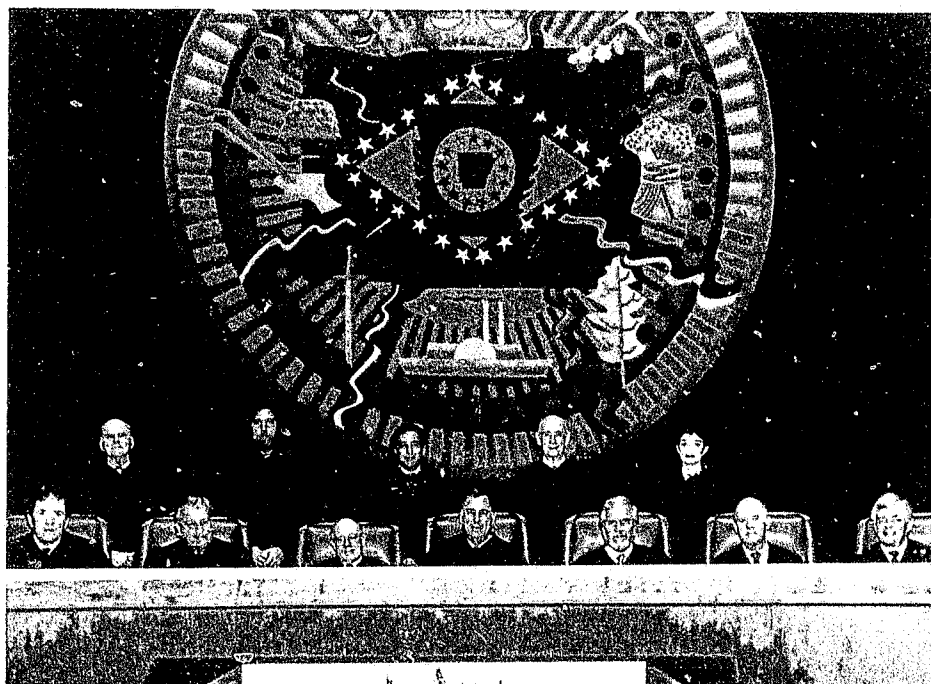
of the bench and the bar. This goal was represented in the theme of the meeting—"A Partnership Spirit . . . Among Lawyers and With the Bench". The keynote address was delivered by the Honorable William Webster, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and former Director of the Federal Bureau of 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**

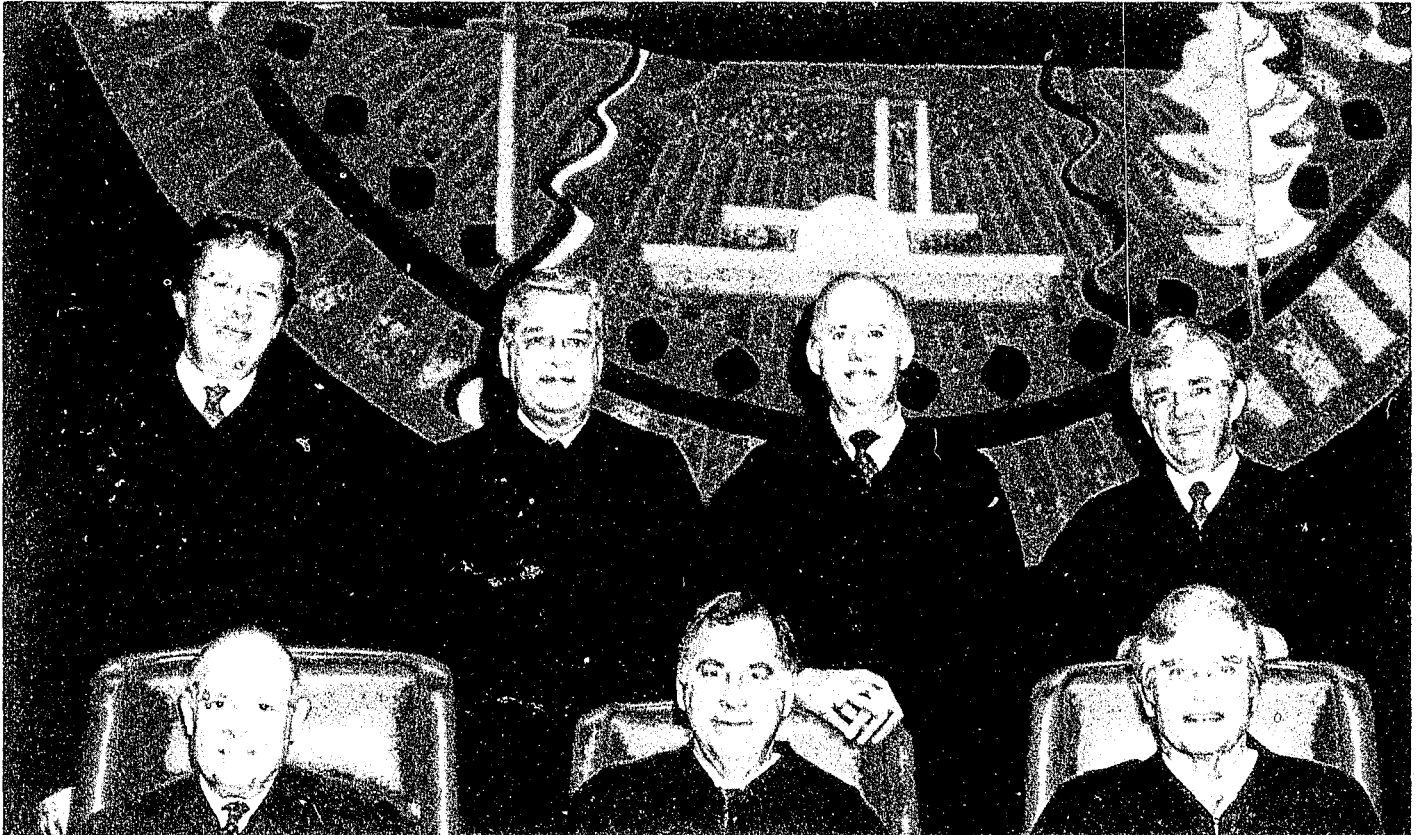
September 17, 1987 marked an historic occasion for the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. In honor of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, the two courts convened jointly. This occasion marked the first time the two courts had convened together in formal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

