

**ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
For the Twentieth Judicial District**

The Circuit Judges in and for the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Arkansas, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14 issued by the Arkansas Supreme Court on April 16, 2001, propose the following plan for allocation of caseload within this District.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

The Judges of the Twentieth Judicial District shall meet periodically (no less than quarterly) and shall consider case management, administrative procedures, forms, calendars, etc. Any modification of this plan shall be by written agreement signed by a majority of the judges of this district to be submitted to the Arkansas Supreme Court for approval. The Trial Court Assistants of each division shall meet as necessary to coordinate the use of courtrooms. Each year a calendar shall be printed and published indicating courtroom assignments.

CASE ASSIGNMENT AND ALLOCATION

The Judges of the district have arrived at the following case assignment and allocation plan after considering the individual training and experience of each judge, the caseload and frequency of hearings in all the counties of the district, mandated time requirements, courtroom facilities and the availability of jurors:

RANDOM ASSIGNMENT

The Clerk of the Court shall assign newly filed cases at random, through the use of their software in the following proportions:

First Division

- **Faulkner County**
 - 65% of all Civil cases
 - 35% of all Domestic cases
 - 50% of all Child Support Enforcement cases

- **Van Buren County**
 - 80 % of all Civil cases
 - 20% of all Domestic cases
 - 50% of all Probate cases

- **Searcy County**
 - 100% of all Civil cases
 - 40% of all Domestic cases
 - 50% of all Probate cases

Second Division

- **Faulkner County**

- 25% of all Civil cases
- 100% of all Juvenile Delinquency cases
- 100% of all Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction cases
- 100% of all Family in Needs of Services cases
- 100% of all Juvenile FINS/Truancy cases
- 100% of all Juvenile Civil Commitments
- 100% Juvenile Intake
- 100% Juvenile Contempt
- 100% Juvenile Probation Revocations
- 100% of all Teen Court and Juvenile Drug Court cases
- 100% of all Criminal cases involving juveniles charged as adults and their Co-Defendants
- 100% of Dependency Neglect cases where the juvenile is already under the jurisdiction of 2nd Division and 2nd Division believe it necessary for judicial economy and interest of the parties

- **Van Buren County**

- 20% of all Civil cases
- 20% of all Domestic cases
- 100% of all Juvenile Delinquency cases
- 100% of all Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction cases
- 100% of all Family in Needs of Services cases
- 100% of all Juvenile FINS/Truancy cases
- 100% of all Juvenile Civil Commitments
- 100% Juvenile Intake
- 100% Juvenile Contempt
- 100% Juvenile Probation Revocations
- 100% of all Criminal cases involving juveniles charged as adults and their Co-Defendants
- 100% of all Adult Protect Services cases
- 100% of all Teen Court and Juvenile Drug Court cases
- 100% of all Dependent/Neglect cases
- 100% of all Review Hearings
- 100% of all Termination of Parental Rights
- 100% of all Adult Protective Services cases

- **Searcy County**

- 100% of all Juvenile cases
- 100% of all Juvenile Delinquency cases
- 100% of all Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction cases
- 100% of all Family in Needs of Services cases
- 100% of all Juvenile FINS/Truancy cases

100% of all Juvenile Civil Commitments
100% Juvenile Intake
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100% of all Dependent/Neglect cases
100% of all Review Hearings
100% of all Termination of Parental Rights
100% of all Adult Protective Services cases

Third Division

- **Faulkner County**
 - 100% of all Criminal cases
 - 100% of all Faulkner County District Court Appeals
 - 100% of all Civil Forfeitures to run with companion criminal cases
 - 100% of all Civil Commitments
 - 100% of all Adult Drug Court cases
 - 100% of all conflict cases that involve Juvenile Court
 - 10% of all Civil cases
 - 100% of Veterans Court
- **Van Buren County**
 - 100% of Adult Drug Court Cases
- **Searcy County**
 - 100% of Adult Drug Court Cases

