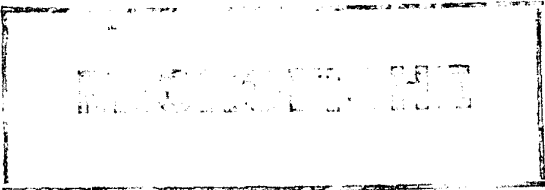
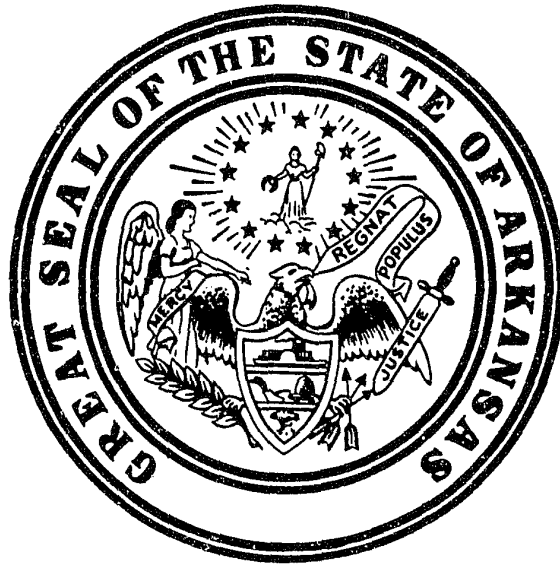


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“To be effective, judicial administration must not be leadfooted.”

Frankfurter, J.

Cobbledick v. United States,

309 U.S. 323, at 325 (1940)

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To the Honorable, the Chief Justice
of the Supreme Court of Arkansas:

For its Eleventh Annual Report the office of Executive Secretary of the Judicial Department submits herewith a report of the activities of the courts of Arkansas and statistical data covering the calendar year 1975 together with comparative data of previous years.

It is hoped that the contents of the report will be of value to you in making policy decisions as Administrative Director of Arkansas courts, and of assistance to the executive and legislative branches of the government in their deliberations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. R. Huie".

C. R. Huie
Executive Secretary

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK

CARLETON HARRIS
CHIEF JUSTICE

To the Honorable David Pryor, Governor and
Members of the Seventieth General Assembly

Submitted herewith is the Eleventh Annual Report of the Executive Secretary of the Judicial Department of Arkansas. The Report includes court statistics for the year 1975 with comparative data for previous years. It will be noted that the 479 appeals handled by the Supreme Court during 1975 represents an all time high and an increase of 8.9 percent over the level recorded during 1974. Criminal appeals totaled 165 during 1975 and account for a major part of the increase, rising by 60.6 percent over the level of 127 recorded during 1974 and surpassing the old record set in 1972 by nearly 15 percent. Justices of the Supreme Court wrote an average of over 65 opinions each in 1975 as compared with an average of 58 during 1974, substantially above the national average for states without an intermediate appellate court. Despite the heavy workload, the Court remains current.

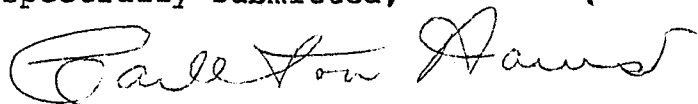
The workload in Circuit and Chancery Courts continued to set new records, total filings in Circuit Court reaching an all time high of 32,795 an increase of 14.5 percent over 1974 and Chancery filings (excluding probate) totaled 28,791, 2.6 percent over 1974. In spite of record terminations in both Circuit and Chancery Court total backlog increased slightly.

Work of the Supreme Court Committees on Model Jury Instructions and new Rules of Civil Procedure is progressing at a satisfactory pace and it is anticipated that reports from these committees will be forthcoming in 1977.

Assignment of judges continues to be a most valuable asset in providing temporary relief in meeting the problem of docket congestion and in providing flexibility of administration.

It is hoped that the Report herewith submitted will be of assistance to you in your further consideration of matters affecting the administration of justice in Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,



Carleton Harris
Chief Justice

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FOREWORD

The Arkansas Court System, established by the Constitution of 1874, still maintains separate courts of law and equity. Judges of courts of law are designated Circuit Judges and those of courts of equity are designated Chancellors. Circuit Judges are elected to the bench by the voters of their respective Judicial Circuits every four years. Chancellors are likewise elected by popular vote in their respective Chancery Circuits to terms of office of six years.

Generally speaking, Circuit Judges preside over civil and criminal cases and hear appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. Chancellors hear cases involving domestic relations matters, land disputes, reciprocal support actions, and other cases where equitable relief is sought. They also serve as Probate Judges, hearing cases involving wills, guardianships, adoptions, mental commitments, and other such probate matters.

Appeals from Circuit and Chancery Courts are taken directly to the Arkansas Supreme Court, there being no intermediate court of appeals in the Arkansas judicial system.

The Arkansas public is also served by courts of limited jurisdiction, which are described later in this Report. Perhaps the most important of these courts are the Municipal Courts, which number 92 and are the only courts of limited jurisdiction requiring that the judge be an attorney (some County Courts are, however, served by juvenile referees who are attorneys). Generally speaking, jurisdiction of a Municipal Court is countywide, and extends to traffic matters, misdemeanor criminal cases, and civil cases when the amount in controversy does not exceed \$300. As noted earlier, appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction are to Circuit Court.

This Report, covering all phases of the Arkansas judicial system, carries statistics on courts of general jurisdiction and courts of limited jurisdiction in separate divisions. Statistics regarding the offices of Public Defender in the State are also carried in order to reflect the extent to which defense services are provided for indigents in those areas which have established offices of Public Defender. Those areas not served by Public Defenders continue the practice of appointing local attorneys to represent indigents. Other information reflecting a broad outline of the Arkansas judicial system is contained herein.

A partial unification of the court system occurred in 1965 when the General Assembly passed Act 496 in which the Chief Justice was designated the administrative director of the Judicial Department and administrative head of the entire court system. Act 496 also provided for the appointment of an Executive Secretary, by the Chief Justice and with the approval of the State Judicial Council, whose duties consist of assisting the Chief Justice in carrying out his administrative responsibilities.

One of the chief functions of the office of Executive Secretary is the collection, analysis, and publication of judicial statistics. The Judicial Department of Arkansas also conducts continuing judicial education programs for all levels of personnel in the State's court system through assistance from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and the Arkansas Public Safety program.

The statistics contained in this report are supplied through quarterly reports from the clerks of courts of general jurisdiction and through semi-annual reports from courts of limited jurisdiction. Clerks of these courts are assisted from time to time by the staff of the Judicial Department.

Analysis and planning are basic to any well-managed operation. Through the collection and dissemination of the data contained in this report, analysis and planning are expedited in the management of the Arkansas court system.

COURT ACTIVITY

The workload of the Supreme Court reached a near-record level during 1975, setting a record in the area of criminal appeals. Filings in courts of general jurisdiction rose to record highs, as did filings in courts of limited jurisdiction.

ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS AND CIRCUITS

During 1975 two new judgeships and one new Chancery Circuit became effective.

On January 1, 1975, an additional Chancellor was added to the 12th Chancery Circuit, making a total of three Chancellors in that circuit.

On February 7, 1975, an additional Circuit Judge was added to the 4th Judicial Circuit, making a total of two Circuit Judges in that circuit.

On January 1, 1975, the then existing 6th Chancery Circuit, which had two Chancellors, was divided into two Chancery Circuits, the 6th and the 17th Chancery Circuits, and one of the existing Chancellors in the old 6th Circuit became the Chancellor of the 17th Circuit.

The legislative act which created the additional Circuit Judgeship in the 4th Judicial Circuit in 1975, also created an additional Chancellorship in the 13th Chancery Circuit, which will be effective on January 1, 1977. This Chancellorship will be filled by the general election to be held in November of 1976.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The State Judicial Council of Arkansas is a voluntary association of the Justices of the Supreme Court and the judges of the Chancery and Circuit Courts. The annual meeting date of the Council is the second Friday of October of each year unless changed by the Executive Committee. In addition to the annual meeting, the Council also holds a meeting during the Spring of each year.

Officers of the Council are:

President Chancellor Richard Mobley
Vice President Circuit Judge Melvin Mayfield
Treasurer Circuit Judge Tom F. Digby
Secretary C.R. Huie

The Arkansas Bar Association is represented on the Council by a Liaison Committee appointed by the Bar Association President. The members of the Liaison Committee are

Chairman H. William Allen
Member Philip Carroll
Member John Clayton
Member Steele Hays
Member Charles Goldberger

The Executive Committee of the Council is composed of:

Chancellor James Chesnutt, Chairman
Circuit Judge William Lee
Circuit Judge John Holland
Chancellor Darrell Hickman
Chancellor Henry Wilson
Chancellor Henry Yocum

CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

For several years now, the Judicial Department of Arkansas has provided a program of Continuing Judicial Education for the judges, prosecutors, and court related personnel of the Arkansas Court System. This Continuing Judicial Education program has been funded almost entirely with funds provided under several grants by the federal government, and,

particularly, grants of LEAA Funds made by the Arkansas Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement to the Judicial Department.

During 1975, two seminars were conducted by the Judicial Department for the Trial Judges of general jurisdiction and the Justices of the Supreme Court. In June, a four-day seminar, dealing with the subject of "Court Administration and Proceedings Before Trial", held at the Arkansas Bar Center in Little Rock, was attended by 36 Circuit and Chancery Judges and four Supreme Court Justices.

In October, a two-day seminar, dealing with the "Uniform Rules of Evidence", held at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock, was attended by 40 Circuit and Chancery Judges and five Justices of the Supreme Court.

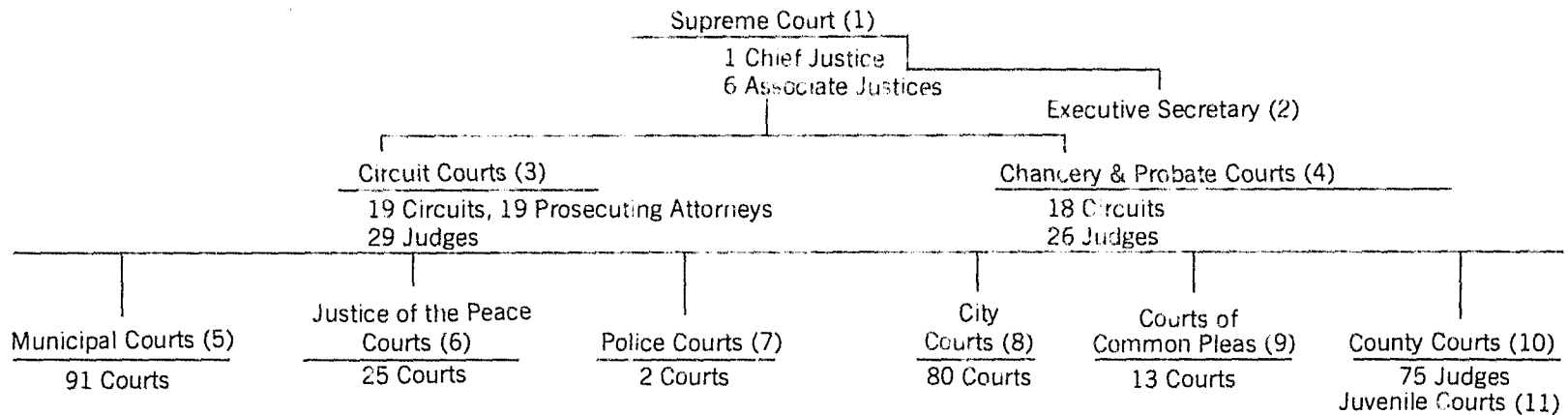
Additional seminars conducted by the Judicial Department during the year include a three-day workshop for the Court Reporters of the courts of general jurisdiction, held at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock during June; a seminar, in December, jointly sponsored with the Prosecuting Attorney's Association, attended by Prosecuting Attorneys and Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, dealing with the New Arkansas Criminal Code and the New Rules of Criminal Procedure; and an Arkansas Criminal Justice Symposium, jointly sponsored with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association and the Arkansas Department of Correction, for the members of the Criminal Justice System in Arkansas.

The federal funding of the Judicial Education Program also allowed the attendance of members of the court system in judicial education schools or seminars conducted out of the state. For the members of the judiciary, the primary school utilized by the Judicial Department during 1975 was the National College of the State Judiciary, located at the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada. During the year, five Circuit and Chancery Judges attended the basic four-week course conducted by the National College. In addition, four Circuit and Chancery Judges, one Municipal Judge, and one Court Administrator attended graduate or specialty courses of the National College.

The schools or seminars attended by the other members of the court system are too numerous and varied to include specifically herein by name but, in summary, in addition to the National College, various schools or seminars throughout the country were attended by the following personnel:

- 1) Fifteen Prosecuting Attorneys and Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys
- 2) Four Supreme Court Law Clerks
- 3) One Municipal Court Judge
- 4) Two Assistant Attorneys General, Criminal Justice Division
- 5) Three Court Administrators

**ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
1976**



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- (1) Decides appeals from all Circuit, Chancery and Probate Courts.
- (2) Administrative duties in connection with all courts.
- (3) Courts of general jurisdiction. Hear civil and criminal cases. Also hear appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction.
- (4) Courts of equity. Hear cases involving land disputes, domestic relations, etc. Also have jurisdiction over probate matters and adoptions.
- (5) Courts of limited jurisdiction with county wide authority. Hear criminal misdemeanor cases and civil cases when amount involved does not exceed \$300. Judge must be an attorney.
- (6) Courts of limited jurisdiction with township-wide authority. Same limitations as Municipal Courts except no requirement that judge have legal training. Subject jurisdiction same as municipal court.
- (7) Jurisdiction limited to municipality. No requirement of legal training.
- (8) These courts are held by mayors (or their designees) in cities of the second class (500-2,500 population) and incorporated towns (500 or less). Territorial jurisdiction limited to municipality. Subject jurisdiction same as municipal court. No requirement of legal training.
- (9) These courts have been established in various counties by special acts. They are presided over by the County Judge and have limited jurisdiction which varies with the acts creating them. They exist in the following counties: Ashley, Chicot, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew, Garland, Lee, Lonoke, Madison, Mississippi, Nevada, Prairie. No requirement of legal training.
- (10) County-wide jurisdiction limited generally to juvenile and bastardy proceedings. Presided over by County Judge. No requirement of legal training.
- (11) Presided over by County Judge. No requirement of legal training. Many of these courts are, however, conducted by appointed referees who are attorneys.

THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

1976



Holt, J.

Jones, J.

Smith, J.

Harris, C.J.

Fogleman, J.

Byrd, J.

Roy, J.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Carleton Harris

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES

George Rose Smith
John A. Fogleman

J. Fred Jones
Conley Byrd

Frank Holt
Elsijane T. Roy

"Nothing can be more important in maintaining our civilization and our economy than respect for law, and that means in the last analysis respect for law as administered by the courts."

Arthur T. Vanderbilt

THE SUPREME COURT

The Arkansas Supreme Court was established by the Constitution of 1874, Article Seven. Section Four of Article Seven sets forth the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court, and establishes in the Court "... general superintending control over all inferior courts of law and equity ..." and grants it appellate jurisdiction only, although Section Five provides for limited original jurisdiction. Amendment 28 to the Constitution provides that "The Supreme Court shall make rules regulating the practice of law and the professional conduct of attorneys at law."

The Arkansas Supreme Court's total workload is measured in terms of the appeals, petitions, and motions (excluding those for extension of time) of which final disposition is made during a calendar year. Workload is also measured in another fashion: total majority opinions written denominated into a per-justice average.

A barometer for measuring the efficiency of the Court's operations in dealing with its workload is its currency, that is, whether all cases under submission are concluded prior to the summer recess. Over the years the Arkansas Supreme Court has compiled a remarkable record in remaining current. All indications are that this record will continue.

The Supreme Court's total workload of 800 appeals, petitions, and motions (excluding those for time extension) during 1975 was the second highest of record, exceeded only by the total of 805 recorded during 1972.

The 479 appeals handled by the Court during 1975 represents an alltime high and an increase of 8.9% over the level recorded during 1974. Criminal appeals totaled 165 during 1975, and account for a major part of the increase, rising by an astounding 60.6% over the level of 127 recorded during 1974 and surpassing the old record set in 1972 by nearly 15%.

Total petitions terminated during 1975 (156) were

stable as compared with the number recorded during 1974 (155), with civil petitions declining by six and criminal petitions rising by seven. Motions decided (excluding those for time extension) declined slightly during 1975 as compared with 1974, from 179 to 165. Criminal motions rose by 25.3%, however, while civil petitions declined by 38.8%.

Motions granted for extension of time increased tremendously during 1975 as compared with 1974, rising from 737 to 991. The increase represents a gain of 34.4%, with criminal time extension motions climbing by 69.4% and civil by 12.0%.

Justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court wrote an average of over 65 opinions each in 1975, as compared with an average of 58 during 1974. Majority opinions totaled 456 in 1975, an increase of 9.0% over the 418 written during 1974. Not included in the per-justice average are: concurring opinions, 17 of which were written in 1975 compared with 11 in 1974; dissenting opinions, up from 36 in 1974 to 41 in 1975; per curiam opinions, 13 in 1975 compared with 10 in 1974; and opinions dissenting in part and concurring in part, 7 in 1975 and 9 in 1974. The seven Justices of the Supreme Court produced a grand total of 534 written opinions during 1975.

1975 marked the first full year during which Supreme Court Rule 21, which provides for non-publication of opinions which do not meet certain criteria (value as precedent, public interest, etc.), was in effect. Not quite half (201) of the Supreme Court's 456 majority opinions (not including per curiam) were designated by the Court as "Not for Publication".

As noted above, 1975 was a near-record year year for the Arkansas Supreme Court, with workload remaining well above what might be considered a "breaking point". Following an astounding increase in workload during 1972, the Court's workload has been relatively stable and has fluctuated by an average of only 0.1% from year to year since 1972.

**SUPREME COURT BOARDS
AND COMMITTEES**

The Supreme Court, by constitutional authority, by statute, and by court order is responsible for and supervises the activities of several committees and one board; these are as follows:

State Board of Law Examiners

This Board prepares for questions for the Bar examinations conducted twice yearly, grades the papers of those taking the examination, and certifies to the court the names of those who passed. It also investigates and recommends applicants for admission by reciprocity.

The Secretary of the Board is Robert L. Rogers, II, 5105 North Lookout, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205. Members of the Board are:

(3 year term)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		TERM EXPIRES
FIRST	Dan M. Burge, Blytheville	9-30-78
	Charles B. Roscof, Helena	9-30-76
SECOND	Robert W. Henry, Conway	9-30-78
	Guy Amsler, Jr., Little Rock	9-30-76
THIRD	Jack Yates, Ozark	9-30-76
	Ernest G. Lawrence, Jr., Bentonville	9-30-77
FOURTH	Kenneth B. Baim, Pine Bluff	9-30-77
	Joe D. Woodward, Magnolia	9-30-76
AT LARGE	William K. Ball, Monticello	9-30-77
	Phillip E. Dixon, Little Rock	9-30-77
	John Burris, Pocahontas	9-30-76

Client Security Fund Committee

This Committee is authorized to consider claims of clients who have suffered losses by reason of the dishonesty of attorneys who have represented them. The Committee is authorized to pay such claims (within limits) from a fund established by the Court and supported by a portion of the annual \$15.00 license fee. Members of this Committee are:

(5 year term)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		TERM EXPIRES
FIRST	John W. Mann, Jr., Forrest City	6-30-79
SECOND	J.E. Lightle, Jr., Searcy	6-30-80
THIRD	Roy E. Danuser, Mountain Home	6-30-76
FOURTH	James H. Pilkinton, Hope	6-30-77
AT LARGE	W.J. Williams, Jr., Little Rock	6-30-78

CHAIRMAN: W.J. Williams, Jr., 2200 Worthen Bank Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
SECRETARY: J.E. Lightle, Jr., 310 North Spring Street, Searcy, Arkansas 72143

Committee on Professional Conduct

The Committee on Professional Conduct receives and investigates complaints against attorneys who are charged with professional misconduct. Activity of this Committee is financed by a portion of the annual license fees. Members of the Committee are:

(7 year term)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		TERM EXPIRES
FIRST	Caldwell T. Bennett, Batesville	12-31-82
SECOND	William M. Moorhead, Stuttgart	10-01-77
THIRD	Ben Core, Fort Smith	12-31-78
FOURTH	Don Smith, Pine Bluff	12-31-76
AT LARGE	Russell Elrod, Siloam Springs	12-31-79
	James W. Steinsiek, Blytheville	2-24-82
	Dale Price, Little Rock	2-12-82

The Executive Secretary is Mr. Taylor Roberts, whose address is 211 Prospect Building, 1501 North University, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207.

The Chairman is Mr. William M. Moorhead, whose address is 602 South College Street, Stuttgart, Arkansas 72160.

Criminal Code Revision Commission

Following the passage of Act 400 of 1971, the Supreme Court jointly with the Attorney General established the Arkansas Criminal Code Revision Commission. Two Committees, one procedural and the other substantive, were then appointed. The Substantive Committee, appointed by the Attorney General, was charged with recommending a complete revision of the substantive criminal laws. The work of the Committee resulted in a new Criminal Code, Act 280 of 1975, which became effective January 1, 1976.

The Procedural Committee, appointed by the Supreme Court, was charged with preparation of procedural rules to supplement or supplant those then in effect. The proposed rules submitted to the Supreme Court were adopted by that body and became effective January 1, 1976.

Commission members are as follows:
President Circuit Judge Bobby Steel
Project Director Frank Newell

SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEE

(Appointed by Attorney General)

Judge Harrell Simpson, Chairman
Ray Guzman
H. Clay Robinson
Jack Holt, Jr.
W.H. Arnold
John Eirod, Vice-Chairman
Morrell Gathright
Billy Bert French
Eugene Hunt
Virginia Tackett

PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

(Appointed by Supreme Court)

Ed Bethune, Chairman
Justice John Fogleman
James W. Murphy
John T. Harmon
Judge Bobby Steel
Jack Lessenberry, Vice-Chairman
William P. Thompson
Judge Terry Shell
Terri Kirkpatrick

Model Jury Instructions

Two Committees exist which are charged with the preparation of Model Jury Instructions.

Work of the Committee on Civil Jury Instructions was completed several years ago; however, the Committee remains active for the purpose of updating and revising the instructions as needed, and has completed publication of a revised edition of Arkansas Model Jury Instructions (Civil), cited as AML. Members of the Committee are:

Henry Woods, Little Rock, Chairman
Philip S. Anderson, Jr., Little Rock
W.H. Arnold, III, Texarkana
Justice Lyle Brown, (ret.), Hope
Philip Carroll, Little Rock
Winslow Drummond, Little Rock
Robert L. Jones, Jr., Fort Smith
Dale Price, Little Rock
W.B. Patman, Fayetteville
Jacob Sharp, Jr., Little Rock
Justice George Rose Smith, Little Rock
Prof. Frederic K. Spies, Fayetteville
Paul B. Young, Pine Bluff

Work of the Committee on Model Jury Instructions (Criminal) was begun and then halted temporarily until the completion of the work of the Criminal Code Revision Commission. With the adoption of Arkansas' new Criminal Code and Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Committee has begun work with funding assistance from the Governor's Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement. Members of the Committee are:

Judge O.H. Hargraves, Forrest City, Chairman
Associate Justice George Rose Smith, Little Rock
Judge William Lee, Claredon
Bill Wilson, Little Rock
Jack L. Lessenberry, Little Rock
John C. Calhoun, Jr., Little Rock
Judge Harrell Simpson, Pocahontas
Judge Bobby Steel, Nashville
Mahlon Gibson, Fayetteville
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Charles L. Carpenter, Jr., North Little Rock, Clerk
Thomas M. Carpenter, North Little Rock, Clerk

Committee on Rules of Pleading, Practice, and Procedure

Act 38 of 1973 provides that the Supreme Court shall promulgate rules of pleading, practice, and procedure for civil cases which will supplant the present Code of Civil Procedure. The Court appointed the Committee by per curiam order on May 20, 1974 to

prepare for the Court's consideration rules governing pleading, practice, and procedure in civil cases in all courts of the state, and prescribing the time for and manner of taking appeals. Funds for the Committee were appropriated by Act 66 of 1975. The Committee began its work this past year.

