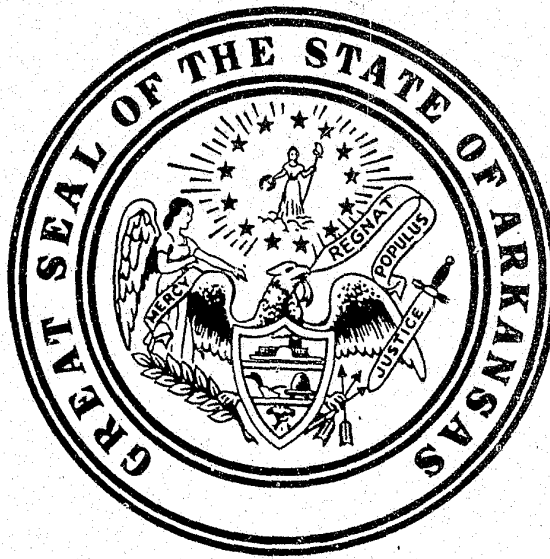


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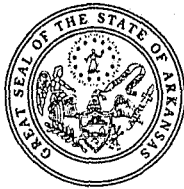
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To the Honorable, the Chief Justice
of the Supreme Court of Arkansas:

For its Twelfth 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 1976 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
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To the Honorable David Pryor, Governor and
Members of the Seventy-first General Assembly

Submitted herewith is the Twelfth Annual Report of the Executive Secretary of the Judicial Department of Arkansas. The Report includes court statistics for the year 1976 with comparative data for previous years. It will be noted that the 551 appeals handled by the Supreme Court during 1976 represents an all time high and an increase of 15.03 percent over the level recorded during 1975. Criminal appeals totaled 201 during 1976 and account for a major part of the increase, rising by 21.82 percent over the level of 165 recorded during 1975. Justices of the Supreme Court wrote an average of over 73 opinions each in 1976 as compared with an average of 65 during 1975, substantially above the national average for states without an intermediate appellate court. Total workload of the Court increased by almost 30 percent during 1976 as compared with 1975. Despite the heavy workload, the Court remains current, but it will be difficult for the Court to keep pace with its skyrocketing workload in the years to come unless help in the form of an intermediate appellate court for Arkansas is forthcoming.

The workload in Circuit and Chancery Courts continued to set new records, with total filings in Circuit Court reaching an all time high of 33,013, an increase of 0.66 percent over 1975, and Chancery filings (excluding probate) totaled 29,749, 3.33 percent over 1975. In spite of a high number of terminations in both Circuit and Chancery Courts, 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 near the end of 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,

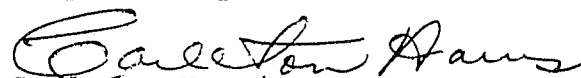

Carleton Harris
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FOREWORD

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A. The Early Times

The Territory of Arkansas was established by Act of Congress in 1819. The act provided that the president appoint a Governor, a Secretary, and three Superior Court Judges to tend to the young territory's executive, legislative and judicial affairs. James Miller of New Hampshire was appointed governor by President James Monroe in March of 1819. He didn't reach Arkansas Post to assume his duties until the following December, however, so Secretary Robert Crittenden ran the show while the new governor was en route to Arkansas.

Crittenden and the three Superior Judges, Andrew Scott, Charles Jouett, and Robert P. Letcher, met in legislative session in August of 1819 at Arkansas Post. Two of the six laws they enacted dealt with the judiciary: one divided the territory into two Judicial Districts [It looks like the reapportionment problem has been with us from the beginning. — Ed.] and the other set terms of court for the Superior Court.

Shortly after the adjournment of the Provisional Legislature, Jouett and Letcher left the territory without having exercised any of the judicial functions of their offices. Judge Scott remained and convened court at Arkansas Post on January 10, 1820, and was the only judge in Arkansas territory for the next year and a half.

The Territory of Arkansas was a wild and lawless place, so the fact that Arkansas had only one Superior Judge for so long aroused a great deal of public indignation. A lack of adequate manpower was only one of the problems which plagued the early Arkansas judiciary, however. Judicial conduct, dereliction of duty and dueling were some of the other serious problems which beset the Arkansas Court System.

In the early part of 1824 two Superior Court Judges, Andrew Scott and Joseph Selden, found themselves in heated disagreement on a regular basis. Things went from bad to worse, at which time the two jurists decided to settle their differences. They didn't go to court, however: they crossed the territorial boundary into Tennessee and settled their dispute at ten paces. Judge Scott was never bothered by Judge Selden again, although friends of the late Judge Selden blocked Senate confirmation of Scott's reappointment to the bench later that year.

Despite all its problems, some semblance of justice managed to prevail in the early days of the Arkansas judicial system. When Congress established Arkansas Territory in 1819 it vested the judicial power in a three-judge Superior Court, inferior courts as established by the legislative department of the territory, and justices of the peace.

Superior Court jurisdiction encompassed all cases at law and equity, with each Superior Judge serving also as a Circuit Judge and any two of the three Superior Judges sitting as an appeals court. Since the Superior Court had original as well as appellate jurisdiction, both grand and petit juries were integral parts of its operations. This situation continued until 1828 when the territorial legislature divested the Superior Court of original jurisdiction, although its judges continued to serve as Circuit Judges.

The territorial judicial system remained virtually the same from 1819 to 1836, when Arkansas was admitted to the Union. The new State's population was 47,700; Little Rock's population was about 1,500.

The judicial department of the State of Arkansas operated under four Constitutions during the 38 years following statehood. It was basically the same under each: a Supreme Court, Circuit Courts, County Courts, and Justices of the Peace. Under the Constitution of 1861, which was written in accordance with the Confederate secession, Probate Courts and Corporation Courts were added to the system. These were abolished under the Unionist Constitution of 1864, under which the legislature was given power to establish courts of Chancery. The 1868 Reconstruction Constitution left the court system intact.

Organization of the Arkansas Supreme Court was completed in November of 1836 when a clerk was appointed. A problem remained, however: there were no attorneys licensed to practice before the court, as required by legislative enactment. The law required that all attorneys, regardless of experience or professional standing, submit to examination by the Court, before being allowed to practice before the Arkansas Supreme Court. A solution to this problem was reached when the Court examined and licensed two prominent attorneys who in turn were appointed to examine nine other attorneys, all of whom were thereafter licensed.

From 1836 until 1861 the Chief Justice and the two Associate Justices were elected by the legislature. Provision was made in the Constitution of 1861 for appointment of the three Justices by the Governor, with Senate confirmation. The Constitution of 1864 provided for the election of three Justices, while the Constitution of 1868 enlarged the Court's membership to five.

B. Today's Court System

The Constitution of 1874 established the Arkansas judiciary as we know it today. Under Section 1 of Article 7 of the Constitution of 1874, the judicial power is ". . . vested in one Supreme Court, in

circuit courts, in county and probate courts, and in justices of the peace . . .". The Section further provides that the General Assembly may establish jurisdiction in municipal corporation courts, courts of common pleas, and separate courts of chancery.

Membership of the Supreme Court was reduced from five to three under the 1874 Constitution, with a provision that two additional Justices could be added when the State's population reached one million. When this figure was reached in 1889 the legislature authorized the increase to five members.

By 1923 the workload of the Supreme Court had exceeded the Court's capacity. The General Assembly submitted to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment, which was passed and became Amendment No. 9 to the Constitution of 1874. Under authority granted by this amendment, the General Assembly enlarged the Supreme Court's membership to its present seven justices.

Courts of general jurisdiction in Arkansas are the Circuit Courts and the Chancery Courts, the former exercising criminal and civil jurisdiction matters at law and the latter equitable jurisdiction. From 1874 to 1903 many circuit courts heard matters of both law and equity, although chancery courts existed in a few counties. In 1903, by Act 166, the General Assembly established chancery courts in all counties in Arkansas. The separation of law and equity thus effected has remained a unique feature of the Arkansas judiciary.

Chancery Judges, in addition to presiding over Chancery Court, also serve as Probate Judges and preside over matters relating to wills, guardianships, adoptions, commitments, and the like. Descriptions of Circuit, Chancery and Probate Court jurisdiction and organization may be found elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Arkansas' lower courts, or courts of limited jurisdiction, are a mosaic of six distinct entities. The major court of limited jurisdiction is the Municipal Court, and it is the only limited jurisdiction court which requires that the judge have a law degree. Municipal Courts were first established by the General Assembly in 1927 under the Constitutional power granted it in Article 7, section 1. Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts is the same as Justices of the Peace for civil and criminal matters, and a few Municipal Courts have recently established small claims divisions.

Justice of the Peace Courts were sharply reduced in number on January 1, 1977, when Amendment 55 to the Constitution took effect. The amendment extensively reorganized county government, and drastically reduced the number of justices of the peace in every county.

City and police courts exercise essentially the same jurisdiction as justice courts. Courts of common pleas exist in only a few counties to hear matters of contract and other civil matters not involving title to real estate. County courts, presided over by the county judge, hear bastardy and juvenile matters. Since 1969, county judges have been authorized to appoint juvenile referees to decide cases involving juveniles, and

in 1975 the General Assembly enacted an act requiring that any juvenile referees appointed be licensed attorneys.

As noted earlier, the Arkansas court system as established under the Constitution of 1874 remains virtually the same from an organizational standpoint. In 1963, however, substantial administrative changes began to take shape. The General Assembly that year established the Arkansas Judicial Commission which, during its two-year life, conducted extensive research on all court activity statewide. Its efforts resulted in an extensive report to the 1965 General Assembly which served as a catalyst for the passage of Act 496 of 1965. This Act designated the Chief Justice as administrative director of all courts and created the office of Executive Secretary of the Judicial Department to assist the Chief Justice in the administration of the court system. The Executive Secretary is appointed by the Chief Justice with the approval of the State Judicial Council. The Judicial Department has grown since its inception and, in addition to administrative assistance to the Chief Justice, provides statistical information to courts, government agencies, and the public, conducts continuing judicial education programs, receives and disseminates information concerning judicial activity, provides management assistance to courts, and a variety of other services.

The Arkansas Judicial Council, a voluntary organization of all Supreme Court Justices and Circuit and Chancery Judges founded in 1940, has, over the last decade, tremendously increased its role in the judicial system. It meets twice annually and, in cooperation with the Judicial Department, conducts educational seminars at its meetings on current judicial topics.

Effective January 1, 1979, by Act 432 of 1977 and largely as a result of deliberations by the temporary State Board of Judicial Apportionment, the State of Arkansas will be divided into twenty circuits. Under this act, and for the first time in recent years, the geographical boundaries of judicial and chancery circuits will coincide. Also, three judgeships will have combined jurisdiction; that is, both law and equity jurisdiction. Another noteworthy result of the 1977 General Assembly in regard to courts is Senate Joint Resolution 5, which proposes a Constitutional amendment to permit establishment of an intermediate court of appeals. If adopted at the 1978 general election, the amendment will help ease the workload of the already-overburdened Arkansas Supreme Court.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SYSTEM

The Arkansas Court System 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 96 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 of 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. 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 Arkansas Judicial Department 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-man-

aged 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.

1976 IN REVIEW

Arkansas' new Criminal Code and Rules of Criminal Procedure went into effect on January 1, 1976. The Code and Rules were the result of the efforts of the Supreme Court's and Attorney General's Criminal Code Revision Commission. On July 1, 1976, Arkansas' Uniform Rules of Evidence became effective.

On January 9, 1976, the new Rotunda Courtroom of the Supreme Court was formally dedicated. The courtroom completed the Justice Building's facilities as originally planned more than twenty years ago, and provides the court with its first "permanent" courtroom since 1957.

1976 was an election year, and brought some changes in the Arkansas judiciary. Chief Justice Carleton Harris and Associate Justice Frank Holt were re-elected to eight year terms on the Supreme Court, while Chancellor Darrell Hickman was elected Associate Justice, for a six year term, to the position formerly held by Justice Lyle Brown. Several new trial judges were elected during 1976. Circuit Judge John Lineberger of Fayetteville was elected Chancery Judge in the Thirteenth Chancery Circuit; Paul Jameson of Fayetteville was elected Circuit Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit; Nell Powell Wright of Mountain Home was elected Chancellor for the Eleventh Chancery Circuit; Howard Templeton of Jonesboro was elected Chancery Judge in the Twelfth Chancery Circuit; and Gerald Brown of Paragould was appointed Circuit Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge John Mosby.

Workload in nearly every phase of the court system continued to climb during 1976, although the percentage increases were, generally, the lowest in several years. A notable exception to the slowdown in workload increase was the workload of the Supreme Court, which skyrocketed to the highest levels ever recorded.

As one method to deal with its growing workload, the Supreme Court began sitting in divisions in September of 1976. This measure, taken under Constitutional authority, is intended to enable the Court to stay current until other remedial measures, such as an intermediate appellate court, can be taken. 1976 was also the second full year during which Supreme Court Rule 21, pertaining to nonpublication of certain opinions, was in effect. This Rule is designed to help alleviate the Justices' opinion writing duties, which are among the heaviest in the nation.

The temporary State Board of Judicial Apportionment, established by the Legislature to realign the boundaries of Judicial Circuits and Chancery Circuits in Arkansas, completed its deliberations during 1976. Its report to the General Assembly will play a major part in determining the geographical boundaries of court circuits effective January 1, 1979.

On December 6, 1976, the Supreme Court, by per curiam order, established the Arkansas Judicial Planning Committee. It directed the committee to engage in both long and short range planning for improving the Arkansas Judicial System. This marks the first attempt at formalized planning for the entire court system, and the project is made possible by funding from the Arkansas Crime Commission.

In sum, the year 1976 was one of change and movement for the Arkansas judiciary. It will be marked as a year of beginning new projects and one of ending long efforts.

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	Circuit Judge Melvin Mayfield
Vice President	Chancellor Warren Kimbrough
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	M. Steele Hays
Member	Charles Goldberger

The Executive Committee of the Council is composed of:

Circuit Judge Randall Williams, Chairman
Chancellor John Lineberger
Circuit Judge John Holland
Circuit Judge Jack Graves
Chancellor Richard Mobley
Chancellor John Jernigan
Justice Darrell Hickman

CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

In 1976, the Judicial Department of Arkansas continued its program of providing Continuing Judicial Education for the judges, clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, and court-related personnel of the Arkansas court system. This Judicial Education program is being funded, to the extent of 90%, with federal funds awarded to the department, under LEAA Grants made by the Arkansas Crime Commission, and, to the extent of the remaining 10%, from state funds appropriated by the Arkansas General Assembly.

During the year, two seminars were conducted by the Judicial Department for the trial judges of general jurisdiction and the justices of the Supreme Court. In

April, a four-day seminar, dealing with the new Arkansas Criminal Code (Act 280 of 1975) and the new Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, held at the DeGray Lodge, DeGray State Park, was attended by forty-one judges and justices.

In October, a four-day seminar, dealing with the new Arkansas Rules of Evidence, Judicial Ethics, Sentencing, Community Based Rehabilitation, and Docket Management, held at the Ramada Inn in Russellville, was attended by forty-five judges and justices.

Earlier in the year, in January, the Department conducted a three-day seminar at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock, also dealing with the new Arkansas Criminal Code (Act 280 of 1975), and this seminar was attended by fifteen Circuit Judges, thirteen Municipal Judges and six Prosecuting Attorneys.

In April, the Department sponsored and conducted a three-day workshop and seminar in Hot Springs for the Court Reporters of the trial courts of General Jurisdiction, and this seminar was attended by twenty-two Court Reporters.

Also, in April, the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator conducted a three-day seminar in Hot Springs for the Prosecuting Attorneys, dealing with the new Arkansas Uniform Rules of Evidence. The Judicial Department provided the funds to sponsor this seminar, which was attended by thirty-seven Prosecuting Attorneys and Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys.

The Judicial Education Program also provided for 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 1976 was the National College of the State Judiciary, located at the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada. During the year, thirteen judges and one court administrator attended the National College of the State Judiciary, and, while there, these fourteen people completed twenty-five weeks of Judicial Education Courses.

Three judges attended the two-week "Trial Judges Academy" conducted by the American Academy of Judicial Education at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado.

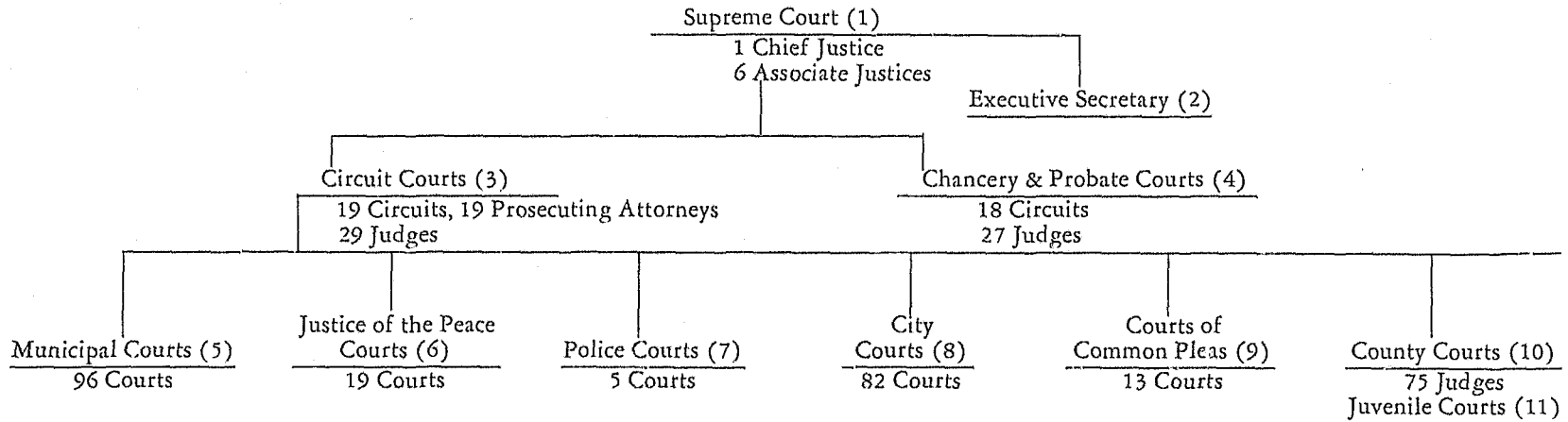
One judge, two court administrators, and four court clerks attended one week Technology Workshops conducted by the Institute for Court Management.

The schools 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 foregoing schools, various schools or seminars throughout the country were attended by the following personnel:

- 1) One Supreme Court Justice
- 2) Two Judges
- 3) Eight Prosecuting Attorneys or Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys
- 4) One Court Administrator
- 5) Two Supreme Court Law Clerks

ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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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

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Roy, J.

Byrd, J.

Holt, J.

Hickman, J.

Smith, J.

Harris, C. J.

Fogleman, J.

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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 workload of 1,037 dispositions during calendar year 1976 is by far the largest of record, and represents an increase of 29.63% over the workload during 1975.

The 551 appeals decided by the Court during 1976 is the highest level ever recorded, and exceeds by 15.03% the level reported for 1975. Criminal appeals continued to increase dramatically during 1976, numbering over 200 (201) for the first time ever and exceeding by 21.82% the level recorded during 1975. Civil appeals increased by 11.47% during 1976 as compared with 1975.

Total petitions terminated during 1976 was 186, an increase of 19.23% over the level reported for 1975. Criminal petitions increased by 21.05% while civil petitions rose by 17.50%. Substantive motions processed during 1976 increased tremendously, rising to 300, and compared to the 165 motions during 1975 this figure represents an increase of 81.82%.

Motions for extension of time which were granted during 1976 increased along with everything else, numbering 1,102 as compared with 991 during 1975.

The seven Justices of the Supreme Court wrote an average of 73 opinions apiece during 1976, compared with 65 during 1975; these figures do not include per curiams. The total of 551 majority opinions, including per curiams, represents an average of 79

opinions per justice during 1976, compared with a total of 469 during 1975 (67 per justice). In addition to the majority opinions, 72 written opinions were also filed by the Supreme Court; this figure includes 55 dissenting opinions, eleven concurring opinions, and six opinions dissenting in part/concurring in part. The grand total of all written opinions during 1976 is 624, or an average of 89 per justice.

On September 4, 1976, the Arkansas Supreme Court began sitting in divisions pursuant to Constitutional authority in order to better cope with its burgeoning caseload. Under the scheme, three Associate Justices and the Chief Justice comprise each of the two divisions. If any justice in a division dissents in a case before that division, then the case goes to the Court en banc for decision. Since the Chief Justice sits with both divisions of the Court, his written opinion total has decreased under this arrangement but he must, as a result of his sitting with both divisions, read all briefs and materials filed with the Court. It is too early as yet to determine whether this admittedly stopgap arrangement will afford any relief to the Court.

SUPREME COURT TIME SURVEY

The Judicial Department has been tracking selected cases through the Supreme Court in order to provide information relating to the amount of time required to process cases through the court system. In addition, this survey is aimed at providing a glimpse at the amount of time required in lower courts to try those cases which are eventually appealed to the Supreme Court. It is recognized that the amount of time required to process these cases in Circuit and Chancery Courts is in all likelihood greater than the time required to process the ordinary case which is not appealed. This is due to the generally more complex questions of fact, law, and procedure which exist in cases appealed to the Supreme Court.

The number of cases comprising the survey does not necessarily represent all matters presented to the Supreme Court during the calendar years 1975 and 1976; certain cases were discarded due to exceptional circumstances which tended to skew the statistical objectives of the survey. Overall, the number of appeals comprising the survey represents a substantial percentage of those matters decided by the Supreme Court during the calendar years 1975 and 1976.

A. Criminal Cases

1. 1975. A total of 130 criminal cases decided during 1975 were surveyed by the Judicial Depart-

ment. The average length of time required to process those cases in Circuit Court was nearly 217 days, or just over seven months. An average of almost 170 days (roughly 5½ months) elapsed from trial to filing of the record with the Supreme Court. After the record was filed with the Supreme Court, it took about 126 days (approximately four months) before the average case was submitted for decision. Once submitted, the average length of time which passed before decision by the Supreme Court was just under 19 days.

The average time from record filing to decision by the Supreme Court was 145 days, or approximately four months and three weeks. The average time required to process the surveyed cases from filing to decision (which represents total time in the Arkansas court system) was nearly 532 days, which translates into about one year, five and one-half months.

Part of the time required to process cases in the Arkansas Supreme Court is due to granting of continuances. Generally speaking, appellants request longer time extensions than appellees and are granted same and, since the Supreme Court Clerk may grant only one time extension per party without written motion, and then not in excess of seven days, the Supreme Court grants longer time extensions than does the Court Clerk. It should be noted that any request for an extension of time in excess of seven days must be in the form of a written motion to the Court and that, after the Court has granted such a motion, a party may not request the Clerk to grant an additional seven days' extension. The following table reflects the various time sequences involved in processing a criminal case from filing through Supreme Court decision during 1975.

Time Sequence	Average # Days Per Case
a. filing to trial	216.68
b. trial to record filing	169.87
c. record filing to submission	126.17
d. submission to decision	18.90
record filing to decision	145.07
TOTAL, filing to decision	531.62

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellant = 22.34

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellee = 16.11

2. 1976. During 1976, the Judicial Department surveyed a total of 160 criminal cases decided by the Supreme Court. It took an average of almost 177 days, or roughly five months and three weeks, to process each of those cases in Circuit Court. An average of about 166 days (5½ months) elapsed between trial of these cases and filing of the record with the Supreme Court. Once the record was filed with the Court, it took nearly 127 days (about four months) before the average case was submitted for decision. Once submitted, it took an average of just over 19 days before decided by the Supreme Court.

The average time from record filing to decision by the Court was almost 145 days, which translates roughly into four months and three weeks. The average time required to process the 160 surveyed cases from filing to decision (total time in the court system) was nearly 489 days per case, or about one year and four months.

Little change can be noted from 1975 to 1976 in the average for each time sequence, except for the average time in Circuit Court, which was significantly less during 1976 than during 1975: the average time which elapsed from filing to trial during 1976 was nearly 40 days less than the average for 1975. In all other areas little, if any, change occurred.

The average number of days each case was continued on motion of appellant dropped slightly during 1976 as compared with 1975, to about 20 days as compared with just over 22. A sharp decrease occurred in the average number of days each case was continued on motion of appellee: from about 16 days during 1975 to about seven during 1976. The following table reflects the information discussed above:

Time Sequence	Average # Days Per Case
a. filing to trial	176.81
b. trial to record filing	166.05
c. record filing to submission	126.52
d. submission to decision	19.40
record filing to decision	145.92
TOTAL, filing to decision	488.80

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellant = 20.05

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellee = 6.76

B. Civil Cases

1. 1975. A total of 276 civil cases decided by the Arkansas Supreme Court during calendar year 1975 were surveyed by the Judicial Department. Generally speaking, the average civil case is in the court system longer than the average criminal case. The bulk of this extra time, based on the survey results, is in the time elapsing from filing to trial in Circuit or Chancery Court, where the average case during 1975 required nearly 441 days (approximately one year, 2½ months) to get from filing to trial. For the time period from trial to record filing with the Supreme Court, however, the average civil case requires substantially less time than does the average criminal case: just over 131 days (a bit over four months) during 1975, whereas the average criminal case that year took nearly 170 days. This difference is possibly due to transcript preparation times.

