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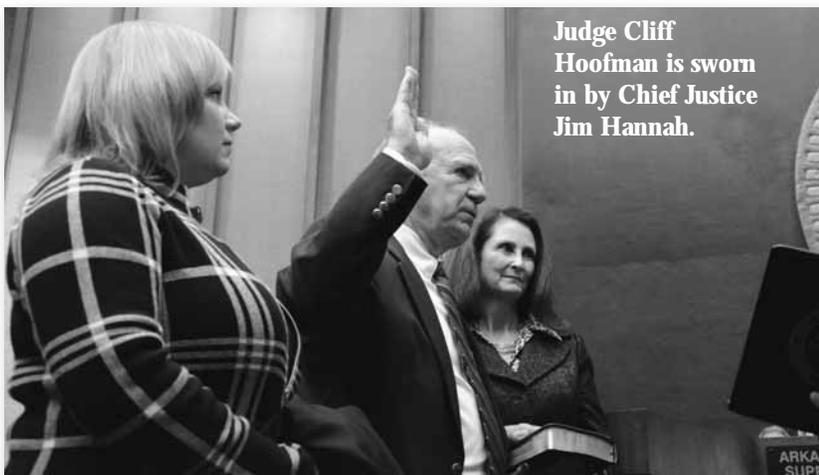
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## Court of Appeals Swears In Two New Judges

The Arkansas Court of Appeals held formal swearing in ceremonies for Judges Doug Martin and Cliff Hoofman on February 16, 2010. Both Judges were appointed by Governor Beebe to take positions vacated by Court of Appeals Judges Karen Baker and Courtney Henry, who now serve on the Arkansas Supreme Court. Judge Martin and Judge Hoofman will both serve until their replacements take office following the 2012 election.



Judge Doug Martin takes the Oath of Office from Circuit Judge Kim Smith 4th Judicial Circuit.



Judge Cliff Hoofman is sworn in by Chief Justice Jim Hannah.

## Justice Robert Brown Receives Award

Justice Robert L. Brown has received the first Arkansas Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP) Community



Support Award for his commitment to its program that helps to improve the health and well being of Arkansas judges and lawyers and their families. In the future, the award will be known as the Justice Robert L. Brown Community Support Award in recognition of Justice Brown's long-term commitment to JLAP.

Back in the 1990's, a small group of lawyers began developing a program that would assist judges and lawyers and their families who were going through difficult times, mental illness and/or addictions. Their cause was strongly supported by Justice Brown. He studied other similar programs and kept the issue in front of the Supreme Court, resulting in a per curiam in July, 2000, proposing the creation of the Arkansas Lawyer Assistance Program. The program was formally adopted in a per curiam on December 7, 2000. More information may be found on the website [www.arjlap.org](http://www.arjlap.org).

## Justice Building Athletes “On The Move”

Eight Justice Building employees and one spouse took part in the 2011 Little Rock Marathon and all received medals. Michael Harmon/Office of Professional Conduct and Alex Rogers/AOC ran the full marathon. Diane Robinson/AOC and Terri Looney/AOC completed the half marathon. Finishing in the relay division were Pam Stewart/AOC, Jennifer Taylor/AOC, Andrew Sever (husband of Meghan Sever/AOC), and John Stewart/AOC, and receiving a medal in the 5 K event was Jessica Bowen/AOC.

Congratulations to these athletes for attempting and completing their respective divisions!

Additionally, 80 AOC employees are now participating in the 2011 Blue Cross-Blue Shield-Blue 'n You Fitness Challenge. The goal of the Challenge is to encourage physical activity. Ten teams have been created in the AOC for the competition. Team members get credit for performing any type of cardiovascular activity for at least 30 minutes in a one day period between March 1, 2011 and May 30, 2011. Currently, the AOC as a whole is leading nationally in their category for organizations of 51 to 80 people.

(See **Athletes** photo on next page)



**Trial Court Assistants held their annual meeting in Little Rock in March. Posing for a group shot, the 2011 Board of Directors include: Joyce Morgan (Jonesboro), Vice President; Vicki Evans (El Dorado), Treasurer; Susan McGehee (Conway), Secretary; Kim Dodson (Ft. Smith), Second Vice President; Barbie Reed (Ft. Smith), Past President; Polly Leimberg (Harrison), Parliamentarian. Not Pictured: Eunice Dunkin, President**

## Pat Hannah Chairs National Organization

Pat Hannah, wife of Chief Justice Jim Hannah, is now serving as Chair of the Judicial Family Institute (JFI), a national organization dedicated to providing information and education on topics of concern and importance to judicial households. Prior to assuming the Chair position, Hannah served as Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Committee, and the Political Life Committee. JFI is a subcommittee of the Past President's Committee of the Conference of Chief Justices and is affiliated with the National Center for State Courts which hosts its website at <http://jfi.ncsconline.org/>.

Hannah says judicial families face unique issues and JFI was founded as a result of those issues. The goals of JFI include educating families of judges about the responsibilities and challenges of living in a judicial family; sharing knowledge about topics of current interest such as home and travel security, ethics guidelines, and judicial elections; helping to provide the necessary tools to balance and manage the stresses and successes of public life; maintaining a JFI website as a source of information for judicial families (the only nationwide clearinghouse of judicial family education linked to all states, U.S. territories and commonwealths); addressing health and wellness issues; and promoting the purposes of JFI in revision of state judicial codes. As Chair, Pat hopes to increase membership in both JFI and individual state programs. She says the success of JFI depends upon the interest and involvement of the current state Chief Justices and their spouses or significant others. She invites judicial families to visit the JFI website and if they have an interest in helping make JFI more active in Arkansas, or have topics that might be included on the JFI website to contact her at [PatAHannah@aol.com](mailto:PatAHannah@aol.com).