Members of the Committee are:

Judge Andrew Ponder, Chairman
 David Blair
 Judge Thomas Butt
 Judge W.H. Enfield
 John P. Gill
 Wendell Hall
 Phil Hicky
 Judge Frank J. Huckaba
 Steve A. Matthews
 William D. Newbern
 Judge Alex Sanderson
 Dennis Shackelford
 W.H. Sutton

Arkansas Statute Revision Commission

This commission, established by statute (Acts 1945, No. 50), is responsible for publishing the various amendments to the statutes of Arkansas. Members are: Ex officio, Wiley H. Davis, Dean, University of Arkansas Law School, Fayetteville; Ex officio, Honorable Jim Guy Tucker, Attorney General. Members of the Committee appointed by the Supreme Court are:

4-year term	Term Expires
W.H. Sutton	June 30, 1979
A.D. McAllister	June 30, 1979
Thomas Harper	June 30, 1979

**STATE — FEDERAL
 JUDICIAL COUNCIL FOR ARKANSAS**

Arkansas maintains an active State-Federal Judicial Council. The Council meets twice yearly to discuss ways in which relationships between the state and federal judiciary may be enhanced. Established by a per curiam order of the Court, membership of the Council is as follows:

Honorable Carleton Harris, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Chairman
 Honorable G. Thomas Lisele, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District

Honorable Paul X. Williams, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Western District
 Honorable J. Fred Jones, Associate Justice, Supreme Court
 Honorable Conley Byrd, Associate Justice, Supreme Court
 Honorable Melvin Mayfield, Circuit Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, Vice-President, State Judicial Council
 Honorable Hugh Lookadoo, Circuit Judge, 8th Judicial Circuit
 Honorable John M. Graves, Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit
 Honorable Henry B. Means, Circuit Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit
 Honorable Jim Guy Tucker, Attorney General, State of Arkansas
 C.R. Huie, Esq., Executive Secretary, Arkansas Judicial Department, Acting Secretary

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Division
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**SPECIAL JUSTICES — 1975
ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT**

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Randall N. Ishmael
Robert Lindsey
David Blair
Jim Hendren
Don Schnipper
Leroy Autrey

Little Rock
Jonesboro
Little Rock
Batesville
Bentonville
Hot Springs
Texarkana

**ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
1975 APPEALS**

	CRIMINAL					CIVIL				Grand Total
	Post Conviction	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Law	Equity	Probate	Total	
Affirmed	17	2	96	1	116	91	76	2	169	285
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part	0	0	3	0	3	2	14	0	16	19
Reversed and Remanded	2	0	22	2	26	30	18	2	50	76
Reversed and Dismissed	0	0	1	0	1	7	2	0	9	10
Dismissed without opinion on Motion or Rule	3	0	8	0	11	18	11	0	29	40
Dismissed with Opinion	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	6	7
Reversed	1	0	3	0	4	15	8	0	23	27
Affirmed as Modified	0	0	2	0	2	4	4	0	8	10
Remanded	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	4	5
TOTAL	24	2	136	3	165	174	136	4	314	479

**ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
1975 PETITIONS**

	CRIMINAL					CIVIL				Grand Total
	Capital	Felony	Misde-meanor	Rule 1	Total	Law	Equity	Pro-bate	Total	
CERTIORARI										
Granted	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	4
Denied	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	4
TOTAL	0	3	2	0	5	1	2	0	3	8
PROHIBITION										
Granted	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	4
Denied	0	4	0	0	4	5	3	0	8	12
TOTAL	0	5	0	0	5	8	3	0	11	16
HABEAS CORPUS										
Granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
REHEARING										
Granted	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	6	7
Denied	0	37	2	2	41	21	31	1	53	94
TOTAL	0	38	2	2	42	25	33	1	59	101
MANDAMUS										
Granted	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Denied	0	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	6
TOTAL	0	7	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	8
POST CONVICTION										
Granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denied	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	4
OTHER PETITIONS										
Granted	0	7	0	0	7	1	1	0	2	8
Denied	0	6	0	0	6	3	0	0	3	9
TOTAL	0	13	0	0	13	4	1	0	5	18
TOTAL PETITIONS										
	0	68	4	4	76	39	40	1	80	156

**ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
1975 MOTIONS**

	Capital	Felony	Misde- meanor	Rule 1	Total	Law	Equity	Pro- bate	Total	Grand Total
MOTIONS ACTED ON EXCLUDING EXTENSIONS OF TIME										
Granted	32	29	0	9	70	21	14	0	35	105
Denied	14	12	1	2	29	12	18	1	31	60
TOTAL	46	41	1	11	99	33	32	1	66	165
GRAND TOTAL - APPEALS, MOTIONS, PETITIONS										800
MOTIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME										
Granted by Clerk	5	269	5	27	306	210	159	7	376	682
Granted by Court	4	154	4	20	182	68	54	5	127	309
TOTAL	9	423	9	47	488	278	213	12	503	991
ORAL ARGUMENTS	1	14	2	1	18	35	25	2	62	80

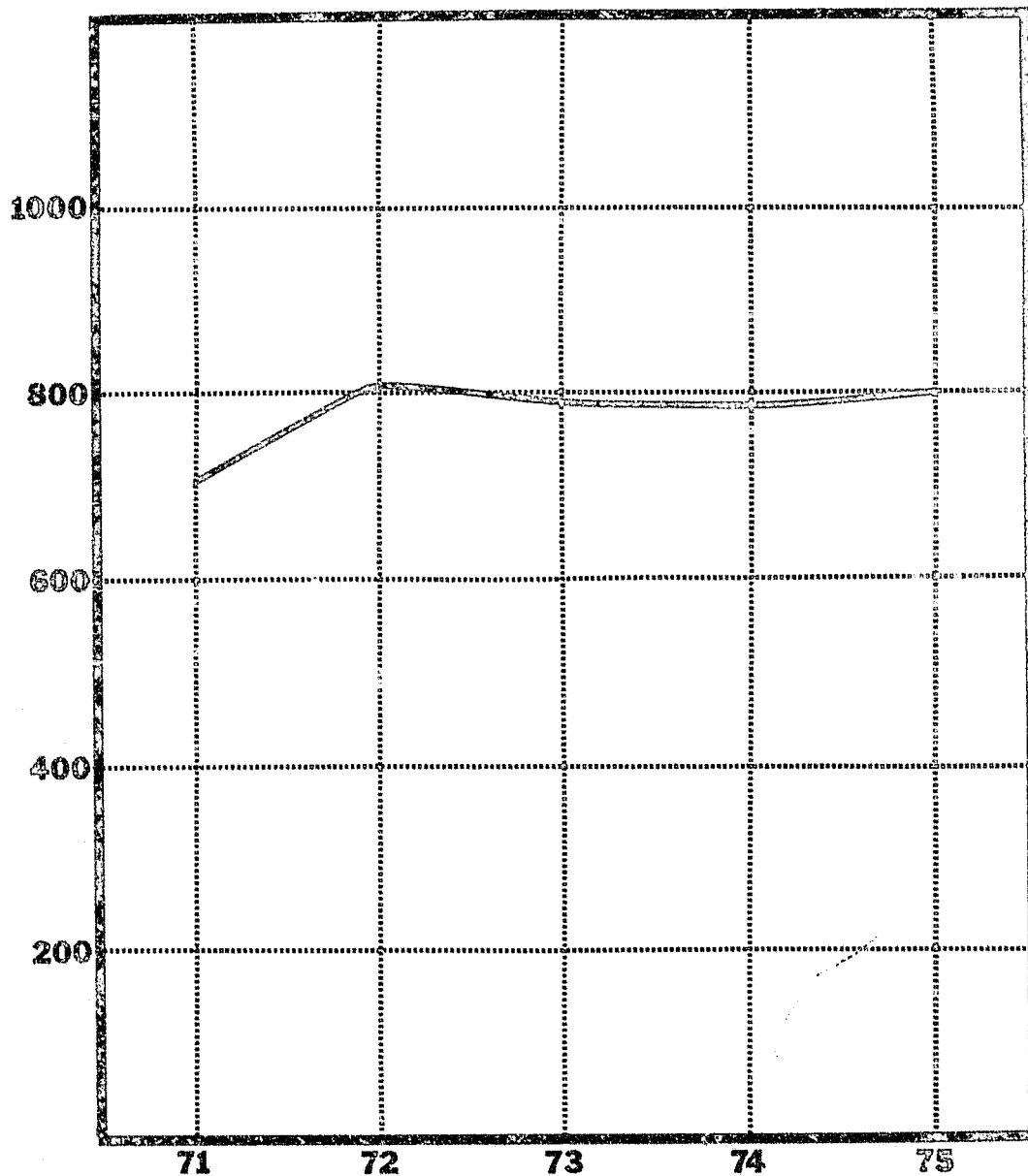
**ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
1975 WRITTEN OPINIONS**

Dissents and concurrences
without written opinion or
joined in written opinion of
another Justice

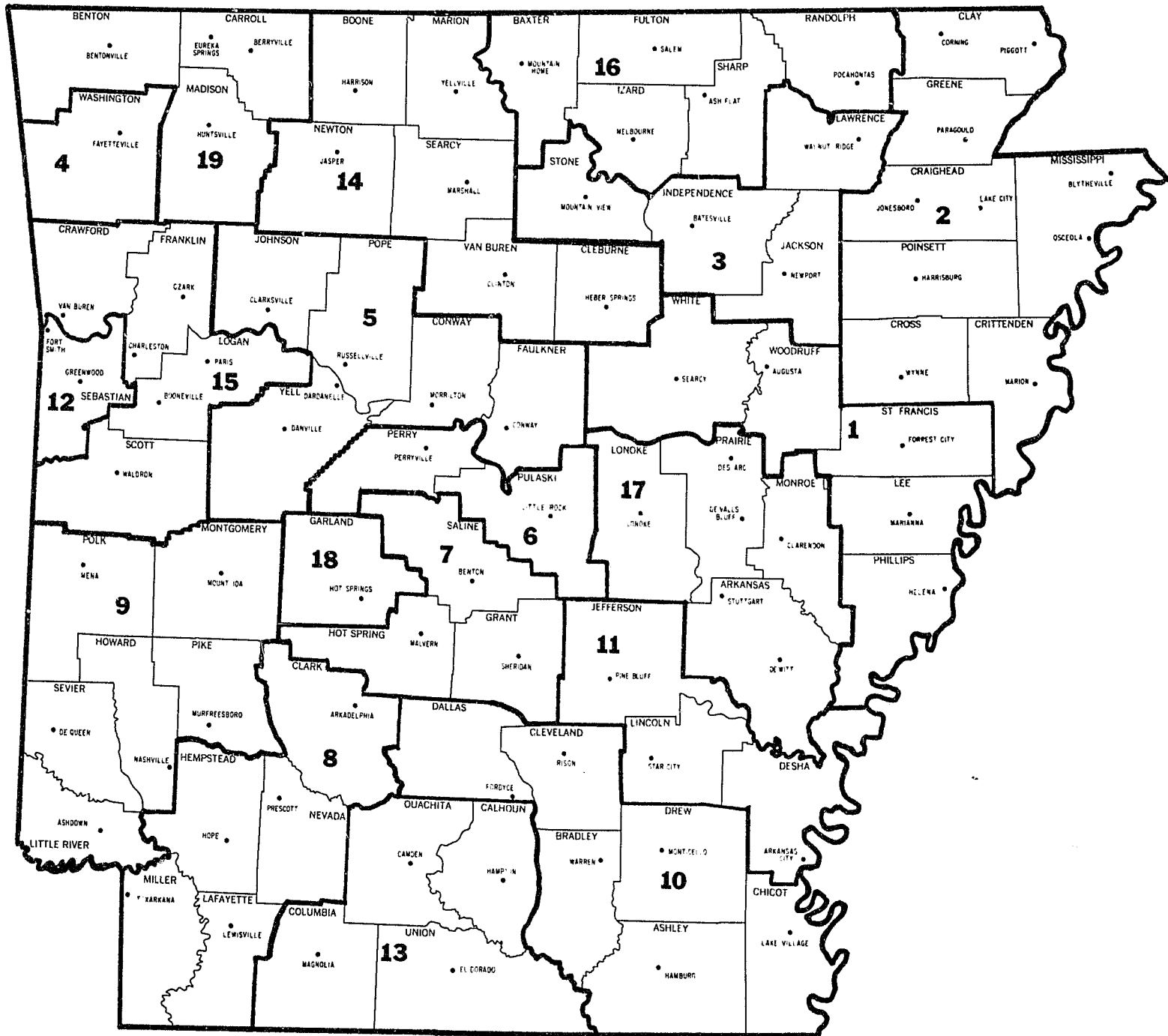
	Majority	Dissenting	Concurring	Dissenting in part, Concurring in part	Total	Dissenting	Dissenting in part, Concurring in part	Concurring
Harris, C.J.	63	5	1	3	72	11	1	1
Smith, J.	65	4	1	0	70	5	0	5
Brown, J.*	36	0	2	0	38	4	0	2
Fogleman, J.	69	24	10	3	106	8	0	3
Jones, J.	64	5	1	0	70	14	2	4
Byrd, J.	69	3	2	0	74	17	1	9
Holt, J.	66	0	0	0	66	5	0	1
Roy, J.*	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	1
Special Justices	8	0	0	1	9	0	0	0
TOTAL	456	41	17	7	521	64	4	26
Per Curiam	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	469	41	17	7	534	64	4	26

*Justice Lyle Brown retired on August 31, 1975; Justice Elsijane Roy was appointed to serve out his term by Governor Pryor, and joined the court on October 10, 1975. She is the first woman to serve in this capacity.

SUPREME COURT WORKLOAD 1971 - 1975

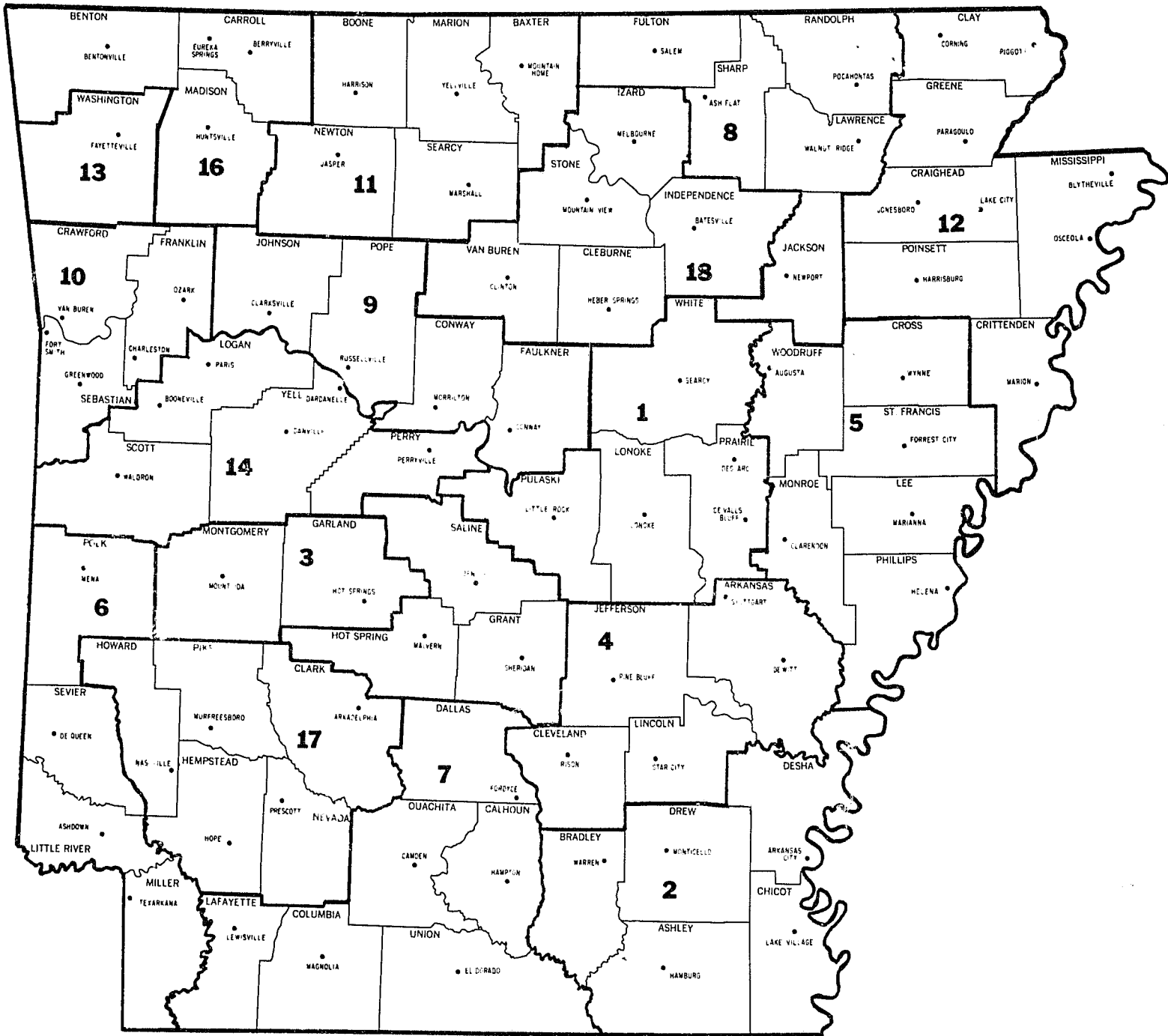


ARKANSAS



JUDICIAL CIRCUITS 1976

ARKANSAS



CHANCERY CIRCUITS 1976

“My analysis of the judicial process comes then to this, and little more: logic, and history, and custom, and utility, and the accepted standards of right conduct, are the forces which singly or in combination shape the progress of the law.”

The Nature of the Judicial Process —
Benjamin N. Cardozo

GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS

Trial courts of general jurisdiction in Arkansas are the Circuit and Chancery Courts. Circuit courts are courts of law; Chancery courts are courts of equity. The geographical area over which a Circuit Judge presides is referred to as a Judicial Circuit; Chancellors preside over Chancery Circuits. In addition to presiding over Chancery courts, Chancellors also preside over Probate courts. The boundaries of Judicial and Chancery Circuits are not necessarily identical; in fact, in only three instances do Judicial and Chancery Circuits embrace the same geographical area.

In only one Judicial Circuit, the Eighteenth, did filings drop during 1975, falling slightly from 610 during 1974 to 598, a drop of only twelve cases. Filings in all other Judicial Circuits rose, led by the Sixth with an increase of 670 and the Twelfth with an increase of 628.

Table I reflects total circuit court filings statewide per year for the ten-year period 1966-1975. Note that the case filing increase during 1975 was the highest ever, and reflects the third highest percentage increase during the past ten years.

CASE FILINGS

Circuit courts

Total filings in Circuit Courts statewide increased during 1975 by 14.5% over the level set during 1974, rising to an all-time high of 32,795. After a dramatic increase during 1974, Capital case filings fell from 233 that year to 178 in 1975, a decline of 23.6%. Felony filings during 1975 rose by 15.7%, from 7,479 during 1974 to 8,657. Misdemeanor filings declined slightly during 1975, from 4,277 during 1974 to 4,152, a decrease of 2.9%. Total criminal case filings rose by 8.3% this past year, from 11,989 during 1974 to 12,987.

Civil case filings increased by 18.9% during 1975 over the level posted during 1974, from 16,653 to 19,808.

TABLE I
CIRCUIT COURT FILINGS
1966-1975

Year	Filings	Change From Preceding Year	
		Amount	Percent
1966	17,758	+ 875	+ 5.18
1967	18,893	+ 1,135	+ 6.39
1968	18,262	— 631	— 3.34
1969	21,158	+ 2,896	+ 15.85
1970	22,478	+ 1,320	+ 6.24
1971	21,109	— 1,369	— 6.09
1972	21,991	+ 882	+ 4.18
1973	24,979	+ 2,988	+ 13.05
1974	28,642	+ 3,663	+ 14.66
1975	32,795	+ 4,153	+ 14.49

Chancery And Probate Courts

**TABLE II
CHANCERY COURT FILINGS
1966-1975**

Total Chancery filings (excluding Probate) increased slightly during 1975, rising from 28,055 during 1974 to 28,791, an increase of 2.6%. Equity filings during 1975 fell by 4.5%, from 5,931 during 1974 to 5,663. Domestic relations filings increased by 4.2%, from 20,346 during 1974 to 21,208 during 1975. Reciprocal support cases "in" rose slightly, from 1052 during 1974 to 1463 during 1975, an increase of 14.6%; reciprocal support cases "out" fell from 726 during 1974 to 714 during 1975, a drop of 1.6%.

The First Chancery Circuit experienced a decline in caseload for the first time of record, but the decline was slight; the Fifth, Tenth, and Sixteenth Circuits also reflected case filing declines, but the decreases were likewise slight. All other Chancery Circuits posted gains in filings during 1975, led by the Eighteenth with an increase of 226, a 38.4% rise.

Probate workload during 1975 increased to the highest level yet recorded with 9,842 filings, but the increase was only 3.0% over the 1974 level of 9,553. Decedents' estates filings last year rose by 1.1%, guardianship filings increased by 10.8%, commitment actions rose by 3.4%, adoption filings rose by 3.2%, and miscellaneous filings declined by 2.4%.

Nine Chancery Circuits reported declines in Probate filings for 1975, but the decreases were negligible. The other nine Circuits posted increases, but for the most part the gains were slight.

Tables II and III reflect statewide Chancery and Probate filings for the ten-year period 1966-1975. These filings are listed separately because of the different natures of the two classifications of filings.

Year	Filings	Change From Preceding Year	
		Amount	Percent
1966	16,184	+ 1,425	+ 9.66
1967	16,988	+ 804	+ 4.96
1968	17,490	+ 502	+ 2.95
1969	18,921	+ 1,431	+ 8.18
1970	19,438	+ 517	+ 2.73
1971	21,326	+ 1,888	+ 9.71
1972	24,532	+ 3,206	+ 15.03
1973	25,824	+ 1,292	+ 5.26
1974	28,055	+ 2,231	+ 8.63
1975	28,791	+ 736	+ 2.62

**TABLE III
PROBATE FILINGS
1966-1975**

Year	Filings	Change From Preceding Year	
		Amount	Percent
1966	9,067	+ 1,041	+ 12.97
1967	9,069	+ 2	+ .02
1968	8,904	- 165	- 1.81
1969	9,330	+ 426	+ 4.78
1970	8,795	- 535	- 5.73
1971	9,434	+ 639	+ 7.26
1972	9,836	+ 402	+ 4.26
1973	9,717	- 119	- 1.20
1974	9,553	- 164	- 1.68
1975	9,842	+ 289	+ 3.03

CASE DISPOSITIONS

As case filings increase from year to year, likewise must dispositions in order to keep pace with burgeoning caseloads. General jurisdiction Judges in Arkansas have done a remarkable job over the years in keeping pace with skyrocketing legal activity, which has nearly doubled (in terms of filings) during the past ten years.

Circuit Courts

Case dispositions in Circuit Courts climbed dramatically during 1975, increasing by 22.1% over the 1974 level. A total of 31,310 cases were terminated during 1975, as compared with 25,639 during 1974.

All but two Judicial Circuits terminated more cases during 1975 than in 1974, and the decreases in those two circuits were slight. Many of the percentage increases in terminations were astounding, notably the Ninth (+81.8%), Fifteenth (+45.8%), Fifth (+41.9%), and Second (+36.1%).

Table IV reflects statewide Circuit Court dispositions per year during the ten-year period 1966-1975.

TABLE IV
CIRCUIT COURT DISPOSITIONS
1966-1975

Year	Terminations	Increase or Decrease	
		Amount	Percent
1966	16,923	+ 2,695	+ 18.94
1967	18,998	+ 2,075	+ 12.26
1968	18,664	- 334	- 1.75
1969	19,316	+ 652	+ 3.49
1970	20,559	+ 1,243	+ 6.43
1971	22,046	+ 1,487	+ 7.23
1972	20,913	- 1,133	- 5.14
1973	23,155	+ 2,242	+ 10.73
1974	25,639	+ 2,484	+ 10.73
1975	31,310	+ 5,671	+ 22.11

Chancery Courts

Chancery Court terminations (excluding Probate) increased by 5.9% during 1975 over the 1974 level. A total of 27,045 Chancery cases received final disposition during 1975, as compared with 25,535 during 1974. Four Chancery Circuits reflected slight declines in terminations during 1975 as compared with 1974; others posted increases, led by the Eighteenth Circuit

with an remarkable increase in terminations of 85.9%.

Table V reflects Chancery Court terminations statewide per year for the ten-year period 1966-1975.

TABLE V
CHANCERY COURT DISPOSITION
1966-1975

(Not Including Probate)

Year	Terminations	Increase or Decrease	
		Amount	Percent
1966	14,518	+ 2,318	+ 19.00
1967	16,929	+ 2,411	+ 16.06
1968	21,230	+ 4,301	+ 25.04
1969	18,328	- 2,902	- 13.61
1970	17,195	- 1,133	- 6.18
1971	19,997	+ 2,802	+ 16.20
1972	21,820	+ 1,823	+ 9.13
1973	22,231	+ 411	+ 1.88
1974	25,512	+ 3,281	+ 14.75
1975	27,045	+ 1,553	+ 6.00

AGE OF CASES PENDING

Circuit Courts

As noted earlier in this section, disposition of cases in Circuit Courts during 1975 rose by more than 22% over the 1974 level. Although filings exceeded terminations, the total number of cases pending at the end of 1975 over two years of age was nevertheless 1.8% lower than the figure a year previous.

Cases pending over two years of age at the end of 1975 comprised 11.7% of the total number of cases pending, compared with 12.8% at the end of 1974 and 13.9% at the end of 1973.

Criminal cases over two years of age at the close of 1975 accounted for 11.1% of total criminal cases pending, compared 8.4% in 1974 and 9.7% at the end of 1973. Civil cases pending over two years of age comprised 12.0% of total civil cases pending, compared with 14.9% in 1974 and 15.9% at the close of 1973.

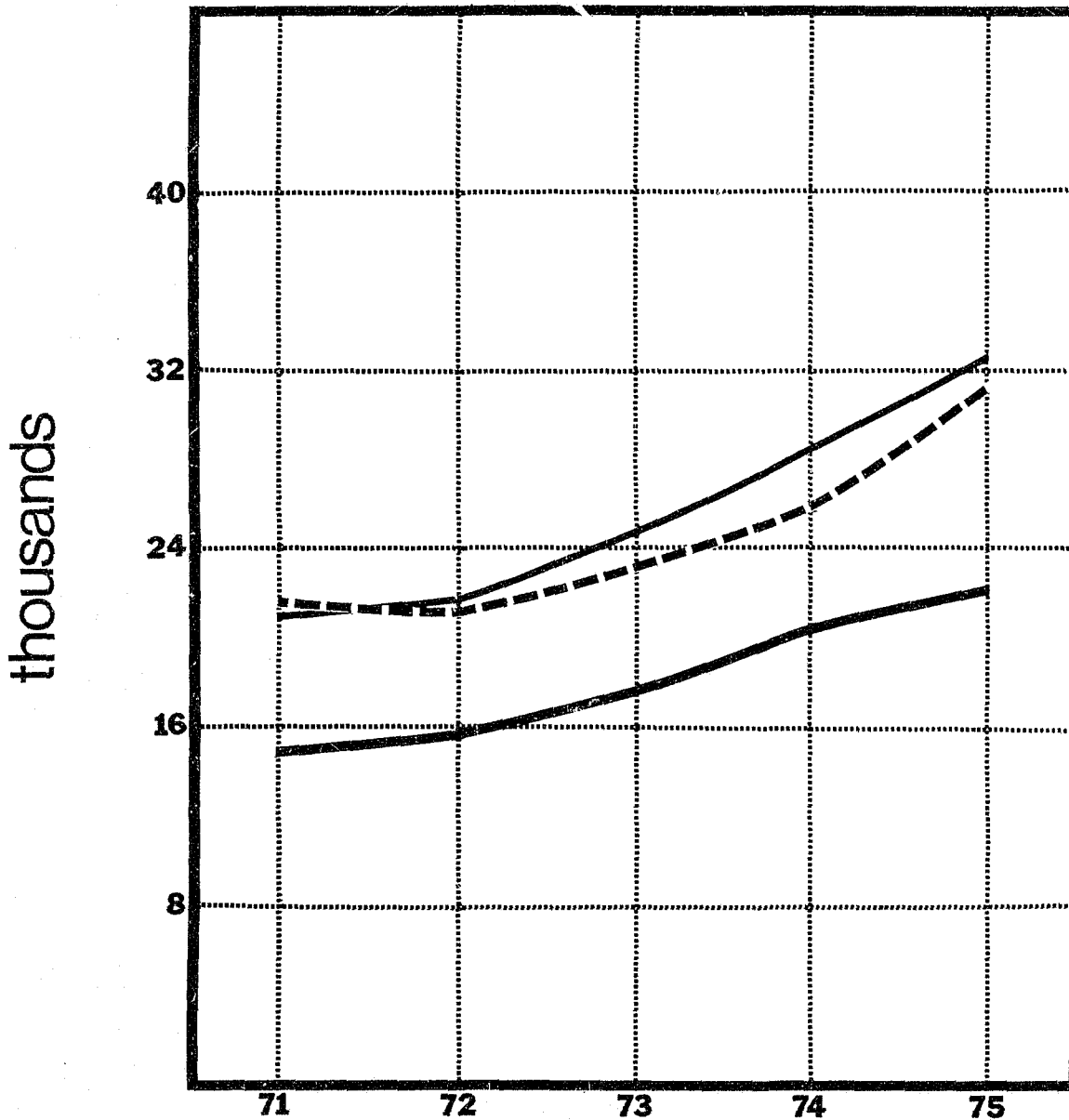
Ten Judicial Circuits reflect less than 10% of total cases pending to be over two years of age, notably the Ninth with only 1.7% of cases pending over two years old.

Chancery Courts

Cases pending over two years of age in Chancery Courts accounted for 32.2% of total cases pending at the close of 1975, compared with 31.7% at 1974's end. 42.1% of all equity cases pending at the year's end were over two years old; 27.6% of all domestic relations matters pending were in excess of two years.

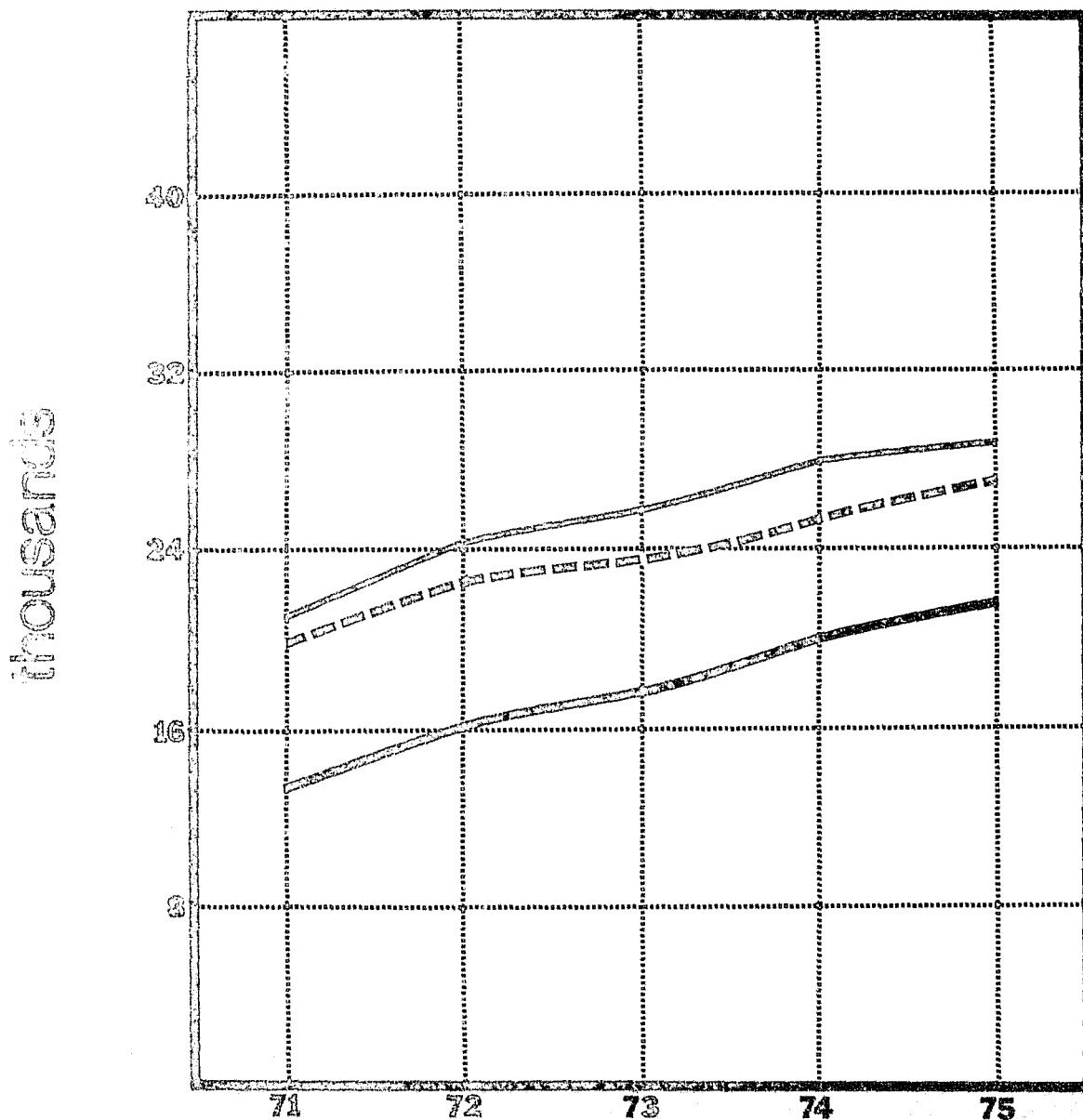
Eight Chancery circuits reflect more than 10% of total cases pending to be over two years of age, notably the First Circuit with 56.4%. Seven Circuits show less than 5% of total cases pending to be over two years of age, notably the Third with 1.0% and the Second and Tenth, each with 2.2%.