The average time from record filing to submission to the Court during 1975 was just over 142 days (about four months and three weeks) for each civil case. Once submitted, an average of about 19 days elapsed before the Supreme Court handed down its decision.

Just over 161 days (a bit over five months) elapsed from record filing to decision on the average, while nearly 734 days (about two years) was required on the average for each of the 276 civil cases surveyed to go from filing in the lower courts to final resolution by the Supreme Court.

Continuances are generally much shorter in length when granted in civil cases than in criminal cases. Again, appellants seek more continuances than do appellees. During 1975, each civil case was continued an average of nearly eleven days on motion of appellant and an average of about six days on motion of appellee. The table below illustrates the data discussed above:

Time Sequence	Average # Days Per Case
a. filing to trial	440.79
b. trial to record filing	131.42
c. record filing to submission	142.28
d. submission to decision	19.14
record filing to decision	161.42
TOTAL, filing to decision	733.62

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellant = 10.74

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellee = 6.22

2. 1976. The Judicial Department surveyed 317 civil cases decided by the Supreme Court during 1976. As in 1975, the average length of time from filing to trial in Circuit or Chancery Court was much longer for civil cases than the average for criminal cases; but it was not as long as the average for the same time period during 1975. Nearly 411 days (about 3½ months) elapsed from filing to trial in the average civil case during 1976, a decrease of about 30 days from the 1975 average. The average time elapsing between trial and record filing with the Supreme Court during 1976 was about 129 days (just over four months), relatively unchanged from the average for that time period in 1975. After the record was filed with the Supreme Court, about 152 days (5 months) passed before the average civil case was submitted. Once submitted, it took nearly 29 days for the Supreme Court to render a decision, on the average. This figure is substantially higher than the average for 1975, and is probably due in large measure to the fact that the Supreme Court's workload skyrocketed during 1976 in terms of appeals, motions and petitions and in terms of majority opinions written.

The total time elapsing from record filing with the Supreme Court to final decision during 1976 in the average civil case was nearly 181 days (about six months), while the total time from filing to decision averaged almost 721 days (approximately one year, eleven and one-half months) per case.

Each of the 317 survey cases was continued an average of just over eleven days on motion of appellant, and was continued an average of nearly eight

days on motion of appellee. The table below reflects the data discussed above.

Time Sequence	Average # Days Per Case
a. filing to trial	410.85
b. trial to record filing	129.06
c. record filing to submission	152.09
d. submission to decision	28.54
record filing to decision	180.63
TOTAL, filing to decision	720.54

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellant = 11.48

Average number days each case continued on motion of appellee = 7.82

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 the 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.

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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)

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The Chairman is Mr. William M. Moorhead, whose address is 602 South College Street, Stuttgart, AR 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
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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 AMI. Members of the Committee are:

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 Prof. Frederic K. Spies, Little Rock
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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 continued its work with funding assistance from the Arkansas Crime Commission. The Committee is expected to complete its work by the end of 1977. Members of the Committee are:

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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 is expected to complete its work by the end of 1977.

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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, Robert K. Walsh, Dean, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law School; Ex-Officio, Honorable Bill Clinton, Attorney General. Members of the Committee appointed by the Supreme Court are:

4-year term	Term Expires
W. H. Sutton	June 30, 1979
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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:

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ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

1976 APPEALS

Disposition	CRIMINAL				Total	CIVIL			Total	Grand Total
	Post Conviction	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor		Law	Equity	Probate		
Affirmed	16	8	107	8	139	100	80	12	192	331
Reversed	1	0	9	0	10	18	16	2	36	46
Reversed and Remanded	1	0	26	1	28	22	11	3	36	64
Dismissed without Opinion	1	1	6	0	8	22	13	1	36	44
Affirmed in part, Reversed in part	0	1	4	0	5	8	8	1	17	22
Reversed and Dismissed	0	0	3	0	3	13	5	0	18	21
Affirmed as Modified or on Condition	0	0	3	0	3	5	2	0	7	10
Dismissed with Opinion	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	0	4	7
Remanded	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	3
Affirmed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Reversed with Directions	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	19	11	162	9	201	193	137	20	350	551

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
1976 PETITIONS

	CRIMINAL				Total	CIVIL			Total	Grand Total
	Capital	Felony	Misde- meanor	Rule 37		Law	Equity	Pro- bate		
CERTIORARI										
Granted	2	9	0	0	11	1	2	0	3	14
Denied	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	2	10	0	0	12	1	2	0	3	15
PROHIBITION										
Granted	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	3
Denied	0	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	6
TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4	3	2	0	5	9
HABEAS CORPUS										
Granted	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Denied	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
REHEARING										
Granted	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	4
Denied	1	38	2	0	41	36	39	4	79	120
TOTAL	1	39	2	0	42	39	39	4	82	124
MANDAMUS										
Granted	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Denied	0	7	0	1	8	0	1	0	1	9
TOTAL	0	8	0	1	9	0	1	0	1	10
POST CONVICTION										
Granted	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Denied	0	18	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	18
TOTAL	0	19	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	19
OTHER PETITIONS										
Granted	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Denied	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	4
TOTAL	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	6
TOTAL PETITIONS	3	86	2	1	92	43	47	4	94	186

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
1976 MOTIONS

	Capital	Felony	Misde- meanor	Rule 37	Total	Law	Equity	Pro- bate	Total	Grand Total
MOTIONS ACTED ON EXCLUDING EXTENSIONS OF TIME										
Granted	19	93	1	15	128	62	32	4	98	226
Denied	5	27	0	3	35	15	18	6	39	74
TOTAL	24	120	1	18	163	77	50	10	137	300
GRAND TOTAL — APPEALS, MOTIONS, PETITIONS										1,037
MOTIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME										
Granted by Clerk	22	259	13	22	316	268	178	28	474	790
Granted by Court	27	106	2	9	144	87	75	6	168	312
TOTAL	49	365	15	31	460	355	253	34	642	1,102
ORAL ARGUMENTS	1	13	2	6	16	33	28	2	63	79

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
1976 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.	32	7	0	2	41	9	1	1
Smith, J.	79	1	0	0	80	10	0	4
Fogleman, J.	78	21	9	3	581	12	0	5
Jones, J.	76	6	2	0	84	9	0	0
Byrd, J.	81	14	0	0	95	28	3	5
Holt, J.	74	1	0	1	76	3	0	1
Roy, J.	81	4	0	0	85	4	1	2
Special Justices	8	1	0	0	9	0	0	4
TOTAL	509	55	11	6	581	75	5	22
Per Curiam	43	—	—	—	43	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL	552	55	11	6	624	75	5	22

PUBLISHED MAJORITY OPINIONS: 256
UNPUBLISHED MAJORITY OPINIONS: 253

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

1976

Types of Civil Decisions

Torts:

Auto Negligence	16
Other Negligence	21
Intentional Torts	3
	<u>40</u>

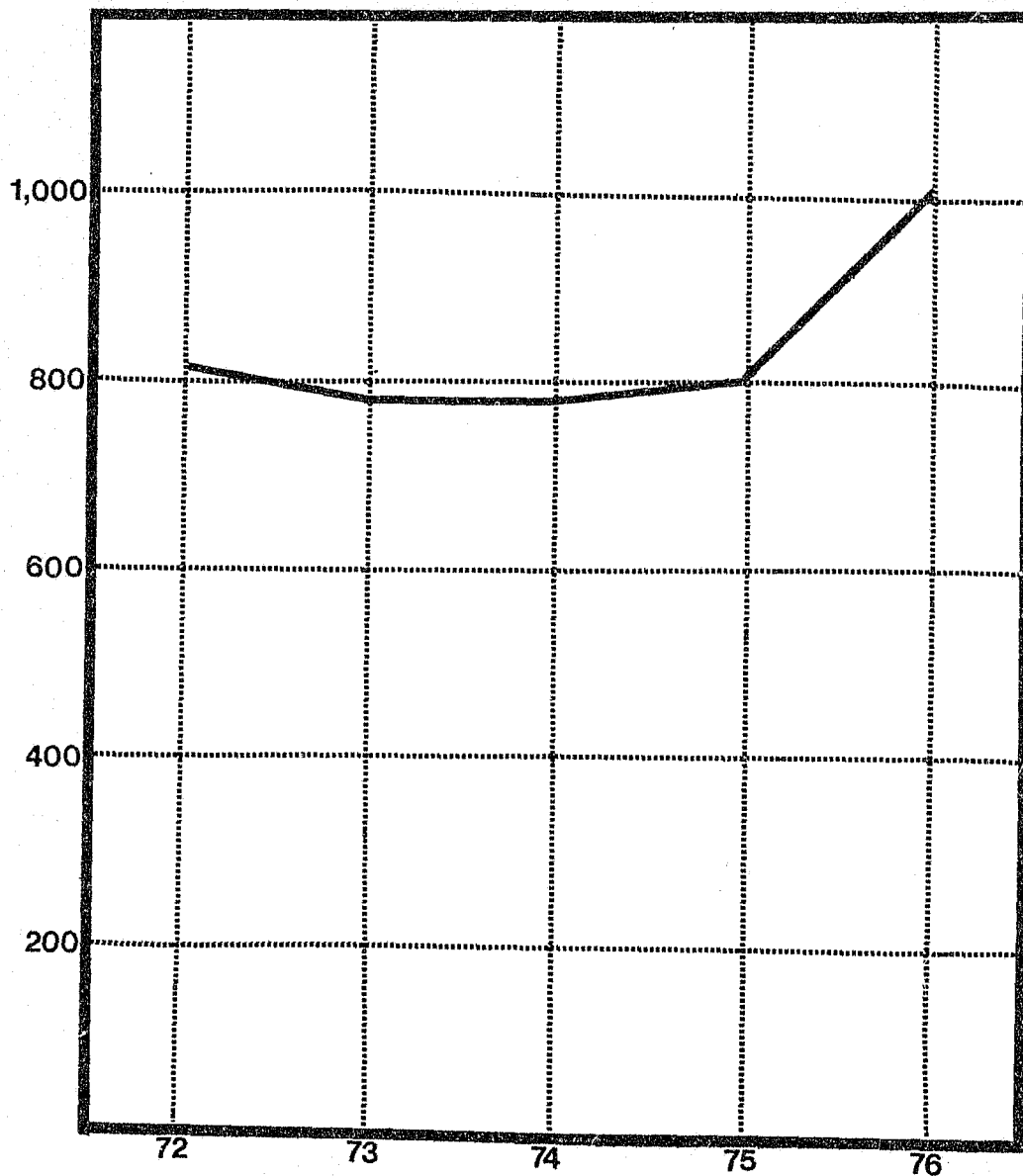
Contracts	44
Debt	18
Condemnation	17
Insurance	21
Domestic Relations	32
Real Property	
Title, possession, or selling of	42
Appeals from Administrative Agencies or Board Rulings	
Workmen's Compensation	30
Alcoholic Beverage Control	1
Other Agencies	8
	<u>39</u>

Municipalities

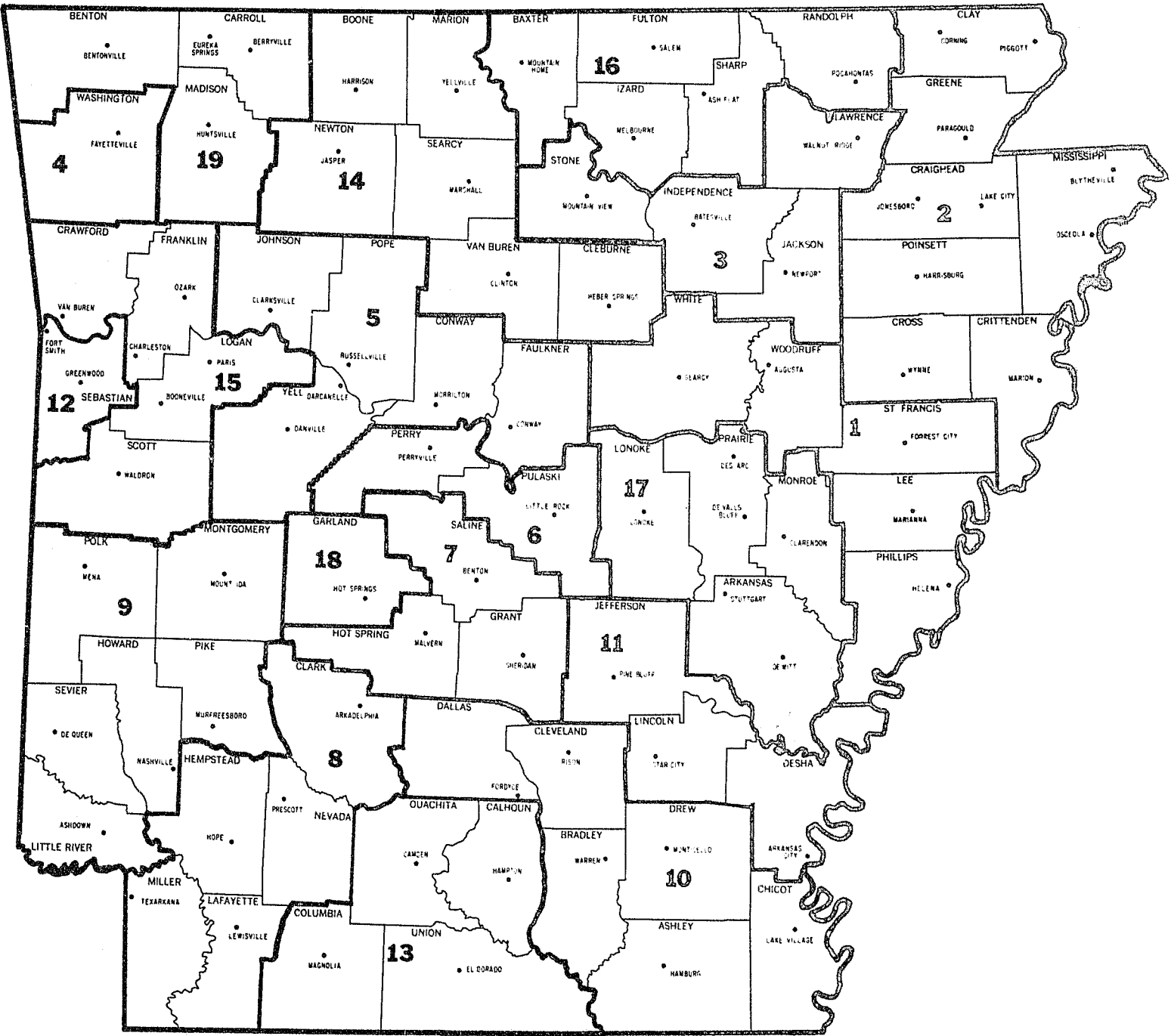
Zoning	1
Other	9
	<u>10</u>

Trusts, Wills, and Estates	9
Business Organizations	2
Banking	1
Taxation	8
Elections	8
Education — Teacher Contracts	1
Constitutionality of State Statutes	6
Miscellaneous	7
TOTAL	<u>305</u>

SUPREME COURT WORKLOAD 1972-1976



ARKANSAS



JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS

CASE FILINGS

Circuit Courts

Total filings in Circuit Courts statewide increased to a record high during 1976, but the percentage increase over the 1975 level was only 0.66% after three consecutive years of increases greater than 13% (see table I). Total filings of 33,013 cases during 1976 marked the second consecutive year that Circuit Court filings exceeded 30,000 cases.

Criminal caseload decreased for the first time in several years, but the decrease was only 1.34% (174 cases). Civil caseload in Circuit Courts increased slightly, by 1.98%, during 1976, from 19,808 cases during 1975 to 20,200 during 1976.

Eight judicial circuits experienced declines in case filings during 1976. The Ninth Circuit experienced the greatest percentage decrease, 17.81%, followed by the Fifth and Second Circuits with declines of 11.74% and 8.24%, respectively.

Case filings in the other eleven judicial circuits increased, led by the Fifteenth Circuit with a percentage increase of 26.56%, followed by the Seventeenth and Sixteenth circuits with increases of 10.42% and 10.23%, respectively.

Table I reflects filings in circuit courts statewide during the ten year period 1967-1976. Note that 1976, while a record year for circuit court activity, nevertheless reflects the smallest percentage increase in caseload since 1971.

TABLE I
CIRCUIT COURT FILINGS
1967-1976

YEAR	FILINGS	CHANGE FROM PRECEDING YEAR	
		AMOUNT	PERCENT
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
1976	33,013	+ 218	+ 0.66

Chancery and Probate Courts

Total Chancery filings (excluding Probate) increased slightly during 1976, rising from 28,791 during 1975 to 29,749, an increase of 3.33%. Equity filings increased by 4.19%, domestic relations cases rose by 3.13%, reciprocal support cases "in" rose by 10.93%, and reciprocal support cases "out" increased by 10.63%.

Thirteen Chancery Circuits experienced increases in caseload during 1976, led by the Fifth Circuit and the Eleventh Circuit, with increases of 13.49% and 10.71%, respectively. Five Circuits experienced declines in caseload during 1976, but the decreases were generally slight.

Table II reflects Chancery Court filings during the ten year period 1967-1976.

Probate case filings increased slightly during 1976, by 1.27%, continuing a relatively stable trend of activity in that area of the judicial system. Decedents' estates filings increased by 4.34%, adoptions rose by 2.60%, and miscellaneous filings increased by 7.01%, while competency hearings decreased by 5.48% and guardianships declined by 5.30%.

Table III reflects Probate filings during the ten year period 1967-1976.

TABLE II
CHANCERY COURT FILINGS
1967-1976

YEAR	FILINGS	CHANGE FROM PRECEDING YEAR	
		AMOUNT	PERCENT
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
1976	29,749	+ 958	+ 3.33

TABLE III
PROBATE FILINGS
1967-1976

YEAR	FILINGS	CHANGE FROM PRECEDING YEAR	
		AMOUNT	PERCENT
1967	9,069	+ 2	+ .02
1968	8,904	- 165	- 1.81
1969	9,330	+ 426	+ 4.78
1970	8,705	- 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
1976	9,967	+ 125	+ 1.27

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 year.

Circuit Courts

Case dispositions in Circuit Courts declined somewhat during 1976, decreasing by 2.79% from the level recorded during 1975. A total of 30,438 cases were terminated during 1976, as compared with 31,310 during 1975.

Nine Judicial Circuits terminated more cases during 1976 than during 1975. The other ten circuits reported decreases in case dispositions during 1976 as compared with 1975. The net result was 872 fewer terminations in 1976 than in 1975.

Two Judicial Circuits posted tremendous increases in case dispositions during 1976 as compared to 1975, the Fifteenth and the Sixteenth Circuits, with increases in dispositions of 34.65% and 31.03%, respectively.

Table IV reflects Circuit Court dispositions each year during the ten year period 1967-1976.

TABLE IV
CIRCUIT COURT DISPOSITIONS
1967-1976

YEAR	TERMINATIONS	INCREASE or DECREASE	
		AMOUNT	PERCENT
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
1976	30,438	- 872	- 2.79

Chancery Courts

Chancery Court dispositions (Probate excluded) in-

creased by 3.46% during 1976 as compared with 1975. A total of 27,982 cases were terminated during 1976, compared with 27,045 during 1975. Eight Chancery Circuits posted decreases in dispositions during 1976 as compared with 1975. The other ten circuits report increases in terminations during 1976, led by the Twelfth, Eleventh, and Tenth Chancery Circuits with increases of 21.33%, 19.95%, and 17.19%, respectively.

Table V reflects terminations in Chancery Courts statewide for the ten year period 1967-1976.

TABLE V
CHANCERY COURT DISPOSITIONS
1967-1976

YEAR	TERMINATIONS	INCREASE or DECREASE	
		AMOUNT	PERCENT
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
1976	27,982	+ 937	+ 3.46

CASES PENDING

Circuit Courts

As noted previously, terminations in Circuit Courts in Arkansas decreased during 1976 from the level recorded during 1975. The total number of cases pending at the end of 1976 was 24,836, an increase of 11.56% over the number pending at the end of 1975. This represents a net currency loss of 2,575 cases over the twelve-month reporting period.

Cases pending over two years of age at the end of 1976 comprised 13.28% of the total number of cases pending, compared with 11.70% at the end of 1975.

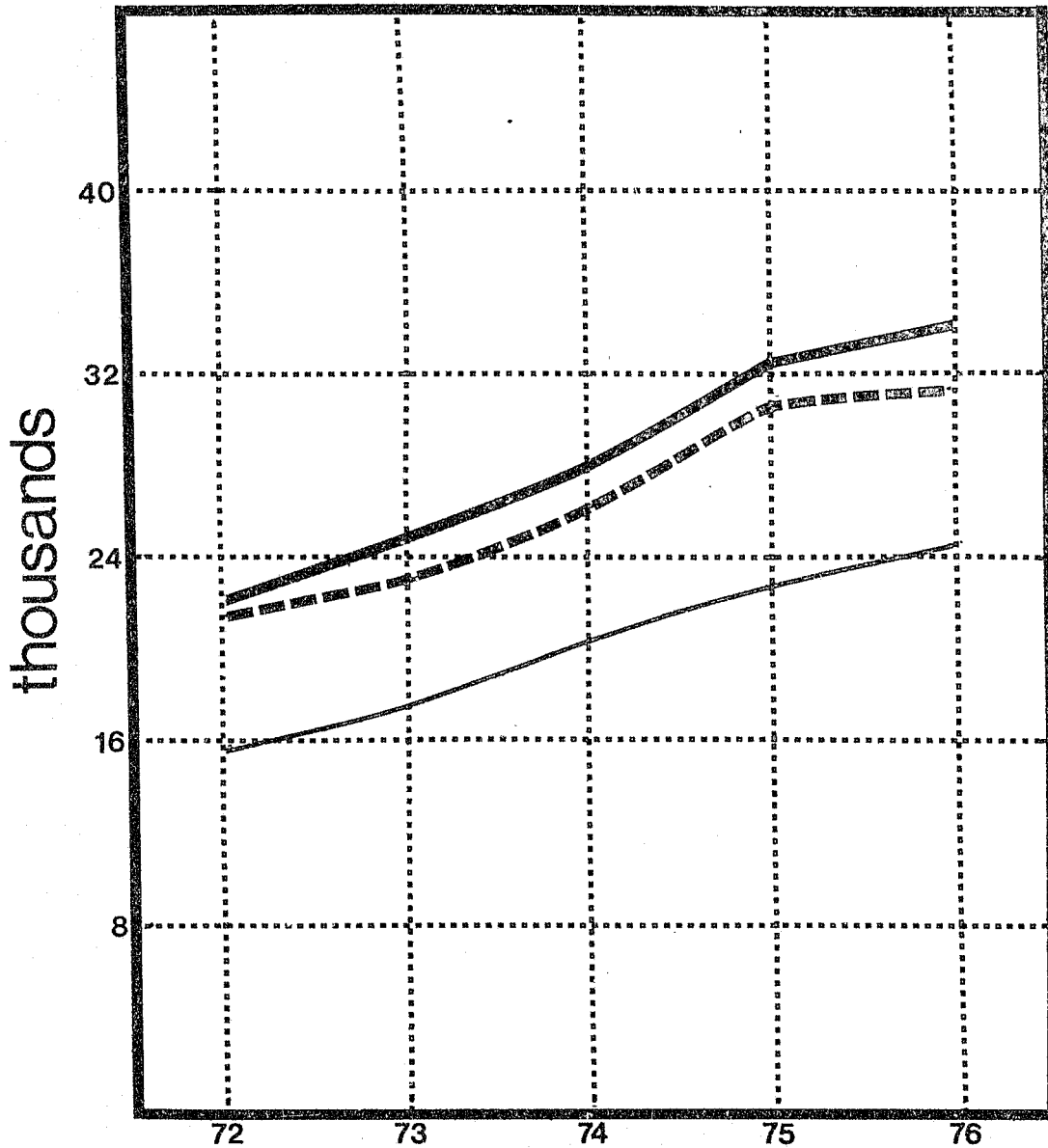
Criminal cases over two years of age at the end of 1976 account for 13.53% of total criminal cases pending, compared with 11.10% at the end of 1975. Civil cases pending over two years of age at the end of 1976 comprised 13.15% of total civil cases pending, compared with 12.00% at the close of 1975.

Chancery Courts

Although the number of terminations in Chancery Courts during 1976 increased over the level recorded during 1975, the number of cases pending at the end of 1976 was up by 8.05% over the number pending at the end of 1975. This figure represents a net currency loss of 1,767 cases.

Cases pending over two years of age at the end of 1976 comprised 27.53% of total cases pending, as compared with 32.20% at the end of 1975. 33.54% of all equity cases pending were over two years of age, while 24.24% of domestic relations cases were over two years old.

