UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

1. **Name:** State full name (include any former names used).

James Cody Hiland

2. **Position:** State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit

3. **Address:** List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Justice Building
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

4. **Birthplace:** State year and place of birth.

1972; Little Rock, Arkansas

5. **Education:** List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1995 – 1998, University of Arkansas – Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law; J.D., 1999

1992 – 1994, University of Central Arkansas; B.S., 1994

1990 –1992, Central Baptist College; no degree

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2023 – present

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Justice Building
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Associate Justice

January 2023 – July 2023
Republican Party of Arkansas
1201 West 6th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Chairman

2022
Sarah for Governor Campaign (2022)
11700 Rainwood Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212
Senior Advisor

2021 – 2022
Arkansas Department of Public Safety
One State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
Chief Legal Counsel

2021 – 2023
Hiland Law Firm, PLLC
3245 Athens Drive
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Attorney & Member-Owner

2017 – 2020
United States Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Arkansas
425 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 500
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
United States Attorney

2011 –2017
Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Twentieth Judicial District
510 South German Lane
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Prosecuting Attorney

2009 – 2010
Hiland, Thomas & Cox, PLLC

609 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Partner & Member-Owner

2008 – 2009
Hiland Law Firm, PLLC
557 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Attorney & Member-Owner

2006 – 2008
Hiland Law Firm, PLLC
294 South Broadview Street
Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058
Attorney & Member-Owner

2003 – 2006
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Staff Attorney & Rural Community Liaison

2002 –2003
Hixson & Cleveland Law Office
1727 East Walnut Street, Suite 101
Paris, Arkansas 72855
Associate Attorney

2000 – 2002
Arkansas Transitional Employment Board
2 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Staff Attorney

1997 – 2000
Office of the Governor Mike Huckabee
State of Arkansas
500 Woodlane Street, Suite 270
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Contracting and Grant Review Clerk (August 1997 – October 1997)
Legislative Liaison for Law Enforcement, City, County, and Local Affairs, and Transportation (1997 – 1999)
Aide to the Governor (1999 – 2000)

<u>Other Affiliations (uncompensated)</u>

2025 – present
Arkansas Judicial Council
Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts
Justice Building
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Board of Directors

2015 – 2017
Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association
323 Center Street, Suite 750
Little Rock, Arkansas 72118
Board of Directors

2006 – 2010
Central Baptist College
1501 College Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Board of Trustees

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I did not serve in the military. I registered for the U.S. Selective Service upon turning 18.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of Central Arkansas, Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies (2023)

Chairman's Award, Arkansas State Police Foundation (2020)

Alumni Impact Award, Central Baptist College (2018)

Champion of Justice Award, Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2017)

Paul Harris Fellow, Conway Noon Rotary Club, Rotary International (2011)

Honor Council Member (1997 – 1998)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

Arkansas Judicial Council (2023 – present)
Board of Directors (2025 – present)

Arkansas Code Revision Commission, Supreme Court Liaison (2025 – present)

Certified Court Reporter Examiners Board, Supreme Court Liaison (2023 – 2024)

Committee on Professional Conduct, Supreme Court Liaison (2024 – present)

Continuing Legal Education Board, Supreme Court Liaison (2025 – present)

Criminal Practice Committee, Supreme Court Liaison (2025 – present)

Office of Professional Conduct and Programs, Supreme Court Liaison (2025 – present)

Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2011 – 2017)
Board Member (2015 – 2017)
Legislative Committee (2014 – 2017)

National District Attorneys Association (2012 – 2020)
Best Practices Committee (2016 – 2020)

Supreme Court of Arkansas Task Force on Uniform Charge Codes (2016 – 2018)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

Arkansas, 2002

There have been no lapses in membership.

b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

Arkansas, 2002

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you

belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (2023 – 2024)

National Rifle Association (2016 – 2017)

Law Enforcement Officers Foundation (2011 – 2017)

Conway Noon Rotary Club (2008 – 2014)

b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To my knowledge, these organizations do not currently discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. From its founding in 1905 to 1987, however, Rotary International limited its membership to men. In 1989, Rotary International amended its policies to remove this limitation. I joined the organization well after the worldwide policy change.

12. **Published Writings and Public Statements:**

a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply copies of all published material to the Committee.

To my recollection and through searches of my records and publicly available databases by persons acting on my behalf, I have found the following work that I have authored:

Back the Blue – Law Enforcement Protects Liberty, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 31, 2020. Copy supplied.

b. Supply copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

None.

c. Supply copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

I have done my best to identify official statements or other communications related, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, including a thorough review of my records and publicly available databases by persons acting on my behalf. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have found the following responsive materials:

Testimony regarding fatal incident at law enforcement training academy, Arkansas General Assembly (June 29, 2022). I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

Testimony regarding PIT maneuvers, Arkansas General Assembly, Game and Fish Commission and Arkansas State Police Subcommittee (Nov. 10, 2021). I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

Finding and Sanctions for the City of Damascus, Re: Arkansas Speed Trap Violation, May 9, 2017. Copy supplied.

Courthouse Dogs Child Witness Support Act of 2015, Mar. 9, 2015. Copy supplied.

Testimony regarding Senate Bill 298, Arkansas General Assembly, Senate Judiciary Committee (Feb. 2015). I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

Testimony regarding House Bill 1197, Arkansas General Assembly, House Judiciary Committee (Feb. 2015). I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

In February 2015, I spoke in favor of pay raises for deputy sheriffs during a public meeting.

Letter to City of Mayflower Chief of Police, Aug. 22, 2014. Copy supplied.

Letter to Law Enforcement Concerning the Impact of Act 746 of 2013, Sept. 30, 2013. Copy supplied.

In addition to the above, on various occasions between 2014 to 2017, as Prosecuting Attorney and member of the Legislative Committee for the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorney's Association, I testified before legislative committees regarding criminal justice issues, and my testimony was typically given in an extemporaneous fashion and involved question and answer opportunities. During this testimony I often relied on notes prepared in anticipation of addressing those groups. Copy supplied.

d. Supply copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences,

political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

I have done my best to identify transcripts and recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including a thorough review of my records and publicly available databases by persons acting on my behalf. I frequently speak without notes or speak from an outline. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have found the following responsive materials:

August 19, 2026: Speaker, New Students Pinning Ceremony, University of Arkansas – Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, Arkansas. I encouraged students to begin building the habits and character that will shape their legal careers. Recording available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NjBcnnYAUE.

March 7, 2026: Speaker, Perryville Beast Feast, Perryville Baptist Church. I spoke about the importance of faith and family. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Perryville Baptist Church is 311 North Pine Street, Perryville, Arkansas 72126.

October 30, 2025: Panelist, Arkansas Supreme Court's "Appeals on Wheels," the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Following oral argument, justices on the Court answered questions from high school students about the law and the judiciary. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Supreme Court is 625 Marshall Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

October 21, 2025: Panelist, Morrilton High School. I joined two of my colleagues, Associate Justices Rhonda K. Wood and Nicholas J. Bronni where we discussed the structure of the Arkansas Judiciary, judicial philosophy, and legal career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Morrilton High School is 701 East Harding Street, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110.

September 30, 2025: Speaker, Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference, Hot Springs, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of law enforcement and acknowledged the challenges and sacrifices of Arkansas police. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police is 301 West 2nd Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72115

September 29, 2025: Speaker, Hiland for Arkansas Campaign event, Little Rock, Arkansas. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Hiland for Arkansas Campaign was Post Office Box 241294, Little Rock, Arkansas 72223.

September 23, 2025: Speaker, Hiland for Arkansas Campaign event, Bentonville, Arkansas. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Hiland for

Arkansas Campaign was Post Office Box 241294, Little Rock, Arkansas 72223.

September 22, 2025: Speaker, Hiland for Arkansas Campaign event, Conway, Arkansas. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Hiland for Arkansas Campaign was Post Office Box 241294, Little Rock, Arkansas 72223.

May 28, 2025: Speaker, Arkansas Girl's State meeting, Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Arkansas Girl's State is American Legion Auxiliary, 1415 West 7th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

April 12, 2025: Speaker, Come As You Are Women's Addiction Recovery Home, Greenbrier, Arkansas. I discussed success in recovery and the importance of family and faith. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Come As You Are Women's Addiction Recovery is 2122 AR-7, Harrison, Arkansas 72601.

March 27, 2025: Officiant, Oath Administration to Arkansas State Troopers, Little Rock Arkansas. I administered the oath to the new troopers. Press report supplied. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas State Police is One State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

March 18, 2025: Speaker, University of Arkansas – Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law Federalist Society Chapter, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of adhering to the rule of law, the judicial themes of federalism and originalism, and my career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, District of Columbia 20006.

On January 2, 2025: Officiant, Swearing in of Arkansas Secretary of State Cole Jester, Litte Rock, Arkansas. I administered the oath. Press report supplied. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Arkansas Secretary is State Capitol, 500 Woodlane Avenue, Suite 256, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

December 20, 2024: Speaker, Swearing in of Arkansas officials. I spoke following my swearing in as the Position 3 Justice on the Court. I discussed being blessed in my career and being thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the State of Arkansas. I also extended thanks to all those who have been involved in my life throughout my career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the State Capitol is 500 Woodlane Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

November 7, 2024, Panelist, Arkansas Supreme Court's "Appeals on Wheels," Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Following oral argument, justices on the Court answered questions from high school students about the law and the judiciary. Press report supplied. During a breakout session, I spoke with students regarding judicial temperament and the important of keeping one's emotions in check when deciding cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Supreme Court is 625 Marshall Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

February 4, 2024: Speaker, Joyce Nell Garrison Day, Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbVFBFVfRg8.

December 21, 2023: Speaker, Arkansas State Police Trooper Graduation Ceremony. Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed violent crime, the role of law enforcement in society, and the nature of the sacrifice law enforcement officers swore an oath to undertake. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas State Police is One State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

November 27, 2023: Speaker, City of Sherwood Police Department Graduation, Sherwood, Arkansas. I discussed violent crime, the role of law enforcement in society, and the nature of the sacrifice law enforcement officers swore an oath to undertake. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the City of Sherwood Police Department is 2201 East Kiehl Avenue, Sherwood, Arkansas 72120.

September 12, 2003: Speaker, 2023 Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies Distinguished Alumnus Award reception, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas. I spoke after receiving the award. Press report supplied. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Central Arkansas is 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72035.

August 7, 2023: Officiant, Swearing in of Arkansas Treasurer Larry Walther, Litle Rock, Arkansas. I administered the oath of office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Treasurer is State Capitol, 500 Woodlane, Suite 220, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

July 3, 2023: Speaker, Swearing in of Arkansas officials. I spoke following my swearing in as the Position 2 Justice on the Court. I discussed being blessed in my career and being thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the State of Arkansas. I also extended thanks to all those who have been involved in my life throughout my career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the State Capitol is 500 Woodlane Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

On June 22, 2023: Speaker, Jefferson County Republican Committee Meeting, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

June 13, 2023: Speaker, Crawford County Republican Committee Meeting, Van Buren, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

June 1, 2023: Speaker, Garland County Republican Committee Meeting, Hot Springs,

Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

May 22, 2023: Speaker, Grant County Republican Committee Meeting, Sheridan, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

May 9, 2023: Speaker, Miller County Republican Committee Meeting, Texarkana, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

May 8, 2023: Speaker, Annual Arkansas State Police Memorial Service, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed the daily sacrifice law enforcement officers, and their families make to ensure public safety. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas State Police is One State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

April 29, 2023: Speaker, Clay County Crawfish Boil, Corning, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

April 17, 2023: Speaker, Clark County Republican Committee Meeting, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

April 2, 2023, Panelist, "Capitol View." Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPNfycJMRYA.

March 27, 2023: Speaker, Faulkner County Republican Committee Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

March 21, 2023: Speaker, Washington County Republican Committee Meeting, Springdale, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

March 9, 2023: Speaker, Benton County Republican Committee Meeting, Rogers, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. Press report supplied. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Press coverage supplied.

February 24, 2023: Speaker, Republican African American Coalition Association meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed the new generation of the Republican Party. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Press coverage supplied.

February 21, 2023: Speaker, Yell County Republican Committee Meeting, Dardanelle, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

February 18, 2023: Speaker, Joyce Nell Garrison Day, Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas. I honored the legacy of Joyce Nell Garrison at the college. Press report supplied. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Central Baptist College is 1501 College Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

February 4, 2023: Speaker, Cleburne County Republican Women Committee Meeting, Heber Springs, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 27, 2023: Speaker, Pulaski County Republican Committee Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas. Recording available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=566RtmRfqYs.

