



# Friends of the Court

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## Current Year Funding For Judicial Branch Slashed

Officials from fourteen state agencies which are funded in whole or in part from the State Central Services Fund, including the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Administrative Office of the Courts, were notified on January 10<sup>th</sup> that the fund was suffering a severe shortfall and that current budgets would be cut immediately. Funding for the current fiscal year (through June 30, 2003) is short over \$70 million. Legislation was filed on the first day of the 2003 legislative session to shift \$20 million into the fund but requiring that the remaining \$50 million shortfall be taken from current agency budgets. Funding for the Administrative Office of the Courts is cut by \$1,628,562. The Supreme Court budget is reduced by \$588,468 and the Court of Appeals by \$467,874.

For the judiciary, the cuts are across the board. All capital outlay and travel funds have been eliminated completely in all three judicial agencies. At the Supreme Court, funds for extra help employees, professional services, reimburse-

ment for Supreme Court Committees, judicial education, and funds for the National Center for State Courts were eliminated. In addition, the Court will be unable to publish its opinions through the Arkansas Reports for the remainder of the year. Funds available to pay attorneys appearing before the Court were also decreased significantly.

At the Administrative Office of the Courts, one position was eliminated in addition to the cut of all travel, capital outlay, and judicial education funds. "The elimination of judicial branch education funds was the most painful part of the process" according to J.D. Gingerich, Director of the AOC. All meetings and conferences which had been scheduled for the remainder of the fiscal year are being canceled. Judges who had been approved to attend courses offered by the National Judicial College or the American Academy of Judicial Education have been notified that funds are no longer available. Annual meetings of the Arkansas Judicial College, District Judges

College, and association meetings of other judicial branch staff have also been canceled.

"These cuts will also impact county and city budgets" according to Gingerich. "The cuts include a significant decrease in the AOC's funding of interpreters for non-English speaking and hearing impaired persons and to provide legal counsel for indigent parents in certain dependency neglect cases. State law provides that local government must provide these services in the event that they are not funded by the state."

In a meeting between Chief Justice W.H. "Dub" Arnold, Chief Judge John Stroud and legislative branch leaders, assurances were made that the funding gap would be short term. Legislation is being prepared which would insure that the State Central Services Fund would be fully funded in the future. This year marks the first time that the fund has ever suffered a shortfall. ■

## Court of Appeals Welcomes New Member

Newly elected Court of Appeals Judge Robert Gladwin was sworn in by 4th Judicial Circuit Judge Kim Smith on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. He replaces Judge John Jennings, District 3, who had served on the Court of Appeals since 1987 and retired as of December 31, 2002.

Judge Gladwin attended the

University of Arkansas/Fayetteville for his undergraduate degree and his law degree. Before coming to the Court of Appeals, Judge Gladwin was in private practice and also served as District Court Judge for Prairie Grove and as City Judge for Lincoln.

In addition to Judge Gladwin's swearing in, Judge Jo

Hart was sworn in for an eight year term on the Court of Appeals. She has been a member of the Court of Appeals, District 2, since 1999.



**Judge Gladwin, accompanied by his wife, Laura, is sworn in by 4th Judicial Circuit Judge Kim Smith.**



**Judge Jo Hart is sworn in by Chief Judge John Stroud.**

## New Circuit Judges Meet For Educational Sessions

20 newly elected circuit judges met in Little Rock in early January to become better acquainted with their new positions which they undertook as of January 1, 2003. Educational sessions and those teaching the courses included:

The Canons of Judicial Ethics/Judge Leon Jamison, Conducting a Trial/Judge Fred Davis, Jury Management/Retired Judge John Plegge, Criminal Trials/Judge Ralph Wilson, Domestic Relations/Judge Ellen Brantley, and Retired Judge

Juvenile Cases/Judge Steve Choate, Judge Joyce Warren and Connie Tanner-Juvenile Courts Coordinator/AOC, Case Management/Judge David Laser, Judge Kim Smith and Case Coordinators/Joan Lester and Ouida Puryear, and Practical Information for New Circuit

Robin Mays, Probate/Judge Charles Yeargan, Evidence/Judge Mary McGowan and Judge Duncan Culpepper, Civil Cases/



**Judges Barry Sims/6th, Tim Fox/6th, Chris Williams/7th, and Richard Moore/6th.**



**Judges Gordon Webb/14th, Larry Boling/2nd, Mike Medlock/21st, and Terry Sullivan/15th.**



What is the AOC by its Director, J.D. Gingerich,

Supreme Court Associate Justice Jim Hannah and Judge Kim Smith,

Judges/Retired Judge Kayo Harris, Judge Mark Lindsay and Retired Judge John Plegge.