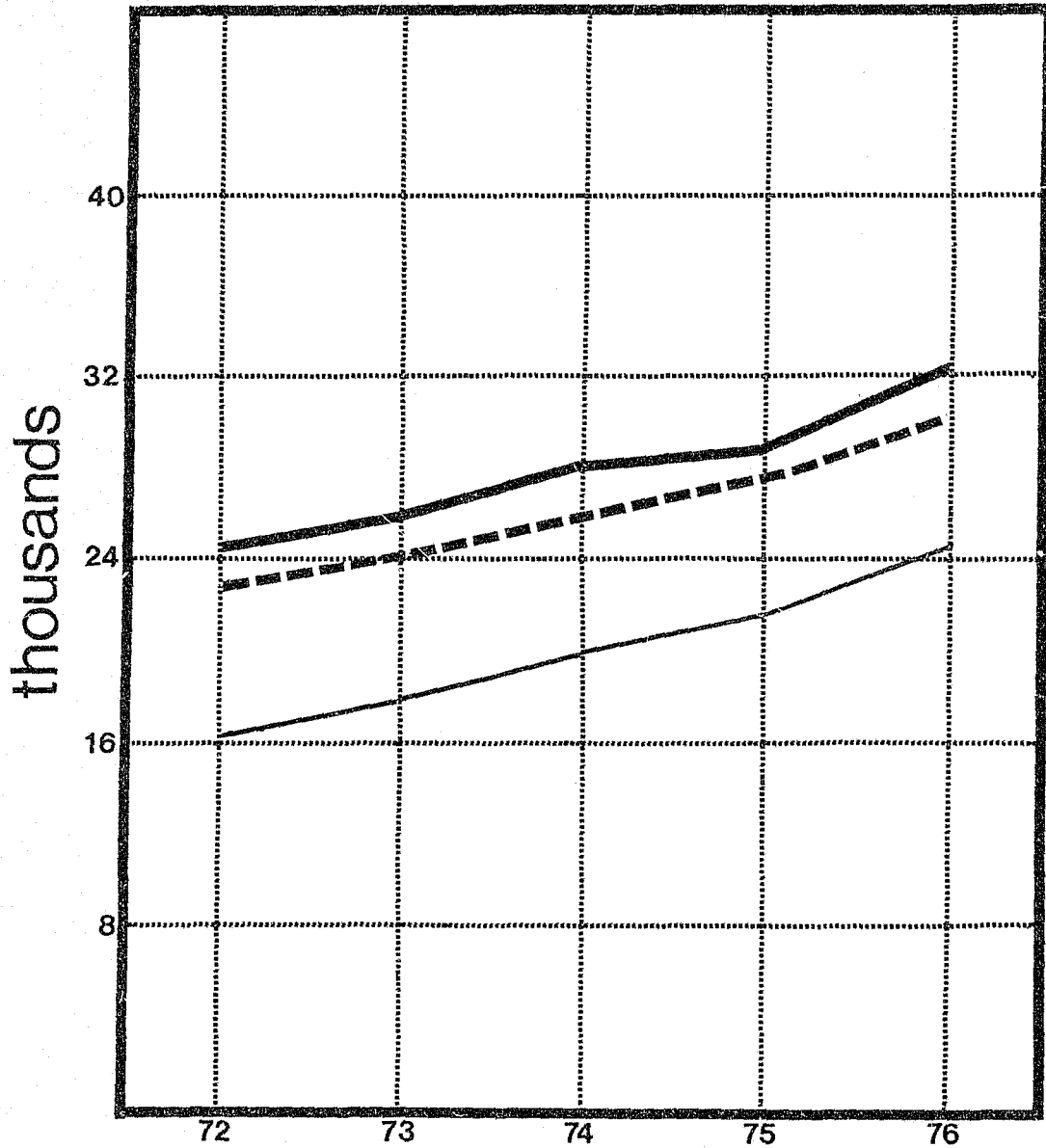
CIRCUIT COURTS 1972-1976



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CHANCERY COURTS

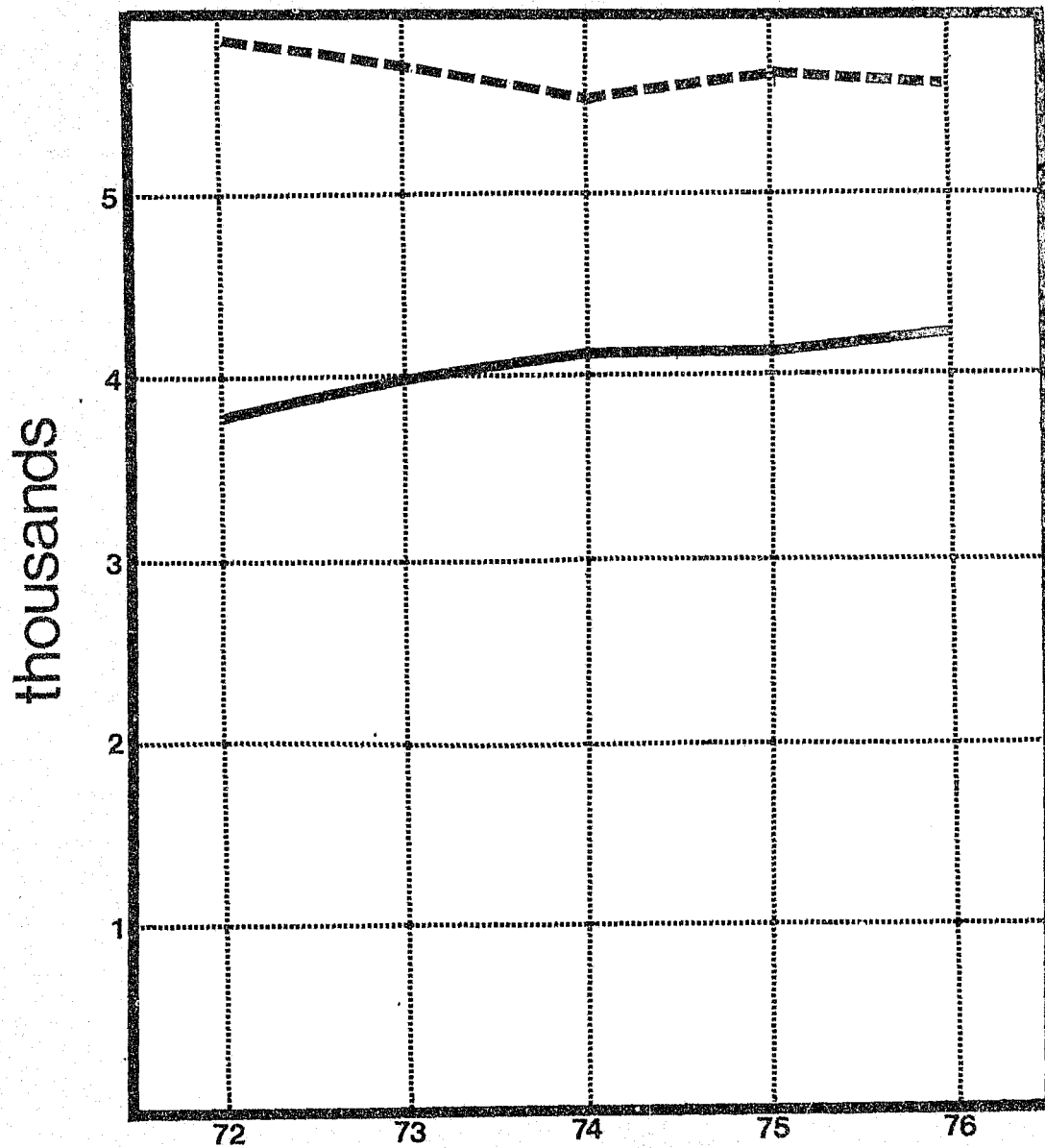
1972-1976



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

PROBATE COURTS

1972-1976



— decedents' estates filings
- - - other probate filings

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

1977

First Circuit (1st Division)
First Circuit (2nd Division)
Second Circuit (1st Division)
Second Circuit (2nd Division)
Second Circuit (3rd Division)
Third Circuit
Fourth Circuit (1st Division)
Fourth Circuit (2nd Division)
Fifth Circuit
Sixth Circuit (1st Division)
Sixth Circuit (2nd Division)
Sixth Circuit (3rd Division)
Sixth Circuit (4th Division)
Seventh Circuit
Eighth Circuit (1st Division)
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Twelfth Circuit
Thirteenth Circuit (1st Division)
Thirteenth Circuit (2nd Division)
Fourteenth Circuit
Fifteenth Circuit
Sixteenth Circuit
Seventeenth Circuit
Eighteenth Circuit
Nineteenth Circuit

O. H. Hargraves
John L. Anderson
A. S. "Todd" Harrison
Gerald Brown
Gerald Pearson
Andrew Ponder
Maupin Cummings
Paul Jameson
Russell C. Roberts
William J. Kirby
Warren E. Wood
Tom F. Digby
Richard B. Adkisson
Henry B. Means
John W. Goodson
J. Hugh Lookadoo
Bobby Steel
G. B. Colvin, Jr.
Randall L. Williams
H. A. Taylor
John G. Holland
John M. Graves
Melvin Mayfield
Joe D. Villines
David Partain
Harrell Simpson
W. M. "Bill" Lee
Henry M. Britt
Bill Enfield

Forrest City
Helena
Blytheville
Paragould
Jonesboro
Newport
Fayetteville
Fayetteville
Conway
Little Rock
Little Rock
Little Rock
Little Rock
Malvern
Texarkana
Arkadelphia
Nashville
Dermott
Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff
Fort Smith
Camden
El Dorado
Harrison
Van Buren
Pocahontas
Clarendon
Hot Springs
Bentonville

All terms expire December 31, 1978

IN MEMORIAM

Judge John Mosby
November 13, 1976

CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT JUDGES

1977

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

¹ — terms expire December 31, 1978.

² — terms expire December 31, 1980.

³ — term expires December 31, 1982.

ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES

The number of judge assignments in 1976 rose from the 1975 level of 76, to 102. 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 1976, Arkansas judges have been most cooperative in this area.

TABLE OF ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES

1976

Judge	Date of Assignment	Circuit	Assignment to	Length of Assignment
Henry M. Britt	1/14/76	18th Judicial	3rd Chancery	As Agreed
	9/16/76	18th Judicial	3rd Chancery	10/04/76 to 11/02/76
Gerald Brown	1/26/76	12th Chancery	8th Chancery	As Agreed
	3/10/76	12th Chancery	8th Chancery	As Agreed
	4/19/76	12th Chancery	8th Chancery	As Agreed
	7/01/76	12th Chancery	8th Chancery	As Agreed
	9/15/76	12th Chancery	8th Chancery	As Agreed
Mel Carden	12/06/76	15th Chancery	3rd Chancery	As Agreed
James Chesnutt	1/14/76	3rd Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	1/22/76	3rd Chancery	18th Judicial	1/22/76 to 2/27/76
	4/26/76	3rd Chancery	18th Judicial	4/26/76 to 4/29/76
	5/07/76	3rd Chancery	6th Chancery	As Agreed
	7/20/76	3rd Chancery	18th Judicial	8/03/76 to 8/30/76
	7/30/76	3rd Chancery	7th Chancery	As Agreed
	9/24/76	3rd Chancery	17th Chancery	11/15/76
	10/28/76	3rd Chancery	18th Judicial	11/01/76 to 12/31/76
Donald Clarke	1/28/76	2nd Chancery	4th Chancery	As Agreed
	12/02/76	2nd Chancery	4th Chancery	As Agreed
Ted Coxsey	5/05/76	16th Chancery	19th Judicial	As Agreed
	9/23/76	16th Chancery	11th Chancery	As Agreed
Maupin Cummings	4/12/76	4th Judicial	11th Judicial	As Agreed
	5/19/76	4th Judicial	19th Judicial	As Agreed
Lawrence Dawson	9/27/76	4th Chancery	15th Chancery	As Agreed
	10/14/76	4th Chancery	1st Chancery (1st Div)	As Agreed
	12/07/76	4th Chancery	6th Chancery	As Agreed
	12/07/76	4th Chancery	17th Chancery	As Agreed

Judge	Date of Assignment	Circuit	Assignment to	Length of Assignment
Robert Dudley	2/25/76	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	As Agreed
	3/23/76	8th Chancery	11th Chancery	4/01/76 to 6/30/76
	3/26/76	8th Chancery	3rd Judicial	As Agreed
	6/07/76	8th Chancery	1st Chancery (3rd Div)	6/09/76 to 6/11/76
	7/01/76	8th Chancery	1st Chancery	7/19/76 to 7/31/76
	8/25/76	8th Chancery	1st Chancery (1st Div)	9/27/76 to 10/01/76
William Enfield	11/18/76	19th Judicial	14th Judicial	As Agreed
John Goodson	1/05/76	8th Judicial	17th Chancery	1/07/76
	7/27/76	8th Judicial	9th Judicial	As Agreed
John Graves	7/23/76	13th Judicial	11th Judicial	As Agreed
	9/08/76	13th Judicial	7th Judicial	As Agreed
	11/23/76	13th Judicial	7th Judicial	As Agreed
Eugene Harris	8/27/76	4th Chancery	1st Chancery (1st Div)	9/24/76
	11/09/76	4th Chancery	6th Chancery	As Agreed
Darrell Hickman	8/09/76	1st Chancery	17th Chancery	11/04/76
	8/10/76	1st Chancery	8th Chancery	8/10/76 to 9/01/76
	8/26/76	1st Chancery (3rd Div)	1st Chancery (1st Div)	9/07/76 to 10/06/76
Frank Huckaba	3/24/76	11th Chancery	16th Judicial	3/29/76 to 4/11/76
	5/18/76	11th Chancery	16th Chancery	As Agreed
	6/25/76	11th Chancery	16th Chancery	As Agreed
	7/01/76	11th Chancery	8th Chancery	7/08/76 to 7/09/76
	7/20/76	11th Chancery	4th Judicial	As Agreed
	8/09/76	11th Chancery	18th Chancery	8/12/76 to 8/20/76
	9/21/76	11th Chancery	16th Chancery	As Agreed
	11/23/76	11th Chancery	16th Chancery	As Agreed
John Jernigan	8/26/76	1st Chancery (2nd Div)	1st Chancery (1st Div)	9/07/76 to 10/06/76
Warren Kimbrough	3/09/76	10th Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	9/20/76	10th Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
Bernice Kizer	1/07/76	10th Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	3/02/76	10th Chancery	14th Chancery	As Agreed
John Lineberger	2/12/76	4th Judicial	16th Chancery	As Agreed
	3/17/76	4th Judicial	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	3/29/76	4th Judicial	5th Judicial	5/01/76 to 12/31/76
	4/05/76	4th Judicial	19th Judicial	As Agreed
	4/07/76	4th Judicial	10th Chancery	As Agreed
	6/16/76	4th Judicial	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	7/01/76	4th Judicial	19th Judicial	As Agreed
	9/22/76	4th Judicial	19th Judicial	As Agreed

Judge	Date of Assignment	Circuit	Assignment to	Length of Assignment
	10/28/76	4th Judicial	10th Chancery	As Agreed
	11/09/76	4th Judicial	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	11/16/76	4th Judicial	16th Chancery	As Agreed
	12/22/76	13th Chancery	5th Judicial	1/01/77 to 6/30/77
Hugh Lookadoo	3/10/76	8th Judicial	7th Judicial	3/19/76
	7/15/76	8th Judicial	5th Judicial	8/16/76 to 9/03/76 11/22/76 to 12/03/76
Carl McSpadden	3/24/76	18th Chancery	16th Judicial	3/29/76 to 4/11/76
	4/08/76	18th Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	4/14/76	18th Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	4/27/76	18th Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
	5/12/76	18th Chancery	1st Chancery	As Agreed
	7/07/76	18th Chancery	11th Chancery	7/09/76 to 7/20/76
	8/30/76	18th Chancery	1st Chancery (1st Div)	9/13/76
	11/01/76	18th Chancery	11th Chancery	As Agreed
	12/03/76	18th Chancery	1st Chancery	As Agreed
	12/03/76	18th Chancery	9th Chancery	As Agreed
Andrew Ponder	3/24/76	3rd Judicial	16th Judicial	3/29/76 to 4/11/76
Russell Roberts	5/19/76	5th Judicial	14th Chancery	As Agreed
Alex Sanderson	6/18/76	6th Chancery	7th Chancery	As Agreed
Harrell Simpson	6/09/76	16th Judicial	11th Chancery	As Agreed
	9/14/76	16th Judicial	11th Chancery	9/23/76 to 10/02/76
	12/01/76	16th Judicial	3rd Judicial	As Agreed
H. A. Taylor	2/17/76	11th Judicial (2nd Div)	11th Judicial (1st Div)	2/17/76 to 12/31/76
	9/30/76	11th Judicial (2nd Div)	11th Judicial (1st Div)	As Agreed
Van Taylor	2/18/76	14th Chancery	10th Chancery	As Agreed
	5/05/76	14th Chancery	5th Judicial	5/10/76 to 10/31/76
	11/15/76	14th Chancery	5th Judicial	11/15/76 to 6/30/77
Joe Villines	6/16/76	14th Judicial	19th Judicial	As Agreed
	9/20/76	14th Judicial	11th Chancery	As Agreed
	11/18/76	14th Judicial	19th Judicial	As Agreed
Royce Weisenberger	6/17/76	17th Chancery	1st Chancery (3rd Div)	As Agreed
Randall Williams	2/17/76	11th Judicial (1st Div)	11th Judicial (2nd Div)	2/17/76 to 12/31/76
	3/12/76	11th Judicial	7th Judicial	As Agreed
	6/01/76	11th Judicial	10th Judicial	As Agreed
	8/30/76	11th Judicial	7th Judicial	As Agreed
	9/08/76	11th Judicial	10th Judicial	As Agreed
	12/01/76	11th Judicial	14th Judicial	As Agreed
Henry Yocum	9/27/76	7th Chancery	2nd Chancery	As Agreed

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	Chancery 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	2	38,685
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	75,501	Seventeenth	1	71,079
Eighteenth	1	54,131	Eighteenth	1	55,566
Nineteenth	1	72,230			
Average statewide population per Circuit Judge:		66,320	Average statewide population per Chancery Judge:		70,714
Average statewide population per judge, Circuit and Chancery combined:			34.094		

COMPARATIVE TABLE VII
TOTAL CASES FILED PER YEAR
JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

Judicial Circuit	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
First	1,277	1,236	1,370	1,281	1,369	1,269	1,545	1,774	1,987	1,940
Second	2,076	1,900	2,783	2,425	2,422	2,625	2,500	2,964	3,231	2,259
Third	595	601	764	641	799	782	1,001	984	1,200	1,237
Fourth	1,117	1,081	679	858	813	989	1,154	1,361	1,731	1,643
Fifth	983	707	825	846	966	1,213	1,390	1,425	1,721	1,519
Sixth	4,061	4,071	4,813	5,672	4,746	4,941	5,726	6,953	7,623	7,936
Seventh	545	545	493	513	481	589	692	813	946	995
Eighth	868	743	716	835	836	833	1,006	1,075	1,093	1,101
Ninth	522	545	582	567	444	508	568	608	876	720
Tenth	790	747	905	889	852	810	816	1,082	1,123	1,138
Eleventh	2,132	1,981	2,857	2,356	2,234	1,487	1,610	1,736	1,999	1,971
Twelfth	1,213	1,182	1,311	1,152	1,137	1,416	1,894	2,160	2,788	3,039
Thirteenth	865	988	1,089	1,094	983	1,095	1,115	1,197	1,466	1,357
Fourteenth	395	357	423	378	344	584	381	714	768	738
Fifteenth	431	414	391	418	535	615	591	618	851	1,077
Sixteenth	272	323	295	315	336	328	440	475	606	668
Seventeenth	444	485	549	570	683	829	854	934	1,113	1,229
Eighteenth	352	356	442	484	430	463	600	610	598	650
Nineteenth			486	638	755	718	893	1,159	1,055	1,096
TOTALS	18,893	18,262	21,158	22,478	21,109	21,991	24,979	28,642	32,795	33,013

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

Chancery Circuit	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
First	5,875	5,890	6,260	6,340	6,743	7,424	8,082	8,638	8,414	8,627
Second	1,151	1,190	1,561	1,575	1,774	1,695	1,502	1,351	1,445	1,571
Third	1,169	1,119	1,150	1,229	1,189	1,435	1,330	1,449	1,578	1,617
Fourth	1,672	1,609	1,731	1,723	1,784	2,084	2,095	2,265	2,381	2,300
Fifth	1,578	1,499	1,580	1,672	1,584	1,802	1,888	1,928	1,868	2,120
Sixth									1,416	1,270
Seventh	2,369	2,463	2,333	2,167	2,185	2,371	2,362	2,471	2,630	2,670
Eighth	1,008	1,086	1,209	1,105	1,527	1,553	966	1,032	1,136	1,131
Ninth	1,066	1,098	1,139	1,220	1,358	1,461	1,589	1,769	1,818	1,996
Tenth	1,787	1,800	1,880	1,896	2,131	2,417	2,484	2,872	2,821	2,992
Eleventh	772	753	868	869	1,048	1,152	1,119	1,201	1,261	1,396
Twelfth	2,901	2,867	3,201	2,900	3,290	3,848	3,836	3,909	4,059	4,073
Thirteenth	1,807	2,001	1,033	1,144	1,188	1,386	1,481	1,619	1,635	1,607
Fourteenth	462	492	505	559	649	688	851	918	974	923
Fifteenth	720	762	828	871	937	1,392	1,200	1,323	1,341	1,403
Sixteenth			1,014	1,058	1,250	1,387	1,637	1,518	1,632	1,793
Seventeenth									1,169	1,188
Eighteenth								824	1,055	1,039
TOTALS	26,057	26,394	28,251	28,233	30,760	34,368	35,540	37,608	38,633	39,716

COMPARATIVE TABLE IX
TOTAL CASES FILED
JUDICIAL AND CHANCERY CIRCUITS

Year	Judicial Circuits	Chancery Circuits (Probate Included)	Statewide Total
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
1976	33,013	39,716	72,729

COMPARATIVE TABLE X
STATEWIDE AVERAGE CASELOAD PER JUDGE

Year	Judicial Circuits	Chancery Circuits (Probate Included)	Combined Average Per Judge
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
1976	1,138	1,528	1,322

COMPARATIVE TABLE XI
RANKING OF JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
BY CASELOAD PER JUDGE
1976

RANKING	CIRCUIT	NUMBER OF JUDGES	FILINGS PER JUDGE
1	Twelfth	1	3,039
2	Sixth (Civil)	2	2,951
3	Fifth	1	1,519
4	Third	1	1,237
5	Seventeenth	1	1,229
6	Eleventh (Civil)	1	1,164
7	Tenth	1	1,137
8	Nineteenth	1	1,096
9	Fifteenth	1	1,077
10	Sixth (Criminal)	2	1,017
11	Seventh	1	995
12	Second	3	986
13	First	2	970
14	Fourth	2	822
15	Eleventh (Criminal)	1	807
16	Fourteenth	1	738
17	Ninth	1	720
18	Thirteenth	2	679
19	Sixteenth	1	668
20	Eighteenth	1	650
21	Eighth	2	551

STATEWIDE AVERAGE CASELOAD PER CIRCUIT JUDGE: 1,138

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

1976

RANKING	CIRCUIT	NUMBER OF JUDGES	FILINGS PER JUDGE
1	First	3	2,876
2	Ninth	1	1,996
3	Sixteenth	1	1,793
4	Third	1	1,617
5	Thirteenth	1	1,607
6	Second	1	1,571
7	Tenth	2	1,496
8	Fifteenth	1	1,403
9	Eleventh	1	1,396
10	Twelfth	3	1,358
11	Seventh	2	1,335
12	Sixth	1	1,270
13	Seventeenth	1	1,188
14	Fourth	2	1,150
15	Eighth	1	1,131
16	Fifth	2	1,060
17	Eighteenth	1	1,039
18	Fourteenth	1	923

STATEWIDE AVERAGE CASELOAD PER CHANCELLOR: 1,528

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 the prosecuting attorney, subject to the approval of the Circuit Judge of the county in which the deputy prosecuting attorney will serve. Deputy prosecuting attorneys serve under the direction of the prosecuting attorney. Deputies generally receive their remuneration from the County General Fund of the county in which they serve. In some instances, their compensation is derived from costs assessed in misdemeanor cases, but 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 Charles Karr of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, President of the Association, sums up the past accomplishments and future goals of the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys' Association:

The past year has been a busy one for the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association. Prosecutors and their deputies have been working actively with the new quorum courts to implement Amendment 55. In most counties, the prosecuting attorney or his deputy is the legal counsel for the quorum court. Before Amendment 55 became effective on January 1, 1977, prosecutors and deputies worked with the Division of Continuing Education of the University of Arkansas developing and presenting a training program for quorum court members and county officials. For this effort, the Division of Continuing Education awarded its Certificate of Appreciation to the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association. We are one of only two organizations to receive this coveted award during the last ten years.

The General Assembly adopted the Uniform Rules of Evidence that became effective July 1, 1976. With the assistance of the staff from the National College of District Attorneys, our group conducted a seminar on the new rules for all prosecutors and deputies last April. Comments and evaluation by all participants indicated that this was an extremely worthwhile seminar.