CIRCUIT COURTS 1971-1975



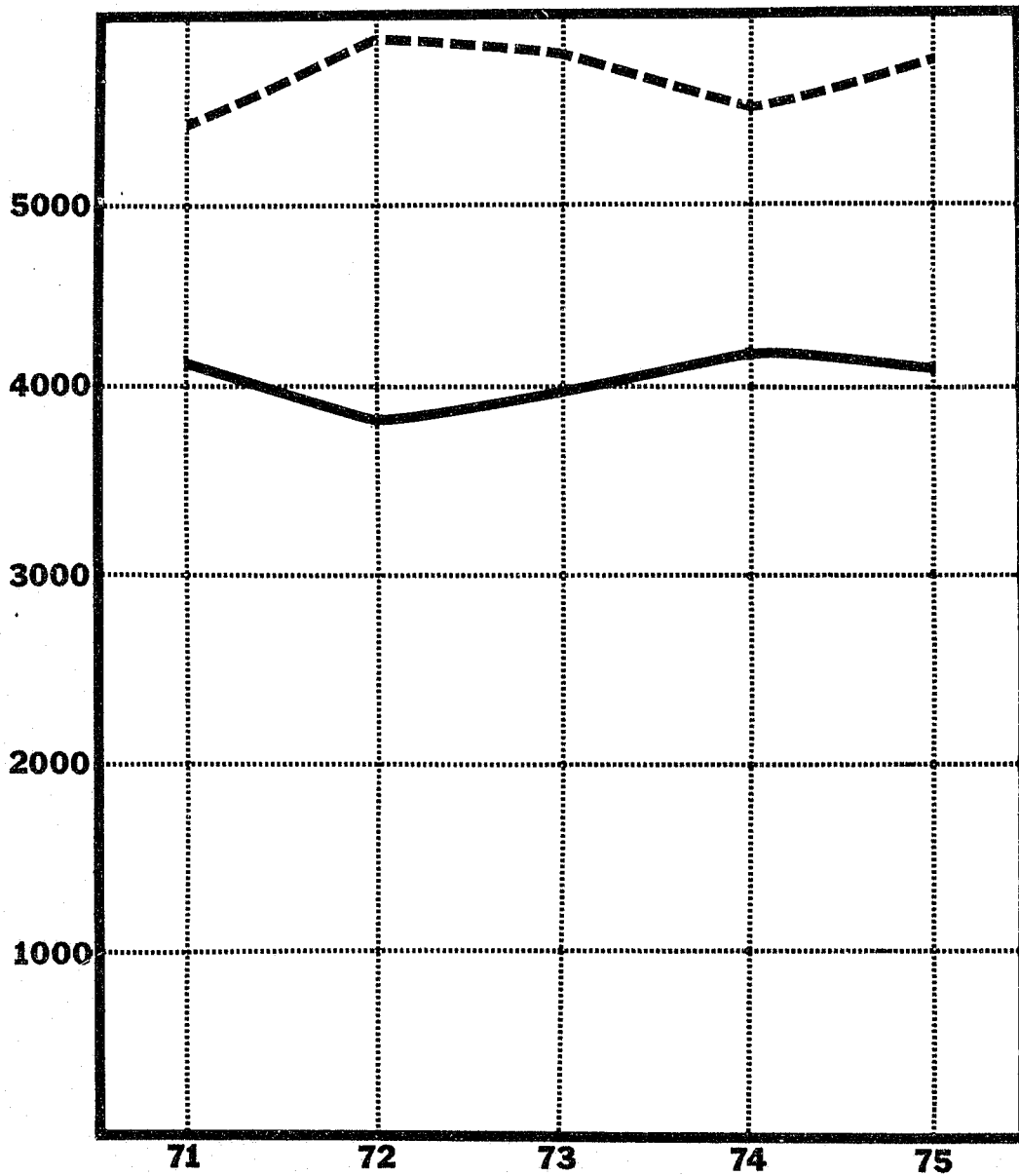
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CHANCERY COURTS 1971-1975



- cases filed
- - - cases terminated
- cases pending, end of year

PROBATE COURTS 1971-1975



--- decedents' estates filings
— other probate filings

“The law’s made to take care o’ rashills.”

George Eliot
The Mill on the Floss
Book III, Chapter 4

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

1976

First Circuit (1st Division)	O.H. Hargraves	Forrest City
First Circuit (2nd Division)	John L. Anderson	Helena
Second Circuit (1st Division)	A.S. “Todd” Harrison	Blytheville
Second Division (2nd Division)	John S. Mosby	Lepanto
Second Circuit (3rd Division)	Gerald Pearson	Jonesboro
Third Circuit	Andrew Ponder	Newport
Fourth Circuit (1st Division)	Maupin Cummins	Fayetteville
Fourth Circuit (2nd Division)	John Lineberger	Fayetteville
Fifth Circuit	Russell C. Roberts	Conway
Sixth Circuit (1st Division)	William J. Kirby	Little Rock
Sixth Circuit (2nd Division)	Warren E. Wood	Little Rock
Sixth Circuit (3rd Division)	Tom F. Digby	Little Rock
Sixth Circuit (4th Division)	Richard B. Adkisson	Little Rock
Seventh Circuit	Henry B. Means	Malvern
Eighth Circuit (1st Division)	John W. Goodson	Texarkana
Eighth Circuit (2nd Division)	J. Hugh Lookadoo	Arkadelphia
Ninth Circuit	Bobby Steel	Nashville
Tenth Circuit	G.B. Colvin, Jr.	Dermott
Eleventh Circuit (1st Division)	Randall L. Williams	Pine Bluff
Eleventh Circuit (2nd Division)	H.A. Taylor	Pine Bluff
Twelfth Circuit	John G. Holland	Fort Smith
Thirteenth Circuit (1st Division)	John M. Graves	Camden
Thirteenth Circuit (2nd Division)	Melvin Mayfield	El Dorado
Fourteenth Circuit	Joe D. Villines	Harrison
Fifteenth Circuit	David Partain	Van Buren
Sixteenth Circuit	Harrell Simpson	Pocahontas
Seventeenth Circuit	W.M. “Bill” Lee	Clarendon
Eighteenth Circuit	Henry M. Britt	Hot Springs
Nineteenth Circuit	Bill Enfield	Bentonville

*“ ‘In my youth,’ said his father, ‘I took to the law,
 And argued each case with my wife;
 And the muscular strength, which it gave to my jaw,
 Has lasted the rest of my life.’ ”*

Lewis Carroll
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
 Chapter 3

CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT JUDGES

1976

First Circuit (1st Division)	Murray O. Reed	Little Rock
First Circuit (2nd Division)	John T. Jernigan	Little Rock
First Circuit (3rd Division)	Darrell Hickman	Searcy
Second Circuit	Donald A. Clarke	McGehee
Third Circuit	James W. Chesnutt	Hot Springs
Fourth Circuit (1st Division)	Eugene "Kayo" Harris	Pine Bluff
Fourth Circuit (2nd Division)	Lawrence Dawson	Pine Bluff
Fifth Circuit	Richard B. McCulloch	Forrest City
Fifth Circuit	George K. Cracraft	Helena
Sixth Circuit	Alex G. Sanderson, Jr.	Texarkana
Seventh Circuit (1st Division)	Charles Plunkett	Camden
Seventh Circuit (2nd Division)	Henry S. Yocum	El Dorado
Eighth Circuit	Robert H. Dudley	Pocahontas
Ninth Circuit	Richard Mobley	Russellville
Tenth Circuit	Warren O. Kimbrough	Fort Smith
Tenth Circuit	Bernice L. Kizer	Fort Smith
Eleventh Circuit	Frank Huckaba (1)	Mountain Home
Twelfth Circuit (Position 1)	Gerald Brown (2)	Paragould
Twelfth Circuit (Position 2)	Gene E. Bradley	Blytheville
Twelfth Circuit (Position 3)	Henry Wilson	Trumann
Thirteenth Circuit	Thomas F. Butt	Fayetteville
Fourteenth Circuit	Van Taylor	Dardanelle
Fifteenth Circuit	C. Mel Carden	Benton
Sixteenth Circuit	Ted P. Coxsey	Berryville
Seventeenth Circuit	Royce Weisenberger	Hope
Eighteenth Circuit	Carl B. McSpadden	Heber Springs

- (1) Appointed to succeed Judge Ernie Wright, who retired October 31, 1975
- (2) Appointed to succeed Judge Terry Shell, who was appointed Federal District Judge September 25, 1975

“ . . . a great judge must be also a great man. ”

— John Buchan

“We cannot change the public attitude by self-serving praise of our own excellence; we can do it only by self-searching followed by conscientious performance.”

Dr. Robert A. Leflar, remarks at dedication of new Arkansas Supreme Courtroom, January 9, 1976

ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES

The number of judge assignments in 1975 rose from the 1974 level of 69, to 76. Assignment is utilized in three situations:

1. Disqualification of the resident judge;
2. Illness, death, or other reason for absence;
3. Relief of congested dockets.

The importance of and benefits derived from the ability to make assignments provide flexibility and insure operation of the courts without undue interruption.

One apparent disadvantage is, of course, the fact that the assigned judge must often rearrange his own docket to prevent undue delay in the handling of cases in his home circuit.

As will be noted from the number of assignments in 1975, Arkansas judges have been most cooperative in this area.

TABLE OF ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES
1975

Judge	Date of Assignment	Circuit	Assignment to	Length of Assignment
Henry M. Britt	3/10/75	18th Judicial	8th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	3/28/75	18th Judicial	8th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	5/06/75	18th Judicial	7th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	5/22/75	18th Judicial	3rd Chancery	6/04/75 to 7/21/75
	10/16/75	18th Judicial	9th Judicial	AAWRJ*
Thomas F. Butt	4/09/75	13th Chancery	16th Chancery	AAWRJ*
C. Mel Carden	5/05/75	15th Chancery	7th Judicial	5/05/75 to 6/13/75
James W. Chesnutt	3/06/75	3rd Chancery	6th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	3/06/75	3rd Chancery	17th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	4/04/75	3rd Chancery	15th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	9/05/75	3rd Chancery	9th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	10/16/75	3rd Chancery	18th Judicial	10/16/75 to 10/20/75
	11/17/75	3rd Chancery	18th Judicial	11/25/75 to 11/30/75
	12/04/75	3rd Chancery	18th Judicial	1/08/76 to 1/10/76
Lawrence Dawson	6/17/75	4th Chancery	11th Judicial	6/17/75 to 6/30/75

* As Agreed with Resident Judge

Judge	Date of Assignment	Circuit	Assignment to	Length of Assignment
Robert H. Dudley	2/20/75	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	6/19/75 to 7/03/75
	6/09/75	8th Chancery	18th Chancery	6/19/75 to 7/14/75
	6/18/75	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	AAWRJ*
	7/19/75	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	7/24/75 to 8/01/75
	7/24/75	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	AAWRJ*
	7/30/75	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	AAWRJ*
	10/03/75	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	10/20/75 to 10/31/75
	12/08/75	8th Chancery	11th Chancery	12/10/75 to 3/12/76
William Enfield	4/21/75	19th Judicial	4th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	5/14/75	19th Judicial	16th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	12/08/75	19th Judicial	5th Judicial	AAWRJ*
John Graves	7/16/75	13th Judicial	11th Judicial	AAWRJ*
Eugene Harris	6/17/75	4th Chancery	11th Judicial	6/17/75 to 6/30/75
	7/02/75	4th Chancery	2nd Chancery	AAWRJ*
A. S. "Todd" Harrison	4/15/75	2nd Judicial (1st Div)	2nd Judicial (3rd Div)	9/01/75 to 4/30/76
	5/20/75	2nd Judicial (1st Div)	2nd Judicial (3rd Div)	6/16/75 to 6/20/75
Darrell Hickman	2/04/75	1st Chancery	8th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	7/14/75	1st Chancery	14th Chancery	AAWRJ*
William Kirby	6/10/75	6th Judicial	7th Judicial	AAWRJ*
Bernice Kizer	6/23/75	10th Chancery	14th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	9/05/75	10th Chancery	9th Chancery	AAWRJ*
John Linberger	5/14/75	4th Judicial	5th Judicial	6/16/75 to 1/16/76
	7/10/75	4th Judicial	19th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	10/16/75	4th Judicial	5th Judicial	1/17/76 to 4/30/76
Hugh Lookadoo	3/10/75	8th Judicial	18th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	3/20/75	8th Judicial	6th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	6/09/75	8th Judicial	9th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	12/04/75	8th Judicial	18th Judicial	AAWRJ*
Carl McSpadden	11/10/75	18th Chancery	1st Chancery	AAWRJ*
	11/25/75	18th Chancery	9th Chancery	AAWRJ*

*As Agreed With Resident Judge

Judge	Date of Assignment	Circuit	Assignment to	Length of Assignment
	12/12/75	18th Chancery	9th Chancery	AAWRJ*
Gerald Pearson	4/15/75	2nd Judicial (3rd Div)	2nd Judicial (1st Div)	9/01/75 to 4/30/76
Andrew Ponder	3/06/75	3rd Judicial	17th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	10/27/75	3rd Judicial	16th Judicial	10/30/75 to 11/22/75
Russell Roberts	6/10/75	5th Judicial	14th Chancery	AAWRJ*
Alex Sanderson, Jr.	4/04/75	6th Chancery	13th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	4/28/75	6th Chancery	17th Chancery	5/04/75 to 5/09/75
	7/14/75	6th Chancery	17th Chancery	5/04/75 to 5/09/75
	9/16/75	6th Chancery	3rd Chancery	AAWRJ*
Harrell Simpson	6/09/75	16th Judicial	18th Chancery	6/14/75 to 7/14/75
H. A. Taylor	4/11/75	11th Judicial (2nd Div)	11th Judicial (1st Div)	4/11/75 to 12/31/75
Van Taylor	2/21/75	14th Chancery	9th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	3/03/75	14th Chancery	7th Judicial	4/28/75 to 5/02/75
	7/11/75	14th Chancery	5th Judicial	7/14/ to 12/31/75
	12/11/75	14th Chancery	5th Judicial	1/01/76 to 3/31/76
Joe Villines	2/05/75	14th Judicial	19th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	6/25/75	14th Judicial	16th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	10/27/75	14th Judicial	16th Judicial	10/30/75 to 11/22/75
	11/24/75	14th Judicial	4th Judicial	AAWRJ*
Royce Weisenberger	3/25/75	17th Chancery	7th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	5/20/75	17th Chancery	3rd Chancery	AAWRJ*
	7/14/75	17th Chancery	6th Chancery	7/15/75 to 12/31/75
	11/24/75	17th Chancery	3rd Chancery	AAWRJ*
Randall Williams	4/11/75	11th Judicial (1st Div)	11th Judicial (2nd Div)	4/11/75 to 12/31/75
	7/16/75	11th Judicial	10th Judicial	AAWRJ*
	10/30/75	11th Judicial	10th Judicial	AAWRJ*
Warren Wood	7/14/75	6th Judicial	14th Judicial	AAWRJ*
Henry Yocum	1/30/75	7th Chancery	6th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	3/25/75	7th Chancery	6th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	10/06/75	7th Chancery	6th Chancery	AAWRJ*
	11/24/75	7th Chancery	2nd Chancery	AAWRJ*

* As agreed with Resident Judge

COMPARATIVE TABLE VI

POPULATION PER JUDGE BY JUDICIAL CIRCUITS			POPULATION PER JUDGE BY CHANCERY CIRCUITS		
1970 CENSUS			1970 CENSUS		
Judicial Circuit	Number of Judges	Population Per Judge	Judicial Circuit	Number of Judges	Population Per Judge
First	2	70,252	First	3	120,980
Second	3	84,125	Second	1	89,836
Third	1	66,333	Third	1	59,653
Fourth	2	38,685	Fourth	2	64,097
Fifth	1	104,822	Fifth	2	68,346
Sixth	4	72,206	Sixth	1	69,148
Seventh	1	67,781	Seventh	2	63,945
Eighth	2	42,189	Eighth	1	65,319
Ninth	1	61,707	Ninth	1	90,614
Tenth	1	87,702	Tenth	2	58,148
Eleventh	2	58,502	Eleventh	1	71,182
Twelfth	1	79,237	Twelfth	3	77,530
Thirteenth	2	53,925	Thirteenth	1	77,370
Fourteenth	1	58,272	Fourteenth	1	44,838
Fifteenth	1	61,974	Fifteenth	1	67,781
Sixteenth	1	51,287	Sixteenth	1	72,230
Seventeenth	1	75,502	Seventeenth	1	71,079
Eighteenth	1	54,131	Eighteenth	1	55,566
Nineteenth	1	72,230			
Average statewide population per Circuit Judge			Average statewide population per Chancery Judge		
66,320			73,972		
Average statewide population per judge, Circuit and Chancery combined			34,969		

**COMPARATIVE TABLE VII
TOTAL CASES FILED PER YEAR
JUDICIAL CIRCUITS**

Judicial Circuit	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
First	1,293	1,277	1,236	1,370	1,281	1,369	1,269	1,545	1,774	1,987
Second	1,733	2,076	1,900	2,783	2,425	2,422	2,625	2,500	2,964	3,231
Third	593	595	601	764	641	799	782	1,001	984	1,200
Fourth	1,243	1,117	1,081	679	858	813	989	1,154	1,361	1,731
Fifth	690	983	707	825	846	966	1,213	1,390	1,425	1,721
Sixth	4,024	4,061	4,071	4,813	5,672	4,746	4,941	5,726	6,953	7,623
Seventh	465	545	545	493	513	481	589	692	813	946
25 Eighth	845	868	743	716	835	836	833	1,006	1,075	1,093
Ninth	404	522	545	582	567	444	508	568	608	876
Tenth	652	790	747	905	889	852	810	816	1,082	1,123
Eleventh	1,880	2,132	1,981	2,857	2,356	2,234	1,487	1,610	1,736	1,999
Twelfth	1,224	1,213	1,182	1,311	1,152	1,137	1,416	1,894	2,160	2,788
Thirteenth	701	865	988	1,089	1,094	983	1,095	1,115	1,197	1,466
Fourteenth	404	395	357	423	378	344	584	381	714	768
Fifteenth	400	431	414	391	418	535	615	591	618	851
Sixteenth	334	272	323	295	315	336	328	440	475	606
Seventeenth	473	444	485	549	570	683	829	854	934	1,113
Eighteenth	400	352	356	442	484	430	463	600	610	598
Nineteenth				486	638	755	718	893	1,150	1,055
TOTALS	17,758	18,893	18,262	21,158	22,478	21,109	21,991	24,979	28,642	32,795

**COMPARATIVE TABLE VIII
TOTAL CASES FILED PER YEAR
CHANCERY CIRCUITS
(Probate Included)**

Chancery Circuit	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
First	6,146	5,875	5,890	6,260	6,340	6,743	7,424	8,082	8,638	8,414
Second	1,039	1,151	1,190	1,561	1,575	1,774	1,695	1,502	1,351	1,445
Third	1,070	1,169	1,119	1,150	1,229	1,189	1,435	1,330	1,449	1,578
Fourth	1,702	1,672	1,609	1,731	1,723	1,784	2,084	2,095	2,265	2,381
Fifth	1,422	1,578	1,499	1,580	1,672	1,584	1,802	1,888	1,928	1,868
Sixth										2,630
Seventh	2,102	2,369	2,463	2,333	2,167	2,185	2,371	2,362	2,471	2,630
Eighth	1,052	1,008	1,086	1,209	1,105	1,527	1,553	966	1,032	1,136
Ninth	936	1,066	1,098	1,139	1,220	1,358	1,461	1,589	1,769	1,818
Tenth	1,541	1,787	1,800	1,880	1,896	2,131	2,417	2,484	2,872	2,821
Eleventh	846	772	753	868	869	1,048	1,152	1,119	1,201	1,261
Twelfth	2,734	2,901	2,867	3,201	2,900	3,290	3,848	3,836	3,909	4,059
Thirteenth	1,686	1,807	2,001	1,033	1,144	1,188	1,386	1,481	1,619	1,635
Fourteenth	536	462	492	505	559	649	688	851	918	974
Fifteenth	756	720	762	828	871	937	1,392	1,200	1,323	1,341
Sixteenth				1,014	1,058	1,250	1,387	1,637	1,518	1,632
Seventeenth										1,169
Eighteenth								824		1,055
TOTALS	25,251	26,057	26,394	28,251	28,233	30,760	34,368	35,540	37,608	38,633

**COMPARATIVE TABLE IX
TOTAL CASES FILED
JUDICIAL AND CHANCERY CIRCUITS**

Year	Judicial Circuits	Chancery Circuits	Statewide Total
1966	17,758	25,251	43,009
1967	18,893	26,057	44,950
1968	18,262	26,394	44,656
1969	21,158	28,251	49,409
1970	22,478	28,233	50,711
1971	21,109	30,760	51,869
1972	21,991	34,368	56,359
1973	24,979	35,540	60,519
1974	28,642	37,608	66,250
1975	32,795	38,633	71,428

**COMPARATIVE TABLE X
STATEWIDE AVERAGE CASELOAD PER JUDGE**

Year	Judicial Circuits	Chancery Circuits (Probate Included)	Combined Average Per Judge
1966	806	1,262	1,024
1967	821	1,184	1,002
1968	793	1,198	991
1969	881	1,228	1,051
1970	899	1,227	1,055
1971	812	1,337	1,058
1972	846	1,494	1,150
1973	892	1,422	1,157
1974	1,022	1,504	1,250
1975	1,131	1,485	1,299

**COMPARATIVE TABLE XI
RANKING OF JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
BY CASELOAD PER JUDGE**

RANKING	CIRCUIT	NUMBER OF JUDGES	FILINGS PER JUDGE
1	Sixth (civil)	2	2,923
2	Twelfth	1	2,788
3	Fifth	1	1,721
4	Third	1	1,200
5	Seventeenth	1	1,133
6	Tenth	1	1,123
7	Eleventh (civil)	1	1,121
8	Second	3	1,077
9	Nineteenth	1	1,055
10	First	2	994
11	Seventh	1	946
12	Sixth (criminal)	2	889
13	Eleventh (criminal)	1	878
14	Ninth	1	876
15	Fourth	2	865
16	Fifteenth	1	851
17	Fourteenth	1	768
18	Thirteenth	2	733
19	Sixteenth	1	606
20	Eighteenth	1	598
21	Eighth	2	547

STATEWIDE AVERAGE CASELOAD PER CIRCUIT JUDGE: 1131

**COMPARATIVE TABLE XII
RANKING OF CHANCERY CIRCUITS
BY CASELOAD PER JUDGE
(PROBATE INCLUDED)**

RANKING	CIRCUIT	NUMBER OF JUDGES	FILINGS PER JUDGE
1	First	3	2,805
2	Ninth	1	1,818
3	Thirteenth	1	1,635
4	Sixteenth	1	1,632
5	Third	1	1,578
6	Second	1	1,445
7	Sixth	1	1,416
8	Tenth	2	1,411
9	Twelfth	3	1,353
10	Fifteenth	1	1,341
11	Seventh	2	1,315
12	Eleventh	1	1,261
13	Fourth	2	1,191
14	Seventeenth	1	1,169
15	Eighth	1	1,136
16	Eighteenth	1	1,055
17	Fourteenth	1	974
18	Fifth	2	934

STATEWIDE AVERAGE CASELOAD PER CHANCELLOR: 1486

"Justice, though due to the accused, is due to the accuser also. The concept of fairness must not be strained till it is narrowed to a filament. We are to keep the balance true."

Benjamin N. Cardozo

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

Prosecuting attorneys are elected for two year terms by the voters of each judicial circuit. They must be citizens of the United States, learned in the law, and a resident of the circuit. Salaries are paid by the State. In addition to his salary the prosecuting attorney is allowed a contingent expense paid by the counties within his circuit on pro rata basis.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to commence and prosecute actions, both civil and criminal, in which the State or any county in his circuit may be concerned. He prosecutes all forfeited recognizances and actions for the recovery of debts, fines, forfeitures or penalties accruing to the State in any county in his circuit. It is also incumbent on the prosecuting attorney to defend all suits brought against the State or any county in his circuit and to give his opinion to any sheriff, constable, justice of the peace or county court on any question of law in any criminal case or other matter in which the State or county is concerned, pending before such court or officer.

Deputy prosecuting attorneys are appointed by and serve under the direction of the prosecuting attorney. Deputies receive their remuneration from costs assessed in misdemeanor cases or from the County General Fund of the County which they serve. In some instances, their compensation is derived from a combination of both sources, and in the metropolitan areas they are usually paid salaries.

Generally, prosecuting attorneys try felony cases in the circuit courts, while the work of the deputy consists largely of trying misdemeanor cases in municipal courts and justice of the peace courts, and of assisting the prosecuting attorney in the trial of felony cases in circuit court.

The problems of the office are numerous, particularly as a result of comparatively recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and the necessity of close supervision of conduct toward prisoners from arrest to time of trial. For an effective administration of justice, it is essential that the prosecuting attorney and his

deputies endeavor to work closely with other law enforcement and judicial officers.

The Prosecuting Attorneys' Association is an active group and meets at the call of the President. Officers and Board Members are elected for a term of one year.

The following open letter from the Honorable Alex Streett of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, President of the Association, sums up the past accomplishments and future goals of the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys' Association:

The Prosecuting Attorneys' Association has developed into an active and productive association within the past year. Membership is open to all prosecutors and their deputies across the State. During the past year, the Association was active in many areas. In November of 1975, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association, along with the Criminal Justice Division of the Attorney General's Office, published the first issue of INFORMANT, a newsletter which has subsequently been mailed each month to all members of the Association and law enforcement officials throughout the State. Each issue deals with specific problems faced by prosecutors and law enforcement officials and offers advice and solutions to the problem areas. It has been well received by both prosecutors and law enforcement officials. In addition to articles dealing with specific areas of the law, recent court decisions are published and should be extremely helpful to prosecutors, police officers, and trial judges.

On January 1, 1976, the new Criminal Code went into effect. The Supreme Court also adopted Rules of Criminal Procedure effective January 1, 1976. Prior to the formation and adoption of both the Code and the Procedural Rules, the Association conducted two seminars on the new Criminal Code for prosecutors and deputies. Also during the year the Association helped conduct regional seminars on the new Criminal Code in each judicial circuit for law enforcement personnel. Seminars were also

held throughout the State regarding the new Rules of Criminal Procedure. The attendance by law enforcement personnel at these regional seminars was overwhelming and obviously beneficial to officers working in the field. While the Criminal Code is extremely important to field officers, the Rules of Procedure should be even more important, as many changes have been made which will affect law enforcement officials' routine activities.

