

- C Probate Cases - Judge Craig Hannah 25%
- Probate Cases - Judge Thomas Hughes 75%
- (D) Juvenile Cases - Judge Craig Hannah, except for:
 - (a) Dependency/Neglect actions filed by the Department of Human Services, which shall be assigned to Judge Robert Edwards
- (E) Criminal Cases - Judge Robert Edwards, except for:
 - (a) Post conviction supervision of Drug Court cases, which will be assigned to Judge Craig Hannah.

**Cases shall be assigned to a Judge by random selection.

In Prairie County, Arkansas, cases will be assigned by the clerk at the time of filing as follows:

- (A) Civil Cases - Judge Thomas Hughes
- (B) Domestic Cases - Judge Craig Hannah
- () Probate Cases - Judge Craig Hannah
- (D) Juvenile Cases - Judge Robert Edwards
- (E) Criminal Cases - Judge Thomas Hughes, except for:
 - (a) Post conviction supervision of Drug Court cases, which will be assigned to Judge Craig Hannah.

Judge Hughes, Judge Edwards and Judge Hannah specifically agree that the above method of assignment of cases shall apply as to the initial case assignment and that cases may be transferred or exchanged among judges by agreement of those judges. Additionally all three judges recognize and accept that it is the affirmative duty

of each judge to hear and dispose of any type cases when a judge is called upon to do so under appropriate circumstances such as absence of the assigned judge, recusal or case load requirements.

The assignment of cases, as set forth above, is a fair and equitable distribution of cases within the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and will provide for effective administration of justice.

Drug Court: The 17th Circuit drug court program has been in operation since 2003. Court sessions are conducted in White county. However, Prairie County defendants are eligible for admission to the drug court program. The program primarily utilizes a post adjudication process and is open to defendants who have committed eligible offenses and are accepted after a screening process. The program is conducted in conformance with state drug court statutes and complies with applicable laws involving the assessment of fines, fees court costs, and probation fees. The program receives staff and funding from the Department of Community Corrections and collection of court fees.

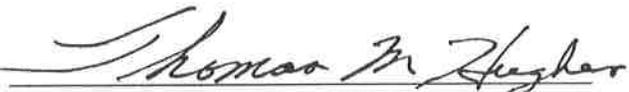
The members of the drug court program team include prosecuting attorney, public defender, defense counsel, DDC staff and local court staff. They have been consulted for purposes of scheduling, to sure that the necessary resources are available and to avoid conflicts with other court programs and responsibilities in which team members may require to participate.

Juvenile Transfer Hearings: When a petition to transfer a criminal charge is filed under Arkansas Code Annotated Section 9-27-318, this judicial district agrees to

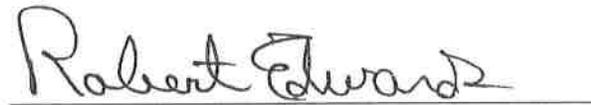
have the transfer hearing conducted in the juvenile division of the circuit court. If the juvenile division of the circuit court denies the petition, the case shall remain in the original criminal division of the circuit court. If the juvenile's criminal charges are transferred and converted into delinquency charges under Arkansas Code Annotation section 9-27-318, the case will then remain in the juvenile division.

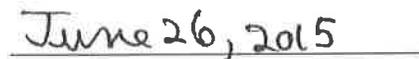
Recusals: In the event a judge elects to recuse from a case, such judge shall in writing notify the administrative judge of such recusal. The administrative judge shall assign the case, with preference for such assignment being, to a judge who hears cases in the same subject matter division as the case being assigned. In the event all judges elect to recuse from a case, the administrative judge shall in writing notify the Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court that assignment of a special judge is required.

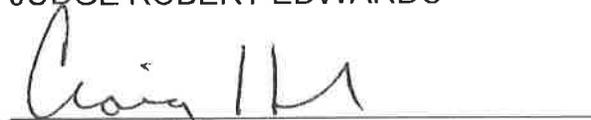
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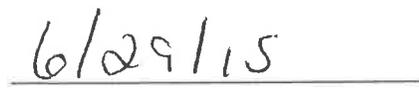

JUDGE THOMAS HUGHES


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JUDGE ROBERT EDWARDS


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JUDGE CRAIG HANNAH


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	JUDGE HUGHES DIVISION ONE	JUDGE EDWARDS DIVISION TWO	JUDGE HANNAH DIVISION THREE
CRIMINAL	331	1266	20
JUVENILE	0	801	487
PROBATE	278	10	158
CIVIL	432	6	114
DOMESTIC	<u>487</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1,171</u>
	1,528	2,085	1,950