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Arkansas Chief Justice Named President of National Court Association and Chair of NCSC

Williamsburg, VA (August 13, 2014) – Arkansas Chief Justice Jim Hannah has been named chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and president of the Conference of Chief Justices, CCJ, of which the National Center serves as executive staff. Both positions are one-year terms. The appointments were made during CCJ's annual meeting and NCSC's Board meeting in July in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

"NCSC is honored to have Chief Justice Hannah move into a leadership position with the nation's court community," said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. "He brings a national reputation for his expertise in numerous areas, including access to justice, child and family law, and technology. Courts across the country will benefit from Chief Justice Hannah's experience and leadership style."

Chief Justice Hannah was elected to his position and took office in January 2005, after serving as a justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court since 2000. He serves on the U.S. Supreme Court Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Roberts and was appointed by President Barack Obama as chair of the State Justice Institute. Chief Justice Hannah currently serves as co-chair of the CCJ/COSCA courts, children and families committee and a member of the government affairs committee.

Founded in 1949 and comprised of the top judicial officers of each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. CCJ promotes the interests and effectiveness of state judicial systems by developing policies and educational programs designed to improve court operations. CCJ also acts as the primary representative of the state courts before Congress and federal executive agencies.

The National Center, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a non-profit court organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. NCSC, founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, provides education, training, and technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts.

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