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Senior Judge, Chancery Judge Thomas F. Butt, Retires

Chancery/Probate Judge Thomas F. Butt, Senior Judge of the Arkansas State Judiciary, retired March 26, 2000 ending a judgeship which began in 1950. His principal duties were those of a chancery/probate judge, but he served as judge in all the trial courts of general jurisdiction, including circuit court, criminal/civil court and juvenile court. During his tenure as a trial judge, Judge Butt's career included: serving as President of the Arkansas Judicial Council, 14 years as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure, Chairman of the Arkansas



Judge and Mrs. Butt greet friends.

Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission, and recipient of the Golden Gavel Award by the Arkansas Bar

Association for Exemplary Service to the legal profession. He is also a graduate and former instructor of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

On Tuesday, March 28th, a retirement ceremony was held in Fayetteville honoring Judge Butt. Friends and family gathered that evening to pay tribute to Chancellor Butt for his unwavering, lifelong dedication to the judiciary. Stories both poignant and humorous were shared by fellow judges, attorneys, friends and family.

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Arkansas Court of Appeals Judge Judith Rogers Retires

Arkansas Court of Appeals Judge Judith Rogers retired effective March 31, 2000. Judge Rogers has been on the Court of Appeals since she was elected to that position in 1988. Judge Rogers was in private practice from 1962-1977. She served as a Juvenile Referee from 1977 through 1982. In 1982 she was elected to the trial bench as the first woman chancellor in Pulaski County.

Throughout her career, Judge Rogers has been active in many professional and civic organizations, including the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Child Support, United Way Board of Directors, Board



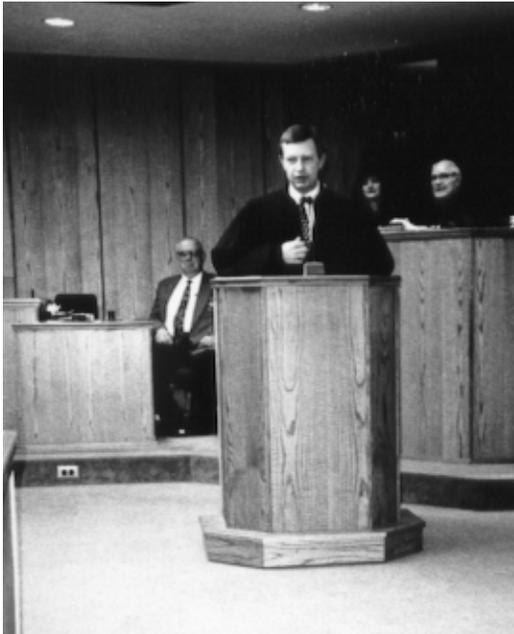
Judge Rogers receives memento from Chief Judge John Robbins.

of Directors of National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Salvation Army Board of Directors. She also has served in the educational aspect of the judiciary, having taught courses at the Judicial College and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

At her retirement party in the Judicial Building on March 21st, Judge Rogers greeted coworkers and family and friends and was presented a picture of the Justice Building by her colleagues on the Court of Appeals.

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GETS NEW CHANCELLOR

On March 7, 2000, Governor Huckabee announced his intent to appoint West Fork Municipal Judge, Mark Lindsay, to serve as a Chancery Judge in place of Judge Thomas Butt for the remainder of the year



Judge Lindsay addresses those gathered for his robing ceremony.

position until the end of the year when a newly elected judge will take the bench to finish Judge Butt's term, which would have expired at the end of 2002.

Judge Lindsay attended the University of Arkansas for his undergraduate and juris doctorate degrees. He was in private practice until 1985, at which time he became Municipal Judge of West Fork and has held that position ever since. As a municipal judge, Judge Lindsay served as President of

2000. Judge Lindsay was sworn in on March 27th and will remain in that the Arkansas Municipal Judges Council in 1997-1998.

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Judge Floyd "Pete" Rogers, Dixie Spears, Judge Jim Spears and Judge Mark Hewett were among the many who attended the event honoring Judge Butt.



At the close of remarks by family and friends, Judge Butt spoke to the group.

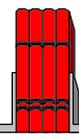


ADR Grants

The Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission will be accepting grant applications for projects promoting or furthering the use of ADR in Arkansas. Total funding is a state appropriation of \$50,000 per year. Application deadline is May 1, 2000. For an application or further information, contact the ADR Coordinator at (501) 682-9400.

Arkansas Supreme Court Library Given Gift

On behalf of the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Arkansas Court of Appeals, the staff of the Arkansas Supreme Court Library offers its appreciation and thanks to Mrs. George Rose Smith for her recent generous donation to the library of fifty-five volumes from the personal law library of her late husband, George Rose Smith, who served as an Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court from 1949 until 1987. A memorial note has been placed inside the front cover of each volume. An itemized listing of these materials may be viewed, via the Internet, at the following website address: <http://courts.state.ar.us/library/smith%20gift.htm> The Arkansas Supreme Court Library is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



American Judges Association Meeting in September

The annual meeting of the American Judges Association will be held in Kansas City at the Westin Crown Center during the week of September 11, 2000. For anyone who has never been an AJA member, the first year of membership is free. The AJA is on the Web at <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/>.

Appointment Made for Court of Appeals Vacancy

K. Max Koonce, II was appointed by Governor Huckabee to fill Court of Appeals Judge Judith Rogers' position as of April 1, 2000. Judge Rogers retired after serving on the Court since 1989. Judge Koonce will serve in this capacity until December 31, 2000, at which time a newly elected Judge will fill that position.