January 19, 2023: Speaker, Host Springs Village Republican Women's Club Meeting, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 13, 2023: Speaker, Pulaski County Republican Women Committee Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

December 3, 2022, Speaker, Republican Party of Arkansas State Convention, Little Rock, Arkansas. I offered brief remarks after being elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas at the. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

October 25, 2022: Roundtable participant, Combatting Fentanyl Roundtable hosted by the Office of Senator Tom Cotton, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed the dangers of the

use of fentanyl from the perspective of a state and federal prosecuting attorney. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Senator Cotton's Little Rock office is 1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 235, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

September 24, 2022: Speaker, Republican First Congressional District Committee Meeting, Batesville, Arkansas. I discussed healing the divisiveness in the state party and listening to the needs of member organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

April 8, 2022: Speaker, Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training Graduation, East Camden, Arkansas. I discussed violent crime, the role of law enforcement in society, and the nature of the sacrifice law enforcement officers swore an oath to undertake. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training is 4 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

January 8, 2021: Speaker, Opening of the Sharp County Detention Center, Ash Flat, Arkansas. Press coverage supplied. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Sharp County Detention is 84 Arnhart Street, Ash Flat, Arkansas 72513.

September 3, 2020: Speaker, appointment announcement of Charlene Davidson, Jonesboro, Arkansas. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM_HiRaox1w.

On March 5, 2020, I gave two public announcements as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Recordings available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zsfTIax9Rs and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yk3072ykpac.

Spring 2020: Speaker, 2020 Arkansas State Police Foundation, Little Rock, Arkansas. I thanked the Foundation upon my receipt of the Chairman's Award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas State Police Foundation is 4 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

August 22, 2019: Speaker, law enforcement appreciation ceremony with Senator Tom Cotton, Little Rock, Arkansas. I recognized and thanked law enforcement officers and prosecutors for their work in reducing violent crime. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Senator Cotton's Little Rock office is 1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 235, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

July 19, 2019: Speaker, Arkansas Game and Fish Wildlife Officer Graduation, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed violent crime, the role of law enforcement, and the nature of the sacrifice they swore on oath to undertake. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Game and Fish Wildlife Commission is 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205.

May 5, 2019: Speaker, 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony, Southside Bee Branch School District, Bee Branch, Arkansas. I expressed my appreciation for the award and reminisced about my time in public school. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Southside Bee Branch School District is 334 Southside Road, Bee Branch, Arkansas 72013.

May 2019: Speaker, Central Baptist College commencement, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of public service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Central Baptist College is 1501 College Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

Summer 2018: Speaker, Arkansas Sheriff's Association Summer Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed violent crime and the role of law enforcement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Sheriff's Association is 1400 West 4th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

May 17, 2018: Speaker, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizens Academy commencement, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed violent crime and the role of law enforcement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the FBI Little Rock Office is 24 Shackleford West Boulevard, Little Rock, Arkansas 72211.

May 12, 2018: Speaker, University of Arkansas – Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law graduation, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of public service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the William H. Bowen School of Law is 2801 South University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204.

My records indicate that on two occasions in 2018, I spoke at the Conway, Arkansas Noon Rotary Club Meeting. I do not have dates for these events, and I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Conway Rotary Club is Post Office Box 211, Conway, Arkansas 72033.

November 3, 2017: Speaker, Drug Free Benton County Association, Benton, Arkansas. I discussed the danger of drugs in our communities and the best approaches to curbing its effects. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

October 11, 2017: I conducted a press conference as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8tFapco2Ag.

May 3, 2017: Speaker, Faulkner County Tea Party Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I spoke on my office's work in reducing crime in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

December 10, 2016: Speaker, Law Enforcement Officer Awards Ceremony, Conway, Arkansas. I honored the men and women of law enforcement in our community and highlighted the sacrifices they make daily to keep our community safe. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

October 3, 2016, Speaker, Conservative Forum, Conway, Arkansas. I spoke on my office's work in reducing crime in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

September 15, 2016: Speaker, Faulkner County Leadership Institute, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Conway Area Leadership Institute is 900 Oak Street Conway, Arkansas 72032.

June 12, 2016: Speaker, KARK, Little Rock Arkansas. I spoke to reporters about ethics, criminal law, and criminal procedure. I then answered individual questions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of KARK is 1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 104, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

May 12, 2016: Speaker, Faulkner County Tea Party Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I spoke on my office's work in reducing crime in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

April 26, 2016: Speaker, Faulkner County Reserve Deputy Graduation, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed sacrifice, the increasing danger to law enforcement officers, and the idea that our local law enforcement agencies increasingly rely on well-trained reserves to supplement their ranks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office is 801 Locust Street, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

March 2, 2016: Speaker, Central Baptist College chapel service, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Central Baptist College is 1501 College Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

February 15, 2016: Speaker, event for my Arkansas Court of Appeals election campaign, Batesville, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

February 13, 2016: Speaker, event for my Arkansas Court of Appeals election campaign, Hardy, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

February 11, 2016: Speaker, Sharp County Republican Meeting, Ash Flat, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 26, 2016: Speaker, Conservative Attorneys Luncheon, Little Rock, Arkansas. I

discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

January 25, 2016: Speaker, Boone County Republican Committee Meeting, Harrison, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 23, 2016: Speaker, Deliver Hope's Dare to Dream Banquet, Conway, Arkansas. I talked about the importance of faith in recovery. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Deliver Hope is 574 Locust Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72034

January 2016: Speaker, Faulkner County NAACP Unity in the Community event. I discussed the importance of my office partnering with the community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas State Conference NAACP is 2020 West 3rd Street, Suite 218, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205.

January 19, 2016: Speaker, Pope County Republican Committee Meeting, Russellville, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 14, 2016: Speaker, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, Little Rock, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine, how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution, and the need for civility among members of the Supreme Court of Arkansas. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce is 1200 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 9, 2016: Speaker, Cleburne County Republican Women Committee Meeting, Heber Springs, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 7, 2016: Speaker, Faulkner County Republican Women Committee Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

January 5, 2016: Speaker, Cleburne County Republican Committee Meeting, Heber Springs, Arkansas. I discussed the importance of the separation-of-powers doctrine and

how each branch of government functions as intended by the U.S. Constitution. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

November 4, 2015: Speaker, I announced my campaign for a seat on the Arkansas Court of Appeals, Little Rock, Arkansas. I spoke on the importance of interpretative principles and the need for having practitioners on the bench in Arkansas. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas State Capitol is 500 Woodlane Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

September 17, 2015: Speaker, Faulkner County Leadership Institute, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Conway Area Leadership Institute is 900 Oak Street Conway, Arkansas 72032.

July 2, 2015: Speaker, Faulkner County Tea Party Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. No address available.

May 22, 2015: Speaker, Renewal Ranch Banquet, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Renewal Ranch is Post Office Box 11128, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

March 24, 2015: Speaker, Conway Optimist Club, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Optimist International is 4494 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108.

June 12, 2014: Speaker, Soaring Wings Ranch Banquet, Vilonia, Arkansas. I discussed volunteerism. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Soaring Wings Ranch is 230 Saw Mill Road, Vilonia, Arkansas 72173.

June 5, 2014: Speaker, Conway Noon Rotary Club Meeting, Conway Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Conway Rotary Club is Post Office Box 211, Conway, Arkansas 72033.

May 6, 2014: Speaker, Faulkner County Law Enforcement Day, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office is 801 Locust Street, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

April 10, 2014: Speaker, Golden Agers Sunday School Class, Central Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Central Baptist Church is 3333 Dave Ward Drive, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

November 6, 2013: Speaker, Conway Kiwanis Club Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Kiwanis International is 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

October 1, 2013: Speaker, Conway Lions Club Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I spoke to the group concerning my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Lions Club International is 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

September 23, 2013: Speaker, Faulkner County Republican Committee Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Arkansas Republican Party is 1201 West 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

September 19, 2013: Speaker, Faulkner County Leadership Institute, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Conway Area Leadership Institute is 900 Oak Street Conway, Arkansas 72032.

September 5, 2013: Speaker, Conway Kiwanis Club Meeting, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed my philosophical approach to criminal justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Kiwanis International is 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

October 7, 2012: Speaker, the Church Alive, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues and the importance and role of faith in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Church Alive is 1205 Skyline Drive, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

September 25, 2012: Speaker, Eastside Elementary, Greenbrier, Arkansas. I discussed making good decisions and the idea of civics and freedom. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Eastside Elementary is 61 Glenn Lane 9248, Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058

2012: Speaker, Needs Creek Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues and the importance and role of faith in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Needs Creek Baptist Church is 237 Highway 287, Greenbrier, Arkansas 72059.

2012: Speaker, First Baptist Church, Damascus, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues and the importance and role of faith in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of First Baptist Church is 43 Oak Tree Road, Damascus, Arkansas 72039.

2012: Speaker, First Baptist Church, Vilonia, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues and the importance and role of faith in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of First Baptist Church is 1206 Main Street, Vilonia, Arkansas 72173.

2012: Speaker, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Booneville, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues and the importance and role of faith in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Cumberland Presbyterian Church is 355 South Sharpe Avenue, Booneville, Arkansas 72927.

2012: Speaker, Deliver Hope Dare to Dream Banquet, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed the idea that too many in our world today look to government to resolve our societal issues and the importance and role of faith in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Deliver Hope is 574 Locust Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

March 26, 2010: Speaker, Conservative Forum, Conway, Arkansas. I discussed the need for servant leadership as part of 2010 electoral campaign for prosecutor and the need to be tough on crime. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. I do not recall the sponsor of the forum. The address of Larry's Pizza is 1068 Markham Street, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

From 2003 to 2005, I spoke to more than thirty civic organizations in my capacity as the Rural and Community Liaison to the Arkansas Public Service Commission. I have no records regarding these events. The address of the Arkansas Public Service Commission is 1000 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

Over my professional career, I have given many interviews to newspapers, other print publications, and radio and television stations. At times, I have scheduled formal press conferences, and, at other times, I occasionally agreed to brief news interviews. I have done my best to identify all clips or transcripts of my appearances and any news articles and press releases. This included a thorough review of my records and publicly available databases by persons acting on my behalf. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have found the following responsive materials:

<u>Written Interviews</u>:

Michael R. Wickline, *Hiland Files Bid for High Court Seat – Law Bars Running for Current, Governor-Appointed Position*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 6, 2025. Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Dale Ellis, *Little Rock Court Sees Petty Offenses in 'Night Court,'* Nw. Ark. Democrat-Gazette, July 12, 2025. Copy supplied.

Josh Snyder, *Hiland Announces Run for Full Term on Supreme Court*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 19, 2025. Copy supplied.

Justice Cody Hiland to Run for Arkansas Supreme Court, Position 6, Talk Bus., May 19, 2025. Copy supplied.

Michael R. Wickline, *State Budget Official Resigning to Head Arkansas Judiciary's Disciplinary Office*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 4, 2025. Copy supplied.

Dale Ellis, *Firing of U.S. Attorney in Arkansas Was Error, He Says; Reprieve Follows Cotton Call to White House*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 13, 2025. Copy supplied.

Michael R. Wickline and Josh Snyder, *Sanders Counsel Tapped as Next Secretary of State – Two Justices Were Also Appointed*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 20, 2024. Copy supplied.

Roby Brock, *Gov. Sanders Appoints Two to Supreme Court, New Secretary of State*, Talk Bus., Dec. 20, 2024. Copy supplied.

Arkansas Governor Appoints 2 Justices to Supreme Court, and New Secretary of State, Texarkana Gazette, Dec. 20, 2024. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Governor Sanders Announces Cody Hiland as Newest Arkansas Supreme Court Justice*, Office of the Arkansas Governor, July 7, 2023. Copy supplied.

Michael R. Wickline and Will Langhorne, *Sanders Appoints Former U.S. Attorney Hiland to Fill Arkansas Supreme Court Vacancy*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, July 4, 2023. Copy supplied.

Tess Vrbin, *Arkansas GOP Chair Cody Hiland Appointed to State Supreme Court*, Ark. Advocate, July 3, 2023. Copy supplied.

Alex Thomas, *Hutchinson Tries to Navigate Divide – Ex-Governor's Presidential Run Reflects Optimism, He Says*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 26, 2023. Copy supplied.

Ronak Patel, *'Culture war' legislation a focus of Republicans in Arkansas General Assembly*, Talk Bus., Apr. 5, 2023. Copy supplied.

Alex Thomas, *Hutchinson Running for President, Formal Announcement Later This Month*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 3, 2023. Copy supplied.

Arkansas GOP Chairman Urges Caution on Trump Indictment Until Charges Are Known, Talk Bus., Apr. 2, 2023. Copy supplied.

Doug Thompson, *Arkansas GOP Chairman Appeals for Party Unity at Benton County Event*, N.W. Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 10, 2023. Copy supplied.

Michael R. Wickline, *State Republicans Choose New Chair*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 4, 2022. Copy supplied.

Cody Hiland Chosen as Chairman of Republican Party of Arkansas, Talk Bus., Dec. 4, 2022. Copy supplied.