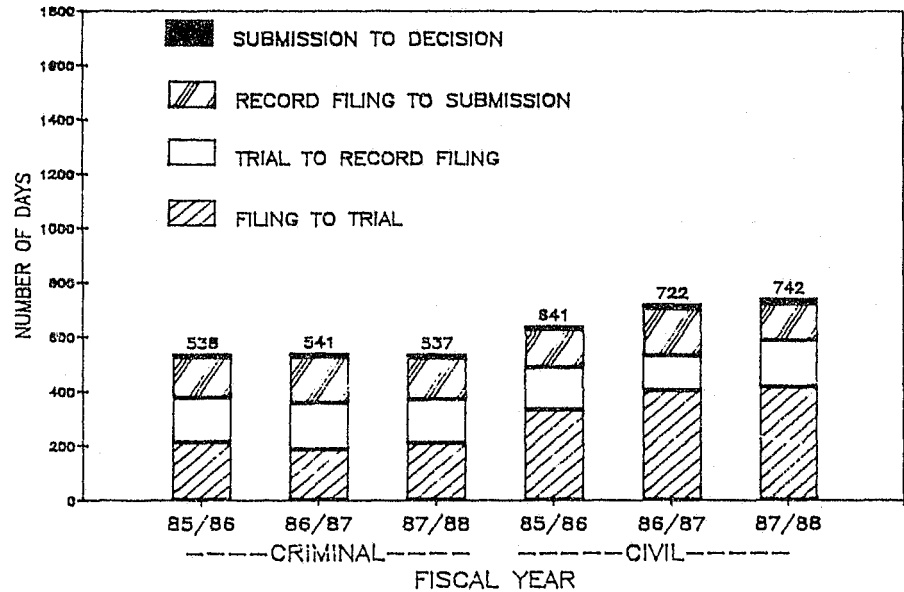
a decrease of 1.43% from the previous fiscal year.

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.

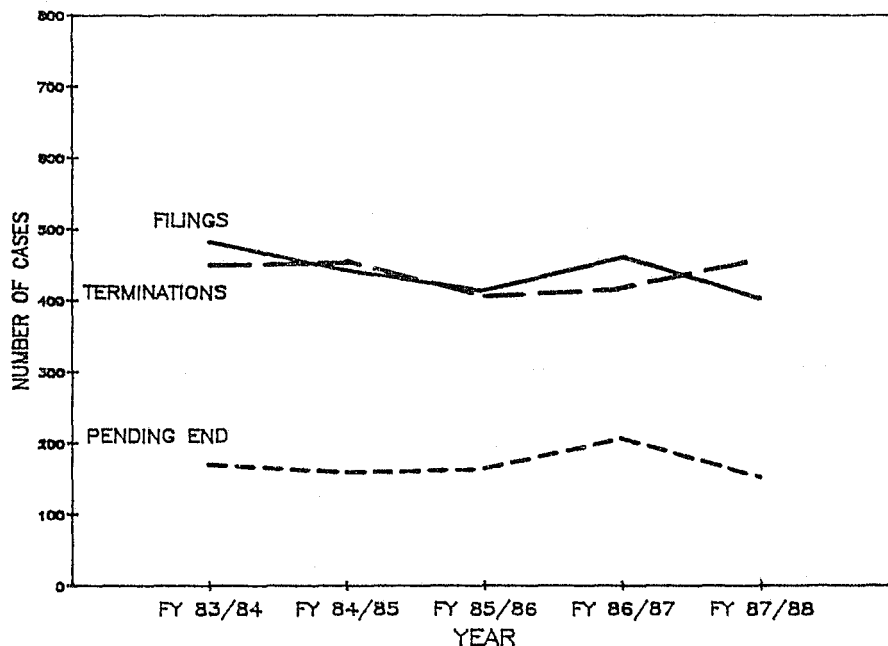
### Supreme Court Time Study

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



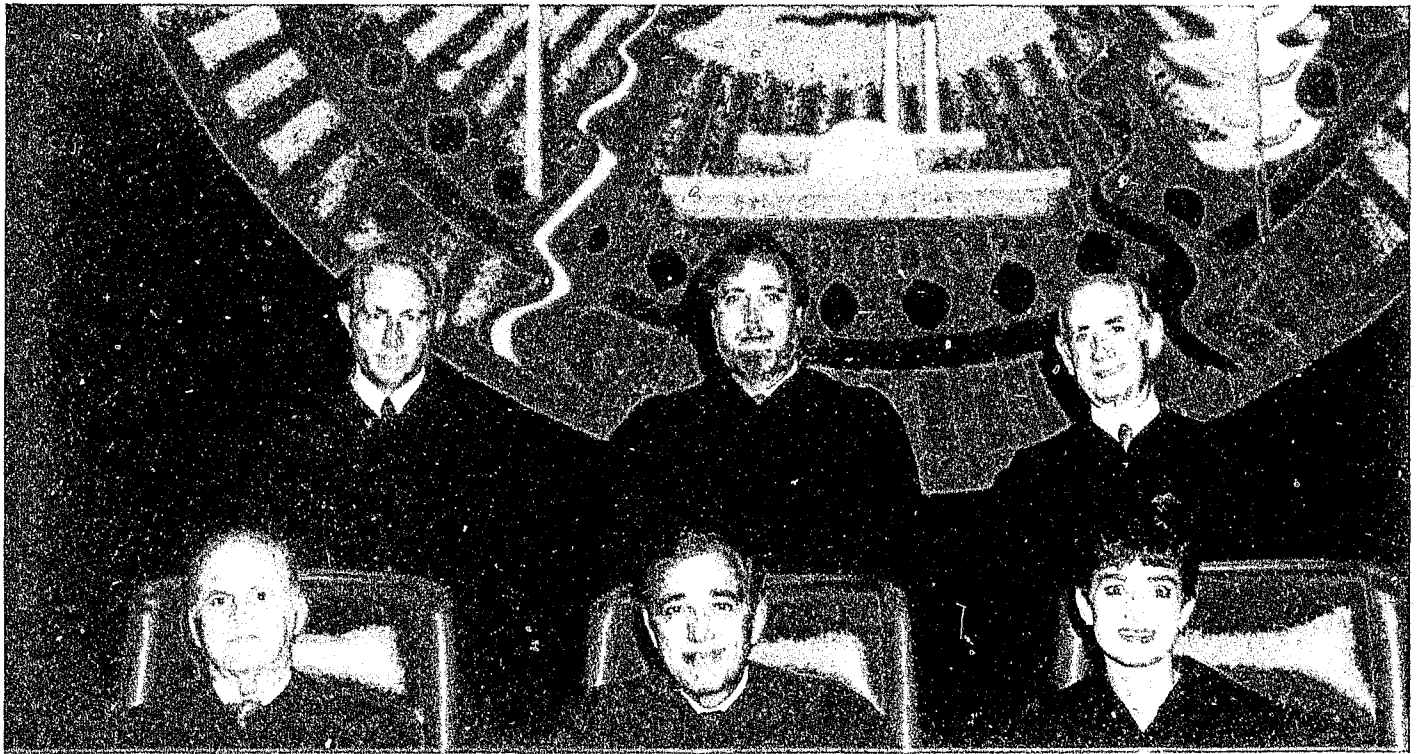
### SUPREME COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY FY 83/84 - FY 87/88



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.

