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### **Statement from Justice Rhonda Wood on the Passing of Retired Chief Justice Jim Hannah**

I was sad to learn of the passing of Chief Hannah yesterday. I had the opportunity to work with him for nine years on the bench. We predominately worked together on juvenile justice reform. Justice Hannah was a champion of juvenile court issues and many of the protections in place today were derived from his leadership. He was nationally recognized for his leadership and whenever I attended a national conference, someone would invariably approach me and say "You are from Arkansas, you get to work with Chief Hannah."

My condolences go out to his family. Anyone who knew Jim, also knew family was everything to him.