Tess Vrbin, *Russellville ER Doctor Recognized for Treating Opioid Patients Throughout Arkansas*, Ark. Advocate, Oct. 26, 2022. Copy supplied.

Teresa Moss, *State Public Safety Attorney Moving to Sanders' Campaign*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 8, 2022. Copy supplied.

Jeanette Anderston, *Hiland Named DPS Chief Legal Counsel*, Van Buren County Democrat, June 13, 2021. Copy supplied.

Neal Earley, *House Passes Parole Ban for Gun Crime Felons*, Camden News, Apr. 26, 2021. Copy supplied.

Michael R. Wickline, *Fair-Housing Chief Quits to Run for Attorney General – Republican Nomination Focus of Jones*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 24, 2021. Copy supplied.

Michael R. Wickline, *Griffin's Race Exit Praised by Ex-rivals – Move Surprises Senator Weighing Run*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 9, 2021. Copy supplied.

Dale Elllis, *New U.S. Attorney, Familiar Objective – Priority Remains Violent Offenders*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 11, 2021. Copy supplied.

Dale Ellis, *Hiland Planning to Leave U.S. Attorney Job Dec. 31*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 25, 2020. Copy supplied.

U.S. Attorney Cody Hiland Will Resign on Dec. 31, Talk Bus., Dec. 25, 2020. Copy supplied.

Dale Ellis and Joseph Flaherty, *Suspects Face Federal Counts in Vandalism; Case Says Police Cars Target of Firebombs, Spray-Painting*, Nw. Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 18, 2020. Copy supplied.

Greg Geary, *Ex-searcy Bank Manager Sentenced to 18 Months for Embezzling, Must Pay Restitution*, Daily Citizen, Nov. 13, 2020. Copy supplied.

Tony Holt, *Sherwood Man Draws Time for Child Porn*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 24, 2020. Copy supplied.

Brittany Williams, *Official: Task Force Stronger with Henry's Federal Appointment*, Jonesboro Sun, Sept. 1, 2020. Copy supplied.

Marine Glisovic, *Statistics Suggest Human Trafficking Laws Not Garnering Convictions*, Talk Bus., Aug. 30, 2020. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson, *3 Groups Targeted in Use of Fentanyl – 2 Agencies Lead Trafficking Busts*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 24, 2019. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson, *Gang Sold Fentanyl at 'Prominent Retail Locations' in West Little Rock, Prosecutors Say*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 23, 2019. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson, *Drug-Trafficking Probe Leads to Arrests of 15 People*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson, *Central Arkansas Drug Trafficking Ring Dismantled; 15 in Custody*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *Helena Man Charged in Terrorism Case – Yemeni Accused of Working for Al-Qaida Already Faced Fake-Name Count*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 10, 2019. Copy supplied.

Both Men Who Escaped Jefferson County Jail Captured, Stuttgart Daily Leader, Aug. 6, 2019. Copy supplied.

2 Escape from Jefferson County, Stuttgart Daily Leader, Aug. 2, 2019. Copy supplied.

White Supremacist, One Other Escape from Arkansas Jail, Camden News, Aug. 1, 2019. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson, *Federal Drug Sweep Leads to 22 Arrests in West Memphis*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 20, 2019. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson, *Second Phase of Drug Operation Nets 22 Arrests in West Memphis, Officials Say*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 19, 2019. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *East Arkansas Man Sentenced in Insurance Fraud – Judge Orders 15 Months for Violating Anti-kickback Statute*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Dale Ellis, *County, U.S. Partner on Gun-Crimes Effort*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 24, 2019. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson and Clara Turnage, *Violent-Crime Operation in Delta Nets 44 Suspects*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 6, 2019. Copy supplied.

Stephen Simpson and Clara Turnage, *Operation Targeting Eastern Arkansas Gang*

Members Results in 44 Arrests, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 5, 2019. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *U.S. Indicts 54 in Aryan Group – Federal Investigation Targets Supremacists Based in State*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Youssef Rddad, *Feds Detail Indictment of Arkansas White Supremacist Group; Leaders Oversaw Violent Crimes, Prosecutors Say*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Clara Turnage, *Little Rock Police Praise Crime-Cutting Efforts – '18 Figures Decline, but Neighborhood Leaders Say They've Yet to See Difference*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 21, 2019. Copy supplied.

Dana D. Kelley, *Proactivity on Recidivism*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 18, 2019. Copy supplied.

Kenneth Heard, *Task Force Created to Fight Gang Crime*, Jonesboro Sun, Jan. 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *Plot to Defraud Tricare Stacks up Guilty Pleas; Arkansas Man 6th to Plead*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 30, 2018. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *In Filing, Maggio Says Attorney Misled Him*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 3, 2018. Copy supplied.

Clara Turnage, *Drug Task Force Makes 1,260 Arrests in State – DEA Says Operation Began in July*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 22, 2018. Copy supplied.

Kat Stromquist, *15 Migrants Arrested Secondary to Sweep*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 22, 2018. Copy supplied.

Local Task Force Participates in Statewide Drug Operation, Times Record, Sept. 22, 2018. Copy supplied.

Ryan Tarinelli, *Federal Push to Curb Gun Violence Goes After Felons*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 12, 2018. Copy supplied.

Clara Turnage, *Sessions Visits State, Aims to Fix U.S. Offenders Law*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 2, 2018. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Sessions Rallies Arkansas officials*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 1, 2018. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *Agency Has Gun Crimes in Sights – 39 Indictments Recorded in June*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 23, 2018. Copy supplied.

Keith Inman, *Local Tax Preparer Accused of Filing False Returns*, Jonesboro Sun, May 15, 2018. Copy supplied.

Sean Ingram, *National Police Week Starts Sunday; Ceremonies Planned in Russellville and Yell County*, Courier, May 13, 2018. Copy supplied.

Ryan Tarinelli, *7 Men Indicted in Crackdown on Gangs, Violent Crime Now in Custody, Arkansas Authorities Say – Arrests Tied to Feb. 22 Raids That Named 49 Defendants*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 27, 2018. Copy supplied.

Noel Oman, *Federal Suit Targets Drug Compounder; It Counters to Stay Open*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 2, 2018. Copy supplied.

Ryan Tarinelli, *21 People Arrested in LR Gangs Dragnet*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 23, 2018. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *State, County Ranks Aid U.S. Prosecutions – Once Deputized, 13 Lawyers to Join Violent-Crime Fight*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 23, 2018. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *Hiland takes formal oath as U.S. attorney*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 29, 2018. Copy supplied.

Frank E. Lockwood, *Government shutdown's ripples felt across Arkansas*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 21, 2018. Copy supplied.

Wesley Brown, *AG Sessions ends Obama era policy on legal pot; questions arise about Arkansas' medical marijuana industry*, Talk Bus., Jan. 5, 2018. Copy supplied.

Ryan Tarinelli, *Arkansas sheriff's deputy accused of having ATV stolen for him – Thief alerts FBI; arrest follows*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 21, 2017. Copy supplied.

Leigh Vanhouten, *Chastain arrested Tuesday – Former SPD, ASP, Arkansas County Sheriff's Department Deputy now sits in custody at Pulaski Jail*, Stuttgart Daily Leader, Dec. 21, 2017. Copy supplied.

Tammy Keith, *Canine comfort – Dog to help calm kids at Searcy's Child Safety Center*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 10, 2017. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *Case is tossed after deadlock in fraud trial; U.S. declines to retry 2 men accused of scamming VA*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 8, 2017. Copy supplied.

Tracy Neal, *U.S. attorney warns about growing danger of heroin in Arkansas*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 4, 2017. Copy supplied

Jeannie Roberts, *Investigation into Arkansas-based white supremacist group leads to dozens of arrests, authorities say*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 12, 2017. Copy supplied.

Linda Satter, *Hiland takes the oath for U.S. attorney post*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 11, 2017. Copy supplied.

Rachel Herzog, *Prosecutor begins work as U.S. attorney for Arkansas' Eastern District*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 10, 2017. Copy supplied.

Frank E. Lockwood, *Hiland confirmed U.S. attorney – Conway man, 45, says it's a 'tremendous honor' to serve*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 29, 2017. Copy supplied.

Bill Bowden, *Ex-lover's claim of threat ended 32 years in hiding – Police file details capture of escapee*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 3, 2017. Copy supplied.

Jeanette Anderton, *Hiland completes OEM investigation; postpones releasing findings*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 16, 2017. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Inquiry into sexual talk in county office intensifies; Arkansas prosecutor begins civil investigation*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, July 21, 2017. Copy supplied.

Cody Rides Again, President Picks Another Good One, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, July 7, 2017. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Teen's guilty plea sends her to prison in killing of Conway couple*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 28, 2017. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *FTA warrant issued against man charged with 35 counts of child porn*, Log Cabin Democrat, June 23, 2017. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Sanction on town ticketing fought - Speed-trap rules hazy, lawyer says*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 20, 2017. Copy supplied.

Marci Manley, *Fox 16 Investigates: Vacation from Prison for Good Behavior?*, FOX16 News, May 9, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association Press Release Concerning the Death Penalty*, Apr. 26, 2017. Copy supplied.

Matthew Mershon, *Russellville Man Arrested after Soliciting Sex from Undercover Deputy Posing as a Minor*, KATV News, Mar. 17, 2017. Copy supplied.

Marci Manley, *It's a speed trap. Now what?*, FOX16 News, Feb. 23, 2017. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Conway man sentenced to 120 years*, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 23, 2017. Copy supplied.

Winnie Wright, *Damascus Likely to Challenge Speed Trap Ruling*, KTHV News, Feb. 22, 2017. Copy supplied.

Brandon Riddle, *Arkansas Town Violated State's Speed Trap Law, Prosecutor Says in Ruling*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 22, 2017. Copy supplied.

Kaitlin Rearden, *Authorities Make Heroin Bust of $635,000 Street Value in Faulkner County*, FOX16 News, Feb. 16, 2017. Copy supplied.

19 drug-related arrests over 3-day period, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 11, 2017. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Judge denies Drexler's transfer request*, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 8, 2017. Copy supplied.

Stacey Spivey, *Conway Authorities Want to Calm Fears After School Threats*, KATV News, Feb. 7, 2017. Copy supplied.

Sarah Schaffin, *Affidavit: Conway Student Threatening School Violence, "Y'all Thought I was Playing"*, KATV News, Feb. 6, 2017. Copy supplied.

Scarlet Simsnwa, *Before testifying, more young witnesses take helpful paws*, Nw. Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 30, 2017. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Quitman man sentenced to eight years for conspiring to commit rape*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 20, 2017. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Weather prompts Rook hearing reschedule*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 6, 2017. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *Suspect in Home Invasion is Paroled Rapist*, KARK News, 2017 [I have been unable to determine the exact date]. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Man sentenced to 30 years after breaking into officer's home*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 22, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marine Glisovic, *30 Sex Crimes Arrests in Faulkner County as Full Time Investigator Nabs Predators*, KATV News, Dec. 12, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Formal charges pending in capital murder case*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 12, 2016. Copy supplied.

Damascus under speed-trap review, Nw. Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 3, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Mississippi man sentenced to 20 years for rape, child porn charges*, Log

Cabin Democrat, Nov. 2, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Shooting suspect awaits additional charges*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 1, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Faulkner County clerk pleads to misdemeanor, resigns*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 12, 2016. Copy supplied.

Max Brantley, *Hiland confirms interest in UCA presidency*, Ark. Times, Oct. 7, 2016. Copy supplied.

David Lippman, *Prosecutors to Determine if Damascus Breaking Law with Speed Trap*, KTHV News, Oct. 5, 2016. Copy supplied.

Dog Aids Witness In Court, KNWA News, Sept. 30, 2016. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *In First, Judge Approves Dog to Aid Witnesses*, KARK News, Sept. 27, 2016. Copy supplied.

John Moritz, *Judge again says House candidate ineligible to run - Ruling: Expungement too late*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 24, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Case tossed for granddad of teen killer*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 24, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Boy facing battery charges found in Louisiana*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 22, 2016. Copy supplied.

Max Brantley, *Ousted Republican candidate tries to revive ballot status*, Ark. Times, Sept. 20, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Conway police arrest man in drive-by death*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 16, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Teen battery suspect's bond revoked*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 15, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Courthouse Dog Helps Victims in Conway Area*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 12, 2016. Copy supplied.

No Charges Against UCA Student Accused of Raping Fellow Student, KATV News, Aug. 26, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Car-chase shooter's sentence 175 years for attempts to kill*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 18, 2016. Copy supplied.

Leslie Newell Peacock, *Suspect in drug bust dies after arrest*, Ark. Times, July 28. 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Updated: Greenbrier man charged with first-degree murder [sic] in stepson's death*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 22, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, Fort *Smith man sentenced to 15 years for sex crimes*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 21, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Mt. Vernon man gets 17 years for sexual assault*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 14, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *2nd teen sentenced in killings of couple - Boy says sorry, gets 25-year term*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, July 7, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marci Manley, *Working 4 You: Damascus PD Chief Responds to Allegations of Quotas, Speed Trap by Recent Employees*, KARK News, July 6, 2016. Copy supplied.