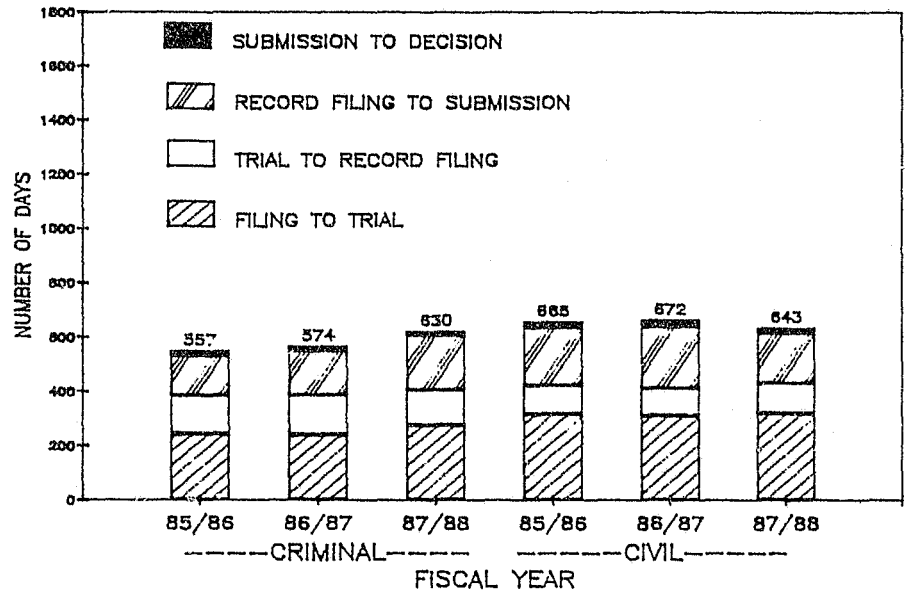
Appeals filed in the Court of Appeals totaled 899, a decrease of 5.27% from the previous fiscal year. Appeal terminations for the 1987-88 fiscal year were 827, a decrease of 15.87% from the previous fiscal year. One hundred and ten petitions were filed in the 1987-88 fiscal year, showing a decrease of 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

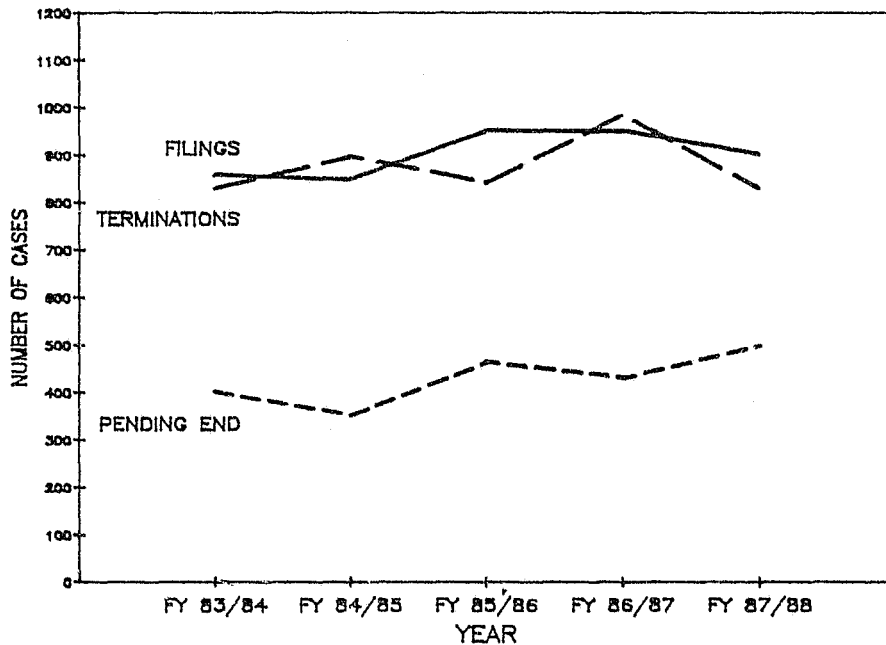
For the 1987-88 fiscal year, 182 criminal cases were surveyed. Twelve of these were decided after oral arguments. It required an average of 709 days to process each case from filing in lower court through appeal. Of the 170 cases surveyed without oral arguments, an average of 630 days elapsed from filing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



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# 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:

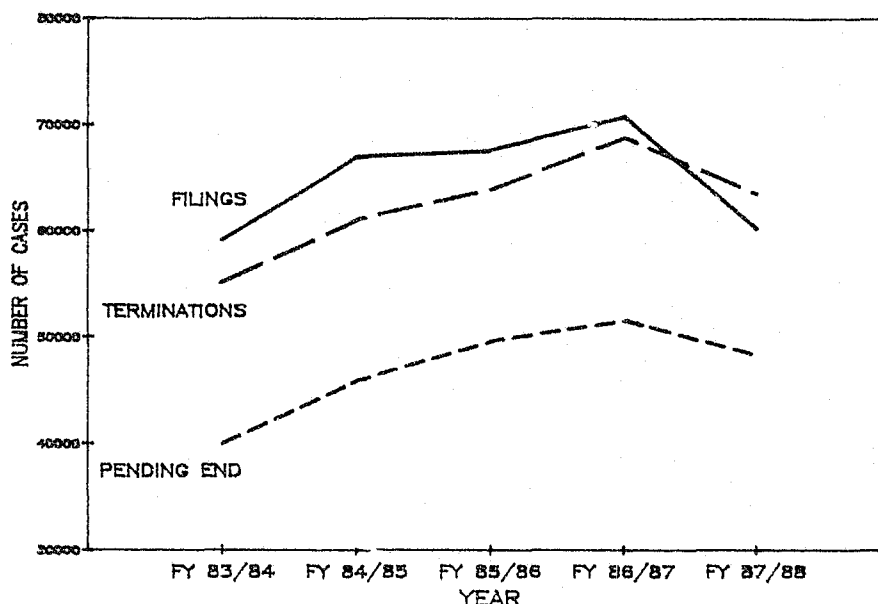
Cases Filed	FY 87-88	FY 86-87	% Increase or Decrease
Civil	28,356	36,401	-22.1%
Criminal	31,905	34,452	- 7.4%
Chancery	43,093	42,022	+ 2.5%
Probate	11,798	11,404	+ 3.5%
Total - all courts	115,152	124,279	- 7.3%