Continuing legal education for prosecutors and deputies remains one of the primary objectives of the Association. In September, the group made its annual trip to the Law Enforcement Training Academy at East Camden for a one-week seminar. This was a "nuts and bolts" program covering all aspects of the prosecution function. It was designed to assist new prosecutors in assuming their responsibilities and to serve as a refresher course for the veterans. The Association is grateful to Mr. Kenneth Rogers, Director of the Law Enforcement Training Academy, and his staff for making the facilities available to us each year and for their assistance in conducting the annual seminar. In May, 1977, our Association, along with the National College of District Attorneys, will conduct a four-day Trial Advocacy Seminar and Workshop. This seminar should cover thoroughly all aspects of the criminal trial.

We are currently involved in the preparation of a Trial Manual for use by prosecutors and deputies throughout the State. This manual should be an invaluable tool for prosecutors and their deputies and should help them to perform their job more professionally. We are also working with the Attorney General's Office in the preparation of INFORMANT, a newsletter published monthly and sent to all members of the criminal justice community in Arkansas.

The Prosecuting Attorneys' Association is working and will continue to work for a better criminal justice system for the citizens of Arkansas. I hope

that through our efforts, along with those of other interested groups, we will be able to achieve this worthwhile goal.

(Signed)

Charles Karr
President
Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys' Association

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

President Charles Karr, Fort Smith
Vice-President Leroy Blankenship, Walnut Ridge
Secretary-Treasurer W. Gary Kennan, Bentonville

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:

Charles "Chuck" Banks — Mississippi
Henry J. Swift — Mississippi (Osceola District)
Joe Calvin — Clay
Michael Everett — Poinsett
Jim Hale, Jr. — Crittenden
Joe Rogers — Crittenden
Joe Boeckmann, Jr. — Cross

Gordon Humphrey — Cross
Robert F. Thompson — Greene
Olan Parker, Jr. — Craighead
A. Jan Thomas (Chief Deputy) — Crittenden
William Lee Fergus — Mississippi
Michael R. Walden — Craighead

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:

Dale W. Finley (Chief Deputy) — Pope
Jon P. Shermer, Jr. — Pope
Tom Donovan — Faulkner

Roderick H. Weaver — Johnson
Felver A. Rowell, Jr. — Conway
Francis Donovan — Faulkner

SIXTH CIRCUIT:

Lee A. Munson — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Wilbur C. Bentley (Chief Deputy) — Pulaski
Bill Trice — Pulaski
Robert Crank — Pulaski
Robert Lowery — Pulaski
Betsy Danielson — Pulaski
John Hall — Pulaski
Frank Hamlin — Pulaski
David Williams — Pulaski
Lloyd Haynes — Pulaski

Rodney McDaniel — Pulaski
Barry Coplin — Pulaski
Jack Magruder — Pulaski
Dick Moore — Pulaski
Jim Hamilton — Pulaski
James A. Smedley — Pulaski
Arlene Heath — Pulaski
B. J. Kready — Pulaski
Chris Thomas — Pulaski

SEVENTH CIRCUIT:

John W. Cole — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

E. Dail Stiles — Grant
Edward Scrimshire — Hot Spring
Sam Ed Gibson — Saline

EIGHTH CIRCUIT:

James H. Gunter — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Roger Harrod — Clark
Joe M. Fore — Nevada
Charles M. Walker — Hempstead

Kirk Johnson — Miller
David Folsom — Miller

NINTH CIRCUIT:

George Steel, Jr. — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Don Steel — Howard
Jim Bob Steel — Pike
Eric Bishop — Little River

David Maddox — Montgomery - Pike
William H. Hodge — Sevier

TENTH CIRCUIT:

Frank W. Wayne — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Thomas L. Mays — Dallas
Robert L. Johnson — Ashley
James A. Ross, Jr. — Drew
Carneal Warfield — Chicot

Sanford L. Beshear, Jr. — Cleveland
G. B. Colvin, III — Chicot
Thomas D. Wynne, III — Dallas

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT:

C. Wayne Matthews — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Fred D. Davis, III (Chief Deputy) — Jefferson
William W. Benton — Jefferson

Gene E. McKissic — Jefferson
Gibbs Ferguson — Desha

TWELFTH CIRCUIT:

Charles Karr — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Robert E. Boyer — Sebastian
Ronald G. Fields — Sebastian

James R. Filyaw — Sebastian
William C. Temple — Sebastian

THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Mike Kinard — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Bill McLean — Union
Mac Dodson — Columbia
James Phelps Jones — Calhoun
Robert S. Laney — Ouachita

Michael G. Epley — Columbia
Michael Landers — Union
Ralph E. Faulkner — Ouachita

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Jerry D. Patterson — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Jim Cooper — Cleburne
Stephen E. James — Van Buren
Gordon Webb — Boone

FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Paul X. Williams — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Lonnie C. Turner — Franklin (Ozark District)
David R. Cravens — Logan (Southern District)
Joe Ramos — Franklin (Charleston District)

Donald Goodner — Scott
Paul Gant — Crawford
C. Richard Lippard — Logan (Northern District)

SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT:

John A. Crain — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

James W. Atkins — Baxter
V. Jim King — Randolph

Murrey L. Grider — Sharp
Forrest Eugene Dunaway — Fulton and Izard

SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Jim Burnett — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

David Henry — Arkansas
Dan Kennett — Monroe

EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT:

Walter G. Wright — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Ben J. Harrison — Garland
Louis J. Longinotti — Garland

Paul R. Bosson — Garland
Keith Arman — Garland

NINETEENTH CIRCUIT:

W. Gary Kennan — Prosecuting Attorney

DEPUTIES:

Kevin J. Pawlik — Benton, Carroll and Madison
David S. Clinger — Benton, Carroll and Madison

Kent Coxsey — Carroll
Howard Cain, Jr. — Madison

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 re-

sulted 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, Blytheville, and Heber Springs.

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

TABLE XIII
STATEWIDE STATISTICS
PUBLIC DEFENDERS
1976

A. JUVENILE COURTS			
number of defendants represented	275		
number and nature of offenses:			
felony		178	
misdemeanor		172	
TOTAL OFFENSES			350
number of cases awaiting trial			10
B. MUNICIPAL COURTS			
number of defendants represented	1,302		
number and nature of offenses:			
D. W. I.		209	
other traffic		199	
other misdemeanors		886	
felonies, preliminary		299	
TOTAL OFFENSES			1,593
number guilty or nolo contendere pleas			657
number of trials			598
number of cases awaiting trial			16
C. CIRCUIT COURTS			
number of defendants represented	1,279		
number and nature of offenses:			
capital		2	
felony		1,729	
misdemeanors		348	
TOTAL OFFENSES			2,091
number of guilty or nolo contendere pleas			1,078
number of trials			268
number of cases awaiting trial			317
D. TOTAL DEFENDANTS REPRESENTED IN ALL COURTS			
	2,856		
TOTAL OFFENSES IN ALL COURTS		4,034	
TOTAL CASES AWAITING TRIAL			343
E. CASES APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT			
	159		
CASES APPEALED TO STATE SUPREME COURT			
	46		
F. RULE 37 HEARING APPOINTMENTS			
	11		

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 its splendid contribution.

Officers of the Court Reporters Association are:

President — Ada Anderson, Elkins
 Vice-President — Allen Hill, Searcy
 Secretary — Rita Goss, Fayetteville
 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.)	Phillip Seamster	Thirteenth (1st Div.)	Marian Schmidt
Fourth (2nd Div.)	Rita Goss	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.)	Mickey Sparks
First (3rd Div.)	Lana Gunter Morphew	Eleventh	Patti Honeycutt
Second	Flora Clarke	Eleventh	Patty Frederick
Third	Mary Hill	Twelfth (1st Div.)	Gary Johnson
Fourth (1st Div.)	Laura Johnston	Twelfth (2nd Div.)	Edith Bartlett
Fourth (2nd Div.)	Nell Wilson	Twelfth (3rd Div.)	Gordon Saylor
Fifth (1st Div.)	Jimmy Bownds	Thirteenth	Ada Anderson
Fifth (2nd Div.)	Linda Worstell	Fourteenth	Larry Sheppard
Sixth	Betty Voltz	Fifteenth	Sally Cox
Seventh (1st Div.)	Julia Walker	Sixteenth	Thelma Whitlow
Seventh (2nd Div.)	Sue Martin	Seventeenth	Carl Arrington
Eighth	Anita Howard	Eighteenth	Laura Clark
Ninth	Ruth Teal		

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	W. M. "Bill" Harkey, Independence County
Vice-President	Rhetta Moore, Lawrence County
Secretary-Treasurer	Julia Hughes, Pulaski County

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

President	Ruth Carmack, Sebastian County
1st Vice-President	Ed Livingston, Ouachita County
2nd Vice-President	Eunice Cole, Crittenden County
3rd Vice-President	Ben Horne, Cross County
Secretary	Madelyn Atkinson, Union County
Treasurer	Dee McMurrugh, Hempstead County

CIRCUIT AND COUNTY CLERKS — 1977

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	David Witty
BRADLEY	Herschel Turner	Rufus C. Johnson
CALHOUN	Joe Fred McDonald	Joe Fred McDonald
CARROLL	Jackie Bunch	Carol Worley
CHICOT	Clara Henry	Laverne Seale
CLARK	Billy C. Williams	Katie Buck Wilson
CLAY	Gary Magee	Cecil Crews
CLEBURNE	Rodger Langster	Rodger Langster
CLEVELAND	Leon Crook	Leon Crook
COLUMBIA	Harold Rogers	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	Danly Calvert
DREW	Mary Pennington	Ordie A. Watts
FAULKNER	Lucy Glover	L. J. Merritt
FRANKLIN	Bobby Jack Covert	J. D. Edgin
FULTON	Gene Maguffee	Gene Maguffee
GARLAND	Calvin Sanders	Bill Ridgeway
GRANT	Rita Barnes	Rita Barnes
GREENE	Ella Rasberry	Betty Crafton
HEMPSTEAD	Mrs. Bonnie Lively	Mrs. Dee McMurrrough
HOT SPRING	Ralph Parrish	Pat McCoy
HOWARD	Kay McClure	Delta Chalker
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

COUNTY

LAWRENCE
 LEE
 LINCOLN
 LITTLE RIVER
 LOGAN
 LONOKE
 MADISON
 MARION
 MILLER
 MISSISSIPPI
 MONROE
 MONTGOMERY
 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

CIRCUIT CLERK

Rhetta Moore
 Willa Dean Spath
 E. C. Hardin, Jr.
 Helen Green
 Clarence O. Phillips
 Garland B. Bain
 Marolyn Green
 Mrs. Lucille Sanders
 Nadine Duncan
 Donna DiCicco
 Jane Henry
 Essie Mae Black
 James Roy Brown
 Oxford Hamilton
 Pauline S. Ables
 Thomas F. Jones
 Patsy H. Nicholls
 Marilyn Strawn
 Byron Landers
 Janie W. Foster
 Reece N. Caudle
 Billy M. Garth
 Julia Hughes
 CHANCERY — Arlene Turner
 Jack Wilson
 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
 Edwin B. Jimerson
 Fay Mathis

COUNTY CLERK

Vurnece Jones
 Joyce B. Tainter
 R. A. Goyen
 Dolores Pullen
 Penn Smith
 Mrs. Janice Phillips
 Herbert Hathorn
 Mrs. Lucille Sanders
 Ted Thomas
 Helen P. Schenk
 Clyde Jacks
 Essie Mae Black
 Rufus Hicks
 Oxford Hamilton
 Ed Livingston
 Thomas F. Jones
 David Ewart
 Marilyn Strawn
 Ralph L. Walker
 Patricia Myers
 Ernest L. Powers
 Billy M. Garth
 Charles Jackson
 Mrs. Lucille Stolt
 Mrs. Dorothy C. Bernard
 George Ramsey
 Worman Owens
 George Swiderski
 Ruth Carmack
 Mrs. Neldene Smith
 Oris King
 Pat Newcomb
 Madelyn Atkinson
 Sammy Collums
 Ruth E. Roberts
 Jack Price
 Elbert R. "Bing" Miller
 Fay Mathis

TABLE XIV
JUDICIAL CIRCUITS — 1976

Circuit and County	Cases Pend- ing 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Termi- nated	Cases Pend- ing 12-31-76	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	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	23	57	51	29	28	1	0	0	-- 6
Misdemeanor	4	13	12	5	5	0	0	0	-- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	29	70	65	34	33	1	0	0	-- 5
TOTAL CIVIL	56	100	89	67	62	4	1	1.49	-- 11
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	85	170	154	101	95	5	1	.99	-- 16
PHILLIPS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Felony	51	281	187	145	138	0	7	4.82	-- 94
Misdemeanor	202	151	243	110	85	19	6	5.45	+ 92
TOTAL CRIMINAL	255	436	434	257	225	19	13	5.05	-- 2
TOTAL CIVIL	175	290	270	195	152	34	9	4.61	-- 20
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	430	726	704	452	377	53	22	4.86	-- 22
ST. FRANCIS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	89	113	119	83	78	5	0	0	+ 6
Misdemeanor	109	102	110	101	90	11	0	0	+ 8
TOTAL CRIMINAL	198	215	229	184	168	16	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CIVIL	174	193	232	135	102	20	13	9.62	+ 39
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	372	408	461	319	270	36	13	4.07	+ 53
WHITE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	95	89	117	67	57	5	5	7.46	+ 28
Misdemeanor	17	35	25	27	25	2	0	0	-- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL	112	124	142	94	82	7	5	5.31	+ 18
TOTAL CIVIL	189	346	250	285	208	52	25	8.77	-- 96
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	301	470	392	379	290	59	30	7.91	-- 78
WOODRUFF									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	28	46	36	38	24	4	10	26.31	-- 10
Misdemeanor	3	42	19	26	26	0	0	0	-- 23
TOTAL CRIMINAL	31	88	55	64	50	4	10	15.62	-- 33
TOTAL CIVIL	47	78	78	47	43	4	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	78	166	133	111	93	8	10	9.0	-- 33
TOTAL FIRST CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	4	4	6	2	2	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	296	586	510	362	325	15	22	6.07	-- 76
Misdemeanor	335	343	409	269	231	32	6	2.23	+ 66
TOTAL CRIMINAL	625	933	925	633	558	47	28	4.42	-- 8
TOTAL CIVIL	641	1,007	919	729	567	114	48	6.58	-- 88
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,266	1,940	1,844	1,362	1,125	161	76	5.58	-- 96

JUDICIAL CIRCUITS — 1976

Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	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	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	32	38	41	29	20	7	2	6.89	+ 3
Misdemeanor	10	17	15	12	12	0	0	0	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	43	55	57	41	32	7	2	4.87	+ 2
TOTAL CIVIL	70	111	101	80	67	11	2	2.50	- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	113	166	158	121	99	18	4	3.30	- 8
CRAIGHEAD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	43	133	118	58	55	2	1	1.72	- 15
Misdemeanor	44	63	32	75	50	23	2	2.66	- 31
TOTAL CRIMINAL	89	197	153	133	105	25	3	2.25	- 44
TOTAL CIVIL	226	462	391	297	255	34	8	2.69	- 71
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	315	659	544	430	360	59	11	2.55	-115
CRITTENDEN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	7	4	7	4	1	2	1	25.00	+ 3
Felony	160	186	238	108	48	20	40	37.03	+ 52
Misdemeanor	58	85	62	81	46	15	20	24.69	- 23
TOTAL CRIMINAL	225	275	307	193	95	37	61	31.60	+ 32
TOTAL CIVIL	271	399	384	286	165	73	48	16.78	- 15
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	496	674	691	479	260	110	109	22.75	+ 17
CROSS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	5	3	3	3	0	0	0	- 2
Felony	36	50	73	13	13	0	0	0	+ 23
Misdemeanor	3	10	6	7	7	0	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	40	65	82	23	23	0	0	0	+ 17
TOTAL CIVIL	66	133	107	92	71	17	4	4.34	- 26
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	106	198	189	115	94	17	4	2.02	- 9
GREENE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	50.00	0
Felony	31	43	54	20	17	3	0	0	+ 1
Misdemeanor	4	25	20	9	9	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	37	69	75	31	27	3	1	3.22	+ 6
TOTAL CIVIL	76	177	149	104	89	15	0	0	- 28
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	113	246	224	135	116	18	1	0.74	- 22
MISSISSIPPI									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	98	349	357	90	47	43	0	0	+ 8
Misdemeanor	16	14	13	17	4	13	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	116	365	373	108	52	56	0	0	+ 8
TOTAL CIVIL	231	323	371	183	116	66	1	0.54	+ 48
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	347	688	744	291	168	122	1	0.34	+ 56

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
POINSETT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	28	130	108	50	44	6	0	0	- 22
Misdemeanor	10	24	13	21	21	0	0	0	- 11
TOTAL CRIMINAL	40	156	124	72	66	6	0	0	- 32
TOTAL CIVIL	96	172	118	150	127	16	7	4.66	- 54
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	136	328	242	222	193	22	7	3.15	- 86
TOTAL SECOND CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	17	15	21	11	7	2	2	18.18	+ 6
Felony	428	929	989	368	244	81	43	11.68	+ 60
Misdemeanor	145	238	161	222	149	51	22	9.90	- 77
TOTAL CRIMINAL	590	1,182	1,171	601	400	134	67	11.14	- 11
TOTAL CIVIL	1,036	1,777	1,621	1,192	890	232	70	5.87	-156
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,626	2,959	2,792	1,793	1,290	366	137	7.64	-167
THIRD CIRCUIT									
INDEPENDENCE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	65	98	115	48	44	4	0	0	+ 17
Misdemeanor	29	53	46	36	35	1	0	0	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	94	152	161	85	80	5	0	0	+ 9
TOTAL CIVIL	133	236	236	133	114	18	1	0.75	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	227	388	397	218	194	23	1	0.45	+ 9
JACKSON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	42	108	87	63	52	7	4	6.34	- 21
Misdemeanor	42	158	137	63	61	2	0	0	- 21
TOTAL CRIMINAL	86	267	227	126	113	9	4	3.17	- 40
TOTAL CIVIL	129	251	248	132	105	23	4	3.03	- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	215	518	475	258	218	32	8	3.10	- 43
LAWRENCE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	21	88	79	30	25	4	1	3.33	- 9
Misdemeanor	12	8	18	2	2	0	0	0	+ 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL	33	97	98	32	27	4	1	3.12	+ 1
TOTAL CIVIL	99	160	158	101	65	34	2	1.98	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	132	257	256	133	92	38	3	2.25	- 1
STONE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	35	39	30	44	44	0	0	0	- 9
Misdemeanor	2	7	0	9	9	0	0	0	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	37	46	30	53	53	0	0	0	- 16
TOTAL CIVIL	26	28	35	19	19	0	0	0	+ 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	63	74	65	72	72	0	0	0	- 9

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
TOTAL THIRD CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	163	333	311	185	165	15	5	2.70	- 22
Misdemeanor	85	226	201	110	107	3	0	0	- 25
TOTAL CRIMINAL	250	562	516	296	273	18	5	1.68	- 46
TOTAL CIVIL	387	675	677	385	303	75	7	1.81	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	637	1,237	1,193	681	576	93	12	1.76	- 44
FOURTH CIRCUIT									
WASHINGTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	- 2
Felony	579	431	407	603	229	198	176	29.18	- 24
Misdemeanor	92	144	156	80	52	28	0	0	+ 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL	671	577	563	685	283	226	176	25.68	- 14
TOTAL CIVIL	774	1,066	1,080	760	550	181	29	3.81	+ 14
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,445	1,643	1,643	1,445	833	407	205	14.18	0
FIFTH CIRCUIT									
CONWAY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	116	89	64	141	73	45	23	16.31	- 25
Misdemeanor	4	9	3	10	8	1	1	10.00	- 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL	120	98	67	151	81	46	24	15.89	- 31
TOTAL CIVIL	186	158	111	233	114	64	55	23.60	- 47
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	306	256	178	384	195	110	79	20.57	- 78
FAULKNER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	+ 1
Felony	269	123	246	146	85	54	7	4.79	+123
Misdemeanor	16	10	2	24	8	16	0	0	- 8
TOTAL CRIMINAL	288	134	250	172	93	72	7	4.06	+116
TOTAL CIVIL	404	373	301	476	234	111	131	27.52	- 72
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	692	507	551	648	327	183	138	21.29	+ 44
JOHNSON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	12	77	69	20	19	0	1	5.00	- 8
Misdemeanor	2	6	7	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	14	84	76	22	21	0	1	4.54	- 8
TOTAL CIVIL	83	65	83	65	34	20	11	16.92	+ 18
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	97	149	159	87	55	20	12	13.79	+ 10
POPE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	82	86	94	74	60	3	11	14.86	+ 8
Misdemeanor	8	29	23	14	14	0	0	0	- 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL	91	115	118	88	74	3	11	12.50	+ 3
TOTAL CIVIL	252	309	295	266	160	56	50	18.79	- 14
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	343	424	413	354	234	59	61	17.23	- 11

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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	58	56	14	100	58	40	2	2.00	— 42
Misdemeanor	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	— 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	59	58	14	103	60	41	2	1.94	— 44
TOTAL CIVIL	183	125	173	135	72	40	23	17.03	+ 48
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	242	183	187	238	132	81	25	10.50	+ 4
TOTAL FIFTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	2	3	4	1	3	0	0	+ 1
Felony	537	431	487	481	295	142	44	9.14	+ 56
Misdemeanor	30	56	35	51	33	17	1	1.96	— 21
TOTAL CRIMINAL	572	489	525	536	329	162	45	8.39	+ 36
TOTAL CIVIL	1,108	1,030	963	1,175	614	291	270	22.97	— 67
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,680	1,519	1,488	1,711	943	453	315	18.41	— 31
SIXTH CIRCUIT									
PERRY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	7	7	13	1	1	0	0	0	+ 6
Misdemeanor	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	9	8	15	2	2	0	0	0	+ 7
TOTAL CIVIL	51	87	46	92	64	22	6	6.52	— 41
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	60	95	61	94	66	22	6	6.38	— 34
PULASKI									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	20	17	13	24	10	3	11	45.83	— 4
Felony	604	997	940	661	381	80	200	29.36	— 57
Misdemeanor	638	1,012	798	852	428	128	296	34.74	— 214
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1,262	2,026	1,751	1,537	819	211	507	32.98	— 275
TOTAL CIVIL	2,987	5,815	5,470	3,332	2,694	555	83	2.49	— 345
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	4,249	7,841	7,221	4,869	3,513	766	590	12.11	— 620
TOTAL SIXTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	20	17	13	24	10	3	11	45.83	— 4
Felony	611	1,004	953	662	382	80	200	30.21	— 51
Misdemeanor	640	1,013	800	853	429	128	296	34.70	— 213
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1,271	2,034	1,766	1,539	821	211	507	32.94	— 268
TOTAL CIVIL	3,038	5,902	5,516	3,424	2,758	577	89	2.59	— 386
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	4,309	7,936	7,282	4,963	3,579	788	596	12.00	— 654
SEVENTH CIRCUIT									
GRANT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	76	37	8	105	93	9	3	1.90	— 29
Misdemeanor	50	15	8	57	26	21	10	17.54	— 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	126	54	18	162	119	30	13	8.02	— 36
TOTAL CIVIL	293	82	36	339	224	48	67	19.76	— 46
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	419	136	54	501	343	78	80	23.32	— 82

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HOT SPRING									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	58	64	34	88	48	30	10	11.36	-- 30
Misdemeanor	64	106	48	122	84	28	10	8.19	-- 58
TOTAL CRIMINAL	124	171	85	210	132	58	20	9.52	-- 86
TOTAL CIVIL	124	129	135	118	73	31	14	11.86	+ 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	248	300	220	328	205	89	34	10.36	-- 80
SALINE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	-- 1
Felony	173	58	58	173	40	41	92	53.17	0
Misdemeanor	82	63	75	70	33	16	21	30.00	+ 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL	255	123	134	244	74	57	113	46.31	+ 11
TOTAL CIVIL	257	436	377	316	193	64	59	18.67	-- 59
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	512	559	511	560	267	121	172	30.71	-- 48
TOTAL SEVENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	5	6	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	307	159	100	366	181	80	105	28.68	-- 59
Misdemeanor	196	184	131	249	143	65	41	16.46	-- 53
TOTAL CRIMINAL	505	348	237	616	325	145	146	23.70	--111
TOTAL CIVIL	674	647	548	773	490	143	140	18.11	-- 99
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,179	995	785	1,389	815	288	286	20.59	--210
EIGHTH CIRCUIT									
CLARK									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	-- 2
Felony	51	88	66	73	61	12	0	0	-- 22
Misdemeanor	4	13	12	5	5	0	0	0	-- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	55	104	79	80	68	12	0	0	-- 25
TOTAL CIVIL	85	174	179	80	68	10	2	2.50	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	140	278	258	160	136	22	2	1.25	-- 20
HEMPSTEAD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	29	60	55	34	32	2	0	0	-- 5
Misdemeanor	5	16	16	5	5	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	35	76	72	39	37	2	0	0	-- 4
TOTAL CIVIL	54	78	72	60	50	7	3	5.00	-- 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	89	154	144	99	87	9	3	3.03	-- 10
LAFAYETTE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	-- 1
Felony	35	73	74	34	30	2	2	5.88	+ 1
Misdemeanor	1	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	36	79	79	36	32	2	2	5.55	0
TOTAL CIVIL	46	59	65	40	25	11	4	10.00	+ 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	82	138	144	76	57	13	6	7.89	+ 6