V Saxena, *Watch: Thug Sucker Punches Kid, But Gets Hit With Brutal Justice*, Conservative Tribune, June 30, 2016. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *Lawyer for Suspect in Conway Attack Asks for Mental Evaluation*, KARK News, June 29, 2016. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *Teen Facing up to 20 Years in Prison for Brutal Attack*, FOX16 News, June 29, 2016. Copy supplied.

Bill Bowden, *New investigation sought for '03 shooting death ruled suicide*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 28, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Women in prosecutor's office play key roles*, Log Cabin Democrat, June 24, 2016. Copy supplied.

'13 fatal strangling nets 60-year term, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 15, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Vilonia man charged in forgery case*, Log Cabin Democrat, June 1, 2016. Copy supplied.

Tammy Keith, *Starting over - Stand helps former addicts get on their feet*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 29, 2016. Copy supplied.

Tammy Keith, *Faulkner County Gets First Courthouse Dog*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 25, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Travis Watson pleads guilty to Holland murder*, Log Cabin Democrat,

May 17, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Advocacy group provides support for kids*, Log Cabin Democrat, May 16, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Staton, 15, pleads guilty in 2 slayings - Boy gets 35 years, yields iPod code*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 11, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Cogdell-case lawyer seeks hearing delay - Drexler's attorney cites new evidence*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 7, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Prosecutor says documents were made available to blogger*, Log Cabin Democrat, May 7, 2016. Copy supplied.

Fire chief cleared, but quits position, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 5, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Blogger files FOI complaint against prosecutor*, Log Cabin Democrat, May 2, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Prosecutors add manslaughter to hit-and-run suspect's charges*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 30, 2016. Copy supplied.

Hearing reset for Staton's grandfather, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 26, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton. *Arkansas Parolee Charged with Capital Murder After Conway Woman Found Strangled*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 23, 2016. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *New Details in Conway Hotel Killing*, FOX16 News, Apr. 22, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Judge revokes hit-and-run suspect's bond*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 13, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Too many theories, teen's lawyer says - He asks for specifics in Conway case*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 8, 2016. Copy supplied.

Fire chief accused in sex assault case, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 1, 2016. Copy supplied.

FBI to Unlock iPhone in Arkansas Case After San Bernadino Hack, The Associated Press, Mar. 31, 2016. Copy supplied.

Jeanette Anderton, *38 arrested this week in Operation Ice Storm*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 31, 2016. Copy supplied.

Cyd King, *Ex-Sheriff Pleads Guilty to Theft, Gets 8 Months*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 30, 2016. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Second Round of Arrests Made In Clinton-Based Drug Trafficking Organization; 123 Pounds of Methamphetamine Seized in Operation*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 30, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Wal-Mart shooting suspect appears in court on drug charges*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 11, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Boyfriend held after body found at Conway hotel - Suspect had served 23 years*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 9, 2016. Copy supplied.

Jessie Turnure, *History of Domestic Violence Linked to Murder of Conway Mother*, KARK News, Mar. 9, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Mother of boy held in deaths pleads guilty - Staton, 37, given six years for hindering, drug counts*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 8, 2016. Copy supplied.

Vilonia Man Facing Jail Time After Beating and Shocking Donkey, KARK News, Mar. 4, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Teen facing murder charges requests transfer to juvenile court*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 3, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Failure to appear charge dropped in battery case*, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 25, 2016. Copy supplied.

Spencer Williams, *Judge, prosecutor vie for Court of Appeals post*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 15, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Former UCA professor's phone, laptop allowed in child porn case*, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 9, 2016. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Martin places Cummings at scene of March traffic stop*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 16, 2016. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Gillean forgoes appeals, heads off for prison*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 22, 2015. Copy supplied.

Probation hearing nears for Gillean, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 19, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Former UCA official turns himself in - Gillean violated probation by testing positive for drugs, authorities say*, Nw. Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 17, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Gillean's drug tests lead to arrest order - UCA-burglary convict was out on bond*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 15, 2015. Copy supplied.

Arkansas News Digest, Camden News, Dec. 8, 2015. Copy supplied.

Former sheriff's administrator pleads guilty, The Saline Courier, Nov. 13, 2015. Copy supplied.

Bond to remain at $250,000 in fatal truck crash case, Van Buren County Democrat, Nov. 10, 2015. Copy supplied.

Spencer Willems, *Battery charge against judge dismissed - Suspended official still faces commission review, 2 opponents in election*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 7, 2015. Copy supplied.

Cody Hiland Announces Candidacy for Court of Appeals, KATV News, Nov. 4, 2015. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Drexler requests earlier pretrial*, Log Cabin Democrat, Oct. 12, 2015. Copy supplied.

Marisa Hicks, *Police, prosecutor assess online threats*, Log Cabin Democrat, Oct. 10, 2015. Copy supplied.

Boy, 14, arrested after online threat, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 6, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jeanette Anderson, *Suspects in custody for separate online threats*, Log Cabin Democrat, Oct. 5, 2015. Copy supplied.

Hilary Hunt, *Rapist Sentenced to 120 Years in Prison*, FOX16 News, Oct. 2, 2015. Copy supplied.

Marissa Hicks, *Man Sentenced to 120 Years in Rape Case*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 30, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *County considers weapons at work - Panel of JPs to look at gun proposal*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 21, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jeanette Anderson, *FCSO confiscates $300,000 worth of methamphetamine*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 18, 2015. Copy supplied.

Maci Jenkins, *More Details Exposed After 3 More Charged in Conway Murder*, KTHV News, Sept. 17, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Courtroom dog gets first look - Program helps calm children*, Ark.

Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 8, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hal-Shelton, *Prosecutor seeks to recuse in clerk's case*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 5, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hal-Shelton, *Defense seeks release of records of teen*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 5, 2015. Copy supplied

Jan Gaughan, *Facility dog brings the love during courthouse visit*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 2, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica, Booker, *Investigators find deputy-involved shooting was legal*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 2, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *In court, Conway boy says innocent - Judge steers clear of spat over visits*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 26, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica Booker, *Steps in For Teen Accused of Double Homicide*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 13, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica Booker, *After 9-minute verdict, Greenbrier man gets 75 years for rape*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 12, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Bar questioning boy, 14, about killings, filing asks*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 12, 2015. Copy supplied.

Spencer Willems, *Sheriff to fill vacancy on Parole Board - Faulkner County's Shock gets nod from governor*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 11, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica Booker, *Intuition versus Evidence*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 8, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *State police still reviewing shooting - Faulkner County deputy on paid leave; prosecutor has file*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 7, 2015. Copy supplied.

Kelly P. Kissell, *14 Year old in Arkansas Charged with Killing Grandparents*, The Associated Press, Aug. 7, 2015. Copy supplied.

2 Teens Charged with Murder in Conway Double Homicide, KATV News, Aug. 7, 2015. Copy supplied.

Shea Stewart, *Boy held in 2 deaths in court for hearing - Prosecutor: Conway police not done*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 4, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Teen ordered held following homicides*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, July 25, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Three Faulkner County deputies back on job after excessive-force review*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, July 17, 2015. Copy supplied.

Officer's Gun Found in Walmart Bathroom, Booneville Democrat, July 9, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Inquiry Started in Filing of Forms – State Police Look At Clerk's Office*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 25, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica Hauser, *City Attorney Recuses Himself from DWI Case Against Former Partner*, Log Cabin Democrat, June 18, 2015. Copy supplied.

Brandon Riddle, *Conway Resident Pleads Guilty to Negligent Homicide*, Log Cabin Democrat, May 29, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica Hauser, *Countywide drug bust nets 19 suspects*, Log Cabin Democrat, May 27, 2015. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *2 arrested after gunfire, 100 mph pursuit on I-40*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 6, 2025. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Ex-professor faces more porn charges*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 30, 2015. Copy supplied.

Josh Berry, *Clinton Man Accused of Defrauding Dead Neighbor*, KARK News, Apr. 23, 2015. Copy supplied.

UCA professor arrested in child-porn case, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 3, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica Hauser, *Sykes sentenced to 14 years for hindering apprehension*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 14, 2015. Copy supplied.

Arkansas House Committee Advances Deadly Force Bills, Sw. Times Record, Mar. 13, 2015. Copy supplied.

Jessica Hauser, *New 'courthouse dogs' bill aims to comfort child witnesses*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 10, 2015. Copy supplied.

Firing Squad Bill to be Introduced, KARK News, Feb. 27, 2015. Copy supplied.

Death Penalty Bill Passes Senate Committee, KARK News, Feb. 25, 2015. Copy supplied.

Man Charged in Conway Officers Death Died of Pneumonia, Courier News, Feb. 18, 2015. Copy supplied.

Kelly Sublett, *Conway Man Sentenced in Cricket Store Robbery*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 23, 2015. Copy supplied.

Michelle Corbet, *UCA Hazing Investigation Ends in Alternative Sentencing*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 30, 2014. Copy supplied.

Joe Lamb, *Death of Barry Strickland Closes Chapter on Tragic Conway Event*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 15, 2014. Copy supplied.

Arkansas Governor Beebe to Pardon Son But Rethinks Pardoning Family Friend, L.A. Times, Nov. 13, 2014. Copy supplied.

Brenda Bernet, *Audit: Mayor's account illegal - Marshall leader says he set aside funds for water dispute*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 5, 2014. Copy supplied.

Buried body leads to murder charge, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 17, 2014. Copy supplied.

Anita Tucker, *Historic drug sweep nets 55 arrests*, Van Buren County Democrat, Oct. 1, 2014. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Sheldon, *2 year meth probe leaves 55 charged – Case centers on Van Buren County*, Sept. 25, 2014. Copy supplied.

Bobbye Pyke, *Frost case continued; will not appear Monday*, The Saline Courier, Sept. 21, 2014. Copy supplied.

Marine Glisovic, *Mayflower police sgt. accused of stealing city gas for own use*, KATV, Sept. 10, 2014. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *"I'm Sorry," says Log Truck Driver Involved in Deadly June Crash*, KARK News, Sept. 9, 2014. Copy supplied.

Missing person search ends in shallow grave, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 8, 2014. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *Update: Mayflower Officer Fired for Withholding Evidence*, KARK News, Aug. 26, 2014. Copy supplied.

Greenbrier Man Gets 100 Years in Girls Rape, Nw. Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 1, 2014. Copy supplied.

Joe Lamb, *Jury Finds Burnside Guilty in Child Rape Case*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 30, 2014. Copy supplied.

Conway man sentenced to 18 years for rape, Log Cabin Democrat, July 4, 2014. Copy

supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *19 in Searcy County arrested in drug sting*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, June 12, 2014. Copy supplied.

Aziza Musa, *3 charged in sheriff-office graft – Affidavits: Cash taken, pills traded for sex in Saline County*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 17, 2014. Copy supplied.

Court's move from courthouse to justice building will be an exciting, 'bittersweet' day, Log Cabin Democrat, May 10, 2014. Copy supplied.

Sean Beherec, *State Court of Appeals overturns rape conviction*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 1, 2014.

Aziza Musa, *Audit: Sheriff's ledgers amiss in Saline County*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 11, 2014. Copy supplied.

Clawson to take over Maggio's criminal cases, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 26, 2014. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Gillean Guilty; Sentence in UCA Thefts is 3 Years*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 13, 2014. Copy supplied.

Gavin Lesnick, *Gillean Found Guilty in UCA Burglary Case, Sentenced to Prison*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 12, 2014. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Defense again asks judge to seal Gillean case files*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 5, 2014. Copy supplied.

Dean Weingarten, *Arkansas – Gun Law Question Side-stepped by Harrison City*, Ammon Land, Shooting & Sports News, Dec. 27, 2013. Copy supplied.

Prosecuting Attorney Hiland Seeks Re-election, Log Cabin Democrat, Oct. 14, 2013. Copy supplied.

Saline County Sheriff's Office Under Investigation, River Valley Leader, Sept. 15, 2013. Copy supplied.

Lee Hogan, *Man receives three life sentences for aggravated robbery*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 9, 2013. Copy supplied.

Lewis Delavan, *Special Prosecutor Appointed*, Press Argus-Courier, July 16, 2013. Copy supplied.

Prosecutors: Parole Changes Needed to Keep Dangerous Felons Behind Bars, Sw. Times Record, July 11, 2013. Copy supplied.

Gavin Lesnick, *Ex-Faulkner County Administrator Pleads Guilty*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 30, 2013. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Ex-school Chief Sees Gun Charges Tossed*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 25, 2013. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Prosecutor for Gillean Subpoenaed in Pretrial*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 18, 2013. Copy supplied.