In addition to the seminars on the Code and Rules of Procedure, a tour of the state prisons was conducted and a seminar on Act 378, "The Youthful Offenders Alternative Services Act," was held for prosecutors and their deputies. This was a meaningful experience for many prosecutors and deputies who had never had the opportunity to tour the prisons.

Personnel in the office of David Burnett, Prosecuting Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit, prepared form Information booklets which, with the assistance of the Prosecutor Coordinator, have now been provided to each prosecuting attorney. These forms were written as a guide for prosecutors in dealing with charges pursuant to the new Criminal Code. Efforts are presently under way to prepare a trial manual and form book for use by prosecutors and their deputies.

During 1975, the Office of Prosecutor Coordinator was created and the post is presently being filled by Jim Petty. Without a Prosecutor Coordinator, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association could not have possibly made the accomplishments it has in the last year. The Association is extremely grateful to Mr. Petty for his dedication and hard work.

On December 11, 1975, the Association held its annual meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. Rogers Rook, President-elect of the National Association, was the keynote speaker at the banquet.

As in the past, I believe the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association will be one instrument through which law enforcement officials will become more knowledgeable in the area of criminal procedure, which will of course benefit the officers as well as the general public. It is my hope that the Association will remain active and, with the cooperation of the various other criminal justice agencies, a better criminal justice system will result for all of the citizens of the State of Arkansas.

(Signed)

Alex Streett
President
Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys' Association

Officers of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association are:

President — Alex Streett, Russellville
Vice-President — Charles Karr, Fort Smith
Secretary-Treasurer — John Cole, Sheridan

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS AND DEPUTIES
by Judicial Circuit and County

FIRST CIRCUIT:

Gene Raff — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

James VanDover — Lee
Ray Galloway — Phillips
Fletcher Long — St. Francis

Robert Edwards — White
George Proctor — Woodruff

SECOND CIRCUIT:

David Burnett — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Joe Clavin — Clay
Olan Parker, Jr. — Craighead
Jim Hale, Jr. — Crittenden
Joe Rogers — Crittenden
A. Jan Thomas (Chief Deputy) — Crittenden
Joseph O. Boeckmann, Jr. — Cross

Gordon Humphrey — Cross
Robert Thompson — Greene
Charles "Chuck" Banks — Mississippi
(Chickasawba District)
Henry J. Swift — Mississippi (Osceola District)
Michael Everett — Poinsett

THIRD CIRCUIT:

Leroy Blankenship — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Phil Farris — Independence
Richard Allen — Jackson

Dick Jarboe — Lawrence
Sam Highsmith — Stone

FOURTH CIRCUIT:

Mahlon G. Gibson — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Chester A. Baugus — Washington
Kim M. Smith — Washington

FIFTH CIRCUIT:

Alex G. Streett — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Felver A. Rowell, Jr. — Conway
Tom Donovan — Faulkner
John Patterson — Johnson

Jon P. Shermer, Jr. — Pope
Dale W. Finey (Chief Deputy) — Pope
David Stewart — Yell

SIXTH CIRCUIT:

Lee A. Munson — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Henry Ginger — Pulaski
Betsy Danielson — Pulaski
Roger Cockrill — Pulaski
James P. Hamilton — Pulaski
Arlene Heath — Pulaski
Robert Crank — Pulaski
John Hall — Pulaski

Jim Patton — Pulaski
Wilbur C. "Dub" Bentley (Chief Deputy) — Pulaski
Richard N. Moore — Pulaski
Dan Stripling — Pulaski
John — Hall — Pulaski
Ted C. Skokos — Pulaski — Perry

SEVENTH CIRCUIT:

John W. Cole — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

E. Dail Stiles — Grant
Edward Scrimshire — Hot Springs

Sam Ed Gibson — Saline
Curtis Rickard — Saline

EIGHTH CIRCUIT:

Norman M. Smith — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

John H. Jackson — Clark
John Robert Graves — Hempstead
Bill Magee — Lafayette

Bedford G. Webb — Miller
David G. Henry — Nevada

NINTH CIRCUIT:

George Steel, Jr. — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Don Steel — Howard
Eric Bishop — Little River
David Maddox — Montgomery — Pike

Jim Bob Steel — Pike
William Hodge — Sevier

TENTH CIRCUIT:

Frank Wynne — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Robert J. Johnson — Ashley
Robert E. Garner — Bradley
Carneal Warfield — Chicot
G.B. "Bing" Colvin, III — Chicot

Sanford L. Beshear, Jr. — Cleveland
Tommy Mays — Dallas
James A. Ross, Jr. — Drew

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT:

Wayne Matthews — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Gibbs Ferguson — Desha
Fred D. Davis, III (Chief Deputy) — Jefferson

Noel F. Bryant — Jefferson
William W. Benton — Jefferson — Lincoln

TWELFTH CIRCUIT:

Charles Karr — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Bob Boyer — Sebastain
Ronald G. Fields — Sebastain
James R. Filyaw — Sebastain

THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Beryl Anthony, Jr. — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

James Phelps Jones — Calhoun
Bill Jennings — Columbia
Robert S. Laney — Ouachita

Bill McLean — Union
James Calloway — Union
Michael Landers — Union

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Kenneth R. Smith — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Buford Gardner (Chief Deputy) — Boone
Mike Irwin — Cleburne
Bobby Crockett — Van Buren

FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Paul X. Williams, Jr. — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Paul Gant — Crawford
Joe Ramos — Franklin (Charleston District)
Lonnie Turner — Franklin (Ozark District)

David Cravens — Logan (Northern District)
Herschell Cleveland — Logan (Southern District)
Donald Goodner — Scott

SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT:

John A. Crain — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

James W. Atkins — Baxter
Forrest E. Dunaway — Fulton — Izard

Jim King — Randolph
Murrey L. Grider — Sharp

SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Jim Bayne — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Russell Rogers — Arkansas
Marvin H. Robertson (Chief Deputy) — Lonoke
Dan Kennett — Monroe

EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Walter Wright — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Ben J. Harrison — Garland
Louis J. Longinotti, III — Garland
George M. Callahan — Garland

NINETEENTH CIRCUIT:

Gary Kennan — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

David S. Clinger — Benton, Carroll & Madison
Kevin J. Pawlick — Benton, Carroll & Madison

Kent Coxsey — Carroll
Howard Cain, Jr. — Madison

"I do not believe in a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Voltaire

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

Established under federal grants from the Governor's Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement or under the provisions of Act 996 of 1975, the offices of public defender have provided much-needed defense services to indigents before Arkansas Circuit Courts.

The offices were created following a line of United States Supreme Court decisions to the effect that an accused must be provided counsel if he cannot afford to retain an attorney. Courts without Public Defender systems in their jurisdictions generally appoint counsel for indigents on a case-by-case basis, drawing upon a roster of practicing attorneys in the county in which the court presides, with each member of the bar taking assignments on a rotating basis.

The appointed-counsel system oftentimes has resulted in appointment of recent law school graduates or attorneys not usually engaged in the practice of criminal law to represent indigent defendants; this system has sometimes resulted in appeals brought on the grounds of denial of effective counsel. The Public Defender programs are designed not only to eliminate these types of problems but also to expedite processing of criminal cases.

The Public Defender projects have won the praise of prosecutors, judges, newspapers and the general public for their role in effectuating competent and expedient handling of criminal matters. The following page presents a brief but enlightening summary of the activities of the offices of Public Defender in Little Rock, Fort Smith, Fayetteville, and Blytheville.

Judicial Circuit	Public Defender	City
Second (Mississippi County only)	Bill E. Ross	Blytheville
Fourth	John B. Baker	Fayetteville
Sixth	Harold L. Hall	Little Rock
Twelfth	Don Langston	Fort Smith
Fourteenth (Cleburne County only)	David Harrod	Heber Springs

TABLE XIII
STATEWIDE STATISTICS
PUBLIC DEFENDERS
1975

A. JUVENILE COURTS		
number of defendants represented.....	285	
number and nature of offenses:		
felony.....	147	
misdemeanor.....	190	
TOTAL OFFENSES	337	
number of cases awaiting trial.....		10
B. MUNICIPAL COURTS		
number of defendants represented.....	2622	
number and nature of offenses:		
DWI.....	267	
other traffic.....	234	
other misdemeanors.....	1342	
felonies, preliminary.....	1316	
TOTAL OFFENSES	3159	
number guilty or nolo contendere pleas.....		468
number of trials.....		2050
number of cases awaiting trial.....		50
C. CIRCUIT COURTS		
number of defendants represented.....	1276	
number and nature of offenses:		
capital.....	7	
felony.....	1543	
misdemeanor.....	403	
TOTAL OFFENSES	1953	
number of guilty or nolo contendere pleas.....		841
number of trials.....		341
number of cases awaiting trial.....		209
D. TOTAL DEFENDANTS REPRESENTED		
IN ALL COURTS	4183	
TOTAL OFFENSES IN ALL COURTS	5455	
TOTAL CASES AWAITING TRIAL	269	
E. CASES APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT	253	
CASES APPEALED TO STATE SUPREME COURT	37	
F. RULE 1 HEARING APPOINTMENTS	19	

COURT REPORTERS

The court reporters in Arkansas maintain an active organization. Although ever increasing caseloads have placed a heavy burden of responsibility on them and work volume sometimes causes some delay in the preparation of the record on appeal, in most instances their work reflects a deep loyalty to the courts and their profession.

In addition, the association selects one of its members to report the proceedings of the annual meeting of the State Judicial Council without charge. The council is indebted to the association for this splendid contribution.

Officers of the Court Reporters Association are:

President — Allen Hill, Searcy
 Vice-President — Fern Nicholson, Harrison
 Secretary — Kathleen Throesch, Pocahontas
 Treasurer — Floy Berkowitz, Conway

COURT REPORTERS

Judicial Circuits

CIRCUIT	REPORTER	CIRCUIT	REPORTER
First (1st Div.)	Allen Hill	Eighth (2nd Div.)	Bill Mauldin
First (2nd Div.)	Nancy Norman	Ninth	Daisy Steel
Second 1st Div.)	Al Barnett	Tenth	G.B. "Bing" Colvin, III
Second (2nd Div.)	Tom Lancaster	Eleventh (1st Div.)	Guy May
Second (3rd Div.)	Clyde Still	Eleventh (2nd Div.)	James Taylor
Third	Bernice McSpadden	Twelfth	Barbara Walker
Fourth (1st Div.)	Rita Goss	Thirteenth (1st Div.)	Marian Schmidt
Fourth (2nd Div.)	Joan Porter	Thirteenth (2nd Div.)	Eloise Paulus
Fifth	Floy Berkowitz	Fourteenth	Fern Nicholson
Sixth (1st Div.)	Maude Parkman	Fifteenth	Wylie Brewer
Sixth (2nd Div.)	Betty Williams	Sixteenth	Kathleen Throesch
Sixth (3rd Div.)	Nina Flack	Seventeenth	Barbara Geisler
Sixth (4th Div.)	Majorie Gachot	Eighteenth	Ruby Duke
Seventh	Pat Lightfoot	Nineteenth	Kenneth Dover
Eighth (1st Div.)	James W. Erwin		

Chancery Circuits

CIRCUIT	REPORTER	CIRCUIT	REPORTER
First (1st Div.)	Charles Ellis	Tenth (1st Div.)	Becky Kimbrough
First (2nd Div.)	Jacqueline Bell	Tenth (2nd Div.)	Robert Sheridan
First (3rd Div.)	Muriel Langston	Eleventh	Patricia Cox
Second	Flora Clarke	Eleventh	Patty Frederick
Third	Mary Hill	Twelfth (1st Div.)	Lenita Stack
Fourth (1st Div.)	Laura Johnston	Twelfth (2nd Div.)	Edith Bartlett
Fourth (2nd Div.)	Nell Wilson	Twelfth (3rd Div.)	Gordon Saylor
Fifth (1st Div.)	Jimmy Bowns	Thirteenth	Ada Anderson
Fifth (2nd Div.)	Linda Worstell	Fourteenth	Judy Taylor
Sixth	Betty Voltz	Fifteenth	Julia Cash
Seventh (1st Div.)	Julia Walker	Sixteenth	Thelma Whitlow
Seventh (2nd Div.)	Sue Martin	Seventeenth	Carl Arrington
Eighth	Anita Howard	Eighteenth	Laura Clark
Ninth	Ruth Teai		

CLERKS OF THE COURT

The two categories of clerks for the Arkansas trial courts of general jurisdiction are:

1. Circuit and Chancery Court Clerks
2. County and Probate Court Clerks

The circuit clerks and the county clerks are elected by the voters of each county for a term of two years.

The elected circuit clerks are also designated as the clerks of the chancery courts. Sec. 22-441, Ark. Stats Ann. However, this provision of the law does not apply to Pulaski County, in which the chancery court clerk is appointed by the chancellors Sec. 23-326, Ark. Stats Ann.

As clerks of trial courts, all perform the duties incidental to the office, such as;

1. Filing and maintaining all legal documents pertaining to the cases.
2. Preparing and maintaining the docket books.

3. Issuing the notices and writs requested by the parties or the court.

4. Filing with the Judicial Department reports reflecting the number and types of cases being filed in the court, plus other information requested by the department.

The circuit clerks and county clerks are further responsible for the performance of duties not connected with trial court functions. The circuit clerk is also the ex-officio recorder of the county, and, as such, records and indexes all documents affecting the title to real estate within the county, and maintains files and records on all security transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code, except those transactions filed solely in the Secretary of State's office. The county clerk prepares the county property tax books, collects the delinquent property taxes, maintains the voter registration records, and issues and records marriage licenses.

OFFICERS OF THE ARKANSAS CIRCUIT CLERKS' ASSOCIATION ARE:

President	Irma Shoffner, Jackson County
Vice-President	Bill Harkey, Independence County
Secretary-Treasurer	Claude Brawner, Cross County

OFFICERS OF THE ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND PROBATE CLERKS ARE:

President	Oris King, Sharp County
Vice-President	Jean Reeder, Howard County
Secretary-Treasurer	Helen Thomas, Polk County

CIRCUIT AND COUNTY CLERKS - 1976

COUNTY	CIRCUIT CLERK	COUNTY CLERK
ARKANSAS	Joan L. Pollard	W.B. Norsworthy
ASHLEY	C. Dean Nelson	Mary Ann White
BAXTER	Arnold R. Knight	Arnold R. Knight
BENTON	Josephine R. Heyland	Harry M. Pratt
BOONE	Naomi Parker	Clyde Troutt
BRADLEY	Herschel Turner	Rufus C. Johnson
CALHOUN	Joe Fred McDonald	Joe Fred McDonald
CARROLL	Eileen Harvey	Carol Worley
CHICOT	Clara Henry	Laverne Seale
CLARK	Billy C. Williams	Katie Buck Wilson
CLAY	Gary Magee	Cecil Crews
CLEBURNE	Dan Verser	Dan Verser
CLEVELAND	Leon Crook	Leon Crook
COLUMBIA	Fred Williamson	Nell Marie Smith
CONWAY	Millard Richardson	Jack Bland
CRAIGHEAD	Opie Chambers	Harold Thompson
CRAWFORD	Glen Wisely	Lester Fisher
CRITTENDEN	Mary S. Besett	Eunice C. Cole
CROSS	Claud E. Brawner, Jr.	Ben Horne
DALLAS	Ann Thrash Bonner	Ann Thrash Bonner
DESHA	J.T. Henley	Danny Calvert
DREW	Audrey N. Withers	Ordie A. Watts
FAULKNER	Lucy Glover	L.J. Merritt
FRANKLIN	Bobby Jack Covert	J.D. Edgin
FULTON	Gene Maguffee	Gene Maguffee
GARLAND	Sherlon Hilliard	Bill Ridgeway
GRANT	Harlan V. Walker	Harlan V. Walker
GREENE	Ella Rasberry	Betty Crafton
HEMPSTEAD	Mrs. Bonnie Lively	Mrs. Dee McMurrrough
HOT SPRING	Ralph Parrish	Pat McCoy
HOWARD	Tommie Icenhower	Jean Reeder
INDEPENDENCE	Bill Harkey	Margaret Boothby
IZARD	Paul Weaver	Paul Weaver
JACKSON	Irma Shoffner	Clint Massey
JEFFERSON	O.W. "Pete" Long	A.G. "Abe" Stone
JOHNSON	Arnil O. Curran	Evan L. Sparks
LAFAYETTE	Joe T. Rhodes	Tom Stevens
LAWRENCE	Rhetta Moore	Vurnece Jones
LEE	Willa Dean Spath	Joyce B. Tainter

COUNTY

LINCOLN
 LITTLE RIVER
 LOGAN
 LONOKE
 MADISON
 MARION
 MILLER
 MISSISSIPPI
 MONROE
 MONTOMERY
 NEVADA
 NEWTON
 OUACHITA
 PERRY
 PHILLIPS
 PIKE
 POINSETT
 POLK
 POPE
 PRAIRIE
 PULASKI
 PULASKI
 RANDOLPH
 ST. FRANCIS
 SALINE
 SCOTT
 SEARCY
 SEBASTIAN
 SEVIER
 SHARP
 STONE
 UNION
 VAN BUREN
 WASHINGTON
 WHITE
 WOODRUFF
 YELL

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 Mrs. John "Dollie" Roberts
 Essie Mae Black
 James Roy Brown
 Oxford Hamilton
 Pauline S. Ables
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 Patsy H. Nicholls
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 Jim H. Vandiver
 Francis Garrett
 Reece N. Caudle
 Billy M. Garth
 Roger McNair
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 Arlo Tyer
 William C. "Bill" Gatling
 James H. "Jimmy" Seals
 Worman Owens
 George Swiderski
 Paul T. Brown
 Mrs. Louise Lacefield
 Oris King
 Pat Newcomb
 Lorene Flenniken
 Sammy Collums
 Alma L. Kollmeyer
 Jim C. Lankford
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 Fay Mathis

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 Dolores Pullen
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 Hazel E. Segler
 Helen P. Schenk
 Clyde Jacks
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 Billy M. Garth
 Charles Jackson
 Mrs. Lucille Stolt
 Mrs. Dorothy C. Bernard
 Wayne M. Bishop
 Worman Owens
 George Swiderski
 Ruth Carmack
 Mrs. Neldene Smith
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 Ruth E. Roberts
 Jack Price
 Elbert R. "Bing" Miller
 Fay Mathis

TABLE XIV
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Circuit and Counties	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)	Currency: Gain or Loss
					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
FIRST CIRCUIT									
LEE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	7	5	3	3	0	0	0	- 2
Felony	38	84	100	22	20	2	0	0	+ 16
Misdemeanor	14	10	20	4	4	0	0	0	+ 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL	53	101	125	29	27	2	0	0	+ 24
TOTAL CIVIL	65	94	103	56	46	9	1	0 1.8	+ 9
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	118	195	228	85	73	11	1	1.2	+ 33
PHILLIPS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	4	5	2	2	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	66	202	217	51	35	11	5	9.8	+ 15
Misdemeanor	242	141	181	202	106	66	30	14.9	+ 40
TOTAL CRIMINAL	311	347	403	255	143	77	35	13.7	+ 56
TOTAL CIVIL	146	338	309	175	134	30	11	6.3	- 29
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	457	685	712	430	277	107	46	10.7	+ 27
ST. FRANCIS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	- 0
Felony	22	147	81	88	77	8	3	3.4	- 66
Misdemeanor	58	147	96	109	101	5	3	2.8	- 51
TOTAL CRIMINAL	81	299	182	198	179	13	6	3.0	- 117
TOTAL CIVIL	133	208	167	174	126	35	13	7.5	- 41
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	214	507	349	372	305	48	19	5.1	- 158
WHITE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	6	4	8	2	1	1	0	0	+ 4
Felony	83	142	132	93	73	18	2	2.2	- 10
Misdemeanor	29	24	36	17	13	4	0	0	+ 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL	118	170	176	112	87	23	2	1.8	+ 6
TOTAL CIVIL	230	299	340	189	84	72	33	17.5	+ 41
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	348	469	516	301	171	95	35	11.6	+ 47
WOODRUFF									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	43	54	69	28	18	1	9	32.1	+ 15
Misdemeanor	4	6	7	3	3	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	48	60	77	31	21	1	9	29.0	+ 17
TOTAL CIVIL	29	71	53	47	37	7	3	6.4	- 18
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	77	131	130	78	58	8	12	15.4	- 1
TOTAL FIRST CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	12	20	24	8	7	1	0	0	+ 4
Felony	252	629	599	282	223	40	19	6.7	- 30
Misdemeanor	347	328	340	335	227	765	33	9.9	+ 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL	611	977	963	625	457	116	52	8.3	- 14
TOTAL CIVIL	603	1,010	972	641	427	153	61	9.5	- 38
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,214	1,987	1,935	1,266	884	269	113	8.9	- 52

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Circuit and Counties	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)	Currency: Gain or Loss
					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
SECOND CIRCUIT									
CLAY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	29	50	47	32	25	6	1	3.1	- 3
Misdemeanor	8	16	14	10	9	1	0	0	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	39	67	63	43	35	7	1	2.3	- 4
TOTAL CIVIL	93	163	186	70	54	13	3	4.3	+ 23
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	132	230	249	113	89	20	4	3.5	+ 19
CRAIGHEAD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	4	5	2	2	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	70	130	130	43	23	16	4	9.3	+ 27
Misdemeanor	49	51	56	44	29	15	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	122	158	191	89	54	31	4	4.5	+ 33
TOTAL CIVIL	282	472	528	226	198	19	9	4.0	+ 56
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	404	630	719	315	252	50	13	4.1	+ 89
CRITTENDEN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	8	14	15	7	5	2	0	0	+ 1
Felony	168	422	455	135	116	11	8	5.9	+ 33
Misdemeanor	72	85	109	48	31	6	11	22.9	+ 24
TOTAL CRIMINAL	248	521	579	190	152	19	19	10.0	+ 58
TOTAL CIVIL	277	404	410	271	178	67	26	9.6	+ 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	525	925	989	461	330	86	45	9.8	+ 64
CROSS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	5	9	1	1	0	0	0	+ 4
Felony	45	74	83	36	36	0	0	0	+ 9
Misdemeanor	4	14	15	3	3	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	54	93	107	40	40	0	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CIVIL	68	88	90	66	57	9	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	122	181	197	106	97	9	0	0	+ 16
GREENE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	50.0	- 1
Felony	63	98	130	31	22	9	0	0	+ 32
Misdemeanor	8	32	36	4	4	0	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	72	131	166	37	27	9	1	2.7	+ 35
TOTAL CIVIL	102	166	192	76	67	7	2	2.6	+ 26
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	174	297	358	113	94	16	3	2.7	+ 61
MISSISSIPPI									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	10	13	2	0	2	0	0	+ 3
Felony	134	332	368	98	50	48	0	0	+ 36
Misdemeanor	7	27	18	16	0	16	0	0	- 9
TOTAL CRIMINAL	146	369	399	116	50	66	0	0	+ 30
TOTAL CIVIL	130	292	191	231	56	165	10	4.3	- 101
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	276	661	590	347	106	231	10	2.9	- 71

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					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
POINSETT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
Felony	29	89	90	28	26	2	0	0	+ 1
Misdemeanor	6	25	21	10	10	0	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	37	117	114	40	38	2	0	0	- 3
TOTAL CIVIL	141	190	235	96	90	6	0	0	+ 45
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	178	307	349	136	128	8	0	0	+ 42
TOTAL SECOND CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	26	38	47	17	12	4	1	5.9	+ 9
Felony	538	1,168	1,303	403	298	92	13	3.2	+ 135
Misdemeanor	154	250	269	135	86	32	17	12.6	+ 19
TOTAL CRIMINAL	718	1,456	1,619	555	396	128	31	5.6	+ 163
TOTAL CIVIL	1,093	1,775	1,832	1,036	700	286	50	4.8	+ 57
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,811	3,231	3,451	1,591	1,096	414	81	5.1	+ 220
THIRD CIRCUIT									
INDEPENDENCE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	45	98	78	65	55	8	2	3.1	- 20
Misdemeanor	25	48	44	29	22	7	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	70	147	123	94	77	15	2	2.1	- 24
TOTAL CIVIL	139	200	206	133	111	18	4	3.0	+ 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	209	347	329	227	188	33	6	2.6	- 18
JACKSON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	1	1	2	0	0	2	100.0	0
Felony	40	147	145	42	33	7	2	4.8	- 2
Misdemeanor	53	118	129	42	40	2	0	0	+ 11
TOTAL CRIMINAL	95	266	275	86	73	9	4	4.7	+ 9
TOTAL CIVIL	175	257	303	129	104	19	6	4.7	+ 46
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	270	523	578	215	177	28	10	4.7	+ 55
LAWRENCE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	16	90	85	21	20	1	0	0	- 5
Misdemeanor	1	12	1	12	12	0	0	0	- 11
TOTAL CRIMINAL	17	102	86	33	32	1	0	0	- 16
TOTAL CIVIL	59	145	105	99	88	8	3	3.0	- 40
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	76	247	191	132	120	9	3	2.3	- 56
STONE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	25	59	49	35	35	0	0	0	- 10
Misdemeanor	1	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	26	62	51	37	37	0	0	0	- 11
TOTAL CIVIL	24	21	19	26	26	0	0	0	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	50	83	70	63	73	0	0	0	- 13

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Circuit and Counties	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)	Currency: Gain or Loss
					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
TOTAL THIRD CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	100.0	0
Felony	126	394	357	163	143	16	4	2.5	- 37
Misdemeanor	80	181	176	85	76	9	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	208	577	535	250	219	25	6	2.4	- 42
TOTAL CIVIL	397	623	633	387	329	45	13	3.4	+ 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	605	1,200	1,215	637	548	70	19	3.0	- 32
FOURTH CIRCUIT									
WASHINGTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	+ 3
Felony	311	575	307	579	287	180	112	19.3	- 268
Misdemeanor	49	142	99	92	60	32	0	0	- 43
TOTAL CRIMINAL	363	718	410	671	347	212	112	16.7	- 308
TOTAL CIVIL	776	1,013	1,015	774	506	274	34	4.4	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,139	1,731	1,425	1,445	853	446	146	10.1	- 306
FIFTH CIRCUIT									
CONWAY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	135	87	106	116	66	38	12	10.3	+ 19
Misdemeanor	1	6	3	4	2	2	0	0	- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	137	93	110	120	68	40	12	10.0	+ 17
TOTAL CIVIL	155	156	125	186	102	47	37	19.9	- 31
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	292	249	235	306	170	87	49	16.0	- 14
FAULKNER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	3	1	3	2	1	0	0	- 2
Felony	144	255	130	269	199	49	21	7.8	- 125
Misdemeanor	0	21	5	16	16	0	0	0	- 16
TOTAL CRIMINAL	145	279	136	288	217	50	21	7.3	- 143
TOTAL CIVIL	309	389	294	404	221	115	68	16.8	- 95
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	454	668	430	692	438	165	89	12.9	- 238
JOHNSON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	65	68	121	12	5	6	1	8.3	+ 53
Misdemeanor	6	10	14	2	2	0	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	71	78	135	14	7	6	1	7.1	+ 57
TOTAL CIVIL	65	63	45	83	22	14	47	56.6	- 18
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	136	141	180	97	29	20	48	49.5	+ 39
POPE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	100.0	+ 2
Felony	169	183	270	82	66	6	10	12.2	+ 87
Misdemeanor	27	31	50	8	8	0	0	0	+ 19
TOTAL CRIMINAL	199	214	322	91	74	6	11	12.1	+ 108
TOTAL CIVIL	187	292	227	252	164	60	28	11.1	- 65
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	386	506	549	343	238	66	39	11.4	+ 43