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
MILLER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	6	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	+ 5
Felony	110	143	141	112	93	9	10	8.92	- 2
Misdemeanor	3	9	11	1	1	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	119	155	160	114	95	9	10	8.77	+ 5
TOTAL CIVIL	132	277	251	158	137	18	3	1.89	- 26
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	251	432	411	272	232	27	13	4.77	- 21
NEVADA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	10	40	24	26	26	0	0	0	- 16
Misdemeanor	1	7	3	5	5	0	0	0	- 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	12	48	29	31	31	0	0	0	- 19
TOTAL CIVIL	26	51	63	14	13	1	0	0	- 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	38	99	92	45	44	1	0	0	- 7
TOTAL EIGHTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	8	9	13	4	4	0	0	0	+ 4
Felony	235	404	360	279	242	25	12	4.30	- 44
Misdemeanor	14	49	46	17	17	0	0	0	- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	257	462	419	300	263	25	12	4.00	- 43
TOTAL CIVIL	343	639	630	352	293	47	12	3.40	- 9
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	600	1,101	1,049	652	556	72	24	3.68	- 52
NINTH CIRCUIT									
HOWARD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	6	35	34	7	7	0	0	0	- 1
Misdemeanor	1	14	14	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	7	50	49	8	8	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CIVIL	18	55	48	25	25	0	0	0	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	25	105	97	33	33	0	0	0	- 8
LITTLE RIVER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	20	41	50	11	11	0	0	0	+ 9
Misdemeanor	7	4	9	2	2	0	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	27	46	60	13	13	0	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CIVIL	38	65	46	57	50	7	0	0	- 19
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	65	111	106	70	63	7	0	0	- 5
MONTGOMERY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	8	7	12	3	3	0	0	0	+ 5
Misdemeanor	1	9	8	2	2	0	0	0	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	9	16	20	5	5	0	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CIVIL	12	49	53	8	7	1	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	21	65	73	13	12	1	0	0	+ 8

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
PIKE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	8	26	18	16	16	0	0	0	- 8
Misdemeanor	7	24	25	6	6	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	15	50	43	22	22	0	0	0	- 7
TOTAL CIVIL	12	38	37	13	13	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	27	88	80	35	35	0	0	0	- 8
POLK									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	15	82	85	12	12	0	0	0	+ 3
Misdemeanor	2	8	9	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	17	91	95	13	13	0	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CIVIL	37	71	71	37	35	2	0	0	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	54	162	166	50	48	2	0	0	0
SEVIER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	17	85	89	13	13	0	0	0	+ 4
Misdemeanor	6	22	25	3	3	0	0	0	+ 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	23	107	114	16	16	0	0	0	+ 7
TOTAL CIVIL	15	82	83	14	12	2	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	38	189	197	30	28	2	0	0	+ 8
TOTAL NINTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	74	276	288	62	0	0	0	0	+ 12
Misdemeanor	24	81	90	15	15	0	0	0	+ 9
TOTAL CRIMINAL	98	360	381	77	77	0	0	0	+ 21
TOTAL CIVIL	132	360	338	154	142	12	0	0	- 22
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	230	720	719	231	219	12	0	0	- 1
TENTH CIRCUIT									
ASHLEY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	2	2	2	1	0	1	50.00	+ 1
Felony	119	70	40	149	51	71	27	18.12	- 30
Misdemeanor	21	31	15	37	20	13	4	10.81	- 16
TOTAL CRIMINAL	143	103	58	188	72	84	32	17.02	- 45
TOTAL CIVIL	132	164	112	184	111	54	19	10.32	- 52
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	275	267	170	372	183	138	51	27.86	- 97
BRADLEY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	37	51	50	38	27	7	4	10.52	- 1
Misdemeanor	13	15	19	9	5	2	2	22.22	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL	50	67	69	48	33	9	6	12.50	+ 2
TOTAL CIVIL	81	75	59	97	44	29	24	24.74	- 16
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	131	142	128	145	77	38	30	20.68	- 14

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
CHICOT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	81	72	89	64	31	23	10	15.62	+ 17
Misdemeanor	54	26	42	38	19	16	3	7.89	+ 16
TOTAL CRIMINAL	136	99	132	103	51	39	13	12.62	+ 33
TOTAL CIVIL	132	115	109	138	63	35	40	28.98	- 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	268	214	241	241	114	74	53	21.99	+ 27
CLEVELAND									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	23	27	20	30	15	15	0	0	- 7
Misdemeanor	4	1	0	5	1	3	1	20.00	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	27	28	20	35	16	18	1	2.85	- 8
TOTAL CIVIL	71	58	59	70	39	17	14	20.00	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	98	86	79	105	55	35	15	14.28	- 7
DALLAS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Felony	23	64	55	32	30	1	1	3.12	- 9
Misdemeanor	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	26	65	58	33	30	2	1	3.03	- 7
TOTAL CIVIL	61	97	48	110	72	28	10	9.09	- 49
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	87	162	106	143	102	30	11	7.69	- 56
DREW									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	39	50	53	36	24	9	3	8.33	+ 3
Misdemeanor	11	17	19	9	6	2	1	11.11	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	53	68	75	46	31	11	4	8.69	+ 7
TOTAL CIVIL	71	199	179	91	64	20	7	7.69	- 20
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	124	267	254	137	95	31	11	8.02	- 13
TOTAL TENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	8	5	7	6	4	1	1	16.66	+ 2
Felony	322	334	307	349	178	126	45	12.89	- 27
Misdemeanor	105	91	98	98	51	36	11	11.22	+ 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	435	430	412	453	233	163	57	12.58	- 18
TOTAL CIVIL	548	708	566	690	393	183	114	16.52	-142
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	983	1,138	978	1,143	626	346	171	14.96	-160
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT									
DESHA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	23	35	41	17	16	0	1	5.88	+ 6
Misdemeanor	1	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	24	39	44	19	17	1	1	5.26	+ 5
TOTAL CIVIL	145	157	108	194	79	40	75	38.65	- 49
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	169	196	152	213	96	41	76	35.68	- 44

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
JEFFERSON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	+ 7
Felony	307	287	381	213	140	73	0	0	+ 94
Misdemeanor	120	441	455	106	99	7	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CRIMINAL	434	734	849	319	239	80	0	0	+115
TOTAL CIVIL	1,067	833	1,024	876	461	264	151	17.23	+191
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,501	1,567	1,873	1,195	700	344	151	12.63	+306
LINCOLN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	81	23	92	12	12	0	0	0	+ 69
Misdemeanor	11	11	17	5	5	0	0	0	+ 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL	94	34	110	18	18	0	0	0	+ 76
TOTAL CIVIL	270	174	73	371	371	0	0	0	-101
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	364	208	183	389	389	0	0	0	- 25
TOTAL ELEVENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	9	6	14	1	1	0	0	0	+ 8
Felony	411	345	514	242	168	73	1	0.41	+169
Misdemeanor	132	456	475	113	105	8	0	0	+ 19
TOTAL CRIMINAL	552	807	1,003	356	274	81	1	0.28	+196
TOTAL CIVIL	1,482	1,164	1,205	1,441	911	304	226	15.68	+ 41
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	2,034	1,971	2,208	1,797	1,185	385	227	12.63	+237
TWELFTH CIRCUIT									
SEBASTIAN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	183	437	414	206	194	11	1	0.48	- 23
Misdemeanor	453	1,528	945	1,036	986	50	0	0	-583
TOTAL CRIMINAL	639	1,967	1,363	1,243	1,181	61	1	0.08	-604
TOTAL CIVIL	599	1,072	956	715	416	187	112	15.66	-116
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,238	3,039	2,319	1,958	1,597	248	113	5.77	-720
THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CALHOUN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	12	25	26	11	10	1	0	0	+ 1
Misdemeanor	0	14	12	2	2	0	0	0	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	12	39	38	13	12	1	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CIVIL	45	43	24	64	29	13	22	34.37	- 19
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	57	82	62	77	41	14	22	28.57	- 20
COLUMBIA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	50	155	152	53	51	2	0	0	- 3
Misdemeanor	4	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	56	161	161	56	54	2	0	0	0
TOTAL CIVIL	131	114	83	162	75	35	52	32.09	- 31
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	187	275	244	218	129	37	52	23.85	- 31

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	Age of Cases Pending			(% Over 2 yrs.)	Currency Gain or Loss
					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
OUACHITA									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	82	232	249	65	65	0	0	0	+ 17
Misdemeanor	0	9	6	3	3	0	0	0	- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	83	243	257	69	69	0	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CIVIL	233	156	92	297	92	37	168	56.56	- 64
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	316	399	349	366	161	37	168	45.90	- 50
UNION									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
Felony	83	178	209	52	52	0	0	0	+ 31
Misdemeanor	49	82	116	15	14	1	0	0	+ 34
TOTAL CRIMINAL	132	261	325	68	67	1	0	0	+ 64
TOTAL CIVIL	491	340	242	589	188	103	298	50.59	- 98
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	623	601	567	657	255	104	298	45.35	- 34
TOTAL THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	7	7	3	3	0	0	0	0
Felony	227	590	636	181	178	3	0	0	+ 46
Misdemeanor	53	107	138	22	21	1	0	0	+ 31
TOTAL CRIMINAL	283	704	781	206	202	4	0	0	+ 77
TOTAL CIVIL	900	653	441	1,112	384	188	540	48.56	-212
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	1,183	1,357	1,222	1,318	586	192	540	40.97	-135
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT									
BOONE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	100.00	0
Felony	8	51	56	3	3	0	0	0	+ 5
Misdemeanor	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	9	54	57	6	5	0	1	16.66	+ 3
TOTAL CIVIL	78	158	131	105	94	10	1	0.95	- 27
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	87	212	188	111	99	10	2	1.80	- 24
CLEBURNE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	10	29	36	3	3	0	0	0	+ 7
Misdemeanor	0	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	10	33	37	6	6	0	0	0	+ 4
TOTAL CIVIL	91	115	143	63	56	7	0	0	+ 28
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	101	148	180	69	62	7	0	0	- 32
MARION									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	5	16	11	10	8	2	0	0	- 5
Misdemeanor	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	5	17	11	11	9	2	0	0	- 6
TOTAL CIVIL	72	45	45	72	28	7	37	51.38	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	77	62	56	83	37	9	37	44.57	- 6

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
NEWTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	6	16	19	3	3	0	0	0	+ 3
Misdemeanor	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	8	16	21	3	3	0	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CIVIL	19	44	49	14	14	0	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	27	60	70	17	17	0	0	0	+ 10
SEARCY									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	1	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor	5	8	10	3	3	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	7	15	17	5	5	0	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CIVIL	32	54	53	33	33	0	0	0	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	39	69	70	38	38	0	0	0	+ 1
VAN BUREN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	0	64	48	16	16	0	0	0	- 16
Misdemeanor	2	31	26	7	7	0	0	0	- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	4	95	76	23	23	0	0	0	- 19
TOTAL CIVIL	45	92	67	70	54	15	1	1.42	- 25
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	49	187	143	93	77	15	1	1.07	- 44
TOTAL FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	4	3	5	2	1	0	1	50.00	+ 2
Felony	30	181	175	36	34	2	0	0	- 6
Misdemeanor	9	46	39	16	16	0	0	0	- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	43	230	219	54	51	2	1	1.85	- 11
TOTAL CIVIL	337	508	488	357	279	39	39	10.92	- 20
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	380	738	707	411	330	41	40	9.73	- 31
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRAWFORD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	51	101	46	106	83	20	3	2.83	- 55
Misdemeanor	24	81	49	56	39	15	2	3.57	- 32
TOTAL CRIMINAL	75	184	97	162	122	35	5	3.08	- 87
TOTAL CIVIL	335	331	330	337	265	48	24	7.12	- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	411	515	427	499	387	83	29	5.81	- 88
FRANKLIN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	48	60	73	35	22	11	2	5.71	+ 13
Misdemeanor	7	1	6	2	1	1	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	55	61	79	37	23	12	2	5.40	+ 18
TOTAL CIVIL	130	89	93	126	44	29	53	42.06	+ 4
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	185	150	172	163	67	41	55	33.74	+ 22

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	Age of Cases Pending			(% Over 2 yrs.)	Currency Gain or Loss
					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
LOGAN									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	4	2	3	3	0	0	0	— 2
Felony	72	136	128	80	41	6	33	41.25	— 8
Misdemeanor	12	23	12	23	19	2	2	8.69	— 11
TOTAL CRIMINAL	85	163	142	106	63	8	35	33.01	— 21
TOTAL CIVIL	184	150	131	203	82	36	85	41.87	— 19
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	269	313	273	309	145	44	120	38.83	— 40
SCOTT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	12	46	20	38	29	8	1	2.63	— 26
Misdemeanor	0	9	1	7	4	2	1	14.28	— 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	12	55	22	45	33	10	2	4.44	— 33
TOTAL CIVIL	51	44	54	41	18	17	6	14.63	+ 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	63	99	76	86	51	27	8	9.30	— 23
TOTAL FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	6	4	3	3	0	0	0	— 2
Felony	183	343	267	259	175	45	39	15.05	— 76
Misdemeanor	43	114	69	88	63	20	5	5.68	— 45
TOTAL CRIMINAL	227	463	340	350	241	65	44	12.57	— 123
TOTAL CIVIL	701	614	608	707	409	130	168	23.76	— 6
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	928	1,077	948	1,057	650	195	212	20.05	— 129
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT									
BAXTER									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	+ 3
Felony	120	88	47	161	53	52	56	34.78	— 41
Misdemeanor	15	50	30	35	21	4	10	28.57	— 20
TOTAL CRIMINAL	138	138	80	196	74	56	66	33.67	— 58
TOTAL CIVIL	186	125	115	196	71	45	80	40.81	— 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	324	263	195	392	145	101	146	37.24	— 67
FULTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	16	18	8	26	12	6	8	30.76	— 10
Misdemeanor	12	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	+ 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL	28	20	22	26	12	6	8	30.76	+ 2
TOTAL CIVIL	35	36	28	43	23	10	10	23.25	— 8
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	63	56	50	69	35	16	18	26.08	— 6
IZARD									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	24	18	30	12	12	0	0	0	+ 12
Misdemeanor	3	10	7	6	6	0	0	0	— 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	28	28	38	18	18	0	0	0	+ 10
TOTAL CIVIL	73	53	68	58	30	20	8	13.79	+ 15
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	101	81	106	76	48	20	8	10.52	+ 25

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
RANDOLPH									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	28	35	42	21	14	2	5	23.80	+ 7
Misdemeanor	3	14	6	11	9	2	0	0	-- 8
TOTAL CRIMINAL	31	49	48	32	23	4	5	15.62	-- 1
TOTAL CIVIL	48	77	65	60	43	12	5	8.33	-- 12
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	79	126	113	92	66	16	10	10.86	-- 13
SHARP									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	+ 2
Felony	25	48	37	36	27	7	2	5.55	-- 11
Misdemeanor	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	-- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	29	50	40	39	29	8	2	5.12	-- 10
TOTAL CIVIL	51	92	66	77	56	15	6	7.79	-- 26
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	80	142	106	116	85	23	8	6.89	-- 36
TOTAL SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	7	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	+ 6
Felony	213	207	164	256	118	67	71	27.73	-- 43
Misdemeanor	34	78	58	54	38	6	10	18.51	-- 20
TOTAL CRIMINAL	254	285	228	311	156	74	81	26.04	-- 57
TOTAL CIVIL	393	383	342	434	223	102	109	25.11	-- 41
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	647	668	570	745	379	176	190	25.50	-- 98
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT									
ARKANSAS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	42	195	117	120	103	8	9	7.50	-- 78
Misdemeanor	21	90	61	50	34	14	2	4.00	-- 29
TOTAL CRIMINAL	65	287	181	171	138	22	11	6.43	--106
TOTAL CIVIL	112	253	228	137	99	18	20	14.59	-- 25
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	177	540	409	308	237	40	31	10.06	--131
LONOKE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	20	54	57	17	13	4	0	0	+ 3
Misdemeanor	10	48	43	15	15	0	0	0	-- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL	30	102	100	32	28	4	0	0	-- 2
TOTAL CIVIL	169	263	260	172	124	45	3	1.74	-- 3
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	199	365	360	204	152	49	3	1.47	-- 5
MONROE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	22	47	45	24	22	1	1	4.16	-- 2
Misdemeanor	6	26	26	6	3	1	2	33.33	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL	30	75	74	31	26	2	3	9.67	-- 1
TOTAL CIVIL	110	100	95	115	61	19	35	30.43	-- 5
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	140	175	169	146	87	21	38	26.02	-- 6

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					Less Than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.		
PRAIRIE									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	11	39	35	15	15	0	0	0	-- 4
Misdemeanor	4	11	10	5	5	0	0	0	-- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	16	53	48	21	21	0	0	0	-- 5
TOTAL CIVIL	70	96	106	60	56	4	0	0	-- 10
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	86	149	154	81	77	4	0	0	+ 5
TOTAL SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	5	7	9	3	3	0	0	0	+ 2
Felony	95	335	254	176	153	13	10	5.68	-- 81
Misdemeanor	41	175	140	76	57	15	4	5.26	-- 33
TOTAL CRIMINAL	141	517	403	255	213	28	14	5.49	--114
TOTAL CIVIL	461	712	689	484	340	86	58	11.98	-- 23
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	601	1,229	1,092	739	553	114	72	9.74	--137
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT									
GARLAND									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	56	151	133	74	68	6	0	0	-- 18
Misdemeanor	14	26	19	21	17	4	0	0	-- 7
TOTAL CRIMINAL	70	177	152	95	85	10	0	0	-- 25
TOTAL CIVIL	409	473	349	533	308	175	50	9.38	--124
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	479	650	501	628	393	185	50	7.96	--149
NINETEENTH CIRCUIT									
BENTON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Felony	98	136	156	78	59	19	0	0	+ 20
Misdemeanor	13	86	65	34	32	2	0	0	-- 21
TOTAL CRIMINAL	112	225	224	113	92	21	0	0	-- 1
TOTAL CIVIL	461	608	569	500	371	103	26	5.20	-- 39
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	573	833	793	613	463	124	26	4.24	-- 40
CARROLL									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	49	34	62	21	17	4	0	0	+ 28
Misdemeanor	3	9	7	5	5	0	0	0	-- 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	53	43	70	26	22	4	0	0	+ 27
TOTAL CIVIL	108	133	132	109	84	17	8	7.33	-- 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	161	176	202	135	106	21	8	5.92	+ 26
MADISON									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony	22	13	26	9	6	3	0	0	+ 13
Misdemeanor	5	5	6	4	4	0	0	0	+ 1
TOTAL CRIMINAL	27	18	32	13	10	3	0	0	+ 14
TOTAL CIVIL	54	69	71	52	48	4	0	0	+ 2
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	81	87	103	65	58	7	0	0	+ 16

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	Less Than 1 yr.				1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.			
TOTAL NINETEENTH CIRCUIT									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	2	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	+ 1
Felony	169	183	244	108	82	26	0	0	+ 61
Misdemeanor	21	100	78	43	41	2	0	0	- 22
TOTAL CRIMINAL	192	286	326	152	124	28	0	0	+ 40
TOTAL CIVIL	623	810	772	661	503	124	34	5.14	- 38
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	815	1,096	1,098	813	627	152	34	4.18	+ 2
TOTAL STATE OF ARKANSAS									
CRIMINAL									
Capital	100	99	129	70	45	10	15	21.42	+ 30
Felony	5,109	7,659	7,513	5,255	3,473	1,008	774	14.72	- 146
Misdemeanor	2,466	5,055	4,088	3,423	2,571	466	396	11.53	- 967
TOTAL CRIMINAL	7,675	12,813	11,730	8,758	6,089	1,484	1,185	13.53	-1083
TOTAL CIVIL	14,586	20,200	18,708	16,078	10,773	3,190	2,115	13.15	-1492
TOTAL CRIMINAL & CIVIL	22,261	33,013	30,438	24,836	16,862	4,674	3,300	13.28	-2575

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	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	118	76	99	95	+ 23	48	21	26	27.36
Domestic Relations	290	267	229	228	+ 62	122	53	53	23.24
Reciprocals IN	16	4	14	6	+ 10	4	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	424	351	446	329	+ 95	174	76	79	24.01
PRAIRIE									
Equity	24	16	14	26	— 2	19	2	5	19.23
Domestic Relations	28	78	48	58	— 30	50	8	0	0
Reciprocals IN	13	4	3	14	— 1	12	0	2	14.28
Reciprocals OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	65	101	68	98	— 33	81	10	7	07.14
PULASKI									
Equity	3,829	1,101	671	4,259	— 430	1,064	1,065	2,130	50.00
Domestic Relations	4,882	4,265	3,692	5,455	— 573	1,363	1,364	2,728	50.00
Reciprocals IN	587	232	15	804	— 217	201	201	402	50.00
Reciprocals OUT	0	82	82	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9,298	5,680	4,460	10,518	—1220	2,628	2,630	5,260	50.00
WHITE									
Equity	72	142	116	98	— 26	50	28	20	20.40
Domestic Relations	161	448	391	218	— 57	134	30	54	24.77
Reciprocals IN	12	21	8	25	— 13	12	8	5	20.00
Reciprocals OUT	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	245	629	533	341	— 96	196	66	79	23.16
FIRST CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	4,043	1,335	900	4,478	— 435	1,181	1,116	2,181	48.70
Domestic Relations	5,361	5,058	4,460	5,959	— 598	1,669	1,455	2,835	45.57
Reciprocals IN	628	261	40	849	— 221	229	211	409	48.17
Reciprocals OUT	0	107	107	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10,032	6,761	5,507	11,286	—1254	3,079	2,782	5,425	48.06
SECOND CIRCUIT:									
ASHLEY									
Equity	37	63	63	37	0	31	5	1	02.70
Domestic Relations	100	343	305	138	— 38	121	15	2	01.44
Reciprocals IN	9	24	9	24	— 15	20	4	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	146	430	377	199	— 53	172	24	3	01.50
BRADLEY									
Equity	7	14	10	11	— 4	9	2	0	0
Domestic Relations	30	113	116	27	+ 3	22	3	2	07.40
Reciprocals IN	7	4	9	2	+ 5	1	0	1	50.00
Reciprocals OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	44	133	137	40	+ 4	32	5	3	07.50
CHICOT									
Equity	21	51	46	26	— 5	20	1	5	19.23
Domestic Relations	60	186	197	49	+ 11	46	3	0	0
Reciprocals IN	9	22	12	19	— 10	16	0	3	15.78
Reciprocals OUT	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	90	263	259	94	— 4	82	4	8	08.51

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DESHA									
Equity	21	35	28	28	— 7	18	6	4	14.28
Domestic Relations	46	150	130	66	— 20	51	12	3	04.54
Reciprocal IN	9	13	10	12	— 3	9	1	2	16.66
Reciprocal OUT	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	76	203	173	106	— 30	78	19	9	08.49
DREW									
Equity	15	33	18	30	— 15	23	4	3	10.00
Domestic Relations	32	140	116	56	— 24	46	10	0	0
Reciprocal IN	6	11	3	14	— 8	9	5	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	53	184	137	100	— 47	78	19	3	03.00
SECOND CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	101	196	165	132	— 31	101	18	13	09.84
Domestic Relations	268	932	864	336	— 68	286	43	7	02.08
Reciprocal IN	40	74	43	71	— 31	55	10	6	08.45
Reciprocal OUT	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	409	1,213	1,083	539	— 130	442	71	26	04.82
THIRD CIRCUIT:									
GARLAND									
Equity	103	180	183	100	+ 3	84	14	2	02.00
Domestic Relations	292	755	715	332	— 40	317	14	1	00.30
Reciprocal IN	13	38	38	13	0	11	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	408	1,003	966	445	— 37	412	30	3	00.67
MONTGOMERY									
Equity	20	13	21	12	+ 8	8	2	2	16.66
Domestic Relations	25	41	62	4	+ 21	4	0	0	0
Reciprocal IN	5	7	9	3	+ 2	3	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	62	93	19	+ 31	15	2	2	10.52
THIRD CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	123	193	204	112	+ 11	92	16	4	03.57
Domestic Relations	317	796	777	336	— 19	321	14	1	00.29
Reciprocal IN	18	45	47	16	+ 2	14	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	458	1,065	1,059	464	— 6	427	32	5	01.07
FOURTH CIRCUIT:									
ARKANSAS									
Equity	42	49	60	31	+ 11	18	4	9	29.03
Domestic Relations	125	207	222	110	+ 15	70	9	31	28.18
Reciprocal IN	11	12	9	14	— 3	11	0	3	21.42
Reciprocal OUT	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	178	273	296	155	+ 23	99	13	43	27.74
CLEVELAND									
Equity	7	22	15	14	— 7	14	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	28	48	63	13	+ 15	11	2	0	0
Reciprocal IN	4	2	2	4	0	3	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	73	81	31	+ 8	28	3	0	0