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

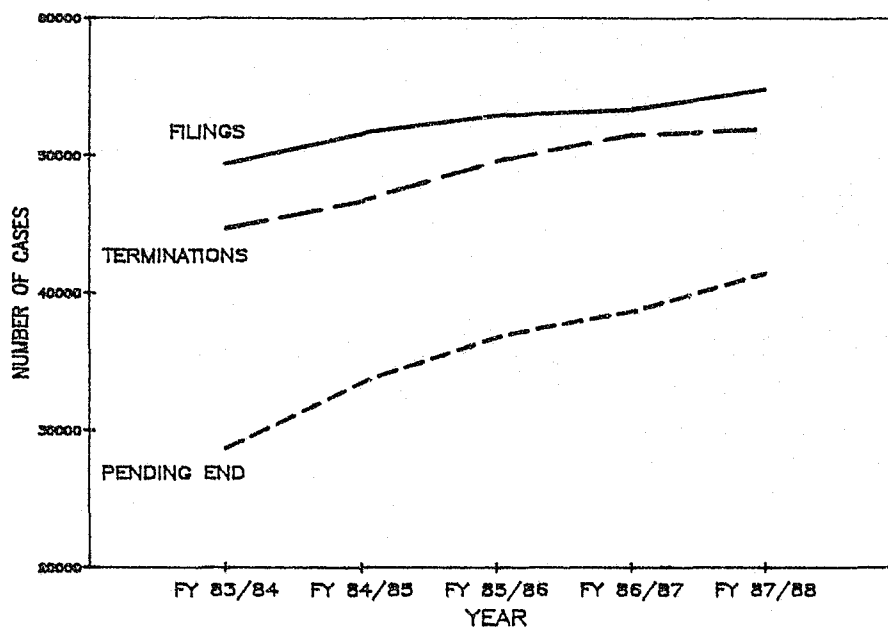
Cases Terminated	FY 87-88	FY 86-87	% Increase or Decrease
Civil	31,512	36,104	-12.7%
Criminal	31,999	32,793	- 2.4%
Chancery	42,697	42,025	+ 1.6%
Probate	9,399	9,550	- 1.6%
Total - all courts	115,607	120,472	- 4.0%

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-

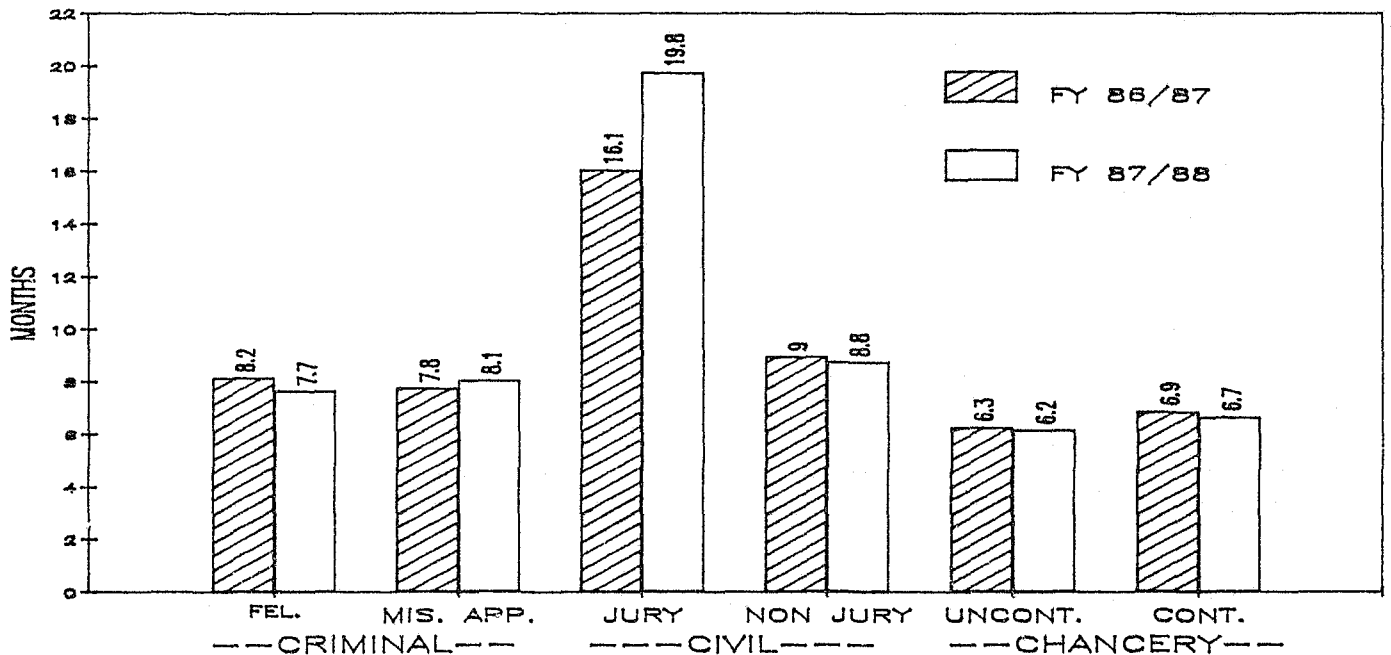
bly, while civil case processing time has increased noticeably. In chancery court, case processing time has decreased negligibly.

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**

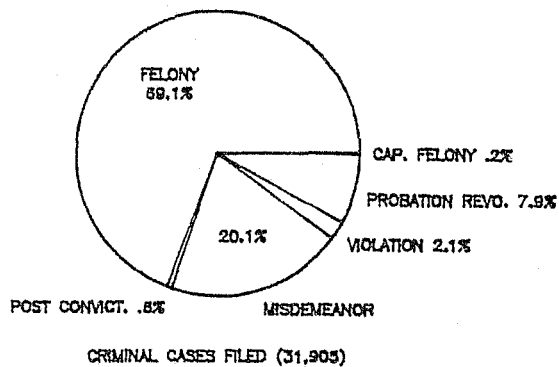




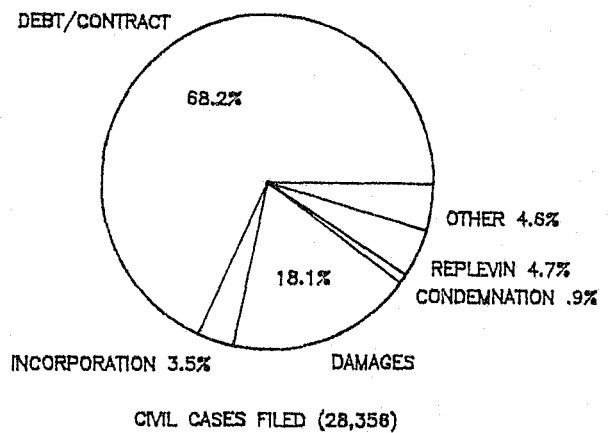
**STATEWIDE FILINGS BY CASE TYPE  
FY 1987/88**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