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					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
YELL									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Felony	62	48	52	58	23	33	2	3.4	+ 4
Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	63	48	52	59	23	34	2	3.4	+ 4
TOTAL CIVIL	107	109	33	183	84	72	27	14.8	- 76
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	170	157	85	242	107	106	29	12.0	- 72
TOTAL FIFTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	6	3	4	5	2	2	1	20.0	+ 1
Felony	575	641	579	537	359	132	46	8.6	+ 38
Misdemeanor	34	68	72	30	28	2	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	615	712	755	572	389	136	47	8.2	+ 43
TOTAL CIVIL	823	1,009	724	1,108	593	308	207	18.7	- 285
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,438	1,721	1,479	1,680	982	444	254	15.1	- 242
SIXTH CIRCUIT									
PERRY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	0	11	2	9	9	0	0	0	- 9
Misdemeanor	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1	12	2	11	10	1	0	0	- 10
TOTAL CIVIL	44	47	40	51	28	13	10	19.6	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	45	59	42	62	38	14	10	16.1	- 17
PULASKI									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	31	27	38	20	6	11	3	15.0	+ 11
Felony	552	792	740	604	283	115	206	34.1	- 52
Misdemeanor	682	946	990	638	335	128	175	27.4	+ 44
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1,265	1,765	1,768	1,262	624	254	384	30.4	+ 3
TOTAL CIVIL	3,161	5,799	5,973	2,987	2,540	395	52	1.7	+ 174
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	4,426	7,564	7,741	4,249	3,164	649	436	10.3	+ 177
TOTAL SIXTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	31	27	38	20	6	11	3	15.0	+ 11
Felony	552	803	742	613	292	115	206	33.6	- 61
Misdemeanor	683	947	990	640	336	129	175	27.3	+ 43
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1,266	1,777	1,770	1,273	634	255	384	30.2	- 7
TOTAL CIVIL	3,205	5,846	6,013	3,038	2,568	408	62	2.0	+ 167
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	4,471	7,623	7,783	4,311	3,202	663	446	10.3	+ 160
SEVENTH CIRCUIT									
GRANT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	4	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Felony	58	35	17	76	35	41	0	0	- 18
Misdemeanor	29	23	2	50	23	27	0	0	- 21
TOTAL CRIMINAL	91	58	19	130	58	72	0	0	- 39
TOTAL CIVIL	226	92	25	293	92	182	19	6.5	- 67
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	317	150	44	423	150	254	19	4.5	- 106

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					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
HOT SPRING									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	6	1	5	2	1	1	0	0	+ 4
Felony	37	57	35	59	41	16	2	3.4	- 22
Misdemeanor	93	67	96	64	51	13	0	0	+ 29
TOTAL CRIMINAL	136	125	136	125	93	30	2	1.6	+ 11
TOTAL CIVIL	97	150	124	123	94	18	11	8.9	- 26
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	233	275	260	248	187	48	13	5.2	- 15
SALINE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 0
Felony	114	99	40	173	68	62	43	24.9	- 59
Misdemeanor	35	60	13	82	59	11	12	14.6	- 47
TOTAL CRIMINAL	149	159	53	255	127	73	55	21.6	- 106
TOTAL CIVIL	247	362	352	257	185	45	27	10.5	- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	396	521	405	512	312	118	82	16.0	- 116
TOTAL SEVENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	10	1	5	6	1	5	0	0	+ 4
Felony	209	191	92	308	144	119	45	14.6	- 99
Misdemeanor	157	150	111	196	133	51	12	6.1	- 39
TOTAL CRIMINAL	376	342	208	510	278	175	57	11.2	- 134
TOTAL CIVIL	570	604	501	673	371	245	57	8.5	- 103
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	946	946	709	1,183	649	420	114	9.6	- 237
EIGHTH CIRCUIT									
CLARK									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	53	81	83	51	41	10	0	0	+ 2
Misdemeanor	10	6	12	4	4	0	0	0	+ 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL	64	87	96	55	45	10	0	0	+ 9
TOTAL CIVIL	49	149	113	85	74	11	0	0	- 36
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	113	236	209	140	119	21	0	0	- 27
HEMPSTEAD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	4	6	1	1	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	35	60	66	29	27	2	0	0	+ 6
Misdemeanor	1	10	6	5	5	0	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	39	74	78	35	33	2	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CIVIL	49	77	72	54	38	10	6	11.1	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	88	151	150	89	71	12	6	6.7	- 1
LAFAYETTE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	+ 4
Felony	11	69	45	35	32	3	0	0	- 24
Misdemeanor	3	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	18	71	53	36	32	4	0	0	- 18
TOTAL CIVIL	41	47	42	46	31	9	6	13.0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	59	118	95	82	63	13	6	7.3	- 23

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MILLER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	8	5	6	1	4	1	16.7	- 3
Felony	94	227	211	110	93	13	4	3.6	- 16
Misdemeanor	3	16	16	3	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	100	251	232	119	97	17	5	4.2	- 19
TOTAL CIVIL	105	231	204	132	120	12	0	0	- 27
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	205	482	436	251	217	29	5	2.0	- 46
NEVADA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	12	37	39	10	10	0	0	0	+ 2
Misdemeanor	2	13	14	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	14	53	55	12	12	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CIVIL	30	53	57	26	19	6	1	3.8	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	44	106	112	38	31	6	1	2.6	+ 6
TOTAL EIGHTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	11	16	19	8	3	4	1	12.5	+ 3
Felony	205	474	444	235	203	28	4	1.7	- 30
Misdemeanor	19	46	51	14	13	1	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	235	536	514	257	219	33	5	1.9	- 22
TOTAL CIVIL	274	557	488	343	282	48	13	3.8	- 69
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	509	1,093	1,002	600	501	81	18	3.0	- 91
NINTH CIRCUIT									
HOWARD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	6	38	38	6	6	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor	3	22	24	1	1	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	9	60	62	7	7	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CIVIL	14	65	61	18	17	1	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	23	125	123	25	24	1	0	0	- 2
LITTLE RIVER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	53	53	86	20	20	0	0	0	+ 33
Misdemeanor	11	13	17	7	7	0	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	65	71	109	27	27	0	0	0	+ 38
TOTAL CIVIL	56	78	96	38	34	2	2	5.3	+ 18
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	121	149	205	65	61	2	2	3.1	+ 56
MONTGOMERY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	12	40	44	8	8	0	0	0	+ 4
Misdemeanor	7	5	11	1	1	0	0	0	+ 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL	19	46	56	9	9	0	0	0	+ 10
TOTAL CIVIL	8	40	36	12	12	0	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	27	86	92	21	21	0	0	0	+ 6

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PIKE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	9	44	45	8	8	0	0	0	+ 1
Misdemeanor	2	20	15	7	7	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	11	64	60	15	15	0	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CIVIL	15	39	42	12	11	1	0	0	+ 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	26	103	102	27	26	1	0	0	- 1
POLK									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	11	95	91	15	15	0	0	0	- 4
Misdemeanor	1	13	12	2	1	1	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	13	108	104	17	16	1	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CIVIL	42	101	106	37	29	6	2	5.4	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	55	209	210	54	45	7	2	3.7	+ 1
SEVIER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	9	95	87	17	17	0	0	0	- 8
Misdemeanor	5	34	33	6	6	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	14	129	120	23	23	0	0	0	- 9
TOTAL CIVIL	17	75	77	15	13	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	31	204	197	38	38	0	0	0	- 7
TOTAL NINTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	100	365	391	74	74	0	0	0	+ 26
Misdemeanor	29	107	112	24	23	1	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	131	478	511	98	97	1	0	0	+ 33
TOTAL CIVIL	152	398	418	132	118	10	4	3.0	+ 20
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	283	876	929	230	215	11	4	1.7	+ 53
TENTH CIRCUIT									
ASHLEY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	3	5	3	1	2	0	0	+ 2
Felony	122	110	113	119	87	31	1	1.0	+ 3
Misdemeanor	24	31	34	21	17	4	0	0	+ 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	151	144	152	143	105	37	1	0.7	+ 8
TOTAL CIVIL	131	163	162	132	87	32	13	10.0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	282	307	314	275	192	69	14	5.1	+ 7
BRADLEY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	41	43	47	37	22	15	0	0	+ 4
Misdemeanor	17	8	12	13	7	5	1	7.7	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	59	54	63	50	29	20	1	2.0	+ 9
TOTAL CIVIL	55	85	59	81	48	10	23	28.4	- 26
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	114	139	122	131	77	30	24	18.3	- 17

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					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
CHICOT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	7	0	6	1	0	0	1	100.0	+ 6
Felony	61	82	62	81	51	28	2	2.5	- 20
Misdemeanor	26	58	30	54	44	9	1	1.9	- 28
TOTAL CRIMINAL	94	140	98	136	95	37	4	2.9	- 42
TOTAL CIVIL	148	143	159	132	75	32	25	18.9	+ 16
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	242	283	257	268	170	69	29	10.8	- 26
CLEVELAND									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	22	30	29	23	23	0	0	0	- 1
Misdemeanor	5	5	6	4	4	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	27	35	35	27	27	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CIVIL	47	59	35	71	44	13		19.7	- 24
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	74	94	70	98	71	13	14	14.3	- 24
DALLAS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	.0	- 1
Felony	35	46	58	23	19	3	1	4.3	+ 12
Misdemeanor	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	50.0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	37	48	59	26	20	4	2	7.7	+ 11
TOTAL CIVIL	71	73	83	61	45	10	6	9.8	+ 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	108	121	142	87	65	14	8	9.2	+ 21
DREW									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	- 3
Felony	25	62	48	39	26	10	3	7.7	- 14
Misdemeanor	6	13	8	11	7	1	3	27.3	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	31	79	57	53	36	11	6	11.3	- 22
TOTAL CIVIL	59	100	88	71	53	15	3	4.2	- 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	90	179	145	124	89	26	9	7.3	- 34
TOTAL TENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	13	11	16	8	5	2	1	12.5	+ 5
Felony	306	373	357	322	228	87	7	2.2	- 16
Misdemeanor	80	116	91	105	79	20	6	5.7	- 25
TOTAL CRIMINAL	399	500	464	435	312	109	14	3.2	- 36
TOTAL CIVIL	511	623	586	548	352	112	84	15.3	- 37
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	910	1,123	1,050	983	664	221	98	10.0	- 73
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT									
DESHA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	51	76	103	24	22	2	0	0	+ 27
Misdemeanor	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	52	78	106	24	22	2	0	0	+ 28
TOTAL CIVIL	123	148	126	145	66	34	45	31.0	- 22
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	175	226	232	169	88	36	45	26.6	+ 6

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JEFFERSON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	11	6	10	7	3	2	2	28.9	+ 4
Felony	297	478	468	307	277	54	26	8.5	- 10
Misdemeanor	138	274	292	120	85	23	12	10.0	+ 18
TOTAL CRIMINAL	446	758	770	434	315	79	40	9.2	+ 12
TOTAL CIVIL	1290	832	1055	1067	490	217	360	33.7	+ 223
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1736	1590	1825	1501	805	296	400	26.6	+ 235
LINCOLN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	- 2
Felony	76	25	20	81	25	56	0	0	- 5
Misdemeanor	6	15	10	11	11	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	82	42	30	94	38	56	0	0	- 12
TOTAL CIVIL	163	141	34	270	141	129	0	0	- 107
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	245	183	64	364	179	185	0	0	- 119
TOTAL ELEVENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	12	9	12	9	5	2	2	22.2	+ 3
Felony	424	579	591	412	274	112	26	6.3	+ 12
Misdemeanor	144	290	303	131	96	23	12	9.2	+ 13
TOTAL CRIMINAL	580	878	906	552	375	137	40	7.2	+ 28
TOTAL CIVIL	1576	1121	1215	1482	697	380	405	27.3	+ 94
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	2156	1999	2121	2034	1072	517	445	21.9	+ 122
TWELFTH CIRCUIT									
SEBASTIAN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	4	2	3	3	0	0	0	- 2
Felony	46	384	247	183	169	12	2	1.1	- 137
Misdemeanor	281	1047	875	453	450	1	2	0.4	- 172
TOTAL CRIMINAL	328	1435	1124	639	622	13	4	0.6	- 311
TOTAL CIVIL	377	1353	1131	599	410	165	24	4.0	- 222
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	705	2788	2255	1238	1032	178	28	2.3	- 533
THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CALHOUN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	29	30	47	12	10	2	0	0	+ 17
Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	29	30	47	12	10	2	0	0	+ 17
TOTAL CIVIL	37	39	31	45	14	6	25	55.6	- 8
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	66	69	78	57	24	8	25	43.9	+ 9
COLUMBIA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	8	11	2	2	0	0	0	+ 3
Felony	51	139	140	50	48	1	1	20	+ 1
Misdemeanor	1	7	4	4	4	0	0	0	- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	57	154	155	56	54	1	1	1.8	+ 1
TOTAL CIVIL	124	104	97	131	55	23	53	40.5	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	181	258	252	187	109	24	54	28.9	- 6

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OUACHITA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	- 1
Felony	27	240	185	82	80	1	1	1.3	- 55
Misdemeanor	11	16	27	0	0	0	0	0	+ 11
TOTAL CRIMINAL	38	258	213	83	80	2	1	1.2	- 45
TOTAL CIVIL	223	163	153	233	150	60	23	9.9	- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	261	421	366	316	230	62	24	7.6	- 65
UNION									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	95	216	228	83	81	0	2	2.4	+ 12
Misdemeanor	32	140	123	49	49	0	0	0	- 17
TOTAL CRIMINAL	129	358	355	132	130	0	2	1.5	- 3
TOTAL CIVIL	412	360	281	491	175	102	214	43.6	- 79
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	541	718	636	623	305	102	216	34.7	- 82
TOTAL THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	7	12	16	3	2	1	0	0	+ 4
Felony	202	625	600	227	219	4	4	1.8	- 25
Misdemeanor	44	163	154	53	53	0	0	0	- 9
TOTAL CRIMINAL	253	800	770	283	274	5	4	1.4	- 30
TOTAL CIVIL	796	666	562	900	394	191	315	35.0	-104
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1049	1466	1332	1183	668	196	319	27.0	-134
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT									
BOONE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Felony	6	61	59	8	7	1	0	0	- 2
Misdemeanor	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	9	63	63	9	7	2	0	0	0
TOTAL CIVIL	96	129	147	78	65	13	0	0	+ 18
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	105	192	210	87	72	15	0	0	+ 18
CLEBURNE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	+ 5
Felony	14	74	78	10	9	1	0	0	+ 4
Misdemeanor	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	24	83	97	10	9	1	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CIVIL	67	145	121	91	84	6	1	1.1	- 24
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	91	228	218	101	93	7	1	1.0	- 10
MARION									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	2	10	10	2	2	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	2	10	10	2	2	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CIVIL	73	44	45	72	29	11	32	44.4	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	75	55	5	74	31	11	32	43.2	+ 1

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NEWTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	- 0
Felony	3	20	17	6	6	0	0	0	- 3
Misdemeanor	0	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	3	25	20	8	8	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CIVIL	15	32	28	19	17	2	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	18	57	48	27	25	2	0	0	- 9
SEARCY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	1	19	19	1	1	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor	0	13	8	5	5	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1	34	28	7	7	0	0	0	- 6
TOTAL CIVIL	34	43	45	32	30	0	2	6.3	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	35	77	73	39	37	0	2	5.1	- 4
VAN BUREN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	+ 2
Felony	6	57	63	0	0	0	0	0	+ 6
Misdemeanor	1	18	17	2	2	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	10	75	82	3	2	1	0	0	+ 7
TOTAL CIVIL	50	85	90	45	42	3	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	60	160	172	48	44	4	0	0	+ 12
TOTAL FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	9	5	11	3	1	2	0	0	+ 6
Felony	32	241	246	27	25	2	0	0	+ 5
Misdemeanor	8	44	43	9	9	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	49	290	300	39	35	4	0	0	+ 10
TOTAL CIVIL	335	478	476	337	267	35	35	10.4	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	384	768	776	376	302	39	35	9.3	+ 8
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRAWFORD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	49	110	108	51	51	0	0	0	- 2
Misdemeanor	19	43	38	24	24	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	69	153	147	75	75	0	0	0	- 6
TOTAL CIVIL	304	235	203	336	235	51	50	14.9	- 32
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	373	388	350	411	310	51	50	12.2	- 38
FRANKLIN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	22	63	37	48	37	8	3	6.3	- 26
Misdemeanor	7	5	5	7	2	3	2	28.6	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	29	69	43	55	39	11	5	9.1	- 26
TOTAL CIVIL	104	91	65	130	64	24	42	32.3	- 26
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	133	160	108	185	103	35	47	25.4	- 52

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LOGAN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	62	67	57	72	36	16	20	27.8	- 10
Misdemeanor	9	25	22	12	7	3	2	16.7	- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	72	93	80	85	44	19	22	25.9	- 13
TOTAL CIVIL	151	118	85	184	79	30	75	40.8	- 33
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	223	211	165	269	123	49	97	36.1	- 46
SCOTT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	11	32	31	12	10	2	0	0	- 1
Misdemeanor	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	11	35	34	12	10	2	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CIVIL	41	57	47	51	33	13	5	9.8	- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	52	92	81	63	43	15	5	7.9	- 11
TOTAL FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	144	272	233	183	134	26	23	12.6	- 39
Misdemeanor	35	76	68	43	33	6	4	9.3	- 8
TOTAL CRIMINAL	181	350	304	227	168	32	27	11.9	- 46
TOTAL CIVIL	600	501	400	701	411	118	172	24.5	-101
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	781	851	704	928	579	150	199	21.4	-147
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT									
BAXTER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	0	0	3	0	1	2	66.7	0
Felony	56	75	14	117	58	38	21	17.9	- 61
Misdemeanor	10	5	0	15	4	8	3	20.0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	69	80	14	135	62	47	26	19.2	- 66
TOTAL CIVIL	159	145	118	186	83	49	54	29.0	- 27
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	228	225	132	321	145	96	80	24.9	- 93
FULTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	14	13	11	16	6	5	5	31.2	- 2
Misdemeanor	5	14	7	12	12	0	0	0	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	21	27	20	28	18	5	5	17.8	- 7
TOTAL CIVIL	30	30	25	35	21	8	6	17.1	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	51	57	45	63	39	13	11	17.4	- 12
IZARD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	16	24	16	24	13	4	7	29.1	- 8
Misdemeanor	2	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	18	27	17	28	15	6	7	25.0	- 10
TOTAL CIVIL	42	56	25	73	52	14	7	9.5	- 31
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	60	83	42	101	67	20	14	13.8	- 41

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RANDOLPH									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	37	41	50	28	21	4	3	10.7	+ 9
Misdemeanor	4	4	5	3	3	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	41	45	55	31	24	4	3	9.6	+ 10
TOTAL CIVIL	34	78	64	48	40	7	1	2.0	- 14
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	75	123	119	79	64	11	4	5.0	- 4
SHARP									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	- 3
Felony	17	32	24	25	16	2	7	28.0	- 8
Misdemeanor	1	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	18	38	27	29	20	2	7	24.1	- 11
TOTAL CIVIL	41	80	70	51	38	10	3	5.8	- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	59	118	97	80	58	12	10	12.5	- 21
TOTAL SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	4	2	7	4	1	2		- 2
Felony	140	185	115	210	114	53	43		- 70
Misdemeanor	22	28	16	34	21	10	3		- 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL	167	217	133	251	139	64	48		- 84
TOTAL CIVIL	306	389	302	393	234	88	71		- 87
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	473	606	435	644	373	152	119		-171
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT									
ARKANSAS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	7	6	2	2	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	60	201	219	42	32	3	7	16.6	+ 18
Misdemeanor	19	62	65	16	14	0	2	12.5	+ 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	80	270	290	60	48	3	9	15.0	+ 20
TOTAL CIVIL	103	209	200	112	85	7	20	17.8	- 9
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	183	479	490	172	133	10	29	16.8	+ 11
LONOKE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	27	39	46	20	18	2	0	0	+ 7
Misdemeanor	13	18	21	10	10	0	0	0	+ 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	40	57	67	30	28	2	0	0	+ 10
TOTAL CIVIL	193	260	284	169	144	23	2	1.1	+ 24
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	233	317	351	199	172	25	2	1.0	+ 34
MONROE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	5	4	2	2	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	28	74	80	22	19	3	0	0	+ 6
Misdemeanor	8	12	14	6	5	0	1	16.6	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	37	91	98	30	26	3	1	3.3	+ 7
TOTAL CIVIL	89	110	89	110	65	5	40	36.3	- 21
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	126	201	187	140	91	8	41	29.2	- 14

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Circuit and Counties	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)	Currency: Gain or Loss
					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
PRAIRIE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	13	23	25	11	8	1	2	18.1	+ 2
Misdemeanor	0	12	8	4	4	0	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	13	36	33	16	13	1	2	12.5	- 3
TOTAL CIVIL	63	100	93	70	53	10	7	10.0	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	76	136	126	86	66	11	9	10.4	- 10
TOTAL SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	13	10	5	5	0	0	0	- 3
Felony	128	337	370	95	77	9	9	9.4	+ 33
Misdemeanor	40	104	108	36	33	0	3	8.3	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	170	454	488	136	115	9	12	8.8	+ 34
TOTAL CIVIL	448	679	666	461	347	45	69	14.9	- 13
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	618	1,133	1,154	597	462	54	81	13.5	+ 21
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT									
GARLAND									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	36	148	128	56	51	2	3	5.3	- 20
Misdemeanor	7	22	15	14	14	0	0	0	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	43	170	143	70	65	2	3	4.2	- 27
TOTAL CIVIL	385	428	404	409	280	118	11	2.6	- 24
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	428	598	547	479	345	120	14	2.9	- 51
NINETEENTH CIRCUIT									
BENTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	86	193	181	98	92	6	0	0	- 12
Misdemeanor	30	31	48	13	11	2	0	0	+ 17
TOTAL CRIMINAL	117	227	232	112	104	8	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CIVIL	488	553	580	461	332	101	28	6.0	+ 27
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	605	780	812	573	436	109	28	4.8	+ 32
CARROLL									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	37	51	39	49	33	13	3	6.1	- 12
Misdemeanor	5	7	9	3	2	1	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	43	59	49	53	36	14	3	5.6	- 10
TOTAL CIVIL	95	109	96	108	61	13	34	31.4	- 13
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	138	168	145	161	97	27	37	22.9	- 23
MADISON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	28	29	35	22	19	2	1	4.5	+ 6
Misdemeanor	0	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	28	34	35	27	24	2	1	3.7	+ 1
TOTAL CIVIL	44	73	63	54	48	4	2	3.7	- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	72	107	98	81	72	6	3	3.7	- 9

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Circuit and Counties	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)	Currency: Gain or Loss
					Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
TOTAL NINETEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Felony	151	273	255	169	144	21	4	2.3	- 18
Misdemeanor	35	43	57	21	18	3	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CRIMINAL	188	320	316	192	164	24	4	2.0	- 4
TOTAL CIVIL	627	735	739	623	441	118	64	10.2	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	815	1,055	1,055	815	605	142	68	8.3	0
TOTAL STATE OF ARKANSAS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	156	178	227	107	59	35	13	12.1	+ 49
Felony	4,477	8,657	8,056	5,078	3,458	1,050	570	11.2	- 601
Misdemeanor	2,248	4,152	3,950	2,450	1,788	395	267	10.9	- 202
TOTAL CRIMINAL	6,881	12,987	12,233	7,635	5,305	1,480	850	11.1	- 754
TOTAL CIVIL	13,854	19,808	19,077	14,585	9,727	3,107	1,751	12.0	- 731
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	20,735	32,795	31,310	22,220	15,032	4,587	2,600	11.7	- 1,485

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
FIRST CIRCUIT:									
LONOKE									
Equity	105	70	57	118	- 13	29	28	61	51.6
Domestic Relations	294	229	233	290	+ 4	108	65	117	40.3
Reciprocal IN	35	3	22	16	+ 19	2	0	14	87.5
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	434	303	313	424	+ 10	139	93	192	45.2
PRAIRIE									
Equity	20	20	16	24	- 4	12	4	8	33.3
Domestic Relations	36	54	62	28	+ 8	22	3	3	10.7
Reciprocal IN	11	3	1	13	- 2	3	3	7	53.8
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	67	78	80	65	+ 2	37	10	18	27.6
PULASKI									
Equity	3,570	1,042	783	3,829	- 259	697	613	2,519	65.8
Domestic Relations	4,494	4,265	3,877	4,882	- 388	1,088	1,001	2,793	57.2
Reciprocal IN	376	221	10	587	- 211	296	165	126	21.5
Reciprocal OUT	0	105	105	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8,440	5,633	4,775	9,298	- 858	2,081	1,779	5,438	58.5
WHITE									
Equity	58	131	117	72	- 14	48	18	6	8.3
Domestic Relations	140	393	372	161	- 21	107	43	11	6.8
Reciprocal IN	7	28	23	12	- 5	9	2	1	8.3
Reciprocal OUT	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	205	565	525	245	- 40	164	63	18	7.3
FIRST CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	3,753	1,263	973	4,043	- 290	786	663	2,594	64.1
Domestic Relations	4,964	4,941	4,544	5,361	- 397	1,325	1,112	2,924	54.5
Reciprocal IN	429	255	56	628	- 199	310	170	148	23.5
Reciprocal OUT	0	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9,146	6,579	5,693	10,032	- 886	2,421	1,945	5,666	56.4
SECOND CIRCUIT:									
ASHLEY									
Equity	29	56	48	37	- 8	35	2	0	0
Domestic Relations	142	309	351	100	+ 42	95	5	0	0
Reciprocal IN	16	10	17	9	+ 7	8	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	187	375	416	146	+ 41	138	8	0	0
BRADLEY									
Equity	5	12	10	7	- 2	5	2	0	0
Domestic Relations	30	97	97	30	0	29	1	0	0
Reciprocal IN	4	6	3	7	- 3	5	1	1	14.2
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	116	111	44	- 5	39	4	1	2.2
CHICOT									
Equity	19	32	30	21	- 2	15	2	4	19.0
Domestic Relations	33	195	168	60	- 27	56	3	1	1.6
Reciprocal IN	4	11	6	9	- 5	5	4	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	56	239	205	90	- 34	76	9	5	5.5

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
DESHA									
Equity	11	46	36	21	- 10	14	6	1	4.7
Domestic Relations	27	155	136	46	- 19	44	2	0	0
Reciprocal IN	1	9	1	9	- 8	7	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	212	175	76	- 37	65	10	1	1.3
DREW									
Equity	14	28	27	15	- 1	11	2	2	13.3
Domestic Relations	27	104	99	32	- 5	31	1	0	0
Reciprocal IN	5	15	14	6	- 1	6	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	46	149	142	53	- 7	48	3	2	3.7
SECOND CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	78	174	151	101	- 23	80	14	7	6.9
Domestic Relations	259	860	851	268	- 9	255	12	1	0.3
Reciprocal IN	30	51	41	40	- 10	31	8	1	2.5
Reciprocal OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	367	1,091	1,049	409	- 42	366	34	9	2.2
THIRD CIRCUIT:									
GARLAND									
Equity	78	163	138	103	- 25	89	10	4	3.8
Domestic Relations	331	757	796	292	+ 39	278	13	1	0.3
Reciprocal IN	11	44	42	13	- 2	13	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	37	37	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	420	1,001	1,013	408	+ 12	380	23	5	1.2
MONTGOMERY									
Equity	9	17	6	20	- 11	18	2	0	0
Domestic Relations	9	53	37	25	- 16	25	0	0	0
Reciprocal IN	4	9	8	5	- 1	5	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	79	51	50	- 28	48	2	0	0
THIRD CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	87	180	144	123	- 36	107	12	4	3.2
Domestic Relations	340	810	833	317	+ 23	303	13	1	0.3
Reciprocal IN	15	53	50	18	- 3	18	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	37	37	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	442	1,080	1,064	458	- 16	428	25	5	1.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT:									
ARKANSAS									
Equity	20	56	34	42	- 22	28	6	8	
Domestic Relations	57	194	126	125	- 68	86	11	28	
Reciprocal IN	7	7	3	11	- 4	8	1	2	
Reciprocal OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	84	264	170	178	- 94	122	18	38	
CLEVELAND									
Equity	7	8	8	7	0	5	2	0	0
Domestic Relations	17	52	41	28	- 11	26	1	1	3.5
Reciprocal IN	1	3	0	4	- 3	3	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	65	51	39	- 14	34	4	1	2.5