Court Spradlin, *Updated: Maximum Sentence Given in Hit and Run That Killed Child*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 21, 2013. Copy supplied.

Scarlett Sims, *Attorney: Gillean Case Must Move*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 4, 2013. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Mayflower Ex-chief Admits to Tampering*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 28, 2013. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *UCA Memo Cites Push on Scholarships – Administrator Ties Rush to No-Criteria Awards; Colleague Quits*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 27, 2013. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Britton Found Guilty of Capital Murder*, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 21, 2013. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Meadors' file reveals case details*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Feb. 2013. Copy supplied.

Courtney Spradlin, *Updated: Conway Man Guilty of Child Rape*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 25, 2013. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Jury Finds Conte Guilty in 2002 Slayings of 2*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 19, 2013. Copy supplied.

Former UCA President Pleads Guilty to Violating FOI Law, Ark. News, Jan. 14, 2013. Copy supplied.

Former UCA President Pleads Guilty to Violating FOI Law, Sw. Times Record, Jan. 14, 2013. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *10 years on, Conway murder trial to start*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 31, 2012. Copy supplied.

Courtney Spradlin, *Murder Charges Filed in Shooting Death of Conway Man*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 29, 2012. Copy supplied.

Rob Moritz, *Critics see room for change in prison reform law*, The White Hall Progress, Dec. 18, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Man sentenced in agg robbery case*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 17, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Mayflower police chief booked Monday*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 10, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Man Gets 20 Years in ADC for 2002 Rape of Minor*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 5, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Court denies asphalt-case reassignment*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 28, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *LEO Awards slated for Thursday*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 28, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Meadors, Gillean Enter Innocent Pleas in UCA-Tied Cases*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 20, 2012. Copy supplied.

Courtney Spradlin, *Jury convicts Conway man in stabbing*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 17, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *State Waives Death Penalty for Man Accused of Murder*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 10, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *State Police to Investigate Candidate's Resignation*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 30, 2012. Copy supplied

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Prosecutor shopping for judge, filing says*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, October 24, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *State police to investigate candidate's resignation*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 20, 2012. Copy supplied

Editorial: How long, oh, how long?, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 12, 2012. Copy supplied.

Lindsey Tugman, *Former UCA Administrator Charged with Theft*, KTHV News, Oct. 5, 2012. Copy supplied.

Scarlet Sims, *The Case of the .50 Caliber Rifle*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 26, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Local business owner arrested for alleged meth distribution*, Log

Cabin Democrat, Sept. 21, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Faulkner County fires road officer it armed*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 15, 2012. Copy supplied.

Judge Sentences Doctor to 90 Years in Boys Rape, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 14, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *'Great year' is forecast for UCA - Mistakes made, president says*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 2, 2012. Copy supplied.

Former UCA president charged with misdemeanor, The Associated Press, Aug. 30, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Former Mt. Vernon Mayor Pleads Guilty to Theft*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 14, 2012. Copy supplied.

Prosecutor: No charges will be filed against man accused of rape, Log Cabin Democrat, July 31, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Former detention officers charged with falsifying documents*, Log Cabin Democrat, June 11, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Johnston pleads no contest in road rage deaths*, Log Cabin Democrat, May 29, 2012. Copy supplied.

Megan Reynolds, *Man sentenced in 2010 shooting death case*, Log Cabin Democrat, May 11, 2012. Copy supplied.

Courtney Spradlin, *Charges filed against former Habitat director*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 16, 2012. Copy supplied.

Richard Duke, *Bank robber pleads guilty to 2010 crime*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 16, 2012. Copy supplied.

Pair Face Capital-Murder Case - Woman, Beau Accused in March Shooting of Husband, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 10, 2012. Copy supplied.

Courtney Spradlin, *Roof Scheme Ends in Prison Time*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 9, 2012. Copy supplied.

Jason Pederson, *Scam Roofer Sentenced*, KATV News, Apr. 9, 2012. Copy supplied.

Courtney Spradlin, *Prosecutor's office has UCA-Aramark file*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 5, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *UCA studies new food-vendor pact - Audiotape reveals advice to trustees*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 30, 2012. Copy supplied.

Hearing delayed in murder case of former doctor, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 30, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Conway man wanted on felony animal cruelty charge*, Log Cabin Democrat Mar. 26, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Man sentenced despite alleged threats against judges, prosecutors*, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 8, 2012. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Lawsuit seeking ouster of mayor - Caddo Valley official convicted of theft in 1969, prosecutor says*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 1, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Paxton sentenced to 30 years*, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 22, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Missing body not found after prisoner tip*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 31, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *High court limits use of hidden GPS tracking devices*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 25, 2012. Copy supplied.

Man arrested for church fraud, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 19, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Woman faces sexual assault charges following incident with daughter's boyfriend*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 18, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Missing man's brother says family is still looking for answers, prosecutor is doubtful of inmate's information*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 12, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Heated deliberation in theft of property trial, defendant found not guilty*, Log Cabin Democrat, Jan. 11, 2012. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *UCA student faces rape charges following weekend incident*, Log Cabin Democrat, Dec. 13, 2011. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Vendor inquiry at UCA to linger - Prosecutor: Investigation could conclude by end of spring*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 5, 2011. Copy supplied.

Gavin Lesnick, *Four UCA students charged in break-in, attack*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Dec. 1, 2011. Copy supplied.

Man Pleads Guilty to Capital Murder in Arkansas, Courier News, Nov. 28, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Life sentence given after plea in double homicide*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 28, 2011. Copy supplied.

Noel Oman, *Office to review 1989 party death - Routine, prosecuting attorney says*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 19, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Members of law enforcement were honored at the LEO awards*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 9, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candy Beck, *Members of Law Enforcement were Honored at the LEO Awards*, Log Cabin Democrat, Nov. 9, 2011. Copy supplied.

David Holsted, *Prosecutor in Sheriffs Case Vows to do the Right Thing; No Politics*, Harrison Daily News, Nov. 2, 2011. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *'79 conviction cited in petition seeking to remove sheriff*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 1, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Law enforcement officials considering security measures*, Log Cabin Democrat, Oct. 21, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Conte will not come to Arkansas without a fight,* Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 2, 2011. Copy supplied.

Man, 27, charged in Conway death, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 24, 2011. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *State police will investigate how UCA handled contract*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 23, 2011. Copy supplied.

Max Brantley, *Prosecutor asks State Police review of UCA-Aramark deal*, Ark. Times, Sept. 22, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Law Enforcement Officials to Be Honored at Awards Event*, Log Cabin Democrat, September 13, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Hiland Sees Little Need for Worry on Spread of Data*, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 9, 2011. Copy supplied.

Death Penalty Sought in 2008 Murder Case, Log Cabin Democrat, Sept. 2, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Cold Case May Warm Up with Possible Release of Ex-Suspect*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 25, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Owner of Roofing Firm Faces 18 Theft Charges for Work Not Done*, Log

Cabin Democrat, Aug. 22, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Byrd resigns following Waller trial*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 31, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Jury Selection to Begin in Police Station Shooting*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 25, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Group Aims to Help Paroled Offenders*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 20, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Greenbrier Girl Will Face Charges for False Rape Claim*, Log Cabin Democrat, July 1, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Former Mount Vernon Mayor Charged with Theft*, Log Cabin Democrat, June 16, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Task Force Seizes 138 Pounds of Marijuana,* Log Cabin Democrat, June 14, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Committee Approves Termination of Juvenile Court Lease*, Log Cabin Democrat, June 14, 2011.

Candie Beck, *Two Men Suffer Injuries After Machete Attack*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 25, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Vilonia Road Rage Suspects to Have Cases Tried Separately*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 19, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Lawyers request murder suspects be evaluated mentally*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 18, 2011. Copy supplied.

UCA police work non-student rape report, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Apr. 9, 2011. Copy supplied.

Candie Beck, *Crime victim shares experiences during National Crime Victim's week*, Log Cabin Democrat, Apr. 11, 2011. Copy supplied.

Girl faces charges for false police report, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 15, 2011. Copy supplied.

Bond Requested Denied for Man in Road-Rage Case, Log Cabin Democrat, Feb. 22, 2011. Copy supplied.

Anita Tucker, *Acquittal Entered in Merryman Case,* Van Buren County Democrat, Feb. 10, 2011. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Budget Refuels Election Rivalry - 'Sour Grapes,' New Official Says of Cuts*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 27, 2010. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *White-collar crime gets Hiland's focus – He go 55% of vote in prosecutors race,* Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 4, 2010. Copy supplied.

Debra Hale-Shelton, *Attorney candidate's hot checks resolved - Wife wrote all 3, paid amounts, fees*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 15, 2010. Copy supplied.

Amy Upshaw, *Prosecutor candidate pays off $724 tax lien*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 22, 2010. Copy supplied.

Hiland files for Prosecuting Attorney, Log Cabin Democrat, Mar. 6, 2010. Copy supplied.

Lawyer calls new filings in slayings of 3 boys lies, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Oct. 14, 2009. Copy supplied.

Chuck Bartels, *Dixie Chicks sued for defamation, AR*, The Associated Press, Dec. 5, 2008. Copy supplied.

Hendrix sued after backing out of Caged Fury tournament, AR, The Associated Press, June 9, 2008. Copy supplied.

Daniel Doyle, *Brady Drops Supreme Court Appeal*, Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 30, 2007. Copy supplied.

Greenbrier attorney to run for state House seat, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Mar. 10, 2006. Copy supplied.

Keith Inman, *Arkla seeking rate increase*, Jonesboro Sun, Mar. 17, 2005. Copy supplied.

Bobbie Crockett, *United Water rate increase hearings loom*, Pine Bluff Commercial, June 21, 2004. Copy supplied.

Natural gas going up, Jonesboro Sun, Oct. 8, 2003. Copy supplied.

I have been unable to determine the date of the following interviews:
Marci Manley, *Registered Sex Offender Pardon Raises Concerns*, KARK News. Copy supplied.

Drew Petrimoulx, *Local Law Enforcement to Lose Case from Asset Seizures*, KARK News. Copy supplied.

Special Report: Arkansas Executions and Debate over Lethal Injections, FOX16 News. Copy supplied.

Other Interviews (Radio and Television):

In addition to the above interviews, I have conducted several additional radio interviews with a few central Arkansas radio stations over the years, including KARN 102.9 FM and 103.7 FM "The Buzz," and with local television stations. Other than as identified below, I have not been able to obtain records of these interviews:

On May 14, 2022, I was a panelist on the Kim Hammer Show. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mW0Js8OwJKo.

On October 27, 2019 (estimate), I participated in a panel for Arkansas TV's program "Arkansas Week," where I discussed the growing presence of fentanyl in Arkansas and how charges are being strengthened to ensure distributors are held responsible.

On July 17, 2018, I have an interview with KARK News. Recording available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGbWdSWjV6o.

On July 12, 2016, I spoke with members of KARK4 News and FOX16 News about criminal procedure.

On February 11, 2016, I was a guest on the Mountain Talk Radio program. Recording available at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_JeJHZv4cM.

On February 22, 2015, I was a panelist on Capitol View. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5pU7BV9yUw.

Federal Press Releases:

During my tenure as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, my office or the Department of Justice issued numerous official statements through press releases to the public. A comprehensive list is found below, and it also.