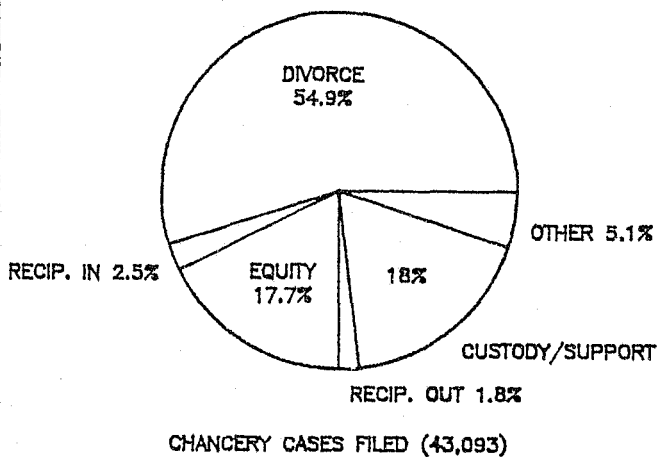
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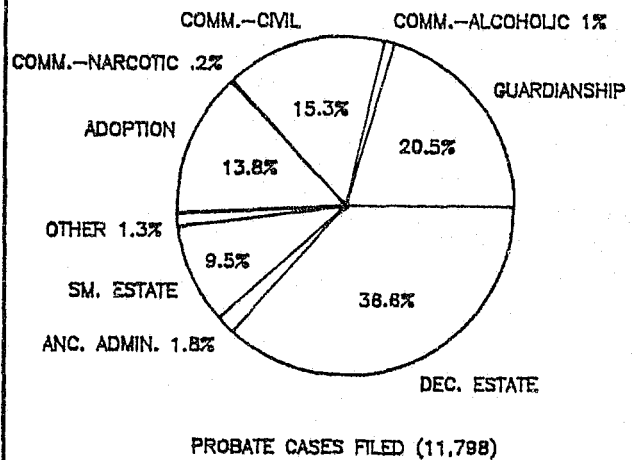
**CIVIL**



**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-

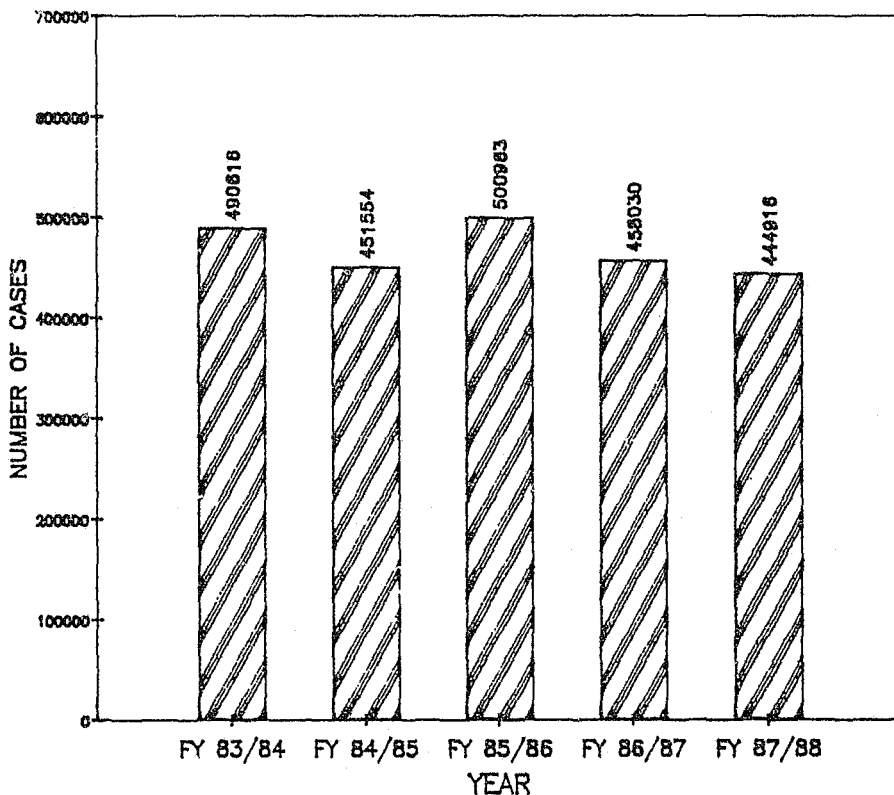
clude: original jurisdiction in all matters relating to county taxes, bastardy cases, paupers, apprenticeship of minors, and, in the absence of the chancellor from the county, the power to issue writs of injunction or restraining orders after an action has commenced. In the absence of the circuit judge,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

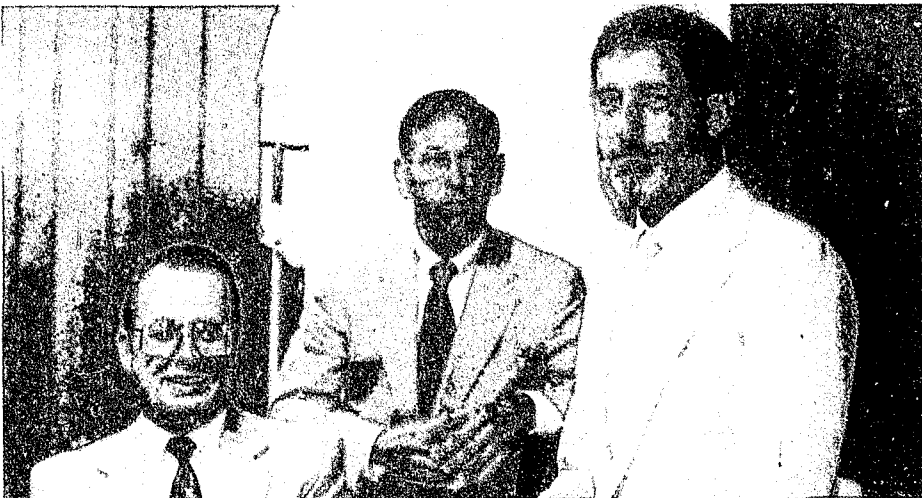
the judicial statistics of the courts and makes recommendations to the Executive Secretary for improvement of the reporting and collection process.

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.