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
JEFFERSON									
Equity	278	227	342	163	+ 115	82	38	43	26.38
Domestic Relations	532	869	919	482	+ 50	387	73	22	04.56
Reciprocals IN	169	47	0	216	- 47	174	32	10	04.62
Reciprocals OUT	0	39	39	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	979	1,182	1,300	861	+ 118	643	143	75	08.71
LINCOLN									
Equity	45	27	16	56	- 11	56	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	89	63	43	109	- 20	109	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	2	3	0	5	- 3	5	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	136	94	60	170	- 34	170	0	0	0
FOURTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	372	325	433	264	+ 108	170	42	52	19.69
Domestic Relations	774	1,187	1,247	714	+ 60	577	84	53	07.42
Reciprocals IN	186	64	11	239	- 53	193	33	13	05.43
Reciprocals OUT	0	46	46	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,332	1,622	1,737	1,217	+ 115	940	159	118	09.69
FIFTH CIRCUIT:									
CROSS									
Equity	16	38	25	29	- 13	16	3	10	34.48
Domestic Relations	56	172	150	78	- 22	47	21	10	12.82
Reciprocals IN	8	6	8	6	+ 2	3	3	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	80	222	189	113	- 33	66	27	20	17.69
LEE									
Equity	30	36	27	39	- 9	19	11	9	23.07
Domestic Relations	67	124	137	54	+ 13	32	15	7	12.96
Reciprocals IN	13	10	11	12	+ 1	5	7	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	110	171	176	105	+ 5	56	33	16	15.23
MONROE									
Equity	69	32	47	54	+ 15	16	15	23	42.59
Domestic Relations	80	103	96	87	- 7	42	23	22	25.28
Reciprocals IN	7	9	6	10	- 3	6	4	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	156	144	149	151	+ 5	64	42	45	29.80
PHILLIPS									
Equity	41	93	71	63	- 22	42	12	9	14.28
Domestic Relations	152	287	302	137	+ 15	99	32	6	04.37
Reciprocals IN	31	28	2	57	- 26	27	21	9	15.78
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	224	414	381	257	- 33	168	65	24	09.33
ST. FRANCIS									
Equity	51	65	52	64	- 13	40	21	3	04.68
Domestic Relations	129	291	216	204	- 75	152	52	0	0
Reciprocals IN	23	1	12	12	+ 11	3	9	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	203	371	294	280	- 77	195	82	3	01.07

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
WOODRUFF									
Equity	14	17	19	12	+ 2	6	3	3	25.00
Domestic Relations	27	84	74	37	- 10	31	5	1	02.70
Reciprocals IN	15	8	6	17	- 2	8	2	7	41.17
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	56	110	100	66	- 10	45	10	11	16.66
FIFTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	221	281	241	261	- 40	139	65	57	21.83
Domestic Relations	511	1,061	975	597	- 86	403	148	46	07.70
Reciprocals IN	97	62	45	114	- 17	52	46	16	14.03
Reciprocals OUT	0	28	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	829	1,432	1,289	972	- 143	594	259	119	12.24
SIXTH CIRCUIT:									
LITTLE RIVER									
Equity	14	26	23	17	- 3	17	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	32	120	122	30	+ 2	24	6	0	0
Reciprocals IN	8	10	4	14	- 6	14	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	54	157	150	61	- 7	55	6	0	0
MILLER									
Equity	42	79	76	45	- 3	38	4	3	06.66
Domestic Relations	180	368	417	131	+ 49	103	8	20	15.26
Reciprocals IN	15	20	26	9	+ 6	8	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	26	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	237	493	545	185	+ 52	149	13	23	12.43
POLK									
Equity	23	49	51	21	+ 2	18	3	0	0
Domestic Relations	31	123	125	29	+ 2	29	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	3	10	11	2	+ 1	2	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	57	186	191	52	+ 5	49	3	0	0
SEVIER									
Equity	18	39	38	19	- 1	18	1	0	0
Domestic Relations	36	94	112	18	+ 18	17	1	0	0
Reciprocals IN	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	54	152	169	37	+ 17	35	2	0	0
SIXTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	97	193	188	102	- 5	91	8	3	02.94
Domestic Relations	279	705	776	208	+ 71	173	15	20	09.61
Reciprocals IN	26	48	49	25	+ 1	24	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	402	988	1,055	335	+ 67	288	24	23	06.86
SEVENTH CIRCUIT:									
CALHOUN									
Equity	9	17	15	11	- 2	8	3	0	0
Domestic Relations	24	45	42	27	- 3	20	7	0	0
Reciprocals IN	1	0	1	0	+ 1	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	34	71	67	38	- 4	28	10	0	0

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						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	(% over 2 yrs.)	
COLUMBIA										
Equity	57	62	74	45	+ 12	21	21	3	06.66	
Domestic Relations	85	295	192	98	- 13	65	31	2	02.04	
Reciprocals IN	20	21	19	22	- 2	17	5	0	0	
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	162	294	291	165	- 3	103	57	5	03.03	
DALLAS										
Equity	10	39	18	31	- 21	24	3	4	12.90	
Domestic Relations	37	87	87	37	0	26	10	1	02.70	
Reciprocals IN	8	11	1	18	- 10	11	7	0	0	
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	55	137	106	86	- 31	61	20	5	05.81	
LAFAYETTE										
Equity	34	20	22	32	+ 2	12	4	16	50.00	
Domestic Relations	61	113	105	69	- 8	40	23	6	08.69	
Reciprocals IN	2	6	1	7	- 5	6	1	0	0	
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	97	140	129	108	- 11	58	28	22	20.37	
OUACHITA										
Equity	72	44	66	50	+ 22	32	13	5	10.00	
Domestic Relations	159	258	285	132	+ 27	99	24	9	06.81	
Reciprocals IN	21	27	23	25	- 4	18	7	0	0	
Reciprocals OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	252	336	381	207	+ 45	149	44	14	06.76	
UNION										
Equity	102	140	124	118	- 16	68	33	17	14.40	
Domestic Relations	415	826	818	423	- 8	263	145	15	03.54	
Reciprocals IN	39	35	28	46	- 7	31	14	1	02.17	
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	556	1,002	971	587	- 31	362	192	33	05.62	
SEVENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:										
Equity	284	322	319	287	- 3	165	77	45	15.67	
Domestic Relations	781	1,534	1,529	786	- 5	513	240	33	04.19	
Reciprocals IN	91	100	73	118	- 27	83	34	1	00.84	
Reciprocals OUT	0	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	1,156	1,980	1,945	1,191	- 35	761	351	79	06.63	
EIGHTH CIRCUIT:										
FULTON										
Equity	14	37	33	18	- 4	15	2	1	05.55	
Domestic Relations	9	43	38	14	- 5	9	3	2	14.28	
Reciprocals IN	0	4	1	3	- 3	1	2	0	0	
Reciprocals OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	23	87	75	35	- 12	25	7	3	08.57	
JACKSON										
Equity	43	40	58	25	+ 18	17	6	2	08.00	
Domestic Relations	85	254	248	91	- 6	84	7	0	0	
Reciprocals IN	10	5	12	3	+ 7	2	1	0	0	
Reciprocals OUT	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	138	310	329	119	+ 19	103	14	2	01.68	

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LAWRENCE									
Equity	17	24	24	17	0	12	4	1	05.88
Domestic Relations	48	146	127	67	- 19	64	3	0	0
Reciprocal IN	5	10	13	2	+ 3	2	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	70	181	165	86	- 16	78	7	1	01.16
RANDOLPH									
Equity	31	36	39	28	+ 3	21	5	2	07.14
Domestic Relations	41	105	96	50	- 9	45	5	0	0
Reciprocal IN	15	6	11	10	+ 5	8	2	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	87	147	146	88	- 1	74	12	2	02.27
SHARP									
Equity	26	44	35	35	- 9	32	2	1	02.85
Domestic Relations	32	56	57	31	+ 1	27	4	0	0
Reciprocal IN	8	15	10	13	- 5	13	0	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	66	117	104	79	- 13	72	6	1	01.26
EIGHTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	131	181	189	123	+ 8	97	19	7	05.69
Domestic Relations	215	604	566	253	- 38	228	22	2	00.79
Reciprocal IN	38	40	47	31	+ 7	26	5	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	384	842	819	407	- 23	352	46	9	02.21
NINTH CIRCUIT:									
CONWAY									
Equity	44	61	29	76	- 32	39	22	15	19.73
Domestic Relations	98	163	126	135	- 37	73	26	36	26.66
Reciprocal IN	12	6	5	13	- 1	3	6	4	30.76
Reciprocal OUT	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	154	235	165	224	- 70	115	54	55	24.55
FAULKNER									
Equity	77	106	69	114	- 37	69	31	14	12.28
Domestic Relations	140	340	221	259	- 119	191	62	6	02.31
Reciprocal IN	2	24	12	14	- 12	13	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	219	475	307	387	- 168	273	94	20	05.16
JOHNSON									
Equity	28	49	33	44	- 16	31	10	3	75.00
Domestic Relations	61	139	141	59	+ 2	46	9	4	06.77
Reciprocal IN	3	4	4	3	0	2	1	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	92	208	194	106	- 14	79	20	7	06.60
POPE									
Equity	43	110	98	55	- 12	44	9	2	03.63
Domestic Relations	154	372	347	179	- 25	158	20	1	00.55
Reciprocal IN	3	33	12	24	- 21	21	3	0	0
Reciprocal OUT	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	200	525	467	258	- 58	223	32	3	01.16

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NINTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	192	326	229	289	— 97	182	72	34	11.76
Domestic Relations	453	1,014	835	632	— 179	468	117	47	07.43
Reciprocals IN	20	67	33	54	— 34	39	11	4	07.40
Reciprocals OUT	0	36	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	665	1,443	1,133	975	— 310	690	200	85	08.71

TENTH CIRCUIT:

CRAWFORD									
Equity	51	55	86	20	+ 31	20	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	210	381	502	88	+ 122	85	3	0	0
Reciprocals IN	20	33	35	18	+ 2	16	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	281	481	636	126	+ 155	121	5	0	0

FRANKLIN									
Equity	18	49	37	30	— 12	24	5	1	03.33
Domestic Relations	24	98	102	20	+ 4	20	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	3	10	10	3	0	2	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	45	159	151	53	— 8	46	6	1	01.88

SEBASTIAN									
Equity	104	214	212	106	— 2	88	13	5	04.71
Domestic Relations	344	1,293	1,310	327	+ 17	314	13	0	0
Reciprocals IN	17	85	84	18	— 1	18	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	88	88	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	465	1,680	1,694	451	+ 14	420	26	5	01.10

TENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	173	318	335	156	+ 17	132	18	6	03.85
Domestic Relations	578	1,772	1,915	435	+ 143	419	16	0	0
Reciprocals IN	40	128	129	39	+ 1	36	3	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	102	102	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	791	2,320	2,481	630	+ 161	587	37	6	00.95

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT:

BAXTER									
Equity	99	118	120	97	+ 2	54	17	26	26.80
Domestic Relations	105	197	179	123	— 18	76	26	21	17.07
Reciprocals IN	4	11	3	12	— 8	9	3	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	208	330	306	232	— 24	139	46	47	20.25

BOONE									
Equity	33	109	9	43	— 10	36	6	1	02.32
Domestic Relations	64	214	232	46	+ 18	39	4	3	06.52
Reciprocals IN	5	9	8	6	— 1	6	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	102	338	345	95	+ 7	81	10	4	04.21

MARION									
Equity	135	95	103	127	+ 8	41	14	72	05.69
Domestic Relations	74	87	77	84	— 10	40	5	39	46.42
Reciprocals IN	10	3	3	10	0	0	2	8	80.00
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	219	185	183	221	— 2	81	21	119	53.84

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
NEWTON									
Equity	6	46	31	21	— 15	19	2	0	0
Domestic Relations	8	54	54	8	0	8	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	14	100	85	29	— 15	27	2	0	0
SEARCY									
Equity	20	42	32	30	— 10	30	0	0	0
Domestic Relations	17	56	41	32	— 15	32	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	4	6	0	10	— 6	10	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	41	104	73	72	— 31	72	0	0	0
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	293	410	385	318	— 25	180	39	99	31.18
Domestic Relations	268	608	583	293	— 25	195	35	63	21.50
Reciprocals IN	23	29	14	38	— 15	25	5	8	21.05
Reciprocals OUT	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	584	1,057	992	649	— 65	400	79	170	21.19
TWELFTH CIRCUIT:									
CLAY									
Equity	67	75	81	61	+ 6	33	23	5	08.19
Domestic Relations	76	148	142	82	— 6	75	7	0	0
Reciprocals IN	13	9	11	11	+ 2	6	5	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	156	238	240	154	+ 2	114	35	5	03.24
CRAIGHEAD									
Equity	123	128	160	91	+ 32	60	20	11	12.08
Domestic Relations	458	628	793	293	+ 165	190	60	43	14.67
Reciprocals IN	71	37	67	41	+ 30	20	12	9	21.95
Reciprocals OUT	0	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	652	817	1,044	425	+ 227	270	92	63	14.82
CRITTENDEN									
Equity	56	84	72	68	— 12	42	20	6	08.82
Domestic Relations	177	470	429	218	— 41	150	67	1	00.45
Reciprocals IN	87	38	69	56	+ 31	25	15	16	28.57
Reciprocals OUT	0	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	320	615	593	342	— 22	217	102	23	06.72
GREENE									
Equity	39	50	65	24	+ 15	16	5	3	12.50
Domestic Relations	148	229	259	118	+ 30	81	22	15	12.71
Reciprocals IN	74	28	54	48	+ 26	25	23	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	261	307	378	190	+ 71	122	50	18	09.47
MISSISSIPPI									
Equity	82	86	81	87	— 5	38	42	7	08.04
Domestic Relations	387	556	582	361	+ 26	181	109	71	19.66
Reciprocals IN	20	43	24	37	— 19	29	10	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	489	705	707	487	+ 2	248	161	78	16.01

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
POINSETT									
Equity	20	47	27	40	— 20	28	12	0	0
Domestic Relations	138	263	225	176	— 38	106	70	0	0
Reciprocals IN	3	15	15	3	0	3	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	161	326	268	219	— 58	137	82	0	0
TWELFTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	387	470	486	371	+ 16	217	122	32	08.62
Domestic Relations	1,384	2,294	2,430	1,248	+ 136	783	335	130	10.41
Reciprocals IN	268	170	240	198	+ 70	108	65	25	12.62
Reciprocals OUT	0	74	74	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,039	3,008	3,230	1,817	+ 222	1,108	522	187	10.29
THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
WASHINGTON									
Equity	183	267	271	179	+ 4	105	64	10	05.58
Domestic Relations	483	954	940	497	— 14	376	98	23	04.62
Reciprocals IN	21	61	55	27	— 6	21	6	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	687	1,295	1,279	703	— 16	502	168	33	04.69
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
LOGAN									
Equity	41	44	50	35	+ 6	19	13	3	08.57
Domestic Relations	60	189	195	54	+ 6	48	5	1	01.85
Reciprocals IN	13	17	21	9	+ 4	6	3	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	114	252	268	98	+ 16	73	21	4	04.08
PERRY									
Equity	17	38	33	22	— 5	16	6	0	0
Domestic Relations	15	77	77	15	0	15	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	0	2	1	1	— 1	1	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	120	114	38	— 6	32	6	0	0
SCOTT									
Equity	18	23	21	20	— 2	14	4	2	10.00
Domestic Relations	20	64	66	18	+ 2	17	1	0	0
Reciprocals IN	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	38	93	93	38	0	31	5	2	05.26
YELL									
Equity	35	55	39	51	— 16	28	18	5	09.80
Domestic Relations	43	181	181	43	0	36	7	0	0
Reciprocals IN	1	5	6	0	+ 1	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	79	241	226	94	— 15	64	25	5	05.31
FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	111	160	143	128	— 17	77	41	10	07.81
Domestic Relations	138	511	519	130	+ 8	116	13	1	00.76
Reciprocals IN	14	29	33	10	+ 4	7	3	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	263	706	701	268	— 5	200	57	11	04.10

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
GRANT									
Equity	56	39	23	72	— 16	43	20	9	12.50
Domestic Relations	65	103	53	115	— 50	76	31	8	06.95
Reciprocals IN	0	6	0	6	— 6	4	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	121	148	76	193	— 72	123	53	17	08.80
HOT SPRING									
Equity	29	38	35	32	— 3	18	11	3	09.37
Domestic Relations	124	244	249	119	+ 5	89	26	4	03.36
Reciprocals IN	9	14	13	10	— 1	8	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	162	298	299	161	+ 1	115	39	7	04.34
SALINE									
Equity	50	127	100	77	— 27	47	19	11	14.28
Domestic Relations	141	523	463	201	— 60	155	45	1	06.49
Reciprocals IN	9	11	4	16	— 7	9	7	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	200	665	571	294	— 94	211	71	12	04.08
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	135	204	158	181	— 46	108	50	23	12.70
Domestic Relations	330	870	765	435	— 105	320	102	13	02.98
Reciprocals IN	18	31	17	32	— 14	21	11	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	482	1,111	946	648	— 165	449	163	36	05.55
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
BENTON									
Equity	109	186	193	102	+ 7	77	12	13	12.74
Domestic Relations	126	645	161	160	— 34	158	2	0	0
Reciprocals IN	20	51	42	29	— 9	25	3	1	03.44
Reciprocals OUT	0	34	34	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	255	916	880	291	— 36	260	17	14	04.81
CARROLL									
Equity	58	78	90	46	+ 12	33	8	5	10.86
Domestic Relations	69	153	169	53	+ 16	48	3	2	03.77
Reciprocals IN	13	6	10	9	+ 4	5	1	3	33.33
Reciprocals OUT	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	140	242	274	108	+ 32	86	12	10	09.25
MADISON									
Equity	53	51	50	54	— 1	20	15	19	35.18
Domestic Relations	76	80	118	38	+ 30	30	4	4	10.52
Reciprocals IN	16	7	11	12	+ 4	6	3	3	25.00
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	145	138	179	104	+ 41	56	22	26	25.00
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	220	315	333	202	+ 18	130	35	37	18.31
Domestic Relations	271	878	898	251	+ 20	236	9	6	02.39
Reciprocals IN	49	64	63	50	— 1	36	7	7	14.00
Reciprocals OUT	0	39	39	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	540	1,296	1,333	503	+ 37	402	51	50	09.94

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
CLARK									
Equity	38	42	39	41	— 3	20	10	11	26.82
Domestic Relations	73	163	137	99	— 26	65	30	4	04.04
Reciprocals IN	7	6	6	7	0	4	3	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	118	217	188	147	— 29	89	43	15	10.20
HEMPSTEAD									
Equity	28	39	40	27	+ 1	20	7	0	0
Domestic Relations	58	158	146	70	— 12	61	9	0	0
Reciprocals IN	9	14	14	9	0	7	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	95	218	207	106	— 11	88	18	0	0
HOWARD									
Equity	12	35	30	17	— 5	16	0	1	05.88
Domestic Relations	26	91	79	38	— 12	34	3	1	02.63
Reciprocals IN	3	11	5	9	— 6	8	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	41	137	114	64	— 23	58	4	2	03.12
NEVADA									
Equity	17	28	29	16	+ 1	13	3	0	0
Domestic Relations	38	67	74	31	+ 7	29	2	0	0
Reciprocals IN	3	4	5	2	+ 1	2	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	58	102	111	49	+ 9	44	5	0	0
PIKE									
Equity	13	21	26	8	+ 5	5	3	0	0
Domestic Relations	24	78	67	35	— 11	27	6	2	05.71
Reciprocals IN	1	2	1	2	— 1	2	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	38	102	95	45	— 7	34	9	2	04.44
SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	108	165	164	109	— 1	74	23	12	11.00
Domestic Relations	219	557	503	273	— 54	216	50	7	02.56
Reciprocals IN	23	37	31	29	— 6	23	6	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	350	776	715	411	— 61	313	79	19	04.62
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT:									
CLEBURNE									
Equity	40	58	65	33	+ 7	30	2	1	03.03
Domestic Relations	41	118	103	56	— 15	50	4	3	05.35
Reciprocals IN	8	8	13	3	+ 5	3	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	89	194	191	92	— 3	83	5	4	04.34
INDEPENDENCE									
Equity	68	54	47	75	— 7	28	13	34	45.33
Domestic Relations	112	232	191	153	— 41	76	34	43	28.10
Reciprocals IN	52	11	9	54	— 2	8	7	39	72.22
Reciprocals OUT	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	232	309	259	282	— 50	112	54	116	41.13

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Circuit and County	Cases Pending 1-1-76	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Cases Pending 12-31-76	Currency Gain or Loss	Age of Cases Pending			(% over 2 yrs.)
						Less than 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	Over 2 yrs.	
IZARD									
Equity	23	28	9	42	— 19	25	15	2	04.76
Domestic Relations	34	52	11	75	— 41	44	31	0	0
Reciprocals IN	4	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	61	81	21	121	— 60	71	48	2	01.65
STONE									
Equity	32	45	37	40	— 8	30	10	0	0
Domestic Relations	36	62	69	29	+ 7	29	0	0	0
Reciprocals IN	2	3	5	0	+ 2	0	0	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	70	117	118	69	+ 1	59	10	0	0
VAN BUREN									
Equity	32	54	27	59	— 27	45	12	2	03.38
Domestic Relations	40	72	58	54	— 14	52	2	0	0
Reciprocals IN	4	6	3	7	— 3	6	1	0	0
Reciprocals OUT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	76	133	89	120	— 44	103	15	2	01.66
EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT TOTALS:									
Equity	195	239	185	249	— 54	158	52	39	15.66
Domestic Relations	263	536	432	367	— 104	251	70	46	12.53
Reciprocals IN	70	28	30	68	+ 2	19	10	39	57.35
Reciprocals OUE	0	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	528	834	678	684	— 156	428	132	124	18.12
STATE TOTALS									
Equity	7,369	5,900	5,328	7,941	— 572	3,400	1,877	2,664	33.54
Domestic Relations	12,893	21,871	21,014	13,750	— 857	7,551	2,866	3,333	24.24
Reciprocals IN	1,670	1,338	1,000	2,008	— 338	1,011	469	528	26.29
Reciprocals OUT	0	640	640	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	21,932	29,749	27,982	23,699	—1767	11,962	5,212	6,525	27.53

TABLE XVI
PROBATE COURTS — CHANCERY COURTS — 1976

Circuit and County	Guardianship	Alcoholics & Mental	Adoption	Misc.	DECEDENTS' ESTATES				Total Probate Filings
					Pending 1-1-76	Filed	Terminated	Pending 12-31-76	
FIRST:									
Lonoke	23	0	17	6	443	62	28	477	108
Prairie	7	0	4	1	136	15	17	134	27
Pulaski	332	176	278	193	1,550	590	454	1,686	1,569
White	37	25	34	12	111	54	48	117	162
TOTAL:	399	201	333	212	2,240	721	547	2,414	1,866
SECOND:									
Ashley	13	13	21	4	97	25	21	101	76
Bradley	18	11	5	15	103	38	38	103	87
Chicot	16	2	11	8	46	16	15	47	53
Desha	10	4	14	15	78	28	11	95	71
Drew	11	8	8	15	146	29	10	165	71
TOTAL:	68	38	59	57	470	136	95	511	358
THIRD:									
Garland	72	58	55	60	460	274	283	451	519
Montgomery	4	5	0	2	28	22	13	37	33
TOTAL:	76	63	55	62	488	296	296	488	552
FOURTH:									
Arkansas	21	13	16	5	303	74	73	304	129
Cleveland	6	12	1	2	63	25	25	63	46
Jefferson	60	137	65	45	482	152	142	492	459
Lincoln	3	7	5	7	92	22	14	100	44
TOTAL:	90	169	87	59	940	273	254	959	678
FIFTH:									
Cross	7	3	19	6	125	48	38	135	83
Lee	12	22	9	18	123	35	21	137	96
Monroe	6	17	13	10	80	30	37	73	76
Phillips	28	17	32	28	257	110	81	286	215
St. Francis	35	18	22	17	277	72	129	220	164
Woodruff	9	13	6	5	125	21	19	127	54
TOTAL:	97	90	101	84	987	316	325	978	688
SIXTH:									
Little River	3	3	1	3	105	25	8	122	35
Miller	23	30	25	33	123	42	87	78	153
Polk	12	5	8	1	103	23	33	93	49
Sevier	1	5	8	5	52	26	30	48	45
TOTAL:	39	43	42	42	383	116	158	341	282
SEVENTH:									
Calhoun	3	0	4	7	76	9	7	78	23
Columbia	22	28	14	24	227	52	43	236	140
Dallas	10	1	6	1	38	18	16	40	36
Lafayette	13	12	10	2	224	35	24	235	72
Ouachita	42	19	14	28	429	59	62	426	162
Union	51	34	39	31	604	102	92	614	257
TOTAL:	141	94	87	93	1,598	275	244	1,629	690

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Circuit and County	Guardianship	Alcoholics & Mental	Adoption	Misc.	DECEDENTS' ESTATES				Total Probate Filings
					Pending 1-1-76	Filed	Terminated	Pending 12-31-76	
EIGHTH:									
Fulton	0	0	0	9	46	24	28	41	33
Jackson	16	11	8	7	207	45	22	230	87
Lawrence	22	3	11	10	81	12	33	60	58
Randolph	9	5	9	6	73	33	22	84	62
Sharp	4	4	9	3	34	24	31	27	49
TOTAL:	51	23	37	40	441	138	136	443	289
NINTH:									
Conway	11	17	22	7	105	33	21	117	90
Faulkner	24	15	19	27	241	103	60	284	188
Johnsor.	12	27	9	17	97	48	2	143	113
Pope	31	20	40	13	130	58	95	93	162
TOTAL:	78	79	90	64	573	242	178	637	553
TENTH:									
Crawford	12	32	36	13	41	37	22	56	130
Franklin	13	17	3	3	53	23	22	54	59
Sebastion	81	147	76	43	268	136	129	275	483
TOTAL:	106	196	115	59	362	196	173	385	672
ELEVENTH:									
Baxter	17	2	12	17	131	63	15	179	111
Boone	18	19	17	17	140	40	51	129	111
Marion	6	2	10	0	70	38	20	88	56
Newton	5	1	5	3	3	3	5	1	17
Searcy	15	0	7	0	127	22	0	149	44
TOTAL:	61	24	51	37	471	166	91	546	339
TWELFTH:									
Clay	12	2	13	27	224	67	33	258	121
Craighead	54	21	40	38	385	107	85	407	260
Crittenden	40	7	28	31	179	81	86	174	187
Greene	18	5	10	7	116	49	43	122	89
Mississippi	37	34	64	49	691	116	71	736	300
Poinsett	16	8	22	17	114	45	31	128	108
TOTAL:	177	77	177	169	1,709	465	349	1,825	1,065
THIRTEENTH:									
Washington	36	30	37	38	556	151	112	595	312
FOURTEENTH:									
Logan	12	13	3	22	173	24	19	178	84
Perry	5	1	5	0	18	16	8	26	27
Scott	9	8	3	3	10	9	7	12	32
Yell	18	13	16	5	42	22	17	47	74
TOTAL:	44	35	37	30	243	71	51	263	217
FIFTEENTH:									
Grant	17	2	11	4	33	12	12	33	46
Hot Spring	15	9	21	5	389	39	17	411	89
Saline	35	6	37	14	103	65	40	122	157
TOTAL:	67	17	69	23	525	116	75	566	292

TABLE XVI
 PROBATE COURTS — CHANCERY COURTS — 1976

Circuit and County	Guard- ianship	Alco- holics & Mental	Adoption	Misc.	DECEDENTS' ESTATES				Total Probate Filings
					Pend- ing 1-1-76	Filed	Termi- nated	Pend- ing 12-31-76	
SIXTEENTH:									
Benton	14	21	49	38	241	122	117	246	244
Carroll	12	12	11	10	70	115	63	122	160
Madison	2	12	6	21	187	52	92	147	93
TOTAL:	28	45	66	69	498	289	272	515	497
SEVENTEENTH:									
Clark	23	14	8	18	221	41	43	219	104
Hempstead	20	33	19	2	185	56	43	198	130
Howard	4	6	7	3	54	16	43	27	36
Nevada	9	6	10	6	131	76	68	139	107
Pike	7	9	3	1	31	15	20	26	35
TOTAL:	63	68	47	30	622	204	217	609	412
EIGHTEENTH:									
Cleburne	9	2	6	1	46	24	30	40	42
Independence	19	11	8	4	68	29	49	48	71
Izard	4	1	4	1	60	21	11	70	31
Stone	2	1	5	2	48	10	6	52	20
Van Buren	7	3	5	0	65	26	35	56	41
TOTAL:	41	18	28	8	287	110	131	266	205
STATE TOTALS:	1,662	1,310	1,538	1,176	13,393	4,281	3,704	13,970	9,967

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.

