

**DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN**

**Northern District Court, Lonoke County, Arkansas**

1. JUDGES: The District Court, Northern District of Lonoke County, is served by one local district judges. The judge serves in the designated departments of the court as follows:

<b>Cabot Department</b>	Cabot, Arkansas
<b>Austin Department</b>	Austin, Arkansas
<b>Ward Department</b>	Ward, Arkansas

2. COURT: Sessions of court are generally scheduled on:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>days</u>	<u>time</u>
<b>Cabot</b>	Plea and Arraignment	First and Third	9:00 AM Wednesday
	City Trials	First and Second	1:00 PM Thursday
	Small Claims/ Civil	Third Tuesday	1:00 PM
	State/ County Trials	Third Thursday	1:00 PM
<b>Austin</b>	Plea and Arraignment	Second Wednesday	10:00 AM
	Trials	Second Monday	5:00 PM
<b>Ward</b>	Affidavits and Contempts (hearings)	First Monday	1:00 PM
	City and County Trials	First Tuesday	5:00 PM
	City and County Pleas	Second Tuesday	5:00 PM
	State Pleas	Third Tuesday	5:00 PM
	State Trials	Fourth Tuesday	5:00 PM

3. TYPES OF CASES: The following cases are heard at these locations:

<b>Cabot</b>	State Traffic, County Traffic, City Traffic, State Misdemeanors, County Misdemeanors, City Misdemeanors, Civil and Small Claims
<b>Austin</b>	State Traffic, County Traffic, City Traffic, State Misdemeanors, County Misdemeanors, City Misdemeanors
<b>Ward</b>	State Traffic, County Traffic, City Traffic, State Misdemeanors, County Misdemeanors City Misdemeanors

4. SPECIALTY PROGRAMS: The following specialty programs are provided:

**North Lonoke County DWI Court**

a. This is a specialty court targeting hardcore drunk drivers, which are individuals facing their 3<sup>rd</sup> DWI charge. In some cases, a second offender may be accepted into the program, if it appears that such an offender would benefit. The program features very intensive monitoring with a treatment program based on the drug court model.

b. Administrative Order Nos. 14 and 18 provide the legal authority for specialty courts. It may also fall under Ark. Code §16-98-303.

c. The North Lonoke County DWI Court complies with all applicable laws, including fines, fees, court costs, and probation assessments.

d. The court team consists of a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, treatment provider, law enforcement officer, and court coordinator. The members have been trained through programs offered by the National Center for DWI Courts which is a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP).

e. The North Lonoke County DWI Court initially received funding from a grant from the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office, which was used for training in Springfield, Missouri, in June 2012. The cost of treatment is presently being borne by the individual participants. The court formally began operation in 2013.

  
DISTRICT JUDGE

DATE: May 23, 2013