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ARKANSAS CHIEF JUSTICE JIM HANNAH
NOMINATED BY WHITE HOUSE TO SERVE ON BOARD

President Obama announced this week that he nominated Arkansas's Chief Justice Jim Hannah as a member of the State Justice Institute's Board of Directors. Justice Hannah is currently serving as chairman of SJI. The White House's press release may be found here:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/09/06/president-obama-announces-more-key-administration-posts-0>

From the release:

Chief Justice Jim Hannah, Nominee for Member, Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute

Chief Justice Jim Hannah is currently serving as Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court. He was first elected as an Associate Justice in 2000 and re-elected as Chief Justice in 2004 and 2008. He was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute in 2010. Prior to serving on the Arkansas Supreme Court, he served as a Chancery/Probate Judge in the 17th Judicial District from 1979 to 1999. Chief Justice Hannah maintained a private law practice for ten and a half years before he was elected to the trial bench. While in private practice, he also served as the city attorney for Searcy, Arkansas, as city attorney for several communities in White County, as a city judge for Kensett, Arkansas and Rosebud, Arkansas, as deputy prosecuting attorney for Woodruff County, and as the White County Juvenile Judge. Chief Justice Hannah has served as President on the Board of the Arkansas Judicial Council. He has served as Chairman of the Arkansas Judicial Resources Assessment Committee, Legislative Committee, and Retirement Committee. He has also served on the board of the Conference of Chief Justices and is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Committee of Families and Courts. In addition, he sits on the U.S. Supreme Court Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction and the Arkansas Supreme Court Committees on Technology, Child Support, and Foster Care. Chief Justice Hannah received a B.S.B.A. from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law.

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