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- Alternative Dispute Resolution <sup>[5]</sup> (Mediation)
- Court Interpreters <sup>[6]</sup> (includes many languages, from Hmong to Spanish to Sign Language)
- Court-Appointed Special Advocates <sup>[7]</sup> (for children)
- Arkansas Court Automation Project <sup>[8]</sup> (statewide case management for all courts)
- Drug Courts <sup>[9]</sup> (includes rehabilitation and social and professional development)

- Juvenile Division <sup>[10]</sup> (attorney ad litem, CASA, parent-counsel).

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Sincerely,

Stephanie

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