# AOC Court Information System

The CIS division of the Administrative Office of the Courts is in the first stages of developing a new jury service website that will allow summoned individuals to fill out summons online. The jury website must be in compliance with Arkansas § 25-26-201 which states that individuals who are blind or visually impaired have the right to full participation in the life of the state, including the use of advanced technology.

Lucas Harder, a first year student at the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law, is assisting ACAP Jury Technical Analyst, Sonya Morgan, by testing and giving feedback on the readability of the website prototype. Lucas uses the screen reading program, JAWS (Job Access With Speech), a software program for visually impaired users. The screen reader provides the user with access to the information displayed on the screen via text-to-speech or by means of a Braille display device.

On another project, the CIS division hosted a three day E-filing kickoff meeting in March which included participants from Tybera (vendor providing software for E-filing website), ACS (provides

**Lucas Harder/UALR law student and ACAP Jury Technical Analyst, Sonya Morgan, test the jury service website.**



**Posing for a group shot before the E-filing kickoff: (l-r) 6th Div. Circuit Judge Vann Smith, Steve Sipes/Pulaski County Court Administrator, Jeff Pratt/AOC-E-filing Project Manager, Kirby Miraglia and Eric Barnes/Pulaski Count Clerk's Office.**

case management system), INA (responsible for taking the payment from the filers via the website), DISC (Pulaski County document management system vendor) and the AOC E-filing project team.

The kickoff event consisted of a series of meetings to look at software demonstrations and their functionality, technical discussions about network configuration, hardware, document management integration and workflow development for the project.

The project will begin with Pulaski County and the projected time line announced at the kick off is: May 2011 - Training of the AOC E-filing project team, June 2011 - End User training by AOC team, August 2011 - Phase 1 Go Live for E-filing of civil cases, December 2011 - Phase 2 Go Live for domestic and probate cases, May 2012 - Phase 3 Go Live for juvenile cases and July 2012 - Phase 4 Go Live for criminal cases.



**(Left to right) Jennifer Taylor, Andrew Sever, Terri Looney, Pam Stewart, John Stewart, Michael Harmon, Jessica Bowen, Diane Robinson, and Alex Rogers.**

# New faces in the Judiciary

## AOC

Functional Specialist - **Tina Hale**  
E-Filing Project Manager - **Jeff Pratt**  
Functional Specialist - **Amanda Armstrong**  
Drug Court Coordinator - **Kari Powers**  
Executive Assistant - **Jessica Bowen**

## District Court Judges

Madison County - **Orville Clift** replaces Joanna Taylor.  
Dallas County - **Tom Wynne** replaces Robin Wynne.  
Washington County/Springdale - **Ernest B. Cate** replaces Stanley W. Ludwig.

## District Court Clerks

Benton County/Bethel Heights - **Amanda Fenton** replaces Jordan Wagner.  
Johnson County/Lamar - **Ashley Goodman** replaces Carolyn Morgan as Chief Clerk.  
Izard County - **Susan Graham** replaces Monty Gilbreath.  
Prairie County/Devalls Bluff - **Leah Woodall** replaces Bonnie Davis.  
Sebastian County/Barling - **Cindy DuBois** replaces Kristi St. Cyr.

## Official Court Reporters

2nd Circuit (Honeycutt) - **Michelle Jones** replaces Brand Stewart-Pierce.

4th Circuit (Taylor) - **Shana Leding** is the new OCR.  
4th Circuit (Bryan) **Ann Wood** replaces Cathy Gardisser.

## Prosecuting Attorneys

2nd District - **Scott Ellington** replaces Michael Waldron  
8th N. District - **Christy McQueen** replaces Jason Ashley Parker.  
8th S. District - **Carlton Jones** replaces Brent Haltom.  
11th W. District - **Kyle Hunter** replaces Steve Dalrymple.  
18th W. District - **Andy Riner** replaces Tim Williamson.  
20th District - **Cody Hiland** replaces Marcus Vaden.  
23rd District - **Chuck Graham** replaces Will Feland.

## Trial Court Assistants

6th Circuit (Johnson) **Annette Gilbert** replaces Linda Lee.  
4th Circuit (Taylor) - **Julie Weston** is the new TCA.  
4th Circuit (Bryan) **Hanna Ketter** replaces Ann Wood.

## City Court Clerks

Altus - **Joyce Hurt** replaces Patricia J. Brashears.

## CALENDAR

### April

District Judges **28-29**  
Spring College/District Court Clerks Annual Meeting (Rogers)

### June

CMP, Class 2013 **1-3**  
"CourTools" (Little Rock)

Spring Judicial College/Judicial Council meeting (Hot Springs) **8-10**

CMP, Class 2012 **15-17**  
"Purposes & Responsibilities of the Courts" (Little Rock)

CMP, Class 2011 **22-24**  
"Managing Human Resources" (Little Rock)



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