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-175	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
JEFFERSON									
Equity	226	234	182	278	- 52	150	55	73	26.2
Domestic Relations	510	888	866	532	- 22	410	102	20	3.7
Reciprocal IN	124	45	0	169	- 45	88	31	50	29.5
Reciprocal OUT	0	68	68	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	860	1,235	1,116	979	-119	648	188	143	14.6
LINCOLN									
Equity	31	27	13	45	- 14	45	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	47	88	46	89	- 42	89	0	0	0
Reciprocal IN	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	80	121	65	136	- 56	136	0	0	0
FOURTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	284	325	237	372	- 88	228	63	81	21.7
Domestic Relations	631	1,222	1,079	774	-143	611	114	49	6.3
Reciprocal IN	134	55	3	186	- 52	101	33	52	27.9
Reciprocal OUT	0	83	83	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,049	1,685	1,402	1,332	-283	940	210	182	13.6
FIFTH CIRCUIT:									
CROSS									
Equity	25	23	32	16	+ 9	6	6	4	25.0
Domestic Relations	47	146	137	56	- 9	44	11	1	1.7
Reciprocal IN	6	4	3	7	- 1	2	5	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	78	176	175	79	- 1	52	22	5	6.3
LEE									
Equity	38	26	34	30	+ 8	8	6	16	53.3
Domestic Relations	97	101	131	67	+ 30	33	8	26	38.8
Reciprocal IN	6	9	2	13	- 7	8	3	2	15.3
Reciprocal OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	141	139	170	110	+ 31	49	17	44	40.0
MONROE									
Equity	54	46	31	69	- 15	24	6	39	56.5
Domestic Relations	6	106	94	80	- 12	34	16	30	37.5
Reciprocal IN		4	4	7	0	4	0	3	42.8
Reciprocal OUT		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	123	156	129	156	- 27	62	22	72	46.1
PHILLIPS									
Equity	62	78	99	41	+ 21	35	5	1	2.4
Domestic Relations	110	272	230	152	- 42	96	45	11	7.2
Reciprocal IN	27	24	20	31	- 4	22	8	1	3.2
Reciprocal OUT	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	199	386	361	224	- 25	153	58	13	5.8
ST. FRANCIS									
Equity	44	57	45	56	- 12	36	9	11	19.6
Domestic Relations	101	254	242	113	- 12	72	39	2	1.7
Reciprocal IN	31	4	12	23	+ 8	3	7	13	56.5
Reciprocal OUT	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	176	319	303	192	- 16	111	55	26	13.5

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
WOODRUFF									
Equity	20	15	21	14	+ 6	4	7	3	21.4
Domestic Relations	39	69	81	27	+ 12	17	10	0	0
Reciprocal IN	10	7	2	15	- 5	6	6	3	20.0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	69	91	104	56	+ 13	27	23	6	10.7
FIFTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	243	245	262	226	+ 17	113	39	74	32.7
Domestic Relations	462	948	915	495	- 33	296	129	70	14.1
Reciprocal IN	87	52	43	96	- 9	45	29	22	22.9
Reciprocal OUT	0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	792	1,267	1,242	817	- 25	454	197	166	20.3
SIXTH CIRCUIT:									
LITTLE RIVER									
Equity	21	36	43	14	+ 7	14	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	97	110	175	32	+ 65	32	0	0	0
Reciprocal IN	14	9	15	8	+ 6	8	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	132	155	233	54	+ 78	54	0	0	0
MILLER									
Equity	51	79	88	42	+ 9	30	8	4	9.5
Domestic Relations	202	421	443	180	+ 22	128	21	31	17.2
Reciprocal IN	9	34	28	15	- 6	13	0	2	13.3
Reciprocal OUT	0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	262	556	581	237	+ 25	171	29	37	15.6
POLK									
Equity	28	51	56	23	+ 5	17	3	3	13.0
Domestic Relations	40	125	134	31	+ 9	30	1	0	0
Reciprocal IN	7	6	10	3	+ 4	1	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	75	194	212	57	+ 18	48	6	3	5.2
SEVIER									
Equity	10	38	30	18	- 8	15	2	1	5.5
Domestic Relations	28	98	90	36	- 8	29	6	1	2.7
Reciprocal IN	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	38	148	132	54	- 16	44	8	2	3.7
SIXTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	110	204	217	97	+ 13	76	13	8	8.2
Domestic Relations	367	754	842	279	+ 58	219	28	32	11.4
Reciprocal IN	30	53	57	26	+ 4	22	2	2	7.6
Reciprocal OUT	0	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	507	1,053	1,158	402	+105	317	43	42	10.4
SEVENTH CIRCUIT:									
CALHOUN									
Equity	7	8	6	9	- 2	6	3	0	0
Domestic Relations	25	55	56	24	+ 1	22	2	0	0
Reciprocal IN	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	65	64	34	- 1	28	6	0	0

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
COLUMBIA									
Equity	55	46	44	57	- 2	34	21	2	3.5
Domestic Relations	128	184	227	85	+ 43	46	33	6	7.0
Reciprocals IN	18	11	9	20	- 2	8	11	1	5.0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	201	242	281	162	+ 39	88	65	9	5.5
DALLAS									
Equity	9	24	23	10	- 1	6	2	2	20.0
Domestic Relations	35	73	71	37	- 2	28	6	3	8.1
Reciprocals IN	8	7	7	8	0	6	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	52	105	102	55	- 3	40	10	5	9.0
LAFAYETTE									
Equity	35	27	28	34	+ 1	18	10	6	17.6
Domestic Relations	64	104	107	61	+ 3	34	19	8	13.1
Reciprocals IN	3	2	3	2	+ 1	2	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	102	136	141	97	+ 5	54	29	14	14.4
OUACHITA									
Equity	42	62	32	72	- 30	66	6	0	0
Domestic Relations	204	304	349	159	+ 45	140	11	8	5.0
Reciprocals IN	11	10	0	21	- 10	6	10	5	23.8
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	257	376	381	252	+ 5	212	27	13	5.1
UNION									
Equity	100	135	133	102	- 2	67	21	14	13.7
Domestic Relations	378	789	752	415	- 37	280	125	10	2.4
Reciprocals IN	33	24	18	39	- 6	28	11	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	511	948	903	556	- 45	375	157	24	4.3
SEVENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	248	302	266	284	- 36	197	63	24	8.4
Domestic Relations	834	1,509	1,562	781	+ 53	550	196	35	4.4
Reciprocals IN	74	54	37	91	- 17	50	35	6	6.5
Reciprocals OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,156	1,872	1,872	1,156	0	797	294	65	5.6
EIGHTH CIRCUIT:									
FULTON									
Equity	13	16	15	14	- 1	13	1	0	0
Domestic Relations	22	33	46	9	+ 13	9	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	4	0	4	0	+ 4	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	51	67	23	+ 16	22	1	0	0
JACKSON									
Equity	56	50	63	43	+ 13	30	10	3	6.9
Domestic Relations	105	229	249	85	+ 20	74	8	3	3.5
Reciprocals IN	23	10	23	10	+ 13	9	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	184	299	345	138	+ 46	113	19	6	4.3

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-75	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-75	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
LAWRENCE									
Equity	18	32	33	17	+ 1	13	3	1	5.8
Domestic Relations	74	143	169	48	+ 26	46	2	0	0
Reciprocal IN	1	8	4	5	- 4	5	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	93	191	214	70	+ 23	64	5	1	1.4
RANDOLPH									
Equity	29	37	35	31	- 2	26	2	3	9.6
Domestic Relations	46	91	96	41	+ 5	38	3	0	0
Reciprocal IN	12	13	10	15	- 3	13	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	87	141	141	87	0	77	7	3	3.4
SHARP									
Equity	29	37	40	26	+ 3	17	6	3	11.5
Domestic Relations	37	69	74	32	+ 5	29	2	1	3.1
Reciprocal IN	6	14	12	8	- 2	8	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	72	122	128	66	+ 6	54	8	4	6.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	145	172	186	131	+ 14	99	22	10	7.6
Domestic Relations	284	565	634	215	+ 69	196	15	4	1.8
Reciprocal IN	46	45	53	38	+ 8	35	3	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	475	804	895	384	+ 91	330	40	14	3.6
NINTH CIRCUIT:									
CONWAY									
Equity	37	39	32	44	- 7	27	14	3	6.8
Domestic Relations	90	118	110	98	- 8	56	29	13	13.2
Reciprocal IN	4	9	1	12	- 8	8	3	1	8.3
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	131	166	143	154	- 23	91	46	17	11.0
FAULKNER									
Equity	89	112	124	77	+ 12	59	15	3	3.8
Domestic Relations	139	328	327	140	- 1	130	10	0	0
Reciprocal IN	3	6	7	2	+ 1	2	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	231	452	464	219	+ 12	191	25	3	1.3
JOHNSON									
Equity	22	49	43	28	- 6	22	3	3	10.7
Domestic Relations	52	132	123	61	- 9	49	9	3	4.9
Reciprocal IN	1	5	3	3	- 2	3	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	75	197	180	92	- 17	74	12	6	6.5
POPE									
Equity	51	100	108	43	+ 8	36	4	3	6.9
Domestic Relations	146	388	380	154	- 8	149	4	1	0.6
Reciprocal IN	9	14	20	3	+ 6	3	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	206	520	526	200	+ 6	188	8	4	2.0

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
NINTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	199	300	307	192	+ 7	144	36	12	6.2
Domestic Relations	427	966	940	453	- 26	384	52	17	3.7
Reciprocal IN	17	34	31	20	- 3	16	3	1	5.0
Reciprocal OUT	0	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	643	1,335	1,313	665	- 22	544	91	30	4.5
TENTH CIRCUIT:									
CRAWFORD									
Equity	45	72	66	51	- 6	34	13	4	7.8
Domestic Relations	110	362	262	210	- 100	185	23	2	0.9
Reciprocal IN	9	53	42	20	- 11	20	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	164	495	378	281	- 117	239	36	6	2.1
FRANKLIN									
Equity	30	34	46	18	+ 12	14	3	1	5.5
Domestic Relations	20	113	109	24	- 4	24	0	0	0
Reciprocal IN	1	6	4	3	- 2	3	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	51	160	166	45	+ 6	41	3	1	2.2
SEBASTIAN									
Equity	117	195	208	104	+ 13	84	9	11	10.5
Domestic Relations	391	1,179	1,226	344	+ 47	335	9	0	0
Reciprocal IN	17	58	58	17	0	16	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	81	81	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	525	1,513	1,573	465	+ 60	435	19	11	2.3
TENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	192	301	320	173	+ 19	132	25	16	9.2
Domestic Relations	521	1,654	1,597	578	- 57	544	32	2	0.3
Reciprocal IN	27	117	104	40	- 13	39	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	96	96	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	740	2,168	2,117	791	- 51	715	58	18	2.2
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT:									
BAXTER									
Equity	87	103	91	99	- 12	61	28	10	10.1
Domestic Relations	74	180	149	105	- 31	81	22	2	1.9
Reciprocal IN	2	6	4	4	- 2	4	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	163	295	250	208	- 45	146	50	12	5.7
BOONE									
Equity	25	68	60	33	- 8	28	4	1	3.5
Domestic Relations	38	204	178	64	- 26	62	2	0	0
Reciprocal IN	12	13	20	5	+ 7	5	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	75	294	267	102	- 27	95	6	1	0.9
MARION									
Equity	109	81	55	135	- 26	53	16	66	48.8
Domestic Relations	60	66	52	74	- 14	33	9	32	43.2
Reciprocal IN	9	3	2	10	- 1	2	1	7	70.0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	178	150	109	219	- 41	88	26	105	47.9

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
NEWTON									
Equity	26	42	62	6	+ 20	6	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	14	45	51	8	+ 6	8	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	5	0	5	0	+ 5	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	45	88	119	14	+ 31	14	0	0	0
SEARCY									
Equity	22	33	35	20	+ 2	17	3	0	0
Domestic Relations	15	47	45	17	- 2	15	2	0	0
Reciprocals IN	5	1	2	4	+ 1	0	0	4	100.0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	42	81	82	41	+ 1	32	5	4	9.7
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT TOTAL:									
Equity	269	327	303	293	- 24	165	51	77	26.2
Domestic Relations	201	542	475	268	- 67	199	35	34	12.6
Reciprocals IN	33	23	33	23	+ 10	11	1	11	47.8
Reciprocals OUT	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	503	908	827	584	- 81	375	87	122	20.8
TWELFTH CIRCUIT:									
CLAY									
Equity	46	68	47	67	- 21	45	14	8	11.9
Domestic Relations	76	148	148	76	0	47	26	3	3.9
Reciprocals IN	8	11	6	13	- 5	9	2	2	15.3
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	130	233	207	156	- 26	101	42	13	8.3
CRAIGHEAD									
Equity	76	151	104	123	- 47	75	18	30	24.3
Domestic Relations	366	589	497	458	- 92	198	103	157	34.2
Reciprocals IN	57	37	23	71	- 14	30	11	30	42.2
Reciprocals OUT	0	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	499	800	647	652	-153	303	132	217	33.2
CRITTENDEN									
Equity	50	93	87	56	- 6	35	9	12	21.4
Domestic Relations	176	473	472	177	- 1	156	20	1	0.5
Reciprocals IN	68	46	27	87	- 19	29	12	46	52.8
Reciprocals OUT	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	294	627	601	320	- 26	220	41	59	18.4
GREENE									
Equity	26	61	48	39	- 13	22	10	7	17.9
Domestic Relations	123	251	226	148	- 25	64	30	54	36.4
Reciprocals IN	47	32	5	74	- 27	30	20	24	32.4
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	196	344	279	261	- 65	116	60	85	32.5
MISSISSIPPI									
Equity	61	106	85	82	- 21	30	47	5	6.0
Domestic Relations	302	522	437	387	- 85	144	192	51	13.1
Reciprocals IN	10	34	24	20	- 10	12	8	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	373	685	569	489	-116	186	247	56	11.4

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
	1-1-75			12-31-75		Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
POINSETT									
Equity	38	41	59	20	+ 18	14	6	0	0
Domestic Relations	141	255	258	138	+ 3	115	23	0	0
Reciprocal IN	4	15	16	3	+ 1	3	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	26	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	183	337	359	161	+ 22	132	29	0	0
TWELFTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	297	520	430	387	- 90	221	104	62	16.0
Domestic Relations	1,184	2,238	2,038	1,384	- 200	724	394	266	19.2
Reciprocal IN	194	175	101	268	- 74	113	53	102	38.0
Reciprocal OUT	0	93	93	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,675	3,026	2,662	2,039	- 672	1,058	551	430	21.0
THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
WASHINGTON									
Equity	132	244	193	183	- 51	140	33	10	5.4
Domestic Relations	385	975	877	483	- 98	369	80	34	7.0
Reciprocal IN	23	62	64	21	+ 2	12	5	4	19.0
Reciprocal OUT	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	540	1,294	1,147	687	- 147	521	118	48	6.9
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
LOGAN									
Equity	42	55	56	41	+ 1	32	4	5	12.1
Domestic Relations	38	190	158	60	- 22	58	1	1	1.6
Reciprocal IN	4	12	5	11	- 7	9	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	84	266	238	112	- 28	99	7	6	5.3
PERRY									
Equity	11	29	25	15	- 4	15	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	15	70	70	15	0	15	0	0	0
Reciprocal IN	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	105	101	30	- 4	30	0	0	0
SCOTT									
Equity	8	25	15	18	- 10	13	3	2	11.1
Domestic Relations	35	84	99	20	+ 15	18	2	0	0
Reciprocal IN	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	43	119	124	38	+ 5	31	5	2	5.2
YELL									
Equity	17	59	41	35	- 18	30	5	0	0
Domestic Relations	51	216	224	43	+ 8	39	4	0	0
Reciprocal IN	3	5	7	1	+ 2	1	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	71	281	273	79	- 8	70	9	0	0
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	78	168	137	109	- 31	90	12	7	6.4
Domestic Relations	139	560	561	138	+ 1	130	7	1	0.7
Reciprocal IN	7	22	17	12	- 5	10	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	224	771	736	259	- 35	230	21	8	3.0

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	1-1-75			12-31-75		Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
GRANT									
Equity	46	27	17	56	- 10	17	26	13	23.2
Domestic Relations	48	98	81	65	- 17	37	18	10	15.3
Reciprocals IN	1	2	3	0	+ 1	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	95	128	102	121	- 26	54	44	23	19.0
HOT SPRING									
Equity	33	48	52	29	+ 4	17	9	3	10.3
Domestic Relations	125	228	228	125	0	85	36	4	3.2
Reciprocals IN	4	10	6	8	- 4	7	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	162	293	293	162	0	109	46	7	4.3
SALINE									
Equity	74	140	164	50	+ 24	38	7	5	10.0
Domestic Relations	176	439	474	141	+ 35	138	3	0	0
Reciprocals IN	28	10	29	9	+ 19	9	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	278	594	672	200	+ 78	185	10	5	2.5
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	153	215	233	135	+ 18	72	42	21	15.5
Domestic Relations	349	765	783	331	+ 18	260	57	14	4.2
Reciprocals IN	33	22	38	17	+ 16	16	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	535	1,015	1,067	483	+ 52	348	100	35	7.2
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
BENTON									
Equity	135	210	236	109	+ 26	77	18	14	12.8
Domestic Relations	146	583	603	126	+ 20	125	1	0	0
Reciprocals IN	37	47	64	20	+ 17	18	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	318	870	933	255	+ 63	220	21	14	5.4
CARROLL									
Equity	50	78	70	58	- 8	31	7	20	34.4
Domestic Relations	66	113	110	69	- 3	39	12	18	26.0
Reciprocals IN	14	8	9	13	+ 1	4	3	6	46.1
Reciprocals OUT	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	130	204	194	140	- 10	74	22	44	31.4
MADISON									
Equity	36	47	30	53	- 17	22	13	18	33.9
Domestic Relations	39	85	48	76	- 37	32	17	27	35.5
Reciprocals IN	10	6	0	16	- 6	6	3	7	43.7
Reciprocals OUT	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	85	142	82	145	- 60	60	33	52	35.8
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	221	335	336	220	+ 1	130	38	52	23.6
Domestic Relations	251	781	761	271	- 20	196	30	45	16.6
Reciprocals IN	61	61	73	49	+ 12	28	8	13	26.5
Reciprocals OUT	0	39	39	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	533	1,216	1,209	540	- 7	354	76	110	20.3

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
CLARK									
Equity	29	44	35	38	- 9	25	9	4	10.5
Domestic Relations	73	193	193	73	0	65	7	1	1.3
Reciprocals IN	0	9	2	7	- 7	7	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	102	252	236	118	- 16	97	16	5	4.2
HEMPSTEAD									
Equity	32	49	53	28	+ 4	22	5	1	3.5
Domestic Relations	61	157	160	58	+ 3	54	4	0	0
Reciprocals IN	1	16	8	9	- 8	9	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	94	224	223	95	- 1	85	9	1	1.0
HOWARD									
Equity	10	19	17	12	- 2	7	2	3	25.0
Domestic Relations	23	95	92	26	- 3	24	1	1	3.8
Reciprocals IN	3	2	2	3	0	1	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	36	117	112	41	- 5	32	5	4	9.7
NEVADA									
Equity	12	29	24	17	- 5	14	3	0	0
Domestic Relations	34	85	81	38	- 4	32	2	4	12.5
Reciprocals IN	4	2	3	3	+ 1	1	0	2	66.7
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	117	109	58	- 9	47	5	6	10.3
PIKE									
Equity	6	22	15	13	- 7	13	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	25	74	75	24	- 1	20	4	0	0
Reciprocals IN	1	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	102	96	38	- 6	34	4	0	0
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	89	163	144	108	- 19	81	19	8	7.4
Domestic Relations	216	604	601	219	- 3	195	18	6	2.7
Reciprocals IN	9	32	18	23	- 14	19	2	2	8.6
Reciprocals OUT	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	314	812	776	350	- 36	295	39	16	4.5
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
CLEBURNE									
Equity	32	65	57	40	- 8	25	12	3	7.5
Domestic Relations	50	106	115	41	+ 9	29	10	2	4.8
Reciprocals IN	7	11	10	8	- 1	6	1	1	12.5
Reciprocals OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	89	189	189	89	0	60	23	6	6.7
INDEPENDENCE									
Equity	89	54	75	68	+ 21	21	14	33	48.5
Domestic Relations	111	206	205	112	- 1	65	21	26	23.2
Reciprocals IN	49	21	18	52	- 3	12	16	24	30.7
Reciprocals OUT	0	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	249	300	317	232	+ 17	98	51	83	35.7

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	1-1-75			12-31-75		Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
IZARD									
Equity	18	44	39	23	- 5	23	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	11	66	43	34	- 23	34	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	4	2	3	3	+ 1	3	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	113	86	60	- 27	60	0	0	0
STONE									
Equity	28	24	20	32	- 4	20	12	0	0
Domestic Relations	44	62	70	36	+ 8	32	4	0	0
Reciprocals IN	2	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	74	90	94	70	+ 4	54	16	0	0
VAN BUREN									
Equity	25	38	31	32	- 7	23	8	1	3.1
Domestic Relations	39	74	73	40	- 1	35	5	0	0
Reciprocals IN	19	4	19	4	+ 15	2	1	1	25.0
Reciprocals OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	83	123	130	76	+ 7	60	14	2	2.6
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	192	225	222	195	- 3	112	46	37	18.9
Domestic Relations	255	514	506	263	- 8	195	40	28	10.6
Reciprocals IN	81	40	52	69	+ 12	25	18	26	37.6
Reciprocals OUT	0	36	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	528	815	816	527	+ 1	332	104	91	17.2
STATE TOTALS:									
Equity	6,770	5,663	5,061	7,372	- 602	2,973	1,295	3,104	42.1
Domestic Relations	12,069	21,208	20,399	12,878	- 809	6,951	2,364	3,563	27.6
Reciprocals IN	1,330	1,206	871	1,665	- 335	901	374	390	23.4
Reciprocals OUT	0	714	714	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	20,169	28,791	27,045	21,915	-1746	10,825	4,033	7,057	32.2

TABLE XVI
PROBATE COURTS — CHANCERY CIRCUITS 1975

Circuit and County					DECEDENT ESTATES				Total Probate Filings
	Guardianship	Alcoholics & Mental	Adoption	Misc.	Pending 1-1-75	Filed	Terminated	Pending 12-31-75	
FIRST:									
Lonoke	21	2	10	4	393	57	7	443	94
Prairie	7	0	5	0	121	21	6	136	33
Pulaski	383	188	287	136	1,470	530	467	1,533	1,524
White	42	22	30	26	138	64	91	111	184
TOTAL:	453	212	332	166	2,122	672	571	2,223	1,835
SECOND:									
Ashley	26	14	23	6	100	26	29	97	95
Bradley	3	8	10	6	85	24	6	103	51
Chicot	10	2	16	3	71	27	52	46	58
Desha	13	7	13	10	62	33	17	78	76
Drew	12	25	8	4	57	25	13	69	74
TOTAL:	64	56	70	29	375	135	117	393	354
THIRD:									
Garland	62	46	55	64	450	245	245	450	472
Montgomery	5	2	4	2	26	13	11	28	26
TOTAL:	67	48	59	66	476	258	256	478	498
FOURTH:									
Arkansas	18	12	21	7	243	97	37	303	155
Cleveland	7	1	10	2	27	33	0	60	53
Jefferson	59	141	59	42	468	143	129	482	444
Lincoln	3	6	2	4	81	29	18	92	44
TOTAL:	87	160	92	55	819	302	184	937	696
FIFTH:									
Cross	16	3	13	10	140	34	49	125	76
Lee	15	16	8	14	123	40	40	123	93
Monroe	4	15	12	6	92	25	37	80	62
Phillips	24	18	17	24	243	93	79	257	176
St. Francis	28	4	23	10	267	74	64	277	139
Woodruff	10	13	3	7	115	22	12	125	55
TOTAL:	97	69	76	71	980	288	281	987	601
SIXTH:									
Little River	6	4	2	11	95	25	15	105	48
Miller	28	28	17	30	170	53	100	123	156
Polk	14	26	14	1	78	41	16	103	96
Sevier	5	4	6	7	21	41	10	52	63
TOTAL:	53	62	39	49	364	160	141	383	363
SEVENTH:									
Calhoun	5	8	8	10	74	7	5	76	38
Columbia	21	33	8	27	204	48	25	227	137
Dallas	5	13	5	7	41	22	25	38	52
Lafayette	6	17	5	2	219	34	29	224	64
Ouachita	39	30	26	25	401	67	39	429	187
Union	56	51	34	33	578	106	80	604	280
TOTAL:	132	152	86	104	1,517	284	203	1,598	758

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EIGHTH:									
Fulton	5	0	2	24	44	30	28	46	61
Jackson	17	17	10	25	256	50	99	207	119
Lawrence	16	7	16	5	80	26	25	81	70
Randolph	9	5	5	3	69	22	18	73	44
Sharp	1	1	4	15	48	17	31	34	38
TOTAL:	48	30	37	72	497	145	201	441	332
NINTH:									
Conway	16	26	7	14	87	37	20	104	100
Faulkner	26	25	24	8	205	63	27	241	146
Johnson	9	17	6	8	232	54	189	97	94
Pope	45	13	26	11	139	48	57	130	143
TOTAL:	96	81	63	41	663	202	293	572	483
TENTH:									
Crawford	12	22	18	16	50	29	38	41	97
Franklin	10	28	7	10	55	21	23	53	76
Sebastian	75	137	76	53	223	139	94	268	480
TOTAL:	97	187	101	79	328	189	155	362	653
ELEVENTH:									
Baxter	39	1	28	19	145	35	49	131	122
Boone	28	22	14	12	127	51	38	140	127
Marion	12	4	7	2	60	36	26	70	61
Newton	6	0	2	1	16	4	17	3	13
Searcy	10	2	4	0	115	14	2	127	30
TOTAL:	95	29	55	34	463	140	132	471	353
TWELFTH:									
Clay	9	6	6	22	212	58	46	224	101
Craighead	42	15	58	24	347	115	77	385	254
Crittenden	42	10	32	36	147	107	75	179	227
Greene	26	4	10	2	124	52	60	116	94
Mississippi	35	31	58	36	569	98	86	581	258
Poinsett	25	9	11	14	116	40	42	114	99
TOTAL:	179	75	175	134	1,515	470	386	1,559	1,033
THIRTEENTH:									
Washington	43	36	69	42	253	151	132	272	341
FOURTEENTH:									
Logan	16	7	21	17	162	31	10	183	92
Perry	4	2	3	1	12	12	6	18	22
Scott	9	6	6	2	44	8	42	10	31
Yell	16	7	10	12	49	13	20	42	58
TOTAL:	45	22	40	32	267	64	78	253	203

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Circuit and County					DECEDENT ESTATES				Total Probate Filings
	Guardianship	Alcoholics & Mental	Adoption	Misc.	Pending 1-1-75	Filed	Terminated	Pending 12-31-75	
FIFTEENTH:									
Grant	13	2	5	0	36	17	20	33	37
Hot Spring	19	18	19	5	354	60	18	396	121
Saline	43	9	38	14	189	64	150	103	168
TOTAL:	75	29	62	19	579	141	188	532	326
SIXTEENTH:									
Benton	17	31	49	21	239	107	105	241	225
Carroll	11	9	5	9	66	54	50	70	88
Madison	5	8	7	32	176	51	69	158	103
TOTAL:	33	48	61	62	481	212	224	469	416
SEVENTEENTH:									
Clark	17	10	16	10	205	44	28	221	97
Hempstead	13	21	21	7	171	44	25	190	106
Howard	10	5	2	0	56	14	14	56	31
Nevada	8	13	3	4	129	68	66	131	96
Pike	8	1	5	1	26	12	7	31	27
TOTAL:	56	50	47	22	587	182	140	629	357
EIGHTEENTH:									
Cleburne	10	2	9	4	69	19	42	46	44
Independence	8	27	17	10	160	44	136	68	106
Izard	5	2	4	2	78	14	32	60	27
Stone	2	1	2	4	43	8	3	48	17
Van Buren	10	8	3	2	50	23	8	65	46
TOTAL:	35	40	35	22	400	108	221	287	240
STATE TOTALS:	1,755	1,386	1,499	1,099	12,686	4,103	3,903	12,886	9,842

*Two lawyers, when a knotty case was o'er,
Shook hands, and were as friendly as before:
"Zounds!" said the client, "I would fain know how
You can be friends, who were such foes just now?"
"Thou fool!" said one, "We lawyers, though so keen,
Like shears, ne'er cut ourselves, but what's between."*

Saxe, in Wit and Humor of Bench and Bar,
by Marshall Brown

COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

Courts of limited jurisdiction in Arkansas are County Courts, Courts of Common Pleas, Municipal Courts, City Courts, Police Courts and Justice of the Peace Courts. These are Arkansas' "local courts", and they play a vital role in the maintenance of peace and order in the various communities of the state and in providing safety on our streets and highways.