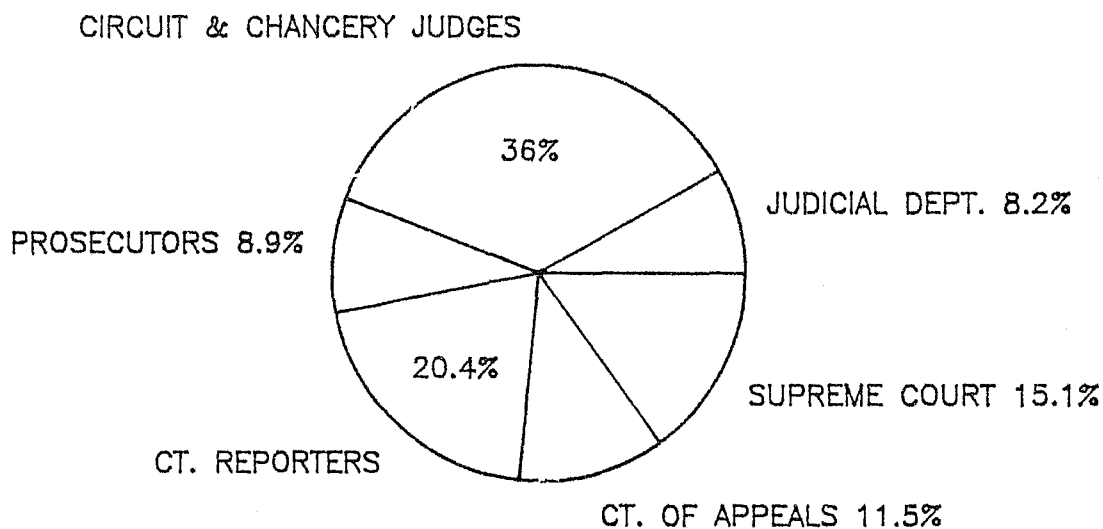
## COURT FINANCES

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



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	John Pittman
	Harvey Yates	Bentley Story
2	Olan Parker, Jr.	Graham Partlow
	David Burnett	Howard Templeton
	Gerald Pearson	Rice Van Ausdall
3	Harold Erwin	Tom L. Hilburn
4	Mahlon Gibson	Thomas F. Butt
	Kim Smith	John Lineberger
5	John S. Patterson	Richard Mobley
6	David Bogard	Ellen Brantley
	Tom F. Digby	John Earl
	Jack Lessenberry	Lee A. Munson
	John W. Langston	Judith Rogers
	Floyd Lofton	
	Perry Whitmore	
7	John W. Cole	Robert Garrett
8	John W. Goodson	Jim Gunter
	*Philip B. Purifoy	
9-E	*Hugh Lookadoo	
9-W	*Ted Capeheart	
10	Paul K. Roberts	Jerry Mazzanti
	Stark Ligon	Robert Gibson
11-E	*Russell Rogers	
11-W	H.A. Taylor	Lawrence Dawson
	Randall Williams	Eugene Harris
	*Berlin Jones	
12	John Holland	Warren Kimbrough
	Floyd Rogers	Harry Foltz
	*Don Ray Langston	
13	Harry F. Barnes	Charles Plunkett
	John Graves	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	Oliver Adams
	*Tom Keith	
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	Beverly Campbell	4	Saundra Gibson	Tamara Duncan
	Nancy Norman	Carla Astin		Joan Lester	Barbara Lineberger
2	Barbara Fisher	Margie Arwood	5	Roberta Golden	
	Al Barnett	William Kisselburg	6	Terri Hughes	1st Div. Beverly Bryant
	Clyde Still	Cecilia Ragsdale		Veda Rutherford	2nd Div. Bobbi Vinson
3	Evelyn Stackhouse	Anita Howard		Ann Mehlin	3rd Div. Debbie Hall
4	Debbie Miller	Darlene Taylor		Adele Evans	4th Div. Tommie Ellis
	Karen Morrow	Cathy Gardisser		Jodie Laster	5th Div.
5	Johna Roedenbeck	Ruth Teal		Trudy Jacobson	6th Div.
6	Nina S. Flack	Lana Guess	7	Melinda Nall	
	Patricia Shinn	Jacqueline L. Bell	8	*Mary Pankey	Donna Watkins
	Raymia Baucom	Bill McFarland	9-E	*Paula Doss	
	Loretta Johnson	Maudine Day	9-W	*Esther Capeheart	
	Ellen Kuciejski		11-E	*Stacy Sebree	
	Genie Power		11-W	Eva Glover	Maria Lafferty
7	Lois Green	Sally Cox		Docie Johnson	Shirley Stewart
8	Jewell Benson	Carl Arrington		*Annette Evans	
	*Betty Voltz		12	**Denora Coomer	
9-E	*Mary Dixon			Janet Smith	Jackie Railey
9-W	*Elizabeth McAlister			Sandy Helmert	Susan Clifton
10	Nan Coburn	Bobby Painton		*Carol Langston	
	Mike Ashcraft	Marilyn Ashcraft	13	Sandra Smith	
11-E	*Jill Barber		14	Barbara Lucas	Fran Lair
11-W	Barbara H. Bryant	Phoebe Spharler	15	Pat McVey	Lea Ellen Witt
	Joan Williams	Maria Lafferty	16	Donna Sullivan	
	*Nila Keels		17-E	Rhonda Roberts	JoAnn Brown
12	Barbara Walker	Rebecca Kimbrough	17-W	*Jeannie Pack	
	Wylie Brewer	Brenda Thompson	18-E	Debbie Lovelace	Jana Hawley
	*Joan Douglas		18-W	*Glenda Yahn	
13	Marian Schmidt	Sherry Freeland	19	Linda Jackson	Sidney Hewgley
	Eloise Paulus	L. Sue M. Bell		*Terri Womack	
14	Patti Honeycutt	Patty Frederick	20	Charlotte Garrett	Penny Blake
15	Laverne Ball	Larry Shepherd			
16	Fay Dilbeck	Patsy Newcomb			
17-E	Allen Hill	Linda Goforth			
17-W	*Kathy Minton				
18-E	Terry Jackson	Mary Hill			
18-W	*Joyce Wolfe				
19	Kenneth W. Dover	Janis Hall			
	*Joyce Cooper				
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 Morpew	Jo Neil Morpew	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	Sherry Carber
SEARCY	Deris L. Adams	Deris L. Adams	Robert Lowery ***
SEBASTIAN	Peggy Watson	Betty Jaber	Jeff Dobbins
SEVIER	Ann Miller	Sandra Dunn	Michael Landers ***
SHARP	Tommy Estes	Tommy Estes	Earl Hafer
STONE	Glenda White	Glenda White	A. Watson Bell ***
UNION	Carol Nesbit	Josephine Proctor	Randall Dixon
VAN BUREN	Maurice Stoltzfus	Maurice Stoltzfus	
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 Bohannon
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 Ermert
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  
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Joseph Svoboda  
David Gillison, Jr.  
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Charles N. Williams  
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Stephen Choate  
Edward Grauman  
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Patsy Robinson  
Allan Dishongh  
Bill Watt  
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Richard Proctor  
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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  
Jimmy L. Featherston  
Edwin L. Alford  
Ronald L. Winningham

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Kay McVay  
Teresa Ruble  
Ruth Baker  
Cecilia Jasay  
Linda Clark  
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Dana Hardman (County)  
Peggy Long  
Martha Hallsted  
Sharon Gasaway  
Mary Ann Staggs  
Beverly Bryan  
Misty Gullledge  
Dixie Grim (City)  
Ann Oliver (County)  
Essie Arnold  
Jimmie Canady (City)  
Judy Dart (County)  
Ellen Stewart  
Bonnie Caillouet  
Mildred Sallis  
Georgia Bledsoe  
Hazel Gossett  
Susan Bates  
Martha Boyd  
Janice Daniels  
Brenda Kaye Tyler  
Betty Thompson  
Cecilia Jasay  
Linda Cockrell  
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Michelle Boyd  
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Diane Byerley  
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## MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND CLERKS, cont'd