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).

Act 742 of 1977 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 election, 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 case 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.

Act 447 of 1977 states that: The decisions of the juvenile referee shall be binding upon the county judge, who shall sign any order or judgment delivered by the juvenile referee, and such order or judgment shall be a decision of the county judge. Appeals from any decision of the county judge may be taken as a matter of right to the circuit court in the county in which the case was decided. A trial de novo without jury shall then be conducted by the judge of the circuit court.

Act 363 of 1977 authorized the appointment of a referee by the county court to hear proceedings in bastardy. The Act provided that the county judge should make the final determination in such cases.

The use of Juvenile Court Referees has been initiated in 43 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 — 1977

Officers of the Arkansas County Judges' Association are:

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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	Joe T. Fowler	Madison	Charles Whorton, Jr.
Calhoun	Irwin Colv	Marion	Gay Rorie
Carroll	Arthur Carter	Miller	Sam F. Rose
Chicot	J. R. Burchfield	Mississippi	A. A. "Shug" Banks
Clark	R. W. Stevenson	Monroe	Tom Catlett
Clay	Boyce McLeskey	Montgomery	L. J. Warneke
Cleburne	Delane Wright	Nevada	Bobby Taylor
Cleveland	Raymond Jack Sipes	Newton	Cornelius Smith
Columbia	R. W. "Bob" Henderson	Ouachita	John Marlair
Conway	David Trafford	Perry	Malvin U. Brand
Craighead	Dennis Gilliam	Phillips	A. Y. Gordon
Crawford	Walter Kaylor	Pike	A. D. May
Crittenden	Jack Brawley	Poinsett	Frank Dean
Cross	William J. Wood	Polk	Sam Varner
Dallas	Troy Bradley	Pope	Ermil Grant
Desha	Bonnie Zook	Prairie	J. Elmer Berry
Drew	Vernon Roberts	Pulaski	Roger Mears
Faulkner	Gerald Ward	Randolph	Junior J. Wooldridge
Franklin	Joe Powell	St. Francis	Carl Sisco
Fulton	Leonard Mooney	Saline	Wayne Bishop
Garland	W. J. McCuen	Scott	John Fred Evatt
Grant	Veo Easley	Searcy	Andy Griffin
Greene	Buford Diggs	Sebastian	Glenn Thames
Hempstead	Wayne Bohanon	Sevier	B. A. Mauldin
Hot Spring	Carl Fowler	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		

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CASES FILED IN COUNTY COURTS

1976

County	Juvenile Cases	Bastardy Cases	County	Juvenile Cases	Bastardy Cases
Arkansas	52	0	Lee	77	1
Ashley	25	3	Lincoln	0	0
Baxter	0	0	Little River	6	5
Benton	171	1	Logan	24	0
Boone	34	0	Lonoke	0	0
Bradley	12	1	Madison	10	0
Calhoun	0	4	Marion	0	0
Carroll	51	0	Miller	98	6
Chicot	86	1	Mississippi	258	1
Clark	47	0	Monroe	23	0
Clay	0	0	Montgomery	0	0
Cleburne	13	0	Nevada	25	2
Cleveland	0	0	Newton	0	0
Columbia	53	0	Ouachita	6	1
Conway	20	0	Perry	0	0
Craighead	99	1	Phillips	141	12
Crawford	61	1	Pike	0	0
Crittenden	290	5	Poinsett	14	0
Cross	59	0	Polk	35	0
Dallas	15	0	Pope	64	2
Desha	0	0	Prairie	0	0
Drew	61	0	Pulaski	1,525	55
Faulkner	30	2	Randolph	22	0
Franklin	20	0	Saline	182	0
Fulton	2	0	Scott	20	0
Garland	309	1	Searcy	0	0
Grant	0	0	Sebastian	390	15
Greene	31	0	Sevier	2	0
Hempstead	57	2	Sharp	0	0
Hot Spring	75	2	St. Francis	0	0
Howard	3	0	Stone	3	0
Independence	26	1	Union	276	4
Izard	0	0	Van Buren	7	0
Jackson	38	0	Washington	639	2
Jefferson	807	159	White	87	4
Johnson	27	0	Woodruff	19	0
Lafayette	0	4	Yell	9	2
Lawrence	52	0	STATE TOTALS	6,588	300

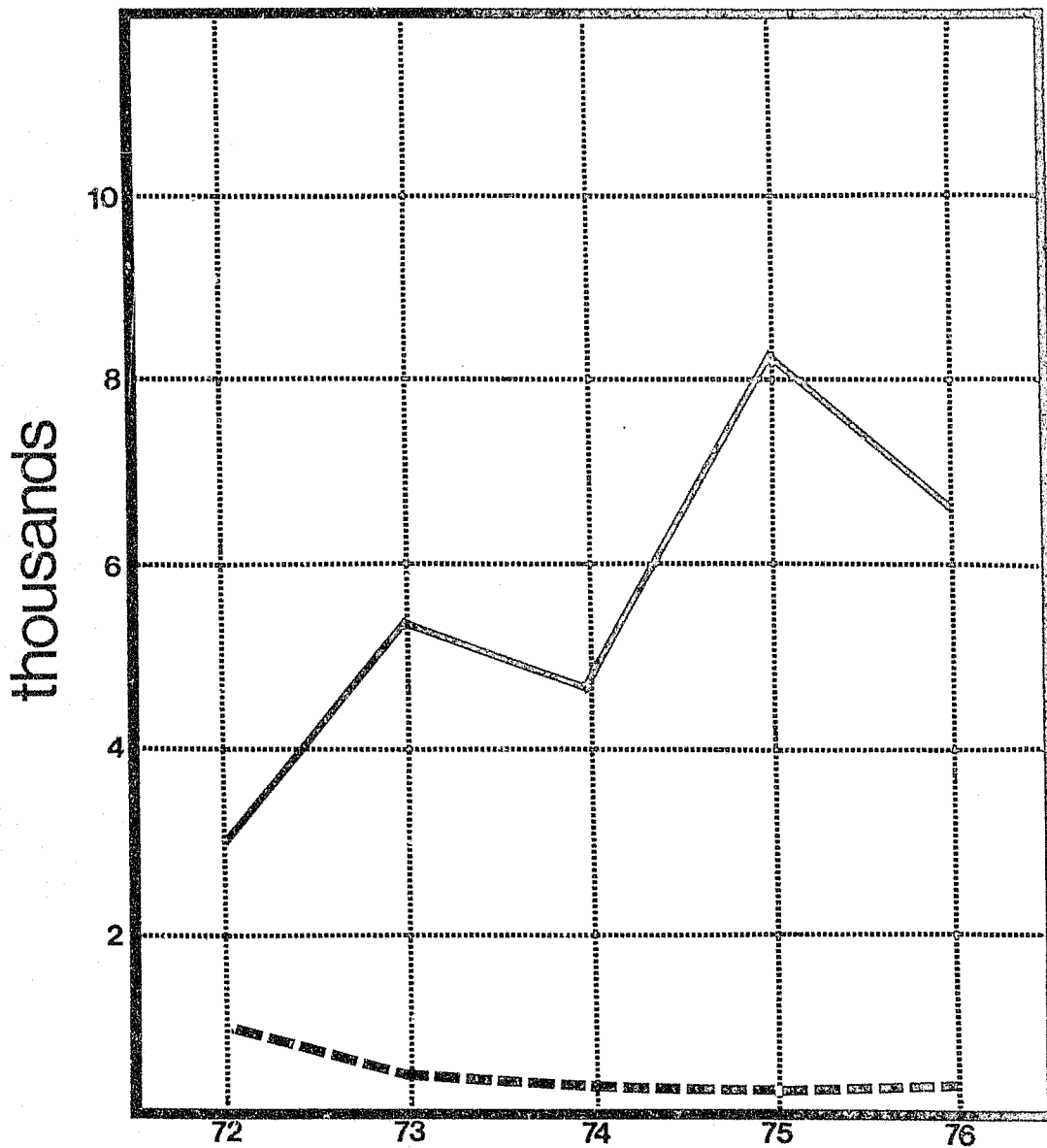
JUVENILE COURT REFEREES

1976

County	City	Referee
Ashley	Hamburg	A. James Linder
Benton	Rogers	Douglas L. Wilson
Boone	Harrison	Bill F. Doshier
Bradley	Warren	Paul K. Roberts
Carroll	Green Forest	Ray Pruitt
Chicot	Lake Village	Ohmer C. Burnside
Cleburne	Heber Springs	Earl Olmstead
Cleveland	Rison	Raymond J. Sipes
Conway	Morrilton	Howard Yates
Craighead	Jonesboro	Donald Seay
Crawford	Van Buren	Fines F. Batchelor, Jr.
Crittenden	West Memphis	W. P. Rainey
Cross	Wynne	Robert Bassham
Drew	Monticello	Samuel N. Bird
Garland	Hot Springs	Robert S. Hargraves
Hempstead	Hope	Paul Choate
Howard	Nashville	Edwin Alford
Independence	Batesville	T. J. Hively
Jefferson	Pine Bluff	Jimmy D. Joyce
Lee	Marianna	Danny Felton, III
Lonoke	Cabot	Edgar R. Thompson
Madison	Huntsville	W. Q. Hall
Miller	Texarkana	Philip B. Purifoy
Mississippi	Blytheville	Judge Max Harrison
Monroe	Clarendon	Tom Catlett
Newton	Jasper	Fred Fennell
Ouachita	Camden	Harry F. Barnes
Perry	Perryville	Herby Branscum, Jr.
Phillips	West Helena	John M. Pittman
Polk	Mena	J. B. Stevenson
Pope	Russellville	Jon R. Sanford
Pulaski	Little Rock	Judith Rogers
Randolph	Pocahontas	John Burris
Saline	Benton	Dan Harmon
Searcy	Marshall	John Driver
Sebastian	Ft. Smith	Audit Kincannon
	Greenwood	Wayland Parker
Van Buren	Clinton	Jim Burnett
Washington	Fayetteville	Bob I. Mayes
White	Searcy	Jim Hannah
Yell	Danville	C. R. George
	Dardanelle	Robert Hodges

COUNTY COURTS

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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	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1975
Ashley	32	22	42	156	123	123	99	162	206	39
Chicot	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crittenden	17	14	11	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Cross	0	NR	5	1	22	0	0	0	0	0
Desha	4	2	4	2	4	4	6	15	5	5
Drew	0	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	56	42	38	46	40	40	44	78	58	74
Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lonoke	30	30	29	19	28	48	49	49	78	96
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	49	0	0
Mississippi	41	36	43	18	21	30	8	11	17	26
Nevada	2	9	1	4	1	3	3	2	0	1
Prairie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	183	155	173	246	241	248	248	367	364	241

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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 courts 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, two counties do not have a Municipal Court. These counties are Calhoun and Little River.

These courts handle the bulk of all misdemeanors, ordinance violations, and small claims. During 1976, Municipal Courts in Arkansas handled a record 505,933 cases, assessed over ten million dollars in fines and nearly four million in costs, and collected over 13 million dollars in fines and costs.

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Paragould

MUNICIPAL COURTS — 1977

City	County	Judge	Clerk
Arkadelphia	Clark	B. W. Sanders	Mary Dixon
Ash Flat	Sharp	Lloyd Harper	Donna Gibson
Augusta	Woodruff	James F. Daugherty	Merle Montague
Bald Knob	White	Paul Petty	
Batesville	Independence	Hubert J. Meachum	Roy N. Goatcher
Benton	Saline	Wendell Hall	Diane Mattison
Bentonville	Benton	Stephen P. Sawyer	Brenda Ward
Berryville	Carroll	H. Paul Jackson	Thelma Bohannan
Blytheville	Mississippi	Max B. Harrison	Dorothy L. Besharse
Booneville	Logan	Ronald Gene Killion	Cary M. Olsen
Brinkley	Monroe	James Sprott	Geraldine Patrick
Bryant	Saline	Derrell Davis	Dianne Pittman
Cabot	Lonoke	Edgar R. Thompson	Melissa S. Wilson
Camden	Ouachita	Harry F. Barnes	Corin Blackwood
Clarendon	Monroe	Willis L. Plant	Sandra Booker
Clarksville	Johnson	John S. Patterson	L. T. Arrington
Clinton	Van Buren	Jim Burnett	
Conway	Faulkner	George F. Harje, Jr.	Shirley Garrett
Corning	Clay	Guy Brinkley	Denzil C. Wright
Crossett	Ashley	William P. Switzer	Dana Williams
Danville	Yell	C. R. George	Jan G. Richison
Dardanelle	Yell	C. R. George	Jan G. Richison
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	Joyce Degn
Fayetteville	Washington	Charles N. Williams	Vineta Wingate
Fordyce	Dallas	Thomas D. Wynne, Jr.	Charles Hearne
Forrest City	St. Francis	Henry Wilkerson	Charline Fitzpatrick
Fort Smith	Sebastian	Lawson Cloninger	Vera Combs
Greenwood	Sebastian	Wayland Parker	Beverly Bryan
Hamburg	Ashley	Herman L. Hamilton	Hazel Henderson
Harrisburg	Poinsett	Edward S. Maddox	Sherry Lamb
Harrison	Boone	Donald Joe Adams	G. A. Reid
Heber Springs	Cleburne	Earl Olmstead	Evelyn Alexander
Helena	Phillips	Edward Grauman	Mildred Sallis
Hope	Hempstead	John L. Wilson, Jr.	Annie Jean Walker
Hot Springs	Garland	Earl J. Mazander	Hazel Gossett
Huntsville	Madison	W. Q. Hall	Jeraldine Hatfield
Jacksonville	Pulaski	Robert Baton	Leon Sorrells
Jasper	Newton	John H. Poyner	
Jonesboro	Craighead	John States	Shirley Powell
Lake City	Craighead	John States	Pat Fleetwood
Lewisville	Lafayette	Pat Robinson	Kay Alexander
Little Rock	Pulaski	William R. Butler	Avonell S. Boyce
		(Traffic)	
Little Rock	Pulaski	Jack Holt, Sr.	Dora Anderson
		(Civil/Criminal)	
Lonoke	Lonoke	Joseph V. Svozoda	Joanne Beard
Magnolia	Columbia	William A. Eckert	Freddy A. Allison
Malvern	Hot Spring	William C. Gilliam	Grace Griffin
Mammoth Spring	Fulton	Loyd Harper	Joan Vick
			Joan Baker

MUNICIPAL COURTS — 1977

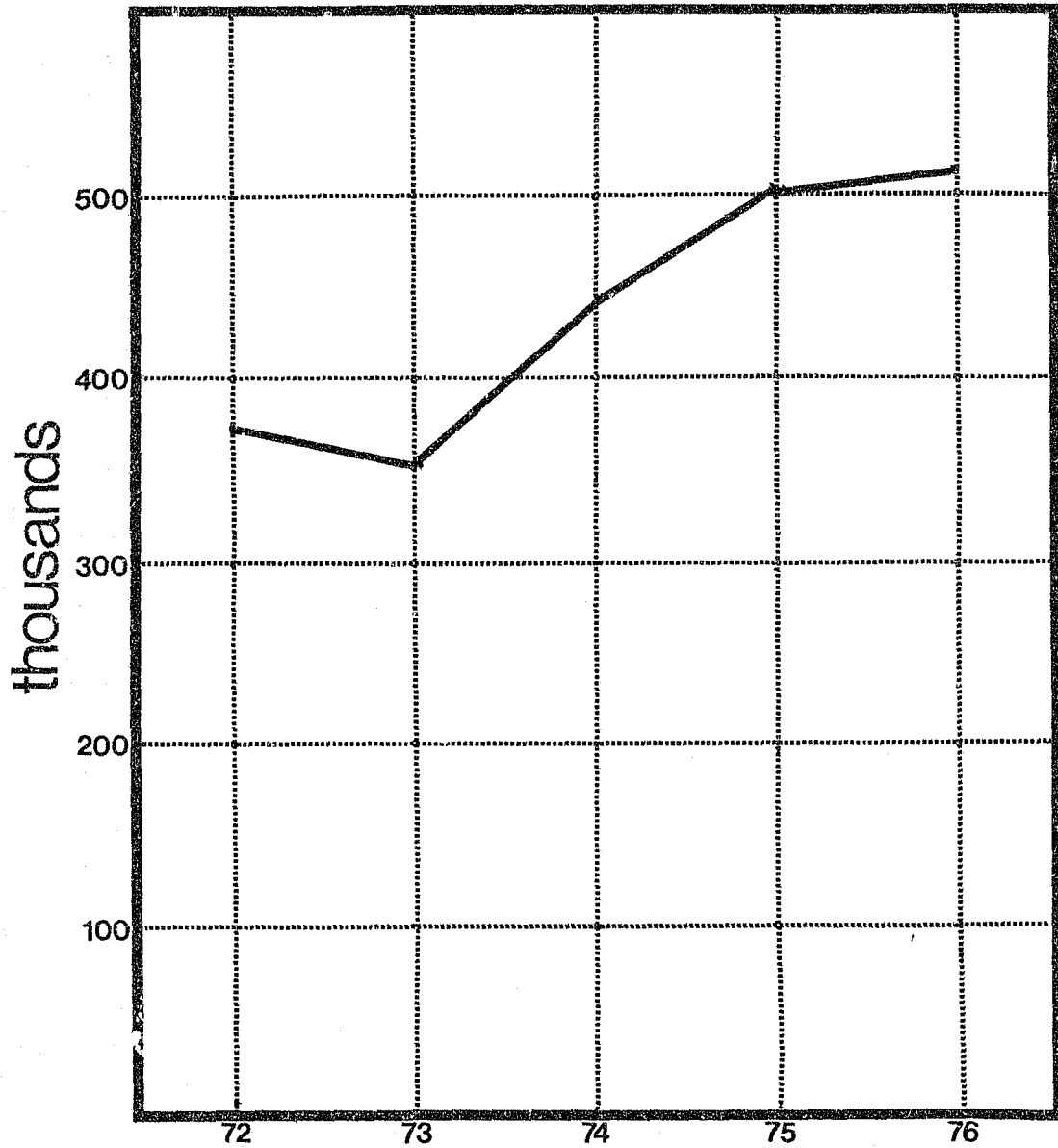
City	County	Judge	Clerk
Marianna	Lee	Daniel H. Felton, III	J. H. Smithson
Marshall	Searcy	John B. Driver	Frances R. Driver
McGehee	Desha	Robert M. Smith	Barbara Wood
Melbourne	Izard	L. Gray Dellinger	Rhonda Halbrook
Mena	Polk	Robert L. Shaw	Lavena Rackley
Monticello	Drew	E. Clinton Bond	David Smith
Morrilton	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
Murfreesboro	Pike	Lindell Hile	Barbara Cherry
Nashville	Howard	Edwin Alford	Bonnie Reich
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
Ozark	Franklin	Gregory McKenzie	Clara Smith
Paragould	Greene	Deborah Jackson	Emma Jean Cole
Paris	Logan	Herschel Cleveland	Debra Rollans
Perryville	Perry	Herby Branscum, Jr.	Shirley Eubanks
Piggott	Clay	Guy Brinkley	Janie Brinkley
Pine Bluff	Jefferson	Charles Goldberger	Dale Shepherd
Pocahontas	Randolph	Harrell Simpson, Jr.	Geraldine Oakley
Prescott	Nevada	Normany M. Smith	Karen Martin
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 Whiteheard
Sherwood	Pulaski	Milas Hale	Marion G. Fray
Siloam Springs	Benton	Kent Watson	Opel Pelz
Springdale	Washington	James E. Evans	Paul F. Burgess
Star City	Lincoln	Murray F. Armstrong	Thomas Roark
Stuttgart	Arkansas	Cecil Matthews	Jean Matthews
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	Richard L. Proctor	Olive Bock
Yellville	Marion	Michael E. Kelly	Joyce Newton

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MUNICIPAL COURTS — CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED, FINES COLLECTED — 1976