Press release, *United States Attorney Cody Hiland Announces Resignation*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 24, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Greene Co. Sheriff's Lieutenant Pleads Guilty To Stealing FBI Money*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 21, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Four Defendants Facing Federal Charges After Fire Bombings of Police Vehicles*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 17, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *North Carolina Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Enticing Arkansas Minor to Engage in Sexual Conduct*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern

District of Arkansas, Dec. 15, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *U.S. Attorney Cody Hiland Announces Departure of Veteran Department Employee, Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Johnson*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 15, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Woman Pleads Guilty to COVID Relief Fraud*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 10, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Craighead County Clerk Federally Indicted*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 2, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Youth Pastor Pleads Guilty to Transporting Minors for Sexual Activity*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 30, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jonesboro Man Arrested for Allegedly Producing Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 14, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Doctor Pleads Guilty to Obstructing Telemedicine Investigation*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 25, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Little Rock Felon Guilty of Possessing a Firearm*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 23, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Central Arkansas Drug Organization Dismantled After Arrest Operation*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 22, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Tennessee Man Sentenced to 23 Years in Prison for Production of Child Pornography Involving Arkansas Minor*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 18, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Clarksville Man Sentenced to More Than 21 Years in Prison for Meth Conspiracy*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 11, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Two Convicted Felons Who Possessed Firearms Each Sentenced to 180 Months in Federal Prison*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 9, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jonesboro Prosecutor Partners With United States Attorney's Office*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 1, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Little Rock Felon Guilty of Possessing Ammunition*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 26, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Prison Guard Sentenced to Prison For Smuggling Contraband*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 30, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *West Memphis Man Sentenced to More Than 20 Years in Prison for Methamphetamine Conspiracy*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 29, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Carlisle Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Distribution of Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 22, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Woman Charged with COVID Relief Fraud*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 16, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Youth Pastor Charged With Multiple Sex Crimes*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 24, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Accountant Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Bank Fraud*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 23, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Little Rock Man Guilty of Extortion and Production of Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 18, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Operation Mad Hatter Leads to Multiple Arrests in Pine Bluff*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 10, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Arizona Man Sentenced to Eleven Years in Prison for Fentanyl Worth Over $6 Million*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, May 21, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Dover Man Sentenced to More Than 12 Years in Prison for Meth Distribution*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 26, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *West Memphis Man Sentenced to Over 17 Years in Prison for Methamphetamine Conspiracy*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 19, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Federal Attorney Celebrates 50 Years at U.S. Attorney's Office*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 9, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Men Plead Guilty in Wire Fraud Conspiracy*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Feb. 21, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Four Texas Men Arrested for Transporting Stolen Money*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 16, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jonesboro Drug Conspiracy Results in Seizure of $35,000 Worth of Methamphetamine, Multiple Guns*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 15, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Doctor and Sales Rep Charged in $12 Million Fraud Scheme Targeting Tricare and Extensive Cover Up*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 10, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Convicted Felon Who Possessed Firearm Sentenced to 180 Months in Federal Prison*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 9, 2020. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Convicted Murderer Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Seven Defendants Charged in $11.5 Million Fraud Case: Lawyer and Tax Preparer Helped Five Defendants with False Discrimination Claims*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 6, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jacksonville Man Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison for Production of Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 5, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Bryant Man Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison for Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 20, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Sentenced to 33 Months in Prison After Lying on Loan Applications, Costing Lenders $3.3 Million*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 20, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Attorney General Announces Launch of Project Guardian – A Nationwide Strategic Plan to Reduce Gun Violence*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Greene County Sheriff's Lieutenant Indicted for Stealing FBI Money*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 7, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Roland Man Guilty of Attempted Enticement of a Minor to Engage in Sex*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 29, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Camden Men Indicted for Pine Bluff Robbery and Murder*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 3, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Little Rock Man Guilty of Possessing Machinegun*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 2, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Operation Quack Attack Leads to Multiple Arrests in Chicot County*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 24, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Postal Employee Sentenced to Over Seven Years In Prison for Delivering Meth: Defendant is Part of Operation "Money Don't Sleep,"* United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 11, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Pine Bluff Man Pleads Guilty to Mailing White Powder to Senator's Office*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 22, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Million-Dollar Equipment Flipping Scheme*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 16, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Operation Mad Hatter Leads to Multiple Arrests in Central Arkansas*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Helena-West Helena Resident Indicted for Supporting a Terrorist Organization*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 9, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Memphis Man Guilty of Attempted Enticement and Traveling for Sex with a Child*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 2, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Volunteer Sheriff's Deputy Sentenced to 30 Months in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 25, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Community Activist Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Drug, Gun Crimes*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Arsonist Convicted of Burning Conway Apartment Complex Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Memphis Area Man Pleads Guilty to Paying Kickbacks*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Cabot Man Sentenced to 35 Years in Prison for Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 2, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 21, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Operation "Money Don't Sleep" Leads to Multiple Arrests in West Memphis*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 19, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock ATF Recognized for Federal Gun Investigations*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 11, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Pleads Guilty to Lying on Loan Applications, Lenders Lose $3.3 Million*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, May 30, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Dardanelle Man Sentenced to More Than 21 Years in Prison for Meth Conspiracy: Defendant Distributed Methamphetamine to Members of White Supremacist Gang*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, May 20, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *District Court Enters Permanent Injunction Against Arkansas Compounding Pharmacy and its CEO to Prevent Distribution of Adulterated Drugs*, United States Department of Justice, Apr. 19, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Drasco Man Indicted for Failing to Pay Over Employment Tax*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Apr. 11, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Bryant Man Guilty of Receiving, Distributing, Advertising, and Possessing Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Apr. 10, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Missouri Resident Who Illegally Possessed Gun in Arkansas, Threatened to Kill Law Enforcement Officers, Receives 10-Year Prison Sentence*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 11, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Operation "Press Your Luck" Leads to Dozens of Arrests in Helena-West Helena*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 5, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Sentenced to Prison for His Role in Stealing Money Intended to Feed Hungry Children*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Feb. 21, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jury Finds Volunteer Sheriff's Deputy Guilty of Extortion, Obtaining Stolen ATV and Firearms*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Feb. 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Multiple White Supremacist Gang Members Among 54 Defendants Charged in RICO Indictment*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Feb. 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Dallas-Area Woman Becomes Seventh Person to Plead Guilty in Multi-Million Dollar TRICARE Kickback Scheme*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 19, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Husband and Wife Sentenced on Multiple Charges Related to Tax Fraud*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 19, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *U.S. Attorney's Office Announces Federal Initiative Aimed at Curbing Mail Theft*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 17, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *DEA Special Agent Arrested on Bribery and Drug Conspiracy Charges*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 4, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *West Memphis Men Sent to Prison for More Than a Decade for Illegal Gun and Drug Possession*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 14, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges Following Online Investigation*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 6, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *IRS Impersonator Scam Leader Sentenced to 135 Months in Prison After Stealing Millions of Dollars; Co-Conspirators Also Imprisoned*, United States Attorney's

Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 25, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Four Plead Guilty in Multi-Million Dollar TRICARE Scheme*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 18, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Twenty White County Defendants Charged with Wire Fraud for Unemployment Benefits Scheme*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 10, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Conway Man Indicted After Firing Multiple Shots in Local Post Office*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 3, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Multistate Drug Organization Dismantled; 31 Defendants Face Federal Drug and Firearms Charges*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 20, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Russellville Man Sentenced to 22 Years in Prison for Production of Child Pornography*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Sept. 19, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Arkansas State Senator Jeremy Hutchinson Indicted on Wire and Tax Fraud Charges*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 31, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Central Arkansas Drug Organization Dismantled; Eleven Defendants Face Federal Drug and Firearms Charges*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 9, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Chinese Nationals Charged with Conspiracy to Steal Rice Technology*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Aug. 3, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Trio Pleads Guilty to Wire Fraud; Exploited Program Assisting Distressed Businesses*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 25, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Convicted Felon Who Possessed Ammunition Sentenced 100 Months in Federal Prison*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, July 19, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Heroin and Cocaine Dealer Receives 30-Year Prison Sentence, Will Forfeit More Than $170,000*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 28, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas Indicts 73 Cases in June, Including 39 Gun Cases*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 22, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Girlfriend Admits Crime in Attempt to Save Boyfriend; Gets Arrested*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 21, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Three Osceola Defendants Facing Federal Drug and Firearms Charges in Ongoing Investigation*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, June 12, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Attorney General Sessions and U.S. Attorney Hiland Recognize Law Enforcement Service and Sacrifice During National Police Week*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, May 11, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Arkansas State Senator and Representative Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy and Bribery*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Apr. 30, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison After Attempting to Engage a Minor in Sex Acts*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Apr. 23, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *District Court enters Permanent Injunction Against Cantrell Drug Company*, Apr. 19, 2018. United States Department of Justice Civil Division. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former Arkansas Juvenile Detention Officer Pleads Guilty to Assault on Juvenile Detainee*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Apr. 4, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Multiple Arrests Dismantle North Little Rock Drug Trafficking Organization*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 27, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Indicted After Producing Deadly Toxin Ricin*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 7, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Memphis Rapper Pleads Guilty to Illegally Possessing a Firearm in Arkansas*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Mar. 5, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Pine Bluff Man Sentenced to Prison for His Role in Stealing Funds Intended to Feed Hungry Children*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern

District of Arkansas, Feb. 28, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Major Gang Arrests Highlight Pioneering Collaborative State, Local, and Federal Violence Reduction Initiatives*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Feb. 22, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *West Memphis Gang Member Sent to Prison for More Than 17 Years for Illegal Gun Possession*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Feb. 16, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Texas Man Sentenced to Prison for His Role in Stealing Funds Intended to Feed Hungry Children*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Feb. 15, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Investigators Stop Former Department of Veterans Affairs Employee From Selling Personal Information of Veterans and Federal Employees*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 25, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jacksonville Women Sent to Prison After Embezzling More Than $425,000 From Union*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 19, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *England Woman Sent to Prison for Role in Scheme to Steal USDA Funds Intended to Feed Hungry Children*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 9, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Attorney General Jeff Sessions Elects Eastern District of Arkansas to Receive New United States Attorney Position to Combat Violent Crime*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jan. 4, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Helena Woman Steals Millions of USDA Funds Intended for Children, Sent to Prison for More Than 12 Years*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Dec. 6, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Man Sentenced to 96 Months in Prison for Illegal Possession of Firearm Used in Shooting*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 15, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Sherwood Woman Sentenced to 45 Months in Prison for Wire Fraud, Money Laundering, and Tax Fraud*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Nov. 3, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Veterans Administration Employees Plead Guilty to Conspiring to Steal and Sell Prescription Drugs*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 26, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Leader of Major Heroin and Cocaine Drug Rings Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 26, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Little Rock Owner of Chicot Game Room Pleads Guilty to Tax Evasion and Operating an Illegal Gambling Business*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 20, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Anthony Waits Sent to Prison for More Than 14 Years for Role in Stealing USDA Funds Intended for Children*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 20, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Jacksonville Man Sentenced to 20 Years for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 12, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Russellville Operations Results In 44 Federal Defendants Charged with Multiple Drug and Gun Crimes (more than 25 pounds of methamphetamine, 69 firearms seized)*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 11, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press release, *Cody Hiland Takes Office as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas*, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Oct. 10, 2017. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

Associate Justices on the Supreme Court of Arkansas are elected in statewide nonpartisan elections to eight-year terms. Ark. Const. amend. 80, §§ 2(A), 16(A), 18(A) . Vacancies on the Court are filled through appointment by the Governor. Ark. Const. amend. 80, § 18(B).

I was appointed to fill a vacancy in Position 2 on the Court on July 3, 2023, by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders. I was reappointed to Position 3 on December 20, 2024. I subsequently ran unopposed for Position 6 on March 3, 2026. I am currently finishing out my reappointed term for Position 3, which will conclude on December 31, 2026. If I am not confirmed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, I will be sworn in to Position 6 on January 1, 2027, for a shortened term of 4 years.

The judicial power of the State of Arkansas is vested in the Supreme Court of Arkansas. Ark. Const. amend. 80, § 1. The Supreme Court of Arkansas exercises statewide appellate jurisdiction in all civil, juvenile, and criminal matters. Ark. Const. amend. 80, § 2(D)(1). The Court has specific original jurisdiction over: writs of quo warranto; questions of state law certified by a court of the United States; the sufficiency of state initiative and referendum petitions and proposed constitutional amendments; and other matters as provided by the

Arkansas Constitution. Ark. Const. amend. 80, § 2(D)(2)–(5). The Court also exercises general superintending authority over all courts of the State of Arkansas and regulates the practice of law and the professional conduct of Arkansas attorneys. Ark. Const. amend. 80, § 4; Ark. Const. amend. 28.

a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment?

Because I have not been a trial judge, I have not "presided" over any cases that have gone to verdict or judgment. As an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, I have participated in approximately 557 cases during my tenure which were disposed of in a myriad ways (e.g., via written opinion, per curiam, on a party's motion, via syllabus entry).

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	0%
bench trials:	100%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	61%
criminal proceedings:	39%

b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.

Wright v. State, 2026 Ark. 175 (2026).

Brown v. State, 2026 Ark. 174 (2026).

Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. v. McMillion, 2026 Ark. 169 (Hiland, J., dissenting).

Ark. Dep't of Fin. & Admin. v. Risor, 2026 Ark. 160 (2026).

Ross v. Payne, 2026 Ark. 153 (2026).

Cooper v. State, 2026 Ark. 122 (2026).

Mott v. State, 2026 Ark. 123 (2026).

Freeman v. State, 2026 Ark. 121 (2026).

Norris v. Independence Cnty., 732 S.W.3d 688 (Ark. 2026).

Bunch v. State, 732 S.W.3d 676 (Ark. 2026).

Singleton v. State, 2026 Ark. 61 (2026).

Oliger v. State, 727 S.W.3d 628 (Ark. 2026).

Tait v. State, 2026 Ark. 28 (2026).

State v. Good Day Farm Ark., LLC, 725 S.W.3d 1 (Ark. 2025).

Thompson v. Payne, 2025 Ark. 188 (2025).

Carter v. Payne, 2025 Ark. 168 (2025).

Beltran v. State, 2025 Ark. 167 (2025).

Hause v. City of Fayetteville, 720 S.W.3d 832 (Ark. 2025).

Walker v. Payne, 2025 Ark. 138 (2025).

Collins v. State, 2025 Ark. 137 (2025).

