

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

IN RE: PASSING OF HONORABLE
JAMES HUDSON

Opinion Delivered May 14, 2009

PER CURIAM

On May 3, 2009, the State of Arkansas lost one of its outstanding jurists, Honorable James Hudson, of Texarkana. Judge Hudson served as Circuit Judge for the Eighth-South Judicial Circuit from 1991 until cancer and related complications struck him down in the prime of his life. On the sad occasion of his passing, the Arkansas Supreme Court wishes to acknowledge his life of service to the Arkansas legal system and to express our sympathy to his wife, Kathy, his daughters, and the rest of his family.

Judge Hudson graduated from Hendrix College and SMU Law School. Prior to assuming the bench, he practiced law and served as City Attorney in Texarkana and Prosecuting Attorney in the Eighth Judicial District. In addition to tending to the duties in his judicial circuit, Judge Hudson served this court and the state judiciary. At the time of his death, he was Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Practice and Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness. He had previously served as the Chair of the Arkansas Task Force on Court Security. Judge Hudson distinguished himself on the bench and had the respect and admiration of his fellow judges.

The Arkansas Supreme Court recognizes Judge Jim Hudson for an extraordinary life

of service. He will be sorely missed on both a professional and personal level by his many friends and colleagues. His untimely death leaves big shoes to fill not only in the Eighth-South Circuit but the entire State.

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