Fourth Division

- **Faulkner County**
 - 50% of all Domestic cases
 - 50% of all Probate cases
 - 50% of all Child Support Enforcement cases
 - 100% of all Dependent/Neglect cases
 - 100% of all Review Hearings
 - 100% of all Termination of Parental Rights
 - 100% of all Adult Protective Services cases
 - All Domestic Relations cases where custody is an issue and the child/children are already under the jurisdiction of 4th Division

FINs and Juvenile Delinquency cases where the family is already under the jurisdiction of 4th Division and 4th Division believes it necessary for judicial economy and the interests of the parties

- **Van Buren County**
 - 60% of all Domestic cases
 - 50% of all Probate cases
 - 100% of all Child Support Enforcement cases

- **Searcy County**
 - 60% of all Domestic cases
 - 50% of all Probate cases
 - 100% of all Child Support Enforcement cases

Fifth Division

- **Faulkner County**
 - 100% of all petitions seeking permanent Orders of Protection, including all Domestic Relations cases involving parties who have pending or permanent Orders of Protection (issued in the 20th Judicial District)
 - 15% of all Domestic cases
 - 50% of all Probate cases
 - 100% of all City of Conway District Court Appeal cases

- **Van Buren County**
 - 100% of all petitions seeking permanent Orders of Protection, including all Domestic Relations cases involving parties who have pending or permanent Orders of Protection (issued in the 20th Judicial District)
 - 100% of all Criminal cases
 - 100 % of all Civil Forfeitures that run with companion criminal cases
 - 100% of all Civil Commitments
 - 100% of all conflict cases that involve Juvenile Court

- **Searcy County**
 - 100% of all petitions seeking permanent Orders of Protection, including all Domestic Relations cases involving parties who have pending or permanent Orders of Protection (issued in the 20th Judicial District)
 - 100% of all Criminal cases
 - 100 % of all Civil Forfeitures that run with companion criminal cases
 - 100% of all Civil Commitments
 - 100% of all conflict cases that involve Juvenile Court

SUPPLEMENTAL AND EMERGENCY PROCEEDINGS

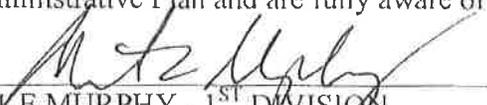
It is preferable for the judge assigned to a case to handle all proceedings pertaining to that case. With the Courts being mindful of the following provisions:

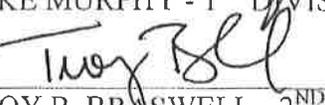
- a. **Uncontested Matters:** The judges of each division shall preside over uncontested matters when presented.
- b. **Emergency and Ex Parte Orders:** Emergency and Ex Parte Orders shall be presented to and heard by the judge assigned unless that judge is unavailable.
- c. **Probation Revocation:** Probation Revocations shall be assigned to the division that sentenced the Defendant, unless prohibited by time limitation, or that division is no longer hearing those cases.
- d. **Reopening of Cases:** Cases that are reopened shall be assigned to the judge who originally presided over the matter. In the event the original judge is no longer serving as a judge, or the original judge is no longer assigned cases of that nature then the case shall be randomly re-assigned pursuant to the current docket agreement.
- e. **Exchange:** All Judges may sit on exchange when necessary for judicial economy.
- f. **Assignment of Cases:** Assignment according to the plan does not negate the authority of each judge to hear all types of cases when appropriate.
- g. **Conflicts:** Each division shall accept transfer assignments on rotating bases from other divisions in cases where a judge has a conflict with a case. The clerk shall make adjustments in the software for the judges involved in the exchange.
- h. **Reassignment of Cases:** If any Judge who is a party to this agreement leaves the bench the most senior judge remaining shall have the option to assume the parting Judge's docket which shall occur when the Administrative Plan is revised or if there is no appointment to fill that position.
- i. Upon approval of this Administrative Plan by the Arkansas Supreme Court the Clerk shall commence filing all criminal cases in Faulkner County in Third Division.