Before his appointment, Judge Koonce was serving as an administrative law judge for Workers Compensation Commission. Judge Koonce attended Harding College for his undergraduate studies and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law School for his juris doctorate.



Attending Judge Judith Rogers' retirement party at the Justice Building were Arkansas Court of Appeals Chief Staff Attorney Rita Cunningham, newly appointed Court of Appeals Judge Max Koonce, Arkansas Court of Appeals Chief Judge John B. Robbins, and Court of Appeals Judge John Pittman.

Foundation Seeking Innovative Programs

The Foundation for Improvement of Justice, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit institution founded in 1985 for the purpose of improving local, state and federal systems of justice within the United States. The Foundation encourages improvement by recognizing and rewarding accomplishment in the following categories:

1. Simplification of the law
2. crime prevention
3. child protection
4. speeding the process
5. effecting restitution
6. crime victims' rights
7. alternative sentencing
8. reducing recidivism
9. lowering the cost
10. other significant efforts.

The Foundation annually awards up to ten nominees a certificate of appreciation, a commendation bar pin, a medal, a check for \$10,000, and an invitation to an awards banquet in Atlanta. These awards are for innovative programs which have proven effective and can serve as models for others. These are awards (not grants) given for accomplishments (not future projects). Recipients are not required to render any further service as a condition of receiving an award.

The awards program is open to all except members of the Foundation, those related to them, and previous winners. Self-nominations will not be accepted. For further information contact Foundation for Improvement of Justice, Inc., 201 Saint Martin Drive, Suwanee, Georgia 30024. Telephone (770) 831-9411.

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Vitamin A - Increases resistance to infection. Needed for healthy bones, teeth, skin, gums and hair. Milk, cheese, eggs, liver, and yellow/dark green fruits and vegetables.

Vitamin D - Helps to maintain healthy bones and teeth. Fortified milk, salmon, tuna, egg yolk.

Vitamin E - Related to normal muscle and red blood cell chemistry. Prevents leg cramps. Vegetable oils, yellow/green leafy vegetables, margarine, wheat germ, whole-grains.

Vitamin K - Helps blood to clot normally and prevents hemorrhaging. Green leafy vegetables, cauliflower, cabbage, eggs, peas, and potatoes.

Vitamin B 12 - Required for normal growth, red blood cell formation, nervous system, and digestive tract. Meat, poultry, fish, liver, organ meats, eggs, shellfish, milk and cheese.

Vitamin C - Helps protect against infection. Normal blood vessels, teeth, and bones. Fruits and vegetables.



Humor in the Court



In 1999, Florida's Chief Justice, Major B. Harding, was speaking to a group about humorous things that have happened in the "lighter moments of Florida's court of last resort".

"....the Court receives sacks of lawsuits, writs, and petitions from inmates throughout the State. My personal favorite came from one creative inmate who complained of his inability to afford a lawyer to argue his writ. He wanted to do it himself. So, he filed a document titled: 'Motion for leave to Appear in the Form of a Porpoise'And you know: I occasionally have nightmares of calling the first case only to see Flipper glide up and cackle into the microphone."

New Faces in the Judiciary

AOC

CASA - **Janna Adams** replaces Will Johnson as Assistant Director.

Majorie Kesl - Training Coordinator for Dependency-Neglect Division. (new position)

City Judges

Haskell - **Bobby McCallister** replaces John Payne.

City Clerks

Lowell - **Carol Carter** replaces Ginnaya Harris.

Atkins - **Juanita Darter** replaces Brenda Graves.

Sunset - **Doris Newbern** replaces Birdia Thompson.

Briarcliff - **Russell Leach** replaces Janice Carper.

Patterson - **Rebecca Boyles** replaces Tanya Baker.

Sulphur Springs - **Rhonda Mize** replaces Sherri Walters.

Municipal Clerks

Lake City - **Terry Pendergrass** replaces Tina Carmichael.

Monticello - **Michelle Hammons** replaces d.J. Hale.

Rogers - **Connie Watson** replaces Lee Pestel.

Court Reporters

23rd (Whiteaker) - **Alice Cook** replaces Patti Wooten.

CALENDAR

APRIL

Children & Law Conference III **26-28**
(Arlington Hotel-Hot Springs)

MAY

Municipal Judges' Spring College **18-20**
(Hilton Inn, Little Rock)

Municipal & City Court Clerks' **18-20**
Certification Program
(Hilton Inn, Little Rock)

JUNE

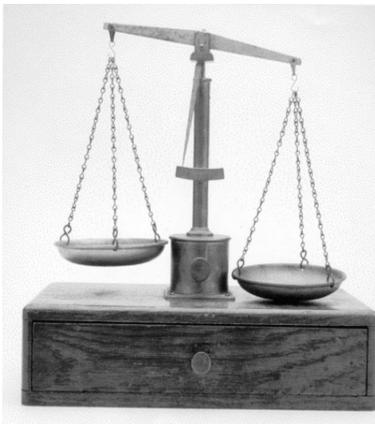
Judicial College/Ark. Bar Ass. **14-17**
(Majestic Hotel, Hot Springs)

AUGUST

Collection of Costs, Fines and Fees **17-18**
(Holiday Inn Select, Little Rock)

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