### CITY/County

NO. LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski  
NO. LITTLE ROCK/Pulaski  
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  
WYNNE/Cross  
YELL COUNTY/Yell

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Janie Brinkley  
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Wanda Allen  
Judy Sullivan  
Robert Jones  
Laura Foster  
Cynthia Beshear  
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Paulette Welch  
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Olive Bock  
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## CITY JUDGES AND CLERKS

### CITY/County

ALEXANDER/Pulaski  
ALLPORT/Lonoke  
ALMA/Crawford  
ALTHEIMER/Jefferson  
ALTUS/Franklin  
AMITY/Clark  
ARKANSAS CITY/Desha  
ATKINS/Pope  
AUSTIN/Lonoke  
BALD KNOB/White  
BARLING/Sebastian  
BEARDEN/Ouachita  
BLACK ROCK/Lawrence

### Judge

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Paul Gant  
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Hershel Pittman  
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Ray Hodnett  
Paul Lindsay  
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### Clerk

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Elsie Lybrand  
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Maurice Hancock  
Joyce Mangum  
Brenda Graves  
Alice Mason  
Pearlene Randall  
Ronal Naffziger  
Sue Jackson  
Terrell Downing

## CITY JUDGES AND CLERKS, cont'd

### CITY/County

BRADFORD/White  
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 CALICO ROCK/Izard  
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 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  
 GILLET/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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 Edward Grauman  
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 John Crain  
 Carl J. Madsen  
 Phillip M. Clay  
 Richard A. Reid  
 John Terry Lee  
 Alan Epley  
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 John Baker  
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## **CITY JUDGES AND CLERKS, cont'd**

### **CITY/County**

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PARKIN/Cross  
PATTERSON/Woodruff  
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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J. H. Kinder  
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V. Benton Rollins  
Daniel Elrod  
Michael Kelly  
Alfred C. Battle  
Charles Matlock  
James W. O'Dell  
Ben Frank  
Steve Howard  
Russell "Jack" Roberts  
Rodney Chambers  
Lance Hanshaw  
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Margie Wagnon  
Elizabeth Newell  
Cynthia Finley  
Delois Lewis  
Dalton Allison  
Hartsel Cayce  
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Barbara Fields  
Joyce Goff  
Gladys Baldwin  
Jennie Sue Woods  
Betty McClain  
Mary Butler  
Otto Warhurst  
Violet Allen

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Systems Branch  
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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
<b>APPEALS</b>								
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
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
<b>CIVIL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>

TABLE 2 SUPREME COURT PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated		Pending End
			Granted	Denied	
<b>PETITIONS</b>					
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>29</b>
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
<b>CIVIL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>18</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>47</b>

TABLE 3 SUPREME COURT WRITTEN OPINIONS

## WRITTEN OPINIONS

	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Dissenting/ Concurring In Part	Total
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
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>569</b>
Per Curiam	221	0	0	0	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>790</b>

\* Includes 1 Supplemental Opinion

\* \* Includes 2 Supplemental Opinions

TABLE 4 SUPREME COURT APPEAL DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	CRIMINAL					CIVIL				
	Post Conviction	Other Felony	Capital Felony	Misde- meanor	Sub- Total	Law	Equity	Pro- bate	Sub- Total	Total
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
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>437</b>
Per Curiam Opinions	11	9	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>457</b>
**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
<b>APPEALS</b>								
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>
Felony	86	231	186	131	163	11	12	0
Misdemeanor	34	54	49	39	42	2	5	0
<b>CIVIL</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>
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
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ESD**</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121*</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>122</b>

\* Affirmed Without Opinion

\*\* ESD- Appeals from Employment Security Division

TABLE 6 COURT OF APPEALS PETITION ACTIVITY

	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated		Pending End
			Granted	Denied	
<b>PETITIONS</b>					
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>
Certiorari	0	2	2	0	0
Rehearing	3	25	0	24	4
<b>CIVIL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>7</b>

TABLE 7 COURT OF APPEALS WRITTEN OPINIONS

## WRITTEN OPINIONS

	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Dissenting/ Concurring In Part	Total
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
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>597</b>
Per Curiam (On Motions)	35	0	0	0	35
<b>Total Opinions</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>632</b>

\* Includes 1 Supplemental Opinion

\*\* Includes 2 Supplemental Opinions

TABLE 8 COURT OF APPEALS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

	CRIMINAL			CIVIL					
	Other Felony	Mis- demeanor	Sub- Total	Law	Equity	Pro- bate	Sub- Total	ESD*	Total
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>827</b>
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**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>Chancery &amp; Probate Court</b>	<b>Statewide Total</b>
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**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>Chancery &amp; Probate Court</b>	<b>Statewide Total</b>
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 COURT				CHANCERY COURT		
Circuit	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 COURT			CHANCERY COURT	
Circuit	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 &amp; 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
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Cross</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-164</b>
<b>Lee</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-63</b>
<b>Monroe</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Phillips</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1746</b>	<b>1478</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>1913</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>St. Francis</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1509</b>	<b>1566</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-33</b>
<b>Woodruff</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>First Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>5733</b>	<b>5604</b>	<b>5598</b>	<b>5345</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>2915</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>1259</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Clay</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-24</b>



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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
<b>Craighead</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2324</b>	<b>2751</b>	<b>2523</b>	<b>2514</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>Crittenden</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>2227</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1738</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1093</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>Greene</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>1212</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1516</b>	<b>2613</b>	<b>2436</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Poinsett</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-32</b>
<b>Second Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7649</b>	<b>10375</b>	<b>9790</b>	<b>7738</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>4766</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1461</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>585</b>
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Jackson</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Lawrence</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-94</b>

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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
<b>Randolph</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Sharp</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Third Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2650</b>	<b>2909</b>	<b>2872</b>	<b>2455</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1505</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Madison</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>Washington</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>5323</b>	<b>5584</b>	<b>5528</b>	<b>3533</b>	<b>1846</b>	<b>2350</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>5624</b>	<b>6020</b>	<b>5984</b>	<b>3757</b>	<b>1903</b>	<b>2520</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Franklin</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Johnson</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-2</b>

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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
<b>Pope</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1578</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>1780</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2667</b>	<b>3099</b>	<b>3043</b>	<b>2665</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>56</b>

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<b>Perry</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-31</b>
<b>Pulaski</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>14330</b>	<b>21804</b>	<b>23322</b>	<b>11929</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>7948</b>	<b>1784</b>	<b>2197</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-1518</b>
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>14688</b>	<b>22128</b>	<b>23677</b>	<b>12251</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>8104</b>	<b>1843</b>	<b>2304</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-1549</b>