Town, County	CASES FILED						FINES (IN DOLLARS)						Total Fines & Costs Collected
	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	
Arkadelphia, Clark	145	1,905	230	732	149	3,161	22,934	42,448	4,908	29,492	99,782	37,689	132,162
Ash Flat, Sharp	29	429	139	0	0	597	4,792	5,954	5,856	0	16,602	10,333	27,936
Augusta, Woodruff	151	571	297	570	12	1,601	22,880	9,704	2,785	21,135	55,504	26,179	78,890
Bald Knob,* Augusta*	54*	112*	243*	0*	0*	409*	11,676*	2,770*	14,029*	0*	28,475*	1,079*	18,862*
Batesville, Independence	177	2,170	794	599	74	3,814	17,870	18,700	16,138	12,527	65,235	38,184	104,222
Benton, Saline	412	3,786	1,096	1,326	245	6,865	47,996	48,422	20,200	54,323	170,941	90,870	225,714
Bentonville, Benton	182	1,048	234	464	99	2,027	25,260	21,807	3,341	15,698	66,106	17,171	83,277
Berryville, Carroll	33	0	1,743	28	1	1,805	6,125	0	28,437	90	34,652	8,098	39,777
Blytheville, Mississippi	370	2,858	945	2,051	82	6,306	64,768	71,552	23,780	100,262	260,362	93,506	192,093*
Booneville, Logan	78	115	360	71	3	627	13,221	1,725	8,109	1,065	24,120	5,900	30,020
Brinkley, Monroe	141	1,309	234	670	103	2,457	27,189	18,760	4,783	19,951	70,683	45,454	109,154
Bryant, Saline	95	1,044	105	149	0	1,393	12,335	18,535	1,818	4,655	37,343	15,228	52,570
Cabot, Lonoke	100	669	129	44	97	1,039	9,128	21,400	3,674	2,196	36,398	11,542	47,771
Camden, Ouachita	332	2,213	1,351	974	130	5,000	28,379*	20,926*	110,596	14,199*	174,100	77,806	179,165
Clarendon, Monroe	79	541	168	194	7	989	11,277	8,185	1,208	4,737	25,407	18,432	42,247
Clarksville, Johnson	128	0	1,857	0	54	2,039	16,573	0	28,576	0	45,149	40,795	85,944
Clinton, Van Buren	53	293	107	290	109	852	1,444*	3,789*	8,657	11,917*	25,807	7,930	33,738
Conway, Faulkner	241	3,396	1,359	1,038	67	6,101	16,850	42,055	49,405	21,345	129,655	57,178	170,612
Corning, Clay	65	737	100	391	14	1,307	10,776	10,905	1,384	11,559	34,624	0	57,100
Crossett, Ashley	46	1,049	250	370	312	2,027	8,785	41,693	13,136	21,611	85,225	15,500	75,647
DeQueen, Sevier	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dermott, Chicot	148	812	228	300	12	1,500	22,529	22,698	4,376	10,953	60,556	9,390	69,946
DeWitt, Arkansas	31*	337*	56*	80*	3*	507*	4,677*	8,491*	785*	3,282*	17,235*	3,237*	20,472*
Dumas, Desha	189	457	471	604	0	1,721	27,738	14,365	16,251	35,261	93,615	10,545	104,160
El Dorado, Union	276	1,254	1,526	1,227	924	5,207	8,810*	6,691*	89,961	7,435*	112,897	17,174	130,071
Eureka Springs, Carroll	20*	149*	147*	0*	5*	321*	2,540*	1,771*	934*	1,191*	6,436*	2,420*	8,856*
Fayetteville, Washington	4,889	4,261	2,068	2,260	397	13,875	114,999	72,349	10,836	89,621	287,805	129,401	355,162
Fordyce, Dallas	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Forrest City, St. Francis	367	4,232	249	2,038	414	7,300	75,585	64,009	3,819	95,464	238,877	126,380	267,656
Fort Smith, Sebastian	1,747	28,194	4,081	6,165	842	41,029	200,187*	147,506*	417,053	100,094*	864,840	126,326	844,663
Greenwood, Sebastian	329	3,180	903	1,925	166	6,503	27,375	40,223	3,857	17,015	88,470	31,734	192,328
Hamburg, Ashley	84	1,079	510	306	20	1,999	15,628	20,368	15,587	10,896	62,479	22,706	85,430
Harrisburg, Poinsett	81	719	105	488	36	1,429	8,352	15,356	6,766	4,962	35,436	16,064	51,435
Harrison, Boone	171	2,126	1,333	466	26	4,122	21,538	35,382	20,502	13,307	90,729	23,376	112,353
Heber Springs, Cleburne	44	737	168	211	20	1,180	13,545	14,418	2,274	17,611	4,848	21,164	69,011
Helena, Phillips	107	985	557	2,191	447	4,287	(1)*	(1)*	42,007*	(1)*	4,307*	9,428*	127,151
Hope, Hempstead	291	3,700	19	962	14	4,986	49,290	146,344	345	42,441	238,420	98,942	316,905
Hot Springs, Garland	(1)	(1)	7,727	941*	619	9,287	(1)	(1)	70,202*	(1)	70,202*	0*	218,663
Huntsville, Madison	40	704	159	171	0	1,074	(1)	(1)	24,244	2,974	27,218	12,089	39,307

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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
Jacksonville, Pulaski	378	3,242	969	1,239	12	5,840	40,429	80,786	17,344	40,869	179,428	41,404	211,979
Jasper, Newton	3*	33*	12*	5*	0*	53*	300*	611*	191*	61*	1,163*	403	1,566
Jonesboro, Craighead	491	4,664	1,045	2,789	560	9,549	86,371	84,269	10,588	33,227	214,455	136,769	326,639
Lake City, Craighead	100	336	242	350	85	1,113	20,000	1,680	1,210	1,750	24,640	25,970	30,493
Lewisville, Lafayette	(1)	(1)	1,095	150*	3*	1,248	9,365	6,529	1,845	11,722	29,461	34,009	62,199
Little Rock, Pulaski (Civil/Criminal)	NA	NA	NA	17,892	2,227*	20,119	NA	NA	NA	89,620	89,620	187,467	291,273
(Traffic)	1,179	51,098	75,430	NA	NA	127,707	34,000	842,356	153,345	NA	1,029,701	178,250	1,252,063
Magnolia, Columbia	162	1,797	442	515	32	2,948	20,150	7,150	3,264	17,736	48,300	72,488	121,407
Malvern, Hot Spring	193	1,475	992	788	18	3,466	34,711	32,602	17,545	18,611	103,469	34,030	118,096
Mammoth Springs, Fulton	5*	185*	7*	0*	0*	197*	1,250*	2,775*	1,280*	0*	5,305*	2,112*	6,167*
Marianna, Lee	167*	1,212*	332*	533*	39*	2,283*	24,375*	13,320*	3,347*	16,766*	57,808*	50,265	81,825*
Marshall, Searcy	12	182	61	80	5	340	1,922	3,639	1,137	1,236	7,934	1,380	9,951
McGehee, Desha	66*	364*	89*	80*	15*	614*	9,719*	14,413*	4,208*	5,073*	33,413*	0*	33,413*
Melbourne, Izard	63	961	28	47	0	1,099	6,249	8,680	415	2,651	17,995	7,104	25,099
Mena, Polk	205	1,956	0	634	47	2,842	24,740	37,065	0	16,927	78,732	21,981	100,713
Monticello, Drew	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Morrilton, Conway	259	1,361	631	1,512	54	3,817	23,988	17,626	5,661	25,229	72,504	37,813	110,316
Mountain Home, Baxter	313	1,755	590	886	108	3,642	64,907	24,450	10,728	29,967	130,052	56,596	178,314
Mountain View, Stone	58	236	121	419	0	834	5,468	3,233	1,443	26,148	36,292	7,915	41,703
Mount Ida, Montgomery	12*	132*	108*	5*	9*	266*	3,029*	3,527*	5,045*	614*	12,215*	6,222*	12,215*
Murfreesboro, Pike	89	677	323	285	11	1,390	3,900*	3,265*	28,743	4,972*	40,880	14,507	51,357
Nashville, Howard	213	1,122	580	25	0	1,940	50,950	17,193	20,937	1,140	90,220	39,433	129,652
Newport, Jackson	184	1,000	597	875	180	2,836	30,550	32,681	15,192	45,182	123,605	10,424	86,250
North Little Rock, Pulaski (Civil/Criminal)	NA	NA	NA	6,284	1,437	7,721	NA	NA	NA	64,642	64,642	16,388	56,040
(Traffic)	757	12,188	2,801	NA	NA	15,746	90,636*	72,452*	229,359	NA	392,447	148,023	505,198
Osceola, Mississippi	320	2,341	311	834	37	3,843	47,492	52,002	8,173	38,593	146,260	92,363	226,301
Ozark, Franklin	26*	125*	31*	45*	0*	227*	5,415*	3,940*	947*	2,013*	12,315*	994*	9,982*
Paragould, Greene	318	779	740	806	456	3,099	54,691	10,990	13,587	21,066	100,334	44,604	92,477
Paris, Logan	143	700	273	368	30	1,514	13,286	10,408	2,518	5,322	31,534	15,370	42,176
Perryville, Perry	48	138	345	313	4	848	7,650	2,561	6,618	16,621	33,450	9,625	35,740
Piggott, Clay	91	489	80	257	16	933	18,612	7,925	1,111	10,040	37,688	15,330	44,025
Pine Bluff, Jefferson	800	13,829	3,993	3,668	2,427	24,717	110,217	212,350	65,616	161,111	549,294	220,562	769,856
Pocahontas, Randolph	56*	1,113*	145*	139*	0*	1,453*	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	54,020*
Prescott, Nevada	154	2,036	386	232	21	2,829	22,838	23,297	12,109	19,602	77,846	46,393	117,990
Rector, Clay	41	292	56	132	0	521	7,493	5,955	1,016	5,575	20,039	7,411	27,459
Rogers, Benton	192*	1,613*	2,524*	1,186*	143*	5,658*	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	93,250*
Russellville, Pope	517	2,051	1,942	1,834	160	6,504	28,598	21,072	61,352	14,299	125,321	70,542	195,864

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	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
Salem, Fulton	27	306	43	131	3	510	4,708	5,784	635	4,625	15,752	8,694	23,802
Searcy, White	228	3,882	522	1,512	160	6,304	34,911	60,312	6,295	29,173	130,691	75,035	186,004
Sheridan, Grant	160	2,828	642	452	13	4,095	24,826	56,563	12,692	26,871	120,952	33,880	159,485
Sherwood, Pulaski	270	3,331	836	956	18	5,411	24,822	87,872	9,664	23,571	145,929	16,963	162,893
Siloam Springs, Benton	116	1,090	326	254	53	1,839	34,091	22,507	3,495	13,738	73,831	20,753	84,618
Springdale, Washington	348	2,794	1,894	1,164	84	6,284	78,920	46,093	44,556	33,888	203,457	50,307	253,764
Star City, Lincoln	56	554	281	187	60	1,138	8,090	14,234	8,085	12,770	43,179	11,060	39,465
Stuttgart, Arkansas	195	1,559	789	752	92	3,387	37,591	29,686	12,443	21,408	101,128	3,843	143,858
Texarkana, Miller	710	6,377	2,095	9,092	74	18,348	69,294	58,248	28,061	72,212	227,815	225,487	399,763
Trumann, Poinsett	154	260	342	668	69	1,493	8,642	6,368	27,733	4,321	47,064	10,288	57,352
Van Buren, Crawford	237	0	2,128	2,039	111	4,515	40,776	0	32,731	65,747	139,254	60,374	162,640
Waldron, Scott	57	1,110	153	269	0	1,589	15,591	22,359	1,356	10,012	49,318	22,828	53,429
Walnut Ridge, Lawrence	205	1,993	321	635	40	3,194	32,950	15,748	4,170	14,686	67,554	71,269	117,215
Warren, Bradley	182	800	396	485	170	2,033	28,671	13,085	5,746	20,135	67,637	20,853	42,772
West Helena, Phillips	107	491	228	842	69	1,737	21,760	7,322	3,086	23,430	55,598	15,284	69,241
West Memphis, Crittenden	660	7,633	2,401	3,502	443	14,639	112,301	115,836	345,132	73,147	646,416	184,873	757,713
Wynne, Cross	143	1,053	35	608	153	1,992	17,174	10,237	424	19,249	47,084	43,672	90,756
Yellville, Marion	41	446	222	203	4	916	5,505	6,230	3,289	8,221	23,245	8,386	31,610
STATE TOTALS	23,236	225,160	143,028	99,254	15,255	505,933	2,476,975	3,258,587	2,336,086	2,024,858	10,096,506	3,817,296	13,189,918

NR — No Report

NA — Not Applicable

* — Six-month totals

(1) — 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.

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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
Alma, Crawford	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ashdown, Little River	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Atkins, Pope	27	30	10	35	1	103	5,139	1,003	595	1,785	8,522	35	6,353
Austin, Lonoke	17	43	18	17	2	97	2,061	1,134	187	1,296	4,678	436	3,560
Bay, Craighead	44	127	27	48	0	246	6,508	1,885	585	980	9,958	4,632	14,590
Barling, Sebastian	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Bearden, Ouachita	9	86	30	33	16	174	1,595	1,404	287	1,714	5,000	1,920	7,639
Beebe, White	45	188	104	135	15	487	10,775	6,316	2,970	7,697	27,758	3,529	19,412
Big Flat, Baxter	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	110	200	310	53	363
*Biscoe, Prairie	10	204	85	1	0	300	1,671	1,718	2,183	103	5,675	3,672	9,346
Bradford, White	45	50	32	54	0	181	10,096	2,728	962	3,439	17,225	1,461	18,685
*Bradley, Lafayette	5	45	19	26	0	95	500	410	175	839	1,924	1,950	3,874
Buckner, Lafayette	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
*Calico Rock, Izard	2	30	0	0	0	32	180	1,283	0	0	1,463	308	1,771
*Carlisle, Lonoke	24	0	223	20	0	267	5,018	0	5,756	1,240	12,014	1,880	13,893
Carthage, Dallas	0	0	7	3	0	10	0	0	285	389	674	0	674
Charleston, Franklin	7	33	87	10	24	161	1,111	754	1,380	842	4,087	638	5,466
Cotter, Baxter	7	77	2	13	0	99	980	1,470	15	185	2,650	590	2,773
Cotton Plant, Woodruff	10	22	57	46	0	135	1,204	327	2,319	995	4,845	0	4,845
Danville, Yell	17	35	16	30	0	98	3,119	437	196	862	4,614	1,319	5,628
Des Arc, Prairie	91	118	61	203	2	475	12,560	2,394	696	6,715	22,365	3,605	24,168
Earle, Crittenden	20	0	227	57	0	304	5,054	0	5,548	2,876	13,478	0	14,669
Emmett, Nevada	6	43	14	54	21	138	545	971	1,437	(1)	2,953	535	3,110
Eudora, Chicot	31	0	93	114	0	238	(1)	(1)	7,654	(1)	7,654	0	16,686
Farmington, Washington	21	407	162	0	0	590	2,584	8,258	3,700	0	14,542	5,925	17,490

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Fordyce, Dallas	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Foreman, Little River	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Fouke, Miller	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Gentry, Benton	12	95	51	33	0	191	2,376	1,588	726	836	5,526	5,526	7,045
Gillett, Arkansas	4	4	11	9	0	28	491	240	69	445	1,245	77	1,479
*Glenwood, Pike	15	82	88	0	2	187	1,610	2,938	4,611	0	9,159	711	10,070
Gosnell, Mississippi	5	100	29	4	1	139	975	2,642	620	25	4,262	231	4,493
*Gould, Lincoln	40	99	114	63	0	316	7,400	4,141	4,242	6,366	22,149	0	22,149
Green Forest, Carroll	40	153	118	140	0	451	7,600	2,264	1,406	3,775	15,045	3,833	18,878
Grubbs, Jackson	2	52	4	9	0	67	413	1,480	35	205	2,133	550	2,078
*Gurdon, Clark	26	246	106	0	0	378	5,002	5,765	7,291	0	18,059	1,229	10,251
Hazen, Prairie	130	605	356	0	0	1,091	22,828	18,594	13,771	0	55,193	18,087	64,656
Horseshoe Bend, Izard	3	27	12	18	1	61	230	339	95	712	1,376	407	1,416
Hoxie, Lawrence	202	655	509	206	0	1,572	30,543	5,808	15,260	6,349	57,960	27,624	85,584
Hughes, St. Francis	74	359	178	243	0	854	10,452	7,034	4,008	18,626	40,120	8,133	60,886
Humnoke, Lonoke	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Huttig, Union	1	6	9	15	0	31	150	70	150	415	785	243	1,028
*Judsonia, White	29	24	17	35	0	105	6,345	934	374	1,764	9,417	105	9,522
Junction City, Union	6	9	3	15	0	33	801	165	30	379	1,375	314	1,639
Kensett, White	45	268	84	43	0	440	6,613	5,289	1,458	2,041	15,401	3,529	20,922
Lake Village, Chicot	119	259	109	142	0	629	15,910	8,040	3,261	8,235	35,446	9,285	43,247
Leachville, Mississippi	18	55	60	0	0	133	2,940	2,189	2,093	0	7,222	519	7,732
*Lincoln, Washington	28	140	30	83	0	281	2,848	3,215	379	3,620	10,062	1,760	10,504
London, Pope	69	325	234	0	23	651	11,278	7,268	3,838	0	22,384	8,105	31,287
*Lonoke, Lonoke	81	745	224	85	0	1,135	18,306	19,351	6,492	7,354	51,503	9,645	61,148

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	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
Luxora, Mississippi	7	23	8	150	0	188	777	644	119	2,274	3,814	1,502	4,965
Magazine, Logan	3	38	68	0	0	109	290	1,017	1,617	0	2,924	0	2,505
Manila, Mississippi	29	154	72	0	0	255	4,850	3,752	2,889	0	11,491	1,708	13,189
Mansfield, Sebastian	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Marion, Crittenden	112	182	74	0	0	368	11,677	7,057	3,611	0	22,345	0	22,345
Marked Tree, Poinsett	141	692	133	258	5	1,229	16,193	12,363	2,594	8,499	39,649	16,663	56,262
Marvell, Phillips	60	287	0	166	0	513	11,820	6,969	0	4,178	22,967	5,791	32,401
McCrary, Woodruff	26	81	44	107	0	258	4,524	3,104	990	7,378	15,996	3,299	19,295
McRae, White	15	14	136	25	10	200	2,155	246	3,446	1,417	7,264	549	7,408
Mineral Springs, Howard	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
*Mountainburg, Crawford	2	4	36	0	0	42	350	120	720	0	1,190	0	1,190
Mulberry, Crawford	6	125	95	0	0	226	724	724	1,517	2,444	0	4,685	6,070
Norphlet, Union	4	48	19	7	3	81	900	918	120	369	2,307	225	2,607
*Palestine, St. Francis	31	260	12	41	0	344	7,620	7,955	324	3,139	19,038	8,028	28,295
*Portia, Lawrence	9	47	0	0	0	56	1,084	915	0	0	1,999	305	2,357
Prairie Grove, Washington	45	314	57	112	11	539	6,912	5,685	526	4,744	17,867	6,886	26,086
Prescott, Nevada	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Quitman, Cleburne	4	15	0	0	0	19	378	278	0	0	656	30	694
Redfield, Jefferson	1	638	81	4	0	724	125	9,747	1,499	600	11,971	4,644	16,616
Rison, Cleveland	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
*Rose Bud, White	14	37	20	0	0	71	1,800	1,057	1,036	0	3,893	509	3,921
Russell, White	15	66	0	0	0	81	795	3,084	0	0	3,879	916	4,796
Smackover, Union	88	286	239	173	0	786	17,072	4,109	4,671	6,676	32,528	0	32,661
Sparkman, Dallas	12	139	54	32	2	239	1,611	3,344	958	3,407	9,320	212	8,354
Stamps, Lafayette	34	17	66	57	26	200	3,400	425	3,075	3,900	10,800	2,175	16,875

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Stephens, Ouachita	9	49	33	9	0	100	1,698	1,422	790	1,079	4,989	837	5,825
St. Charles, Arkansas	1	16	2	13	5	37	165	463	30	173	831	29	521
*Strong, Union	9	42	11	18	0	80	1,593	944	245	869	3,651	60	3,711
*Sulphur Springs, Benton	12	33	4	11	0	60	2,275	372	103	337	3,087	616	3,716
Swifton, Jackson	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Taylor, Columbia	1	34	0	1	0	36	179	1,174	0	100	1,453	0	1,453
Thornton, Calhoun	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Tuckerman, Jackson	12	21	20	54	0	107	1,789	1,033	764	2,404	5,990	638	6,227
Turrell, Crittenden	6	16	13	8	0	43	1,100	605	255	535	2,495	0	2,395
Tyronza, Poinsett	36	387	26	39	0	488	4,600	11,206	709	1,760	18,275	0	18,275
Wabbaseka, Jefferson	0	46	0	4	0	50	0	1,228	0	0	1,228	287	1,515
Waldo, Columbia	21	62	54	35	0	172	3,225	935	422	1,366	5,948	1,340	5,686
Ward, Lonoke	25	241	69	78	0	413	4,564	7,381	1,347	2,453	15,745	1,538	27,083
West Fork, Washington	66	165	49	30	15	325	7,709	3,792	647	827	12,975	2,167	15,203
White Hall, Jefferson	33	192	30	38	0	293	7,850	4,132	945	1,957	14,884	1,340	16,817
Wilmot, Ashley	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wilson, Mississippi	0	3	8	0	3	14	0	81	32	0	113	34	194
STATE TOTALS	2,279	10,628	5,155	3,520	196	21,778	357,615	241,040	144,229	153,875	896,759	196,202	1,063,752

(1) — included in total

* — six-month totals

NR — no report

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 now in full effect, changed 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.

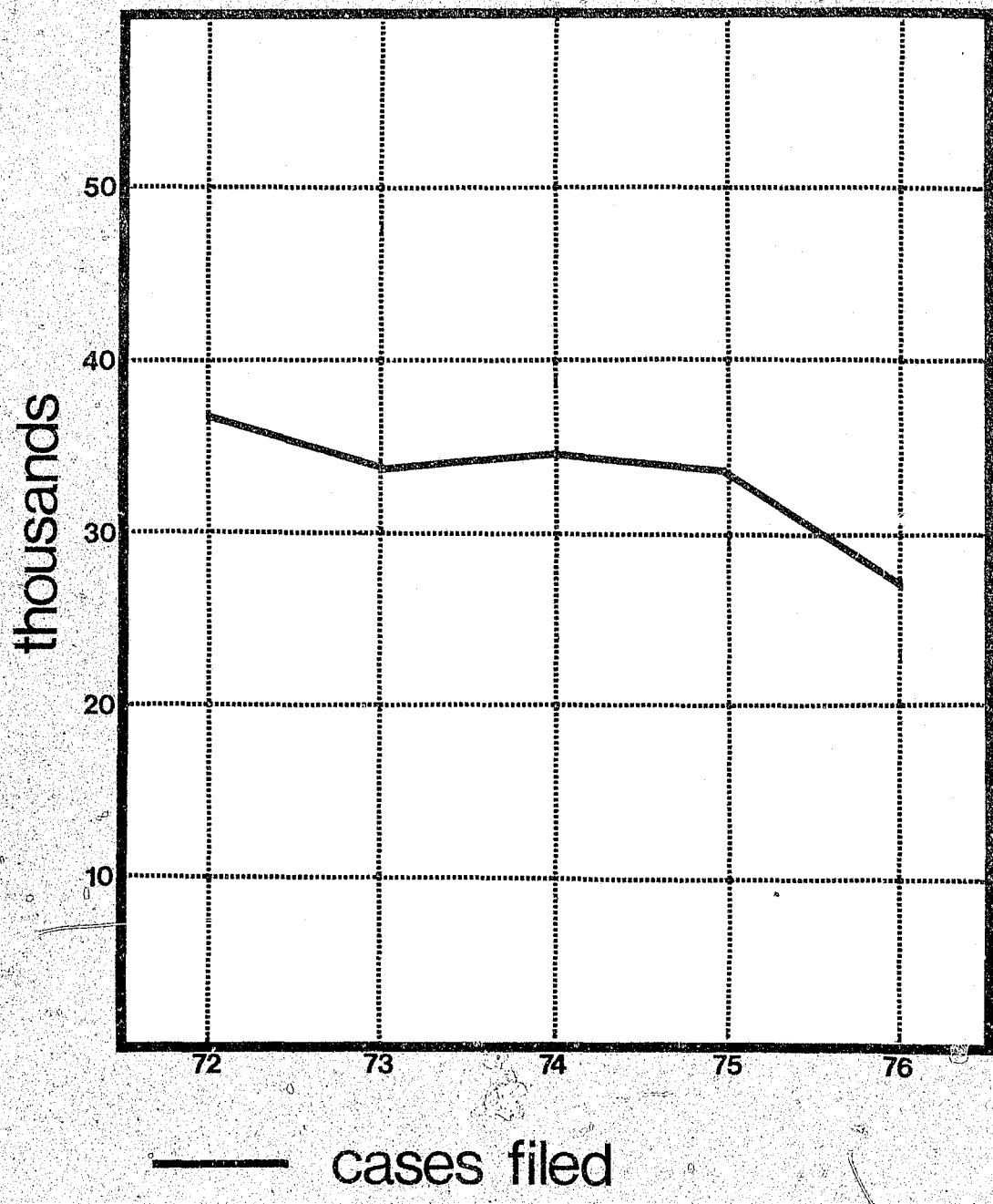
With the increasing number of municipal courts across the state and the added responsibilities imposed on Justices of the Peace by Amendment 55, it is anticipated that their roles as judicial officers will decrease over the next few years.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS — CASES FILED, FINES ASSESSED, FINES COLLECTED — 1976

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
Bradley, Lafayette	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
England, Lonoke	76	188	155	203	0	622	15,104	6,326	1,819	8,229	31,478	220	31,691
Grady, Lincoln	53	400	72	0	0	525	8,000	11,978	6,077	0	26,055	0	26,055
Hampton, Calhoun	30	100	0	10	105	245	(1)	(1)	5,040	(1)	5,040	425	NR
Lepanto, Poinsett	97	440	111	238	0	886	13,495	6,177	2,047	7,895	29,614	21,353	50,967
Norfolk, Baxter	3	8	0	6	8	25	0	171	0	130	301	97	398
Ola, Yell	9	50	10	21	28	118	1,111	802	185	1,508	3,606	0	4,042
Ozark, Franklin	35	1,942	33	99	37	2,146	7,326	7,875	386	2,195	17,782	9,460	27,342
White River, Prairie	6	60	25	26	55	172	1,050	1,252	645	2,605	5,552	1,539	7,091
STATE TOTALS	309	3,188	406	603	233	4,739	46,086	34,581	16,199	22,562	119,428	33,194	147,586

(1) — Included in total.

CITY, POLICE & J.P. COURTS 1972 - 1976



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