According to the Task Force Report on the Courts made by the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice in 1967, 90 percent of the Nation's criminal cases are heard in the courts of limited jurisdiction. The report stated that as a deterrent to crime, the courts of limited jurisdiction are more important than any other of our institutions with the possible exception of the police force, and concluded that no program of crime prevention will be effective without a massive overhaul of the local criminal courts.

The Arkansas Judicial Department has been able to provide assistance to these courts through two federally funded programs: the Governor's Office of Coordinator of Public Safety and the Arkansas Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement. Mr. A. Brooks Griffith, Coordinator of Public Safety, General Gerald W. Johnson, Director of the Arkansas Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement, and their staffs are commended for their cooperation.

CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The Municipal Judges' Council and the Arkansas Judicial Department, with the cooperation of the Governor's Office of Coordinator of Public Safety and the Arkansas Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement, sponsored three in-state seminars for

Municipal Court Judges. Also, five Municipal Court Judges' attended out-of-state programs.

The three in-state seminars for judges were held at the Arkansas Bar Association Center in Little Rock. The first two dealt with the problem of alcohol and highway safety and were conducted upon a program prepared for the U.S. Department of Transportation by Apartment Associates Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts. These seminars were three days in duration and concentrated on a team approach to solving the alcohol-traffic safety problem. The third seminar involved a discussion of the Revised Criminal Code with members of the Criminal Code Revision Commission serving as discussion leaders. This meeting was attended by both Municipal and Circuit Court Judges.

The five judges attending out-of-state programs and the programs they attended are: Milas Hale and Edward Grauman — National Conference of Special Court Judges; Dean R. Morley and Lindsey Fairley — Conference on Criminal Justice Standards for Special Court Judges, National College of the State Judiciary; and, Jim Burnett — Evidence in Special Courts, National College of the State Judiciary.

Additionally, the Municipal Judges' Council held two business meetings during the year. The Judges discussed, among other things, the possibility of the salaries and retirement benefits of both judges and clerks being paid by the state and based on a uniform classification schedule.

The Association of Municipal Court Clerks held their annual meeting in Hot Springs in conjunction with the Annual Convention of the Municipal League. This

meeting included discussions on accounting procedures and the administration of the new DWI law.

COUNTY COURTS

County Courts were established by Article 7, Sections 1 and 28 of the Arkansas Constitution. The Court is presided over by the County Judge, who, in addition to his duties as Judge of the County Court, is the business manager of the county. The County Judge is elected by the voters of his county for a two year term, and is required to be at least twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, a man of upright character, of good business education and a resident of the State for two years before his election, and a resident of the county at the time of his election and during his continuance in office (Ark. Const. Art. 7, Sec. 29).

Ark. Stat. Ann. Sec. 22-601 provides that the county court of each county in this State shall have the following powers and jurisdiction: exclusive original jurisdiction in all matters relating to county taxes, in all matters relating to roads, the appointment of viewers, reviewers and overseers of roads; to order the erection of bridges, and direct the repairing of same; to superintend all ferries, paupers, bastardy cases, vagrants and the apprenticeship of minors; to fix the places of holding elections; to audit, settle and direct the payment of all demands against the county; to have the control and management of all the property, real and personal, for the use of the county; to disburse money for county purposes, and all other cases that may be necessary to the internal improvement and local concerns of the respective counties.

Juvenile and bastardy proceedings make up the majority of the case load of county courts.

JUVENILE COURT REFEREES

Beginning in 1927, Act 177 authorized the appointment of a Referee by the Judge of the Juvenile Court (County Judge), in those counties having a population of 50,000 or more. Because of this population requirement, only five counties were eligible under the law. Between 1927 and 1969, County Judges in three counties (Pulaski, Mississippi, and Washington) appointed referees to handle juvenile cases.

In 1969 the Arkansas legislature, by Act 404, eliminated the population requirement and provided that all Juvenile Courts could appoint Referees with the power to hear and decide cases involving juveniles

up to age sixteen. A hiatus in the law resulted as to juveniles over sixteen but under eighteen years of age, but was remedied in 1973 with the passage of Act 537 authorizing Referees to hear all juvenile cases up to the age of eighteen.

Act 451 of 1975 superseded all previous legislation relating to juveniles by creating a new juvenile code. The code's purpose is best described in the Act itself:

(I)n cases of delinquency of juveniles in need of supervision, as far as practicable, the juvenile shall be treated not as a criminal, but as misdirected, misguided, and in need of aid, encouragement, assistance and counseling, and if such juvenile cannot be properly cared for and corrected in his own home with the assistance and help of a probation officer or other persons designated by the juvenile court, that he be placed in a suitable home, agency, institution, or other facility where he may be helped, educated, and equipped for useful citizenship.

A "juvenile" in the code is defined as any person who has not yet reached his eighteenth birthday, thus leaving no definitive problems open as to the class about which the Act is concerned.

The new code places jurisdiction over a juvenile in the Juvenile Court presided over by the County Judge or, at his discretion, he may appoint a referee who serves at the judge's pleasure. A referee so designated is empowered with the same authority as the County Judge when acting as Judge of the Juvenile Court.

Every Juvenile Referee appointed after July 1, 1975 must be an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Arkansas. However, all those presently serving as Juvenile Referees who are not attorneys may be reappointed to their positions.

Act 451 further provides that each Prosecuting Attorney or his deputy, when so requested by the Juvenile Court, shall prosecute juvenile cases. Moreover, the Act empowers a juvenile judge to appoint defense counsel in appropriate cases. County Judges are also given the power to designate probation officers for a Juvenile Court.

The Juvenile Court Judge may, at his discretion, transfer a criminal violation committed by a juvenile to any other court having jurisdiction over the matter.

The new code provides that a juvenile, while incarcerated awaiting trial, shall not be confined in a cell with adult convicts and that any juvenile taken into

custody is entitled to bond within the discretion of the judge having jurisdiction over the matter.

Appeals from a decision of a Juvenile Referee to the County Judge is a matter of right in all cases. The appeal is heard de novo by the County Judge. Appeals from a decision of a County Judge to Circuit Court are likewise matters of right and are to be heard de novo.

The use of Juvenile Court Referees has been initiated in 39 counties, not only for the purpose of handling the large juvenile court caseloads in the counties where such exist, but also to provide experienced and capable personnel for the Juvenile Courts. Juvenile problems in our modern society are varied and complex. This fact, coupled with the fact that a juvenile proceeding is a type of judicial hearing, makes it desirable that Juvenile Courts be administered by legally trained persons experienced in

juvenile law and familiar with juvenile problems. Even though a county may not presently have a heavy caseload in the juvenile area, the appointment of a qualified referee by the County Judge can provide this capable administration for the Juvenile Court.

The use of the referee in Juvenile Courts provides at least three advantages:

1. Through the proper selection of the referee, the services of a person trained and experienced in the field of law, juvenile relations, or both may be utilized.
2. The workload of the County Judge is reduced somewhat by the delegation of this responsibility.
3. The workload of some Circuit and Municipal Judges who have been trying juvenile cases can also be relieved by shifting these matters to the referee.

COUNTY JUDGES 1975

Officers of the Arkansas County Judges' Association are:

President — Frank Dean, Poinsett County, Harrisburg
 1st Vice-President — James Baker, Baxter County, Mountain Home
 2nd Vice-President — Glenn Thames, Sebastain County, Fort Smith
 Secretary-Treasurer — Bob Henderson, Columbia County, Magnolia

COUNTY	JUDGE	COUNTY	JUDGE
Arkansas	Dale Shelton	Lee	L.E. "Gene" Waldrip
Ashley	W.T. Higginbotham	Lincoln	Charles Green
Baxter	James H. Baker	Little River	Hoye Horn
Benton	Railey Steele	Logan	Buster Tritt
Boone	Clifford Tomlinson	Lonoke	Oris E. Spence
Bradley	James Earnest	Madison	Charles Whorton, Jr.
Calhoun	Marion O'Mary	Marion	Billy Rose
Carroll	Arthur Carter	Miller	Sam F. Rose
Chicot	J.R. Burchfield	Mississippi	A.A. "Shug" Banks
Clark	Randall Mathis	Monroe	Tom Catlett
Clay	Boyce McLesley	Montgomery	L.J. Warneke
Cleburne	J.D. Kennedy	Nevada	Fred Ridling, Jr.
Cleveland	Raymond Jack Sipes	Newton	Howard Norton
Columbia	R.W. "Bob" Henderson	Ouachita	Alfred Stinnett
Conway	Thomas W. Scott	Perry	Malvin U. Brand
Craighead	Bill R. Clark	Phillips	C.S. Fielder
Crawford	Walter Kaylor	Pike	A.D. May
Crittenden	Jack Brawley	Poinsett	Frank Dean
Cross	Stanley Sulcer	Polk	Sam Varner
Dallas	Troy Bradley	Pope	Ermil Grant
Desha	Bonnie Zook	Prairie	J. Elmer Berry
Drew	Vernon Roberts	Pulaski	B. Frank Mackey
Faulkner	Jesse Carter	Randolph	Cliff Brown
Franklin	Nick Gilsinger	St. Francis	W.B. "Sonny" Hamilton
Fulton	Leonard Mooney	Saline	John E. Parker
Garland	Howard Newkirk	Scott	Clyde Hawkins
Grant	Veo Easley	Searcy	John A. Griffith
Greene	Gerald Phillips	Sebastian	Glenn Thames
Hempstead	Wayne Bohanon	Sevier	B.A. Mauldin
Hot Spring	James Kimzey	Sharp	Les Anderson
Howard	O'Neal Davidson	Stone	Earl Storey
Independence	Jess Carpenter	Union	Homer Parks
Izard	Lloyd Garner	Van Buren	J.D. Payne
Jackson	Joe Coe	Washington	Vol Lester
Jefferson	Joe T. Henslee	White	Bill Davis
Johnson	C.O. Blackard	Woodruff	John Davis
Lafayette	Jimmy Alexander	Yell	Robert Hodges
Lawrence	Cleo Moody		

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES H. BENAFIELD
 SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

TABLE XVII
CASES FILED IN COUNTY COURTS
1975

County	Juvenile Cases	Bastardy Cases	County	Juvenile Cases	Bastardy Cases
Arkansas	21	0	Lee	71	2
Ashley	15	1	Lincoln	0	0
Baxter	97	1	Little River	11	0
Benton	437	2	Logan	26	2
Boone	51	1	Lonoke	304	1
Bradley	31	2	Madison	17	0
Calhoun	0	0	Marion	12	0
Carroll	35	0	Miller	134	4
Chicot	85	0	Mississippi	559	3
Clark	54	0	Monroe	40	0
Clay	0	0	Montgomery	0	0
Cleburne	15	0	Nevada	9	0
Cleveland	0	0	Newton	0	0
Columbia	49	4	Ouachita	40	1
Conway	232	1	Perry	49	0
Craighead	89	1	Phillips	47	5
Crawford	64	1	Pike	6	0
Crittenden	243	26	Poinsett	106	0
Cross	92	0	Polk	42	0
Dallas	8	2	Pope	92	4
Desha	111	0	Prairie	28	0
Drew	56	0	Pulaski	1417	45
Faulkner	30	2	Randolph	22	0
Franklin	32	0	Saline	99	1
Fulton	0	0	Scott	25	1
Garland	400	2	Searcy	0	0
Grant	9	0	Sebastian	1139	13
Greene	22	1	Sevier	31	1
Hempstead	82	6	Sharp	0	0
Hot Spring	70	15	St. Francis	0	8
Howard	6	0	Stone	2	0
Independence	15	0	Union	175	6
Izard	12	0	Van Buren	3	0
Jackson	42	3	Washington	430	2
Jefferson	745	105	White	67	0
Johnson	13	0	Woodruff	22	0
Lafayette	1	0	Yell	26	1
Lawrence	70	0	STATE TOTALS	8,385	276

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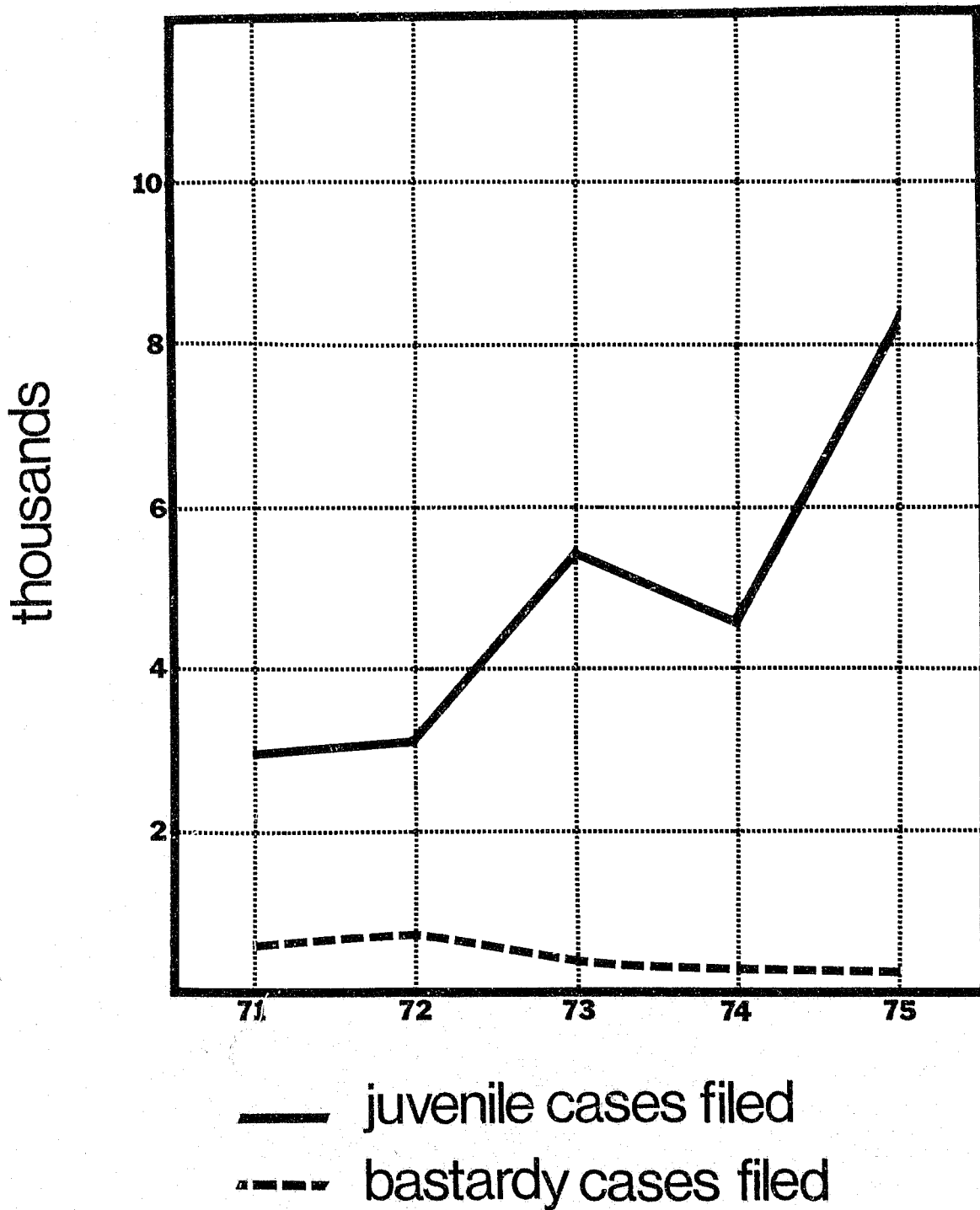
JUVENILE COURT REFEREES

1975

County	City	Referee
Ashley	Hamburg	Paul McCay
Boone	Harrison	Bill F. Doshier
Bradley	Warren	Robert Vittitow
Carroll	Berryville	W. Q. Hall
Chicot	Lake Village	Ohmer C. Burnside
Clark	Arkadelphia	Ed McCorkle
Cleburne	Heber Springs	Earl Olmstead
Conway	Morrilton	George J. Cambiano
Crawford	Van Buren	Lonnie Maxwell
Crittenden	Marion	W. P. "Pal" Rainey
Cross	Wynne	Robert Bassham
Drew	Monticello	Samuel N. Bird
Faulkner	Conway	Diane Bell
Garland	Hot Springs	Robert S. Hargraves
Hemstead	Hope	Larry S. Patterson
Howard	Nashville	Edwin Alford
Independence	Batesville	T.J. Hively
Jefferson	Pine Bluff	Jimmy D. Joyce
Johnson	Clarksville	Rick Weaver
Lee	Marianna	Danny Felton, III
Lonoke	Lonoke	Edgar R. Thompson
Marion	Yellville	Michael Kelley
Miller	Texarkana	Philip B. Purifoy
Mississippi	Blytheville	Judge Max Harrison
Newton	Jasper	Mike Hodges
Ouachita	Camden	Harry F. Barnes
Perry	Perryville	Herby Branscum, Jr..
Phillips	Helena	Claude Pittman
Polk	Mena	J. B. Stevenson
Pope	Russellville	Jon R. Sanford
Pulaski	Little Rock	Mary Burt Nash
Saline	Benton	Dan Harmon
Scott	Waldron	Dwayne Hodge
Searcy	Marshall	John Franklin Massey
Sebastian	Ft. Smith	Audit Kincannon
	Greenwood	Wayland Parker
Van Buren	Clinton	Jim Burnett
Washington	Fayetteville	Bob I. Mayes
White	Searcy	Jim Hannah
Yell	Danville	Cecil Dale

COUNTY COURTS

1971-1975



COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS

Courts of Common Pleas have been established in various counties by special acts. Presently, there are thirteen such courts existing in the state. These courts are authorized by Article 7, Section 32 of the present Constitution, which reads as follows:

The General Assembly may authorize the judge of the county court of any one or more counties to hold severally a quarterly court of common pleas on their respective counties, which shall be a court of record with such jurisdiction in matters of contract and other civil matters not involving title to real estate as may be vested in such court.

Jurisdiction of Courts of Common Pleas is generally limited to civil actions in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$1,000. These Courts are presided over by the county judge and appeal may be taken to the circuit court, where trials are de novo. The courts exist in the following counties:

Ashley, Chicot, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew, Garland, Lee, Lonoke, Madison, Mississippi, Nevada and Prairie.

Filings in Courts of Common Pleas have been rather stable in the past with very little change in the overall number of filings from year to year.

TABLE OF CASES FILED IN COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS

County	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Ashley	35	32	22	42	156	123	123	99	162	206
Chicot	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crittenden	42	17	14	11	0	2	0	1	1	0
Cross	2	0	NR	5	1	22	0	0	0	0
Desha	0	4	2	4	2	4	4	6	15	5
Drew	0	0	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	50	56	42	38	46	40	40	44	78	58
Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lonoke	32	30	30	29	19	28	48	49	49	78
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	49	0
Mississippi	51	41	36	43	18	21	30	8	11	17
Nevada	9	2	9	1	4	1	3	3	2	0
Prairie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	221	183	155	173	246	241	248	248	367	364

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"No higher duty or more solemn responsibility, rests upon this Court than that of translating into living law and maintaining this constitutional shield deliberately planned and inscribed for the benefit of every human being subject to our Constitution --- of whatever race, creed or persuasion."

Black, J.
Chambers V. Florida
309 U.S. 227 (1940)

MUNICIPAL COURTS

Municipal courts constitute the principal courts of limited jurisdiction. The courts are authorized in cities of 2,400 persons or more and a city of less than 2,400 may establish a Municipal Court if it is the county seat or is located in a county that did not have an established Municipal Court prior to March 7, 1973. The court's subject matter jurisdiction is basically the same as that of Justices of the Peace. Territorially, the court has countywide jurisdiction except in those counties having two county seats.

It is only court of limited jurisdiction in which the judge is required to be an attorney. He is required to have practiced law for six years except in cities of less than 15,000 in which any licensed, practicing attorney is eligible. He must be at least 25 years of age, of good

moral character, and a resident of Arkansas for at least two years. Salaries range from \$2,400 to \$24,500 per annum and are set by the legislature. In most cases, the court budgets are financed equally by the city and the county. Judges are allowed to practice law with the exception of those in Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

Presently, four counties do not have a Municipal Court. These counties are: Calhoun, Little River, Newton and Yell.

These courts handle the bulk of all misdemeanors, ordinance violations, and small claims. Eighty-nine courts handled 503,725 cases, assessed \$8,894,458 in fines and collected \$12,294,407 from fines, fees and costs.

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MUNICIPAL COURTS — 1976

City	County	Judge	Clerk
Arkadelphia	Clark	B.W. Sanders	Diana Dixon
Ash Flat	Sharp	Lloyd Harper	Donna Gibson
Augusta	Woodruff	James F. Daugherty	Merle Montague
Batesville	Independence	Hubert J. Meachum	O.B. McSpadden
Benton	Saline	Wendell Hall	Diane Mattison
Bentonville	Benton	Stephen P. Sawyer	Brenda Ward
Berryville	Carroll	H. Paul Jackson	Thelma Bohannon
Blytheville	Mississippi	Max B. Harrison	Dorothy L. Besharse
Booneville	Logan	B.F. Donathan	Joy Thomas
Brinkley	Monroe	James Sprott	Geraldine Patrick
Bryant	Saline	Derrell Davis	Dianne Pittman
Cabot	Lonoke	Edgar R. Thompson	Martha Reid
Camden	Ouachita	Harry F. Barnes	Corin Blackwood
Charleston	Franklin	Stephen A. White	Mary Bohannon
Clarendon	Monroe	Willis L. Plant	Sandra Booker
Clarksville	Johnson	Benny Swindell	L.T. Arrington
Clinton	Van Buren	Jim Burnett	Murlene Anglin
Conway	Faulkner	R.A. Bradley	Shirley Garrett
Corning	Clay	Guy Brinkley	Denzil C. Wright
Crossett	Ashley	William P. Switzer	Dana Williams
DeQueen	Sevier	John B. Hainen	Jimmie Donita Henson
Dermott	Chicot	Robert B. Gibson	Linda B. Bolding
DeWitt	Arkansas	Cecil Matthews	Willene Miller
Dumas	Desha	David Stubbs	Mary S. Howard
El Dorado	Union	Edwin B. Alderson	Patricia Wilson
Eureka Springs	Carroll	John O. Maberry	Wanda L. Sacarias
Fayetteville	Washington	Richard A. Wells	Karen Grulkey
Fordyce	Dallas	Thomas D. Wynne, Jr.	Bettye Ross
Forrest City	St. Francis	Henry Wilkerson	Charles Hearne
Fort Smith	Sebastian	Lawson Cloninger	Charline Fitzpatrick
Greenwood	Sebastian	Wayland Parker	Eloise Stevenson
Hamburg	Ashley	Herman L. Hamilton	Beverly Bryan
Harrisburg	Poinsett	Edward S. Maddox	Hazel Henderson
Harrison	Boone	Donald Joe Adams	E. Byron Landers
Heber Springs	Cleburne	Earl Olmstead	G.A. Reid
Helena	Phillips	Edward Grauman	Evelyn Alexander
Hope	Hempstead	John L. Wilson, Jr.	Mildred Sallis
Hot Springs	Garland	Earl J. Mazander	Annie Jean Walker
Huntsville	Madison	W.Q. Hall	Juanita Morris
Jacksonville	Pulaski	Reed Williamson	Hazel Gossett
Jonesboro	Craighead	John States	Jeraldine Hatfield
Lake City	Craighead	John States	Jean Molder
Lewisville	Lafayette	Pat Robinson	Shirley Powell
Little Rock	Pulaski	William R. Butler (Traffic)	Junior Fleetwood
Little Rock	Pulaski	Jack Holt, Sr. (Civil/Criminal)	Kay Alexander
Magnolia	Columbia	William A. Eckert	Avonell S. Boyce
			Dora Anderson
			Joanne Beard
			Grace Griffin

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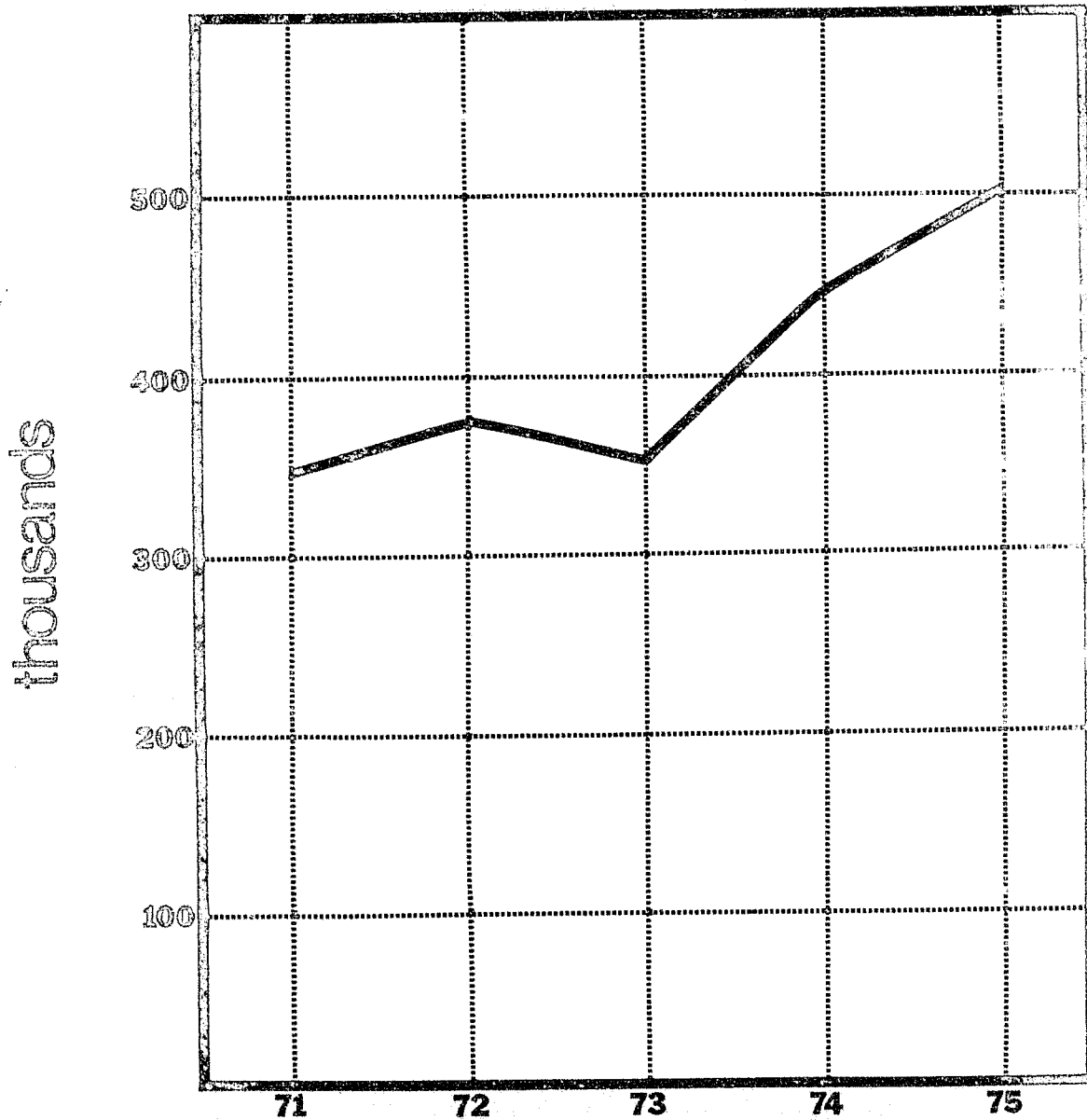
City	County	Judge	Clerk
Malvern	Hot Spring	William C. Gilliam	Joan Vick
Marianna	Lee	Daniel H. Felton, III	J.H. Smithson
Marshall	Searcy	John B. Driver	Frances R. Driver
McGehee	Desha	Robert M. Smith	Patricia Whitaker
Melbourne	Izard	L. Gray Dellinger	Rhonda Halbrook
Mena	Polk	Robert L. Shaw	Lavena Rackley
Monticello	Drew	E. Clinton Bond	David Smith
Morrilton	Conway	George J. Cambiano	Alyene Stroud
Mountain Home	Baxter	G. Fred Engeler, Jr.	Dee Byrd
Mountain View	Stone	William K. Isch	Mary Lou Looney
Mount Ida	Montgomery	Gayle Ford	Joan Ford
Mufreesboro	Pike	Lindell Hile	Buel Hawkins
Nashville	Howard	Edwin Alford	Kay McClure
Newport	Jackson	Wesley H. Bengel	J. Paul Heard
North Little Rock	Pulaski	Dean R. Morley	Betty Mathes
North Little Rock	Pulaski	Joel C. Cole (Traffic)	Bobby R. Reynolds
North Little Rock	Pulaski	Joel C. Cole (Civil/Criminal)	Bobby R. Reynolds
Osceola	Mississippi	James E. Hyatt, Jr.	Jean Hendrix
Paragould	Greene	C.B. Erwin	Emma Jean Cole
Paris	Logan	Ray Blair	Debra Rollans
Perryville	Perry	Herby Branscum, Jr.	Laura Sue Vaught
Piggott	Clay	Guy Brinkley	Janie Brinkley
Pine Bluff	Jefferson	Charles Goldberger	Dale Shepherd
Pocahontas	Randolph	A.A. Robinson	Geraldine Oakley
Prescott	Nevada	Joe M. Fore	Jamy S. Barnes
Rector	Clay	Guy Brinkley	Bertha Simmons
Rogers	Benton	Stephen A. Geigle	Jean Kincy
Russellville	Pope	Bob Bailey, Jr.	Esther Shuffield
Salem	Fulton	Lloyd Harper	Marcia Batterton
Searcy	White	C.E. Yingling, Jr.	Linda Hannah
Sheridan	Grant	J. Larry Allen	Kathleen Whitehead
Sherwood	Pulaski	Milas Hale	Marion G. Fray
Siloam Springs	Benton	Kent Watson	Opel Pelz
Springdale	Washington	James E. Evaris	Paul F. Burgess
Star City	Lincoln	Richard W. Byrd	Thomas Roark
Stuttgart	Arkansas	Cecil Matthews	Marie Spilker
Texarkana	Miller	Philip B. Purifoy	Mary Pankey
Trumann	Poinsett	Hubert L. Methvin	Mildred D. Browne
Van Buren	Crawford	Floyd Rogers	Georgia Cox
Waldron	Scott	Dewain W. Hodge	Betty Sunderman
Walnut Ridge	Lawrence	Leonard Lingo	Benson Hart
Warren	Bradley	Paul K. Roberts	Mrs. Dean Bryant
West Helena	Phillips	Garland Ridenour	Julia S. Adkins
West Memphis	Crittenden	Lindsey Fairley	Jean Hillencamp
Wynne	Cross	Everett Proctor	Olive Bock
Yellville	Marion	Michael E. Kelly	Joyce Newton