Clevenger v. State, 719 S.W.3d 453 (Ark. 2025).

Turnbo v. State, 2025 Ark. 106 (2025).

Overton v. State, 2025 Ark. 105 (2025).

Oxley v. Lumpkins, 712 S.W.3d 272 (Ark. 2025).

Lea v. State, 711 S.W.3d 295 (Ark. 2025).

Boyle Ventures, LLC v. City of Fayetteville, 711 S.W.3d 280 (Ark. 2025).

Parker v. State, 709 S.W.3d 807 (Ark. 2025).

Wright v. State, 709 S.W.3d 805 (Ark. 2025).

Meredith v. State, 708 S.W.3d 765 (Ark. 2025).

Davis v. Payne, 2025 Ark. 23 (2025).

Bauer v. Beamon, 706 S.W.3d 728 (Ark. 2025).

De la Garza v. State, 704 S.W.3d 627 (Ark. 2025).

Ark. Post-Prison Transfer Bd. v. McGowan, 2024 Ark. 181 (2024).

Heileman v. Cahoon, 699 S.W.3d 85 (Ark. 2024).

Paschall v. Thurston, 699 S.W.3d 352 (Ark. 2024) (Hiland, J., dissenting).

Barefield v. State, 696 S.W.3d 822 (Ark. 2024).

Weeks v. State, 2024 Ark. 132 (2024).

Comstock v. State, 689 S.W.3d 652 (Ark. 2024) (Hiland, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part).

Thurston v. League of Women Voters of Ark., 687 S.W.3d 805 (Ark. 2024).

Patrick v. Payne, 686 S.W.3d 497 (Ark. 2024).

Whiteside v. State, 684 S.W.3d 588 (Ark. 2024).

Nelson v. State, 683 S.W.3d 177 (Ark. 2024).

White v. State, 682 S.W.3d 7 (Ark. 2024).

Franklin v. State, 682 S.W.3d 1 (Ark. 2024).

Welch v. Gipson, 2023 Ark. 191 (2023).

Sims v. Payne, 678 S.W.3d 766 (Ark. 2023).

Goehler v. State, 678 S.W.3d 745 (Ark. 2023).

Ward v. State, 676 S.W.3d 270 (Ark. 2023).

Cherokee Nation Bus., LLC v. Gulfside Casino P'ship, 676 S.W.3d 368 (Ark. 2023).

Humphrey v. Long, 2023 Ark. 145 (2023).

c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. v. McMillion*, 2026 Ark. 169 (2026).

An accident involving an Old Dominion Freight Line tractor-trailer carrying a lawful quantity of formic acid exposed six first responders to the chemical. The responders sued Old Dominion, alleging that it negligently failed to disclose the presence of the hazardous

material. A jury found Old Dominion liable and awarded the plaintiffs a total of $75 million in compensatory damages. The Arkansas Court of Appeals affirmed the jury's finding of Old Dominion's liability but ordered a new trial on damages. The Supreme Court (per Hudson, J.) affirmed the judgment and vacated the Court of Appeals' opinion. I dissented, joined by Associate Justices Rhonda K. Wood and Nicholas J. Bronni, concluding that the $75 million verdict was excessive and unsupported by the evidence, the plaintiffs failed to establish reliable expert evidence of proximate causation, and the majority failed to use the opportunity to adopt a dual-standard for causation in toxic-tort cases.

Counsel for Appellant
Zachary Hill
RMP, LLP
11601 Pleasant Ridge Road, Suite 101
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212
(501) 954-9000

Eva M. Guzman
Wright, Close & Barger, LLP
One Riverway, Suite 220
Houston, Texas 77056
(713) 572-4321

Counsel for Appellee
Sach D. Oliver
Frank H. Bailey
T. Ryan Scott
Geoff Hamby
Samuel W. Mason
Oliver Law Firm
3606 Southern Hills Boulevard, Suite 200
Rogers, Arkansas 72758
(479) 202-5200

John I. Houseal
B. Michael Easley
Austin H. Easley
Easley & Houseal, PLLC
Post Office Box 1115
Forrest City, Arkansas 72336
(870) 633-1447

Brian G. Brooks
Brian G. Brooks, Attorney at Law, PLLC
Post Office Box 605
Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058

(501) 733-3457

2. *Norris v. Independence Cnty.*, 732 S.W.3d 688 (Ark. 2026).

A citizen filed a lawsuit against Independence County, Arkansas, alleging that the county quorum court illegally rescinded a citizen-led initiative requiring hand-counted paper ballots. One of the legal claims asserted that the quorum court's authority for rescinding the initiative—Arkansas Code Annotated section 14-14-918(b)—was facially unconstitutional. The trial court dismissed the lawsuit under Act 975 of 2025, which required lawsuits challenging the facial validity of any statute to be filed in the Arkansas Court of Appeals. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Arkansas unanimously reversed and remanded. The Court held that Act 975 violated Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution. Under Amendment 80, circuit courts have original jurisdiction, and the Arkansas Court of Appeals retains appellate jurisdiction only. Thus, the Court explained, the circuit court had subject-matter jurisdiction over the matter and the lawsuit could proceed. I delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Appellant
Clinton W. Lancaster
The Lancaster Law Firm
900 South Shackleford Road, Suite 300
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211
(501) 480-1080

Counsel for Appellee
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Autumn Hamit Patterson, Solicitor General
Noah P. Watson, Deputy Solicitor General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Barrett S. Moore
Blair & Stroud Attorneys
500 East Main Street, Suite 201
Batesville, Arkansas 72501
(870) 793-8350

Daniel R. Haney, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Sixteenth Judicial District
Post Office Box 4050
Batesville, Arkansas 72503
(870) 793-8825

3. *State v. Good Day Farm Ark., LLC*, 725 S.W.3d 1 (Ark. 2025).

A medical-marijuana cultivator sued various state entities challenging statutory amendments the Arkansas General Assembly had passed regarding Amendment 98 to the Arkansas Constitution. Amendment 98 authorized the use of marijuana for certain medical purposes. The cultivators claimed the statutory amendments were null because the General Assembly lacked the authority to modify constitutional provisions by statute. The circuit court ruled that the statutory amendments were unconstitutional. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Arkansas held that article 5, section 1 of the Arkansas Constitution permits the General Assembly to amend voter-initiated laws by a two-thirds vote. Taking an originalist approach, the Court overruled seventy-four years of erroneous precedent established in *Ark. Game & Fish Comm'n v. Edgmon*, 235 S.W.2d 554 (Ark. 1951). Because the challenged statutes were all passed with two-thirds majority votes, the Court reversed the circuit court's ruling and dismissed the lawsuit. I delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Appellant
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Jordan Broyles, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Counsel for Appellee
Stephen R. Lancaster
Gary D. Marts, Jr.
Erika R. Gee
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP
200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2300
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 371-0808

4. *Hause v. City of Fayetteville*, 720 S.W.3d 832 (Ark. 2025).

Homeowners sued the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas, for denying them a short-term rental permit. The homeowners alleged violations of a state statute and the Arkansas Constitution. The homeowners asked the circuit court for a preliminary injunction ordering the city to grant them a permit while the litigation was ongoing. The circuit court denied the request. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Arkansas held that the circuit court did not abuse its discretion in denying the injunction because the homeowners failed to demonstrate irreparable harm or likelihood of success on the merits. The Court also dismissed without prejudice the appeal from a nonfinal administrative claim for lack of appellate jurisdiction. I delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Appellant
Richard Garrett Ham, Jr.
The Ham Law Firm, Ltd.

3506 Northwest Woodberry Court
Bentonville, Arkansas 72712
(479) 422-7530

Counsel for Appellee
Kit Williams, City Attorney
Blake Pennington, Senior Assistant City Attorney
City of Fayetteville Attorney's Office
113 West Mountain Street, Suite 302
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701
(479) 575-8313

Brian D. Wood
James H. Bingaman
Roy, Lambert, Lovelace, Bingaman & Wood, PLLC
2706 Dividend Drive
Springdale, Arkansas 72764
(479) 756-8510

5. *Clevenger v. State*, 719 S.W.3d 453 (Ark. 2025).

Timothy Clevenger was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Arkansas upheld the conviction. The Court rejected challenges to the sufficiency of the evidence, the validity and execution of a search warrant, and multiple evidentiary rulings. On the search-warrant issue, the Court held the warrant had been issued by a neutral and detached magistrate. The Court reasoned that an experienced magistrate can still render a neutral decision in a short amount of time when the investigating officers notify the magistrate in advance and when the detailed application provided ample probable cause. I delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Appellant
Brent P. Gasper
Arkansas Public Defender Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 201
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-9070

Counsel for Appellee
Christian Harris, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

6. *Oxley v. Lumpkins*, 712 S.W.3d 272 (2025).

In a complicated change-of-child-custody dispute, the circuit court ruled that a male, non-relative custodian would exercise primary custody while the fit, biological father would have visitation rights only. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Arkansas reversed and remanded for sole custody to be placed with the biological father. The Court recognized that a natural parent seeking custody from a nonrelative is entitled to a presumption favoring custody absent an express finding of parental unfitness. As a result, a natural parent need not prove a material change in circumstances to modify visitation. I delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Appellant
John R. Zaharopoulos
Westark Law
3945 North Vantage Drive, Suite 1
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703
(888) 680-4933

Matthew D. Swindle
Heather G. Zachary
Reddick Law Firm, PLLC
One Information Way, Suite 105
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202
(501) 907-7790

Counsel for Appellee
Kent Tester
Tester Law Firm, P.A.
Archey Fork Mall
230 Highway 65 North, Suite 7
Clinton, Arkansas 72031
(501) 745-7077

7. *Paschall v. Thurston*, 699 S.W.3d 352 (Ark. 2024) (Hiland, J., dissenting).

In this original action, a ballot-question committee challenged the Arkansas Secretary of State's decision to reject an initiative petition regarding changes to medical-marijuana laws. In addition, an intervenor asserted that the initiative contained a misleading ballot title and popular name. A majority of the Supreme Court of Arkansas held that the initiative contained misleading language. I dissented, noting that under existing precedent, the ballot title and popular name should be read in tandem. I argued the majority improperly added a "germaneness" requirement to Arkansas's popular-name and ballot-title jurisprudence, thus preventing a voter initiative from reaching the ballot despite satisfying the necessary requirements. Associate Justice Shawn A. Womack delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Petitioner
Stephen R. Lancaster

Gary D. Marts
Erika Gee
Elizabeth Kimbrell
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP
200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2300
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 371-0808

Counsel for Respondent
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Justin Brascher, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Counsel for Intervenor
Brett D. Watson
Brett D. Watson, Attorney at Law, PLLC
Post Office Box 707
Searcy, Arkansas 72145
(501) 281-2468

8. *Cowles v. Thurston*, 695 S.W.3d 60 (Ark. 2024).

A ballot-question committee sued the Arkansas Secretary of State for rejecting an initiative petition titled the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024. In an original action, the Supreme Court of Arkansas upheld the Secretary's rejection. The Court held the initiative's sponsors failed to comply with a mandatory statutory requirement regarding a paid canvasser certification. This certification was not filed within the relevant deadline, thus nullifying any signatures collected by the canvassers. The petition accordingly lacked the requisite number of signatures to be placed on the ballot. Associate Justice Rhonda K. Wood delivered the opinion of the Court, of which I joined.
Counsel for Petitioner
Amanda Orcutt
Peter Shults
Steven Shults
Shults Law Firm, LLP
200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 1600
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 375-2301

Counsel for Respondent
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Hon. Nicholas J. Bronni
Former Solicitor General for Arkansas
Supreme Court of Arkansas
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-6687

Asher Steinberg
Former Senior Assistant Solicitor General
Office of the Solicitor General of North Dakota
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505
(701) 328-2210

Dylan L. Jacobs
Former Deputy Solicitor General for Arkansas
King Street Legal, PLLC
800 Connecticut Avenue Northwest, Suite 300
Washington, District of Columbia 20006
(202) 400-2039

Counsel for Intervenor
Elizabeth R. Murray
Kathy McCarrol
Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP
400 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2000
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 370-1592

Stephen R. Lancaster
Gary D. Marts, Jr.
Erika Gee
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP
200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2300
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 371-0808

9. *Thurston v. League of Women Voters of Ark.*, 687 S.W.3d 805 (Ark. 2024).