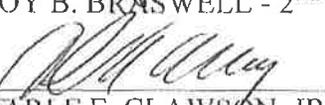
The undersigned submitted this Plan based upon the directives of Administrative Order No. 14 after taking into consideration the interest of the judges involved and after seeking an equitable and agreeable division of the caseload.

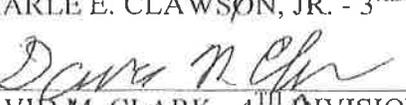
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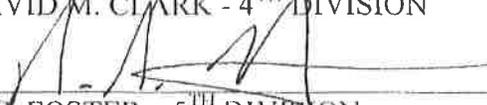
The undersigned acknowledges that they have participated in the preparation of this Administrative Plan and are fully aware of its provisions:


MIKE MURPHY - 1ST DIVISION


TROY B. BRASWELL - 2ND DIVISION


CHARLE E. CLAWSON, JR. - 3RD DIVISION

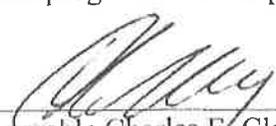

DAVID M. CLARK - 4TH DIVISION


H.C. FOSTER - 5TH DIVISION

DRUG COURT PLAN

The Faulkner County Drug Court program has been in operation since 2003. Court sessions are conducted in Faulkner County. The program utilizes a pre-adjudication and/or post-adjudication process and is open to defendants with a felony charge, non-violent offenders. The program is conducted in conformance with state drug court statute (A.C.A. 16-98-301 et seq.) and complies with applicable laws involving the assessment of fines, fees, court costs, and probation fees. The program receives staff funding from the Public Defenders Commission, Department of Community Corrections, and the Faulkner County Quorum Court, the State of Arkansas and collection of court fees.

The members of the Drug Court Program team include, Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Public Defender, Treatment Provider, Probation Officers, DCC Administrative Staff and Coordinator. They have been consulted for purposes of scheduling, to insure that the necessary resources are available and to avoid conflicts with other court programs and responsibilities in which team members may be required to participate.

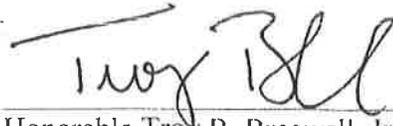

Honorable Charles E. Clawson, Jr.
3rd Division

20th Judicial District Juvenile Drug Court Program

The 20th Judicial District Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) is a post-adjudication program that serves medium to high risk youths between the ages of 14 and 17, excluding violent offenders and sex offenders. The 20th JDC is a four-phase drug treatment program, typically not to exceed a year. Participants' treatment needs are assessed by the coordinator and treatment staff, upon referral to the program and throughout the program based on the changing circumstances and compliance with court orders. Incentives and sanctions are issued by the circuit judge based upon the participant's program compliance through the treatment phases. Intensive supervision is provided by juvenile probation staff and the juvenile drug court coordinator. Participants receive at least monthly court reviews.

The 20th JDC program, policies, and practices are in compliance with A.C.A. § 16-98-303(a) and A.C.A. § 16-10-139(a) and all applicable laws involving the assessment of juvenile court costs and probation services fees, including A.C.A § 9-27-367. Court costs, fees, and fines and A.C.A § 16-13-326. Circuit court juvenile division funds.

JDC Team members include: juvenile drug coordinator, the circuit judge, drug treatment providers, public defenders, prosecutors and juvenile officers. Team members participate in staffings and in hearings to ensure that all available resources are used in a timely manner to meet a juvenile's individualized needs. Treatment is provided by contract agency through the Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division. The state funds a Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator hired by the Court. Drug tests are paid for by juvenile court fees. The Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator or his/her designee enters data on performance measures on each juvenile drug court participant into Contexte.



Honorable Troy B. Braswell, Jr.
2nd Division