## New Faces in the Judiciary

### Circuit Judges

2nd/Div.1 - Pam Honeycutt replaces Howard Templeton.  
2nd/Div.2 - Lee Fergus replaces Graham Partlow.  
2nd/Div.10 - Larry Boling replaces Lee Fergus.  
3rd/Div. 2 - Phil Smith replaces Tom Hilburn.  
3rd/Div. 3 - Kevin King replaces Phil Smith.  
6th/Div. 3 - James Moody replaces John Ward.  
6th/Div. 6 - Tim Fox replaces David Bogard.  
6th/Div. 7 - Barry Sims replaces John Plegge.  
6th/Div. 15 - Richard Moore replaces Robin Mays.  
7th/Div. 1 - Chris Williams replaces John Cole.  
8th S./Div. 3 - Kirk Johnson replaces Philip Purifoy.  
11th E./Div. 1 - David Henry replaces Russell Rogers.  
11th W./Div. 3 - William Benton replaces Lawrence Dawson.  
14th/Div. 3 - John Putman replaces Robert McCorkindale.  
14th/Div. 4 - Gordon Webb replaces Chris Carter.  
15th/Div. 2 - David McCormick replaces Van Taylor.

15th/Div.3 - Terry Sullivan replaces David McCormick.  
16th/Div. 4 - Tim Weaver replaces Keith Rutledge.  
17th/Div. 3 - Craig Hannah replaces Darrell Hickman.  
18th W./Div. 1 - J.W. Looney replaces Gayle Ford.  
21st/Div. 1 - Gary Cottrell replaces Floyd Rogers.  
21st/Div. 2 - Mike Medlock replaces Gary Cottrell.

### Court Reporters

5th (Sutterfield) - Wilma Vaughn replaces Mark Scott.  
8th S. (Johnson) - Tabbetha Kopech replaces Betty Voltz.  
14th (Webb) - Karen Shelton replaces Renee Shepard.

### District Judges

Ash Flat & Cherokee Village - Raymond Timothy Starken replaces Kevin King.  
Jonesboro & Lake City - Ray Spruell replaces Pamela Honeycutt.  
Malvern - David Mac Glover replaces Chris Williams.  
Miller County and Texarkana - Carol Cannedy Dalby replaces Kirk Johnson.  
North Little Rock - Brent Standridge replaces Barry Sims.  
Prairie Grove - Jim Boyd replaces Robert Gladwin.

### District Court Clerks

Miller County and Texarkana - Carrie Jones replaces Lisa Houser.  
Nashville - Sherlene Sands replaces Patt Lipps.

### Case Coordinators

2nd (Fergus) - Joyce Morgan replaces Nikki Maness.  
3rd (King) - Geraldine Vaughan replaces Pam Kopp.  
4th (Lindsay) - Adell Ralston replaces Ann Adams.  
6th (Sims) - Summer Studdard replaces Sandra Gaisbauer.  
8th S. (Johnson) - Lisa Houser replaces Mary Pankey.  
11th W. (Taylor) - Annette Branch replaces Eva Glover.  
11th W. (Benton) - Lisa Stewart replaces Nell Stuart.  
12th (Hewett) - Jeannette Devries replaces Donna Watson.  
14th (Webb) - Polly Leimberg replaces Donna Zaerr.  
14th (Putman) - Linda Kay Thrasher replaces RaLeen McBee.  
15th (Sullivan) - Becky Sexton replaces Mona Gray.  
15th (Danielson) - Judy Gossett replaces Pat McVey.  
17th (Hannah) - Brenda Landis replaces Andrea Benton.  
19th W. (Duncan) - Teresa Rich replaces Bonita Stubbs.

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## **COURT OF APPEALS HOLDS OPEN HOUSE**



**(L. to R.) Court of Appeals Judge John Pittman, Ann Grimes/Court of Appeals Law Clerk, and Peter Kumpe, attorney, visit during the open house.**



**(L. to R.) Court of Appeals Judges Larry Vaught, Karen Baker, Terry Crabtree and John Robbins gather near the receptionist's desk to greet visitors.**

The Court of Appeals held an open house on December 10th so visitors could view their offices on the second floor of the renovated Justice Building. The renovated area is connected to the new

Justice Building which was dedicated in April of 2001.

Those offices included in the remodeled area are the Court of Appeals, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Reporter of

Decisions, the Criminal Justice Coordinator, the Supreme Court Library and a portion of the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.



## New Faces in the Judiciary

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### City Judges

Mammoth Spring - Bill T. Hass replaces Kevin King.

White Hall - John Cone replaces William "Bill" Benton.

### City Court Clerks

Briarcliff - Denise Davis replaces Russell Leach.

### Prosecuting Attorneys

3rd - Henry H. Boyce replaces Stewart Lambert.

12th - Steve Tabor replaces Tom Gean.

14th - Ron Kincade replaces Gordon Webb.

19th East - Tony Rogers replaces John Casteel.

22nd - Robert Herzfeld replaces Barbara Webb.

### Public Defender

20th - Robert Thacker replaces Steven Harper.

## *Humor in the Court*

Q. Can you describe the individual?

A. He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q. Was this a male or female?

Q. This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

A. Yes.

Q. And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A. I forget.

Q. You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

Q. What gear were you in at the moment of impact?

A. Gucci sweats and Reeboks.



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