## SEVENTH CIRCUIT

<b>Grant</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Hot Spring</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>1465</b>	<b>1238</b>	<b>1534</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>Saline</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3598</b>	<b>3042</b>	<b>2263</b>	<b>3663</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>1712</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>779</b>

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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
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>5386</b>	<b>5034</b>	<b>3952</b>	<b>5744</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>2815</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1082</b>
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Hempstead</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Lafayette</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Miller</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2181</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>2069</b>	<b>1888</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-158</b>
<b>Nevada</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3565</b>	<b>3626</b>	<b>3552</b>	<b>3434</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>1936</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>NINTH CIRCUIT EAST</b>										
<b>Clark</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-138</b>
<b>Pike</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-64</b>

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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
<b>Ninth Circuit East</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>1310</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-202</b>
<b>NINTH CIRCUIT WEST</b>										
<b>Howard</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>Little River</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Sevier</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>Ninth Circuit West</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1522</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-27</b>
<b>TENTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Ashley</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-93</b>
<b>Bradley</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-89</b>
<b>Chicot</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-61</b>

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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
<b>Desha</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Drew</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-105</b>
<b>Tenth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3983</b>	<b>3990</b>	<b>4229</b>	<b>3475</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>1934</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-239</b>
<b>ELEVENTH CIRCUIT EAST</b>										
<b>Arkansas</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1373</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>Eleventh Circuit E.</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1373</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>ELEVENTH CIRCUIT WEST</b>										
<b>Jefferson</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3158</b>	<b>5132</b>	<b>4574</b>	<b>3046</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>558</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Eleventh Circuit West</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3412</b>	<b>5667</b>	<b>5033</b>	<b>3346</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>2415</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>634</b>

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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
<b>TWELFTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Crawford</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>2091</b>	<b>1436</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1032</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>Sebastian</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4841</b>	<b>6292</b>	<b>7149</b>	<b>3693</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>2731</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-857</b>
<b>Twelfth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6601</b>	<b>8373</b>	<b>9240</b>	<b>5129</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>3763</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-867</b>
<b>THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Calhoun</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-94</b>
<b>Cleveland</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-17</b>
<b>Columbia</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Dallas</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-45</b>
<b>Ouachita</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>1771</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>157</b>

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<b>Union</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2055</b>	<b>2315</b>	<b>2203</b>	<b>2152</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1189</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Thirteenth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>5063</b>	<b>6003</b>	<b>5828</b>	<b>5068</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2952</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Baxter</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-66</b>
<b>Boone</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1333</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Marion</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Newton</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Fourteenth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2274</b>	<b>3422</b>	<b>3356</b>	<b>2274</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1540</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Conway</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-175</b>



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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
<b>Logan</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-88</b>
<b>Scott</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Yell</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-96</b>
<b>Fifteenth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2383</b>	<b>3149</b>	<b>3511</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-362</b>
<b>SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Cleburne</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-133</b>
<b>Fulton</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-34</b>
<b>Independence</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1340</b>	<b>1887</b>	<b>1878</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Izard</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>

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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
<b>Stone</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-96</b>
<b>Sixteenth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2961</b>	<b>3804</b>	<b>4016</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-212</b>
<b>SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST</b>										
<b>Prairie</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>White</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>2609</b>	<b>2901</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-292</b>
<b>Seventeenth Circuit East</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>2967</b>	<b>3261</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-294</b>
<b>SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST</b>										
<b>Lonoke</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1629</b>	<b>1731</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-102</b>
<b>Seventeenth Circuit West</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1629</b>	<b>1731</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-102</b>

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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
<b>EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT EAST</b>										
<b>Gariand</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2501</b>	<b>3818</b>	<b>3838</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>Eighteenth Circuit East</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2501</b>	<b>3818</b>	<b>3838</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT WEST</b>										
<b>Montgomery</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>Polk</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Eighteenth Circuit West</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>NINETEENTH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Benton</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3058</b>	<b>4550</b>	<b>4101</b>	<b>3192</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>2134</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>449</b>
<b>Carroll</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>206</b>

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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
<b>Nineteenth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3813</b>	<b>5491</b>	<b>4836</b>	<b>4094</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>2688</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>655</b>
<b>TWENTIETH CIRCUIT</b>										
<b>Faulkner</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2415</b>	<b>2446</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-31</b>
<b>Searcy</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-96</b>
<b>Van Buren</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-115</b>
<b>Twentieth Circuit</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2997</b>	<b>3130</b>	<b>3372</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1535</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-242</b>
<b>State-Wide</b>										
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>90418</b>	<b>115152</b>	<b>115607</b>	<b>81872</b>	<b>8091</b>	<b>50883</b>	<b>15413</b>	<b>15576</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-455</b>

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>
<b>MUNICIPAL</b>						
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>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>401,465</b>	<b>254,996</b>	<b>33,512</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>28,356,126</b>	<b>19,981,671</b>
Civil	<u>43,451</u>	<u>19,036</u>	—	—	<u>948,091</u>	<u>1,121,159</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>444,916</b>	<b>274,032</b>	—	—	<b>29,304,217</b>	<b>21,102,830</b>
Felonies	3,147	6,138				
<b>CITY</b>						
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>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>22,985</b>	<b>11,968</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1,925,635</b>	<b>1,459,177</b>
Civil	<u>225</u>	<u>84</u>	—	—	<u>1,326</u>	<u>3,730</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,210</b>	<b>12,052</b>	—	—	<b>1,926,961</b>	<b>1,462,907</b>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>468,126</b>	<b>286,084</b>	<b>35,273</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>31,231,178</b>	<b>22,565,737</b>

\* 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>									
	Pending 7-01-87	Cases Filed	Termi- nations	Pending 6-30-88	Less 1 yr.	1-2 Yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	% Over 2 yrs.	Change In Cases Pending
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
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>11,583</b>	<b>11,647</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-64</b>

\* 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**

<b>A. JUVENILE COURT</b>		
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>B. MUNICIPAL COURT</b>		
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
<b>C. CIRCUIT COURT</b>		
Number of Defendants Represented .....		4,591
Number and Nature of Offenses:		
Capital .....	13	
Felony .....	6,863	
Misdemeanor .....	<u>385</u>	
Total Offenses .....		7,261
<b>D. RESPONDENTS REPRESENTED IN PROBATE COURT:</b>		
Involuntary and Alcoholic Commitments .....		<u>1,190</u>
<b>E. TOTAL DEFENDANTS REPRESENTED IN ALL COURTS</b>		15,237
<b>F. NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT</b>		133
<b>G. NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO STATE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS</b>		121
<b>H. RULE 37 APPOINTMENTS</b>		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, 32 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