IN MEMORIAM

Judge Robert S. McGregor
November 27, 1975

MUNICIPAL COURTS

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MUNICIPAL COURTS — CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED, FINES COLLECTED — 1975

CASES FILED

FINES (IN DOLLARS)

Town	County	CASES FILED						FINES (IN DOLLARS)						
		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Civil	Total	D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Total Fines Assessed	Total Costs Assessed	Total Fines & Costs Collected
Huntsville	Madison	56	597	165	126	0	944	13,361	7,987	2,452	5,566	29,366	9,959	39,324
Jacksonville	Pulaski	408	2,813	558	1,013	24	4,816	48,910	72,343	13,442	43,368	178,063	47,107	180,197
Jonesboro	Craighead	649	4,080	1,210	2,912	578	9,429	137,942	52,527	12,057	42,078	244,604	56,313	286,411
Lake City	Craighead	81	327	114	227	38	787	16,670	1,635	570	2,415	21,290	17,832	35,254
Lewisville	Lafayette	114	692	242	442	3	1,493	9,448	8,056	4,752	19,556	41,812	40,078	29,528*
Little Rock	Pulaski (Traffic)	946	33,785	104,384	0	0	139,115	(1)	(1)	(1)	0	899,387	148,554	1,047,939
	(Civil/Criminal)	0	0	0	17,268	4,675	21,943	0	0	0	104,322	104,322	39,049	143,371
Magnolia	Columbia	150	1,387	442	808	24	2,811	16,650	7,045	5,376	15,148	44,219	52,165	96,384
Malvern	Hot Spring	246	1,319	996	550	10	3,121	33,372	26,819	16,859	19,083	96,133	24,581	116,453
Marianna	Lee	262	1,209	216	332	79	2,098	36,700	17,419	4,242	16,489	74,850	43,729	118,579
Marshall	Searcy	19	359	62	165	2	607	2,273	5,202	927	3,188	11,590	5,379	16,968
McGehee	Desha	123	812	294	339	64	1,623	22,334	25,932	10,557	18,756	77,579	6,339	81,538
Melbourne	Izard	35	270	181	90	0	576	5,490	4,757	3,244	3,776	17,267	5,966	23,233
Mena	Polk	141	1,332	0	565	61	2,099	18,014	21,334	0	29,080	68,428	13,724	82,152
Monticello	Drew	107*	513*	311*	318*	199	3,285	18,725*	10,854	7,236	9,045	86,866	8,620	94,537
Morrilton	Conway	299	1,234	686	1,778	53	4,050	26,609	12,789	4,716	23,280	67,394	47,356	114,839
Mountain Home	Baxter	274	1,985	580	943	59	3,841	37,924	26,125	9,761	42,913	116,723	61,044	142,404
Mountain View	Stone	87	267	155	860	0	1,369	4,450*	2,879*	1,577*	24,987*	47,468	15,418	62,886
Mount Ida	Montgomery	56	398	158	211	14	837	3,500*	935*	145*	2,395*	15,805	14,296	30,102
Murfreesboro	Pike	57	630	235	306	4	1,232	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	18,570	27,734	46,304
Nashville	Howard	96*	764*	0*	0*	0*	860*	17,600*	19,577*	0*	0*	37,177*	17,869*	48,540*
Newport	Jackson	281	1,471	0	1,485	136	3,373	48,300	38,273	0	38,608	125,181	13,247	138,427
N. Little Rock	Pulaski (Traffic)	681	11,969	2,535	0	0	15,185	(1)	(1)	(1)	0	332,155	128,145	448,952
	(Civil/Criminal)	0	0	0	4,937	847	5,784	0	0	0	87,801	87,801	25,300	89,960
Osceola	Mississippi	345	2,427	349	1,096	35	4,252	53,241	42,910	5,801	37,895	139,847	91,691	203,832
Paragould	Greene	364	126*	776*	1,235	463	3,639	49,965	9,287*	11,379*	17,502	96,254	54,645	112,696
Paris	Logan	205	518	234	428	11	1,396	18,678	6,139	3,143	7,132	35,092	16,654	45,600
Perryville	Perry	49	191	244	282	14	780	5,535	3,555	2,489	7,209	18,788	10,710	29,498
Piggott	Clay	114	314	396	166	6	996	18,659	8,426	15,201	14,370	56,656	14,236	70,901
Pine Bluff	Jefferson	880	13,986	4,420	4,922	2,268	26,476	103,280	201,995	76,880	147,022	529,177	243,201	772,378
Pocahontas	Randolph	151	799	967	337	36	2,290	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	85,866
Prescott	Nevada	173	1,722	377	360	38	2,670	21,327	18,195	6,487	19,899	65,908	66,339	119,699
Rector	Clay	33	312	55	65	13	478	4,412	5,605	990	3,936	14,943	6,314	21,257
Rogers	Benton	225	3,411	1,444	1,200	277	6,557	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	154,789	8,448*	165,433
Russellville	Pope	567	1,530	1,609	1,872	162	5,740	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	108,681	59,881	168,562
Salem	Fulton	45	281	50	152	1	529	7,894	4,641	587	5,136	18,258	8,327	26,585
Searcy	White	203	2,947	429	1,748	101	5,428	31,828	46,995	4,494	29,241	112,558	58,285	157,592
Sheridan	Grant	156	2,843	638	522	20	4,179	23,414	56,604	11,146	20,685	111,849	37,897	140,998

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CASES FILED

FINES (IN DOLLARS)

Town	County	CASES FILED					Total	FINES (IN DOLLARS)						
		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Civil		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Total Fines Assessed	Total Costs Assessed	Total Fines & Costs Collected
Sherwood	Pulaski	257	3,903	859	877	34	5,930	22,129	83,788	9,923	21,684	137,524	18,303	155,827
Siloam Springs	Benton	63*	190*	447*	41*	0*	741*	15,550*	2,981*	7,980*	6,000*	32,461*	NR	24,263*
Springdale	Washington	332	2,281	1,423	1,446	51	5,533	65,172	38,223	24,765	26,046	154,206	66,601	220,806
Star City	Lincoln	56	301	113	328	21	819	6,935	6,312	2,641	12,805	28,693	7,850	36,543
Stuttgart	Arkansas	272	1,148	404	1,148	208	3,180	27,842	34,345	8,656	21,749	92,592	39,971	132,116
Texarkana	Miller	522	3,981	1,739	3,611	63	9,916	64,475	63,807	34,398	75,163	237,843	162,832	274,937
Trumann	Poinsett	153	260	253	787	96	1,549	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	34,427	17,870	52,297
Van Buren	Crawford	239	0	2,145	1,606	89	4,079	39,553	0	32,462	48,827	120,842	47,979	144,537
Waldron	Scott	69	841	170	177	90	1,347	14,515	16,047	4,244	4,772	39,578	16,850	44,465
Walnut Ridge	Lawrence	202	1,525	321	883	98	3,029	33,290	14,226	4,595	19,407	71,518	59,584	127,935
Warren	Bradley	197	688	484	461	73	1,903	33,448	11,725	5,854	26,067	77,094	27,465	76,857
West Helena	Phillips	159	587	306	840	85	1,977	28,950	8,427	3,395	15,076	55,848	19,995	62,775
West Memphis	Crittenden	716	7,378	2,158	3,702	375	14,329	123,378	110,427	198,033	69,170	501,008	175,090	622,206
Wynne	Cross	279	587	228	609	51	1,754	35,637	6,792	2,915	19,388	64,732	24,661	89,394
Yellville	Marion	50	567	204	203	1	1,030	6,659	6,840	3,275	9,160	25,934	9,581	35,514
TOTALS		29,033	145,350	160,523	53,555	17,189	503,725	2,122,944	1,927,995	845,381	1,868,813	8,894,458	3,450,111	12,294,407

*Figures reported are for 1 year only.

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(1) Figures included in total.

CITY COURTS

Mayors of towns and second class cities are vested with judicial powers of justices of the peace and, at least in second class cities, have exclusive jurisdiction of violations of city ordinances. Formerly called "Mayors' Courts", these courts were designated "City Courts" by Act 153 of 1971.

There are no special qualifications for holding City Court other than being mayor and thus, the mayor is given broad powers to allow someone else to hold

court for him, or in case of absence or incapacity, the recorder is authorized to perform the functions of magistrate.

Unlike justice of the peace courts, there is no right to a jury trial. Judges of City Courts are compensated from the general fund of the city for the trial of criminal cases, but remuneration may not be based upon convictions.

POLICE COURTS

Police Courts were first created by Act No. 1 of 1875 for cities of the first class and since 1949 have been permitted for cities of the second class at the option of the city council. These courts serve a similar function and have jurisdictions similar to that of City Courts, but the Police Court Judge is elected as a judge rather than as an administrative officer and ex-officio judge.

Police Court Judges are not, however, required to have any particular qualifications for the office. As in the case of City Courts, jury trial is prohibited in prosecutions for violations of city ordinances. Police Courts are automatically abolished by the creation of a Municipal Court. Their reports are included in City Court statistics.

CITY AND POLICE COURTS - CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED, FINES COLLECTED

1975

CASES FILED

FINES (IN DOLLARS)

Town	County	CASES FILED					Total	FINES (IN DOLLARS)						
		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Civil		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Total Fines Assessed	Total Costs Assessed	Total Fines & Costs Collected
Ashdown	Little River	156	1,268	609	351	16	2,400	18,560	25,834	8,756	15,272	68,422	47,168	115,728
Atkins	Pope	17	18	27	35	1	98	3,197	678	906	1,760	6,541	745	4,684
Austin	Lonoke	0	17	5	0	1	23	0	346	32	0	378	0	378
Bald Knob	White	77	181	123	77	0	458	13,853	4,755	5,265	3,865	27,738	1,072	28,881
Bearden	Ouachita	24	78	93	65	0	260	3,440	1,433	1,385	1,282	7,540	1,546	9,086
Beebe	White	38	162	125	149	0	474	7,524	5,327	3,004	9,352	25,207	3,283	23,619
Biscoe	Prairie	21	229	25	21	0	296	3,193	4,373	662	783	9,011	0	9,011
∞ Bradford	White	20	30	34	42	0	126	3,679	1,011	781	1,416	6,887	378	6,887
Bradley	Lafayette	14	72	12	83	0	181	1,780	2,298	180	2,440	6,698	4,660	11,358
Bryant	Saline	4	19	1	25	0	49	503	326	20	682	1,531	228	1,759
Calico Rock	Izard	6	73	0	2	0	81	699	909	0	46	1,654	861	2,514
Carlisle	Lonoke	48	887	0	0	0	935	8,745	24,392	0	0	33,137	4,985	38,121
Cotter	Baxter	3	58	4	12	0	77	122	808	15	188	1,133	1,005	2,138
Cotton Plant	Woodruff	14	61	7	17	0	99	1,984	1,584	168	510	4,246	0	4,246
Danville	Yell	17	129	48	166	20	380	2,032	1,045	514	4,466	8,057	4,699	12,435
Dardanelle	Yell	12	98	70	38	0	218	1,983	2,924	631	2,186	7,724	NR	NR
Devalls Bluff	Prairie	31	396	53	9	78	924	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	33,396	1,572	34,967
Earle	Crittenden	41	191	38	92	0	362	9,647	6,107	2,031	6,225	24,010	NR	24,010
Emmett	Nevada	9	82	56	0	11	158	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	4,433	341	4,434
Eudora	Chicot	107	0	240	267	0	614	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	49,119	NR	49,119
Farmington	Washington	41	351	210	0	0	602	4,204	4,994	2,843	0	12,041	4,483	19,622

CITY AND POLICE COURTS - CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED, FINES COLLECTED

		1975						FINES (IN DOLLARS)						
		CASES FILED												
Town	County	D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Civil	Total	D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Total Fines Assessed	Total Costs Assessed	Total Fines & Costs Collected
Fouke	Miller	3	18	0	10	1	32	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1,734	178	1,912
Gentry	Benton	29	359	105	103	0	596	4,710	5,483	549	2,983	13,725	4,170	17,895
Gillett	Arkansas	10	12	13	26	0	61	1,309	568	150	830	2,857	401	3,254
Glenwood	Pike	52	204	111	21	0	388	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	20,065	143	20,065
Gosnell	Mississippi	5	95	0	24	0	124	690	2,281	0	493	3,464	182	3,624
Green	Carrick	26	68	73	43	0	210	3,005	920	2,070	2,435	8,430	2,371	10,801
Grubbs	Jackson	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	0	13	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	970	0	809
63 Gurdon	Clark	19	88	163	0	0	270	4,292	3,117	7,274	0	14,683	1,303	10,100
Hazen	Prairie	135	730	216	221	0	1,302	21,721	14,339	6,494	13,993	56,547	14,991	71,537
Holly Grove	Monroe	15	64	9	29	0	117	2,467	1,900	218	1,467	6,052	1,038	7,089
Horseshoe Bend	Izard	4	47	18	32	6	107	300	1,335	174	919	2,728	1,064	3,442
Hoxie	Lawrence	97	195	85	407	0	784	19,905	4,146	2,995	17,651	44,697	11,335	56,033
Hughes	St. Francis	111	631	197	341	0	1,280	10,367	12,570	4,361	15,706	43,004	10,795	53,798
Huttig	Union	1	0	13	1	0	15	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	430	135	565
Judsonia	White	26	26	36	40	0	128	5,987	994	933	1,873	9,787	128	9,915
Junction City	Union	7	9	0	24	0	40	893	183	0	678	1,754	256	1,908
Keiseo	Mississippi	1	5	0	15	0	21	128	228	0	598	954	219	1,173
Kensett	White	29	16	17	46	0	108	4,221	682	462	2,137	7,502	274	7,776
Lake Village	Chicot	203	442	218	293	0	1,156	22,609	6,424	3,706	9,080	41,819	10,999	52,818
Leachville	Mississippi	21	53	0	0	0	74	(1)	(1)	0	0	4,745	195	4,940

CITY AND POLICE COURTS - CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED, FINES COLLECTED

1975

CASES FILED

FINES (IN DOLLARS)

	CASES FILED							FINES (IN DOLLARS)							
	Town	County	D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Civil	Total	D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Total Fines Assessed	Total Costs Assessed	Total Fines & Costs Collected
	Lepanto	Poinsett	107	305	169	271	0	852	13,396	5,979	4,102	7,248	30,725	0	NR
	Lincoln	Washington	54	641	71	172	0	938	8,701	12,203	312	7,074	28,290	5,981	31,903
	London	Pope	6	32	4	5	0	47	984	605	350	158	2,097	598	2,694
	Luxora	Mississippi	12	20	12	173	0	217	1,156	461	262	4,269	6,148	2,631	10,212
	Magazine	Logan	7	31	119	0	0	157	522	679	1,519	0	2,720	NR	NR
	Manila	Mississippi	19	67	89	0	0	175	2,945	2,263	1,826	0	7,034	1,044	8,078
	Marion	Crittenden	46	205	37	0	25	313	7,718	7,559	2,240	0	17,517	1,985	19,502
06	Marked Tree	Poinsett	243	637	247	504	11	1,642	24,290	13,654	5,442	14,637	58,023	10,734	68,757
	Marvell	Phillips	64	394	77	232	0	767	13,000	7,713	1,285	8,911	30,909	9,504	36,396
	McCrary	Woodruff	24	136	74	51	0	285	4,600	2,989	2,592	1,834	12,015	3,466	15,481
	McRae	White	2	38	8	4	7	59	200	1,306	129	92	1,727	141	1,868
	Mulberry	Crawford	9	67	41	62	0	179	1,057	1,008	530	1,664	4,259	575	4,834
	Norphlet	Union	7	46	9	4	6	72	1,265	973	332	222	2,792	375	2,951
	Ola	Yell	14	68	43	112	1	238	1,706	794	553	3,302	6,355	2,037	8,391
	Ozark	Franklin	32	270	15	7	103	427	3,969	6,542	201	595	11,307	3,699	13,196
	Parkin	Cross	27	56	139	0	0	222	4,320	1,339	6,668	0	12,327	1,845	14,172
	Prairie Grove	Washington	64	399	0	159	0	622	8,752	6,126	0	3,876	18,754	4,741	20,487
	Redfield	Jefferson	0	35	16	0	0	51	0	530	145	0	675	277	952
	Smackover	Union	41	162	82	92	0	377	8,482	5,250	716	4,967	19,415	0	18,805
	Sparkman	Dallas	6	0	113	0	0	119	587	0	2,281	0	2,868	481	3,349
	Stamps	Lafayette	(1)	(1)	(1)	58	0	260	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12,625	8,346	18,023

CITY AND POLICE COURTS - CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED, FINES COLLECTED

1975

CASES FILED

FINES (IN DOLLARS)

Town	County	CASES FILED					Total	FINES (IN DOLLARS)						
		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Civil		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Total Fines Assessed	Total Costs Assessed	Total Fines & Costs Collected
Stephens	Ouachita	11	32	7	7	0	57	1,986	717	124	410	3,237	0	3,237
Strong	Union	6	42	0	43	0	91	1,085	831	0	1,271	3,187	170	3,357
St, Charles	Arkansas	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	158	0	0	158	8	166
Sulpher Spring	Benton	14	24	26	0	0	64	3,673	251	1,046	0	4,970	1,127	6,085
Sunset	Crittenden	0	21	0	9	0	30	0	210	0	121	331	0	331
Taylor	Columbia	3	72	0	5	0	80	413	2,314	0	346	3,073	0	3,073
Tuckerman	Jackson	19	30	29	56	0	134	3,455	1,046	1,042	2,214	7,757	369	7,939
Turrell	Crittenden	0	11	2	3	0	16	0	171	10	125	306	0	306
Waldo	Columbia	12	52	49	40	0	153	1,200	692	510	1,117	3,519	1,092	3,768
Ward	Lonoke	21	257	100	79	0	457	3,396	7,821	2,441	2,429	16,087	1,103	17,190
West Fork	Washington	79	295	72	0	0	446	11,612	6,888	2,113	0	20,613	4,418	20,966
White Hall	Jefferson	61	123	79	37	0	300	7,865	2,122	1,400	885	12,272	1,941	13,959
Wilmot	Ashley	4	425	68	86	0	583	447	6,340	414	1,745	8,946	8,175	17,121
STATE TOTALS		2,508	12,458	4,851	5,398	287	26,074	330,531	251,848	97,164	190,828	997,888	214,061	1,140,000

(1) Included in total

NR — Not Reported

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

The Justices of the Peace are both judicial and, through their function on the county Court, legislative officers. Their jurisdiction as judicial officers is, basically, to hear misdemeanor cases and civil cases when the amount in controversy does not exceed three hundred dollars.

Justices of the Peace have in the past been elected by popular vote on a township basis, one justice for every 200 electors but at least two for each township. Amendment 55 to the Arkansas Constitution, adopted November 5, 1974 and effective except for Sections 1 and 4 on that date, changes the number of Justices of the Peace who may serve on the Quorum Court and their manner of election. Section 2 (a) of that Amendment provides: "No county's Quorum Court shall be comprised of fewer than nine (9) Justices of

the Peace, nor comprised of more than fifteen (15) Justices of the Peace. The number of Justices of the Peace that comprise a county's Quorum Court shall be determined by law. The county's Election Commission shall, after each decennial census, divide the county into convenient and single member districts so that the Quorum Court shall be based upon the inhabitants of the county with each member representing, as nearly as practicable, an equal number thereof."

Compensation of justices for their judicial functions has been on a fee basis for the last one hundred years, but this was held unconstitutional in criminal cases where the payment of the fee depended on a conviction. Legislation has been passed authorizing the County Quorum Court to provide compensation in those cases.

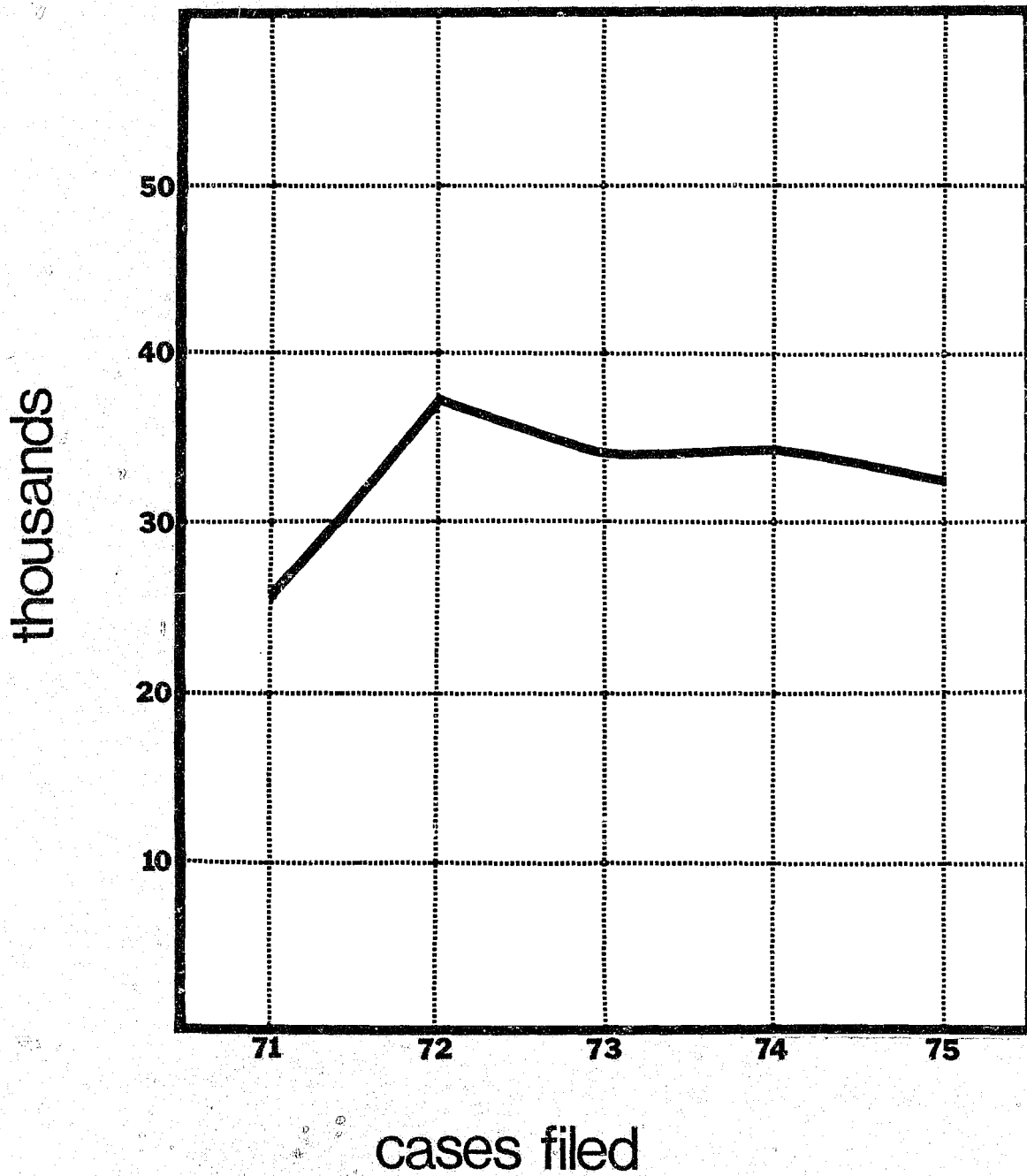
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS — CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED — 1975

Town	County	CASES FILED						FINES (IN DOLLARS)						
		D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Civil	Total	D.W.I.	Other Moving Traffic	Other Traffic	Criminal	Total Fines Assessed	Total Costs Assessed	Total Fines & Costs Collected
Bay	Craighead	22	21	3	42	0	88	3,235	360	45	845	4,485	1,509	5,994
Carthage	Dallas	6	0	0	0	0	6	385	0	0	0	385	0	385
Danville	Yell	14	75	27	99	11	226	1,220	888	262	3,132	5,502	4,049	9,551
Dardanelle	Yell	23	104	0	67	0	194	2,499	2,844	0	4,075	9,418	915	10,333
England	Lonoke	57	298	122	126	0	603	18,798	14,489	4,128	11,540	48,955	NR*	48,955
Fordyce	Dallas	2	22	32	4	129	189	278	821	818	414	2,331	931	3,262
Gould	Lincoln	26	0	260	41	10	337	3,530	0	7,535	1,028	12,093	0	12,093
Grady	Lincoln	40	444	86	22	0	592	6,356	13,258	3,320	1,040	23,974	0	23,974
Hampton	Calhoun	59	395	138	131	0	723	7,982	8,055	2,470	5,898	24,405	6,155	30,560
Hardy	Sharp	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	300	300	68	368
Jasper	Newton	11	170	81	33	38	333	1,550	3,482	1,220	948	7,200	2,454	9,654
Nashville	Howard	4	36	13	28	0	81	319	365	150	480	1,314	1,322	2,636
Norfolk	Baxter	7	38	22	13	0	80	710	777	305	250	2,042	384	2,426
Ozark	Franklin	158	1,806	65	344	0	2,373	17,074	22,707	8,847	11,185	59,813	46,666	106,479
Sparkman	Dallas	0	0	0	40	0	40	0	0	0	1,227	1,227	216	1,443
Thornton	Calhoun	0	115	21	8	8	152	0	3,056	253	210	3,519	87	3,606
STATE TOTALS		429	3,524	870	1,004	196	6,023	63,936	71,102	29,353	42,572	206,963	64,756	271,719

*NR-Not Reported

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CITY, POLICE & J.P. COURTS 1971-1975



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