The League of Women Voters challenged four acts passed by the Arkansas General Assembly that regulated absentee ballots, voter identification, and polling places. The League asserted the acts violated various provisions of the Arkansas Constitution, including the equal-protection clause (Art. 2, § 3); the free-and-equal-election clause

(Art. 3, § 2); the voter-qualification clause (Art. 3, § 1); and the free speech and free-assembly clauses (Art. 2, §§ 4 & 6). The circuit court declared all the acts unconstitutional and enjoined their enforcement. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Arkansas reversed and dismissed the lawsuit, holding that the circuit court erred when concluded that the acts were unconstitutional. The Court reasoned that the acts were subject to rational-basis review as regulations of the electoral process rather than strict scrutiny. I delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Appellant
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Hon. Nicholas J. Bronni
Former Solicitor General for Arkansas
Supreme Court of Arkansas
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-6687

Dylan L. Jacobs
Former Deputy Solicitor General for Arkansas
King Street Legal, PLLC
800 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, District of Columbia 20006
(202) 400-2039

Counsel for Appellee:
Jess Askew, III
McKenzie L. Raub
Kutak Rock, LLP
124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2000
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 975-3141

Kevin J. Hamilton
Ashurst Perkins Cole, LLP
1301 2nd Avenue, Suite 4200
Seattle, Washington 98101
(206) 359-8741

Elisabeth C. Frost
Alexi M. Velez
Elias Law Group, LLP

250 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Suite 400
Washington, District of Columbia 20001
(202) 968-4490

10. *Cherokee Nation Bus., LLC v. Gulfside Casino P'ship*, 676 S.W.3d 368 (Ark. 2023).

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC, and Legends Resort and Casino, LLC, were jointly awarded a casino license by the Arkansas Racing Commission pursuant to Amendment 100 of the Arkansas Constitution. A lawsuit was filed challenging the license, and the circuit court held the Commission acted ultra vires by jointly granting the license when amendment 100 explicitly limited a license to a single applicant. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Arkansas affirmed the decision to strip the license from Cherokee and Legends. The Court applied the plain and unambiguous language of amendment 100 and agreed that the Commission exceeded its authority by granting the license to two entities. I delivered the opinion of the Court.

Counsel for Appellant
Dustin B. McDaniel
Bart W. Calhoun
Scott P. Richardson
McDaniel Wolff, PLLC
1307 West 4th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 954-8000

Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Noah P. Watson, Deputy Solicitor General
Carl Cooper, III, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019
Counsel for Appellee
Kenneth P. Castleberry
Castleberry Law Firm
8 Parkstone Circle, Suite A
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116
(501) 804-8111

Hon. Lucas Rowan
401 West Markham, Room 320
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 340-8424

d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1)

citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. v. McMillion*, 2026 Ark. 169 (2026) (Hiland, J., dissenting).

Counsel for Appellant
Zachary Hill
RMP, LLP
11601 Pleasant Ridge Road, Suite 101
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212
(501) 954-9000

Eva M. Guzman
Wright, Close & Barger, LLP
One Riverway, Suite 220
Houston, Texas 77056
(713) 572-4321

Counsel for Appellee
Sach D. Oliver
Frank H. Bailey
T. Ryan Scott
Geoff Hamby
Samuel W. Mason
Oliver Law Firm
3606 Southern Hills Boulevard, Suite 200
Rogers, Arkansas 72758
(479) 202-5200

John I. Houseal
B. Michael Easley
Austin H. Easley
Easley & Houseal, PLLC
Post Office Box 1115
Forrest City, Arkansas 72336
(870) 633-1447

Brian G. Brooks
Brian G. Brooks, Attorney at Law, PLLC
Post Office Box 605
Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058
(501) 733-3457

2. *Norris v. Independence Cnty.*, 732 S.W.3d 688 (Ark. 2026).

Counsel for Appellant
Clinton W. Lancaster
The Lancaster Law Firm
900 South Shackleford Road, Suite 300
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211
(501) 480-1080

Counsel for Appellee
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Autumn Hamit Patterson, Solicitor General
Noah P. Watson, Deputy Solicitor General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Barrett S. Moore
Blair & Stroud Attorneys
500 East Main Street, Suite 201
Batesville, Arkansas 72501
(870) 793-8350

Daniel R. Haney, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Sixteenth Judicial District
Post Office Box 4050
Batesville, Arkansas 72503
(870) 793-8825

3. *State v. Good Day Farm Ark., LLC*, 725 S.W.3d 1 (Ark. 2025).

Counsel for Appellant
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Jordan Broyles, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Counsel for Appellee
Stephen R. Lancaster
Gary D. Marts, Jr.
Erika R. Gee
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP
200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2300
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 371-0808

4. *Hause v. City of Fayetteville*, 720 S.W.3d 832 (Ark. 2025).

Counsel for Appellant:
Richard Garrett Ham, Jr.
The Ham Law Firm, Ltd.
3506 Northwest Woodberry Court
Bentonville, Arkansas 72712
(479) 422-7530

Counsel for Appellee
Kit Williams
Blake Pennington
City of Fayetteville Attorney's Office
113 West Mountain Street, Suite 302
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701
(479) 575-8313

Brian D. Wood
James H. Bingaman
Roy, Lambert, Lovelace, Bingaman & Wood, PLLC
2706 Dividend Drive
Springdale, Arkansas 72764
(479) 756-8510

5. *Clevenger v. State*, 719 S.W.3d 453 (Ark. 2025).

Counsel for Appellant
Brent P. Gasper
Arkansas Public Defender Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 201
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-9070

Counsel for Appellee
Christian Harris, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

6. *Oxley v. Lumpkins*, 712 S.W.3d 272 (Ark. 2025).

Counsel for Appellant:
John R. Zaharopoulos
Westark Law
3945 North Vantage Drive, Suite 1

Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703
(888) 680-4933

Matthew D. Swindle
Heather G. Zachary
Reddick Law Firm, PLLC
One Information Way, Suite 105
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202
(501) 907-7790

Counsel for Appellee:
Kent Tester
Tester Law Firm, P.A.
Archey Fork Mall
230 Highway 65 North, Suite 7
Clinton, Arkansas 72031
(501) 745-7077

7. *Paschall v. Thurston*, 699 S.W.3d 352 (Ark. 2024) (Hiland, J., dissenting).

Counsel for Petitioner
Stephen R. Lancaster
Gary D. Marts
Erika Gee
Elizabeth Kimbrell
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP
200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2300
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 371-0808

Counsel for Respondent
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Justin Brascher, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Counsel for Intervenor
Brett D. Watson
Brett D. Watson, Attorney at Law, PLLC
Post Office Box 707
Searcy, Arkansas 72145
(501) 281-2468

8. *Thurston v. League of Women Voters of Ark.*, 687 S.W.3d 805 (Ark. 2024).

Counsel for Appellant
Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Hon. Nicholas J. Bronni
Former Solicitor General for Arkansas
Supreme Court of Arkansas
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-6687

Dylan L. Jacobs
Former Deputy Solicitor General for Arkansas
King Street Legal, PLLC
800 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, District of Columbia 20006
(202) 400-2039

Counsel for Appellee
Jess Askew, III
McKenzie L. Raub
Kutak Rock, LLP
124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2000
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 975-3141

Kevin J. Hamilton
Ashurst Perkins Cole, LLP
1301 2nd Avenue, Suite 4200
Seattle, Washington 98101
(206) 359-8741

Elisabeth C. Frost
Alexi M. Velez
Elias Law Group, LLP
250 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, District of Columbia 20001
(202) 968-4490

9. *Ward v. State*, 676 S.W.3d 270 (Ark. 2023).

Counsel for Appellant:
William O. James, Jr.

Drew Curtis
James Law Firm
1001 La Harpe Boulevard
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 375-0900

Counsel for Appellee:
Jacob Jones, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

10. *Cherokee Nation Bus., LLC v. Gulfside Casino P'ship*, 676 S.W.3d 36 (Ark. 2023).

Counsel for Appellant
Dustin B. McDaniel
Bart W. Calhoun
Scott P. Richardson
McDaniel Wolff, PLLC
1307 West 4th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 954-8000

Tim Griffin, Attorney General
Noah P. Watson, Deputy Solicitor General
Carl "Trey" Cooper, III, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
101 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1019

Counsel for Appellee
Kenneth P. Castleberry
Castleberry Law Firm
8 Parkstone Circle, Suite A
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116
(501) 804-8111

Hon. Lucas Rowan
401 West Markham, Room 320
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 340-8424

e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

The list below identifies all cases in which I participated as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas in which a petition for writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States was subsequently filed.

Holly v. State, No. 24-0703, (Ark. Apr. 16, 2026), *petition for cert. filed* (U.S. Oct. 29, 2026) (No. 26-6061).

Sales v. State, No. 07-1308, (Ark. Apr. 23, 2026), *petition for cert. filed* (U.S. Sept. 21, 2026) (No. 26-5664).

Carter v. Payne, No. CV-25-728 (Ark. Feb. 5, 2026), *cert. denied*, 146 S. Ct. 2758 (2026).

Benton Sch. Dist. v. Greer, 730 S.W.3d 1 (Ark.), *cert. denied*, — U.S. — , 2026 WL 2976878 (Oct. 5, 2026).

Land v. BAS, LLC, 713 S.W.3d 1 (Ark. 2025), *cert. denied*, 146 S. Ct. 1831 (2026).

Williams v. State, CR-14-1088 (Ark. 2024), cert. denied, 145 S. Ct. 1463 (2025).

Hayes v. Payne, 2025 Ark. 52 (Ark.), *cert. denied*, 146 S. Ct. 625 (2025).

Barnett v. State, No. CR-00-1384 (Ark. Sept. 4, 2025), *cert. denied*, 146 S. Ct. 625 (2025).

Burgie v. State, 2025 Ark. 94 (Ark.), *cert. denied*, 146 S. Ct. 395 (2025).

Brech v. Bloodman, 712 S.W.3d 281 (Ark.), cert. denied, 146 S. Ct. 377 (2025).

Stilley v. Thurston, 2024 Ark. 124 (Ark. 2024), *cert. denied sub nom. Stilley v. Jester*, 145 S. Ct. 1938 (2025).

Strong v. State, No. CR-06-1346 (Ark. Nov. 21, 2024), *cert. denied*, 145 S. Ct. 1221 (2025).

Harris v. Gass, 687 S.W.3d 794 (Ark. 2024), *cert. denied*, 145 S. Ct. 1208 (2025).

State v. Bailey, 687 S.W.3d 819 (Ark. 2024), *cert. denied*, 145 S. Ct. 1126 (2025).

Birts v. State, CR-12-74 (Ark. May 30, 2024), *cert. denied*, 145 S. Ct. 425 (2024).

Whiteside v. State, 684 S.W.3d 588 (Ark. 2024), *cert. denied*, 145 S. Ct. 322 (2024).

Hogan v. Payne, 668 S.W.3d 466 (Ark. 2023), *cert. denied*, 144 S. Ct. 845 (2024).

Mitchell v. State, 668 S.W.3d 483 (Ark. 2023), *cert. denied*, 144 S. Ct. 845 (2024).

f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

As the court of last resort in the State of Arkansas, my opinions are not subject to review by a higher state court, and thus are not subject to reversal or affirmation at the state level. No opinions I have authored or joined have been taken for review by the Supreme Court of the United States.

g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

Pursuant to Supreme Court of Arkansas Rule 5-2, all opinions of the Court issued after July 1, 2009, are reported in electronic form on the Arkansas Judiciary Website, which serves as the official report of those decisions. *See* Ark. Sup. Ct. R. 5-2(b). Such opinions also carry precedential value. *See* Ark. Sup. Ct. R. 5-2(c). Of the forty-two opinions I have authored, all forty-two are reported on the Arkansas Judiciary Website at https://opinions.arcourts.gov/ark/supremecourt/en/nav_date.do. All opinions are also available on the legal research platform Westlaw.

h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. v. McMillion, 2026 Ark. 169 (2026) (Hiland, J., dissenting).
Norris v. Independence Cnty., 732 S.W.3d 688 (Ark. 2026).

State v. Good Day Farm Ark., LLC, 725 S.W.3d 1 (Ark. 2025).

Clevenger v. State, 719 S.W.3d 453 (Ark. 2025).

Boyle Ventures, LLC v. City of Fayetteville, 711 S.W.3d 280 (Ark. 2025).

Paschall v. Thurston, 699 S.W.3d 352 (Ark. 2024) (Hiland, J., dissenting).

Thurston v. League of Women Voters of Ark., 687 S.W.3d 805 (Ark. 2024).

Cherokee Nation Bus., LLC v. Gulfside Casino P'ship, 676 S.W.3d 368 (Ark. 2023).

i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I have never sat by designation on a federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;

b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;

c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;

d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

As an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of Arkansas, I am bound by the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct. Ark. Code of Jud. Conduct R. 1.1; *see also In re Ark. Ass'n Petition to Amend Code of Jud. Conduct*, 2009 Ark. 238 (per curiam). Rule 2.11(A) requires that a "[a] judge shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned," which includes a number of scenarios that would necessitate such disqualification. Ark. Code of Jud. Conduct R. 2.11(A). Accordingly, I have recused myself *sua sponte* in matters where I determined recusal was warranted under this Rule.
The Supreme Court of Arkansas does not employ an automatic recusal system. Where a party requests recusal, the Court's practice is to send the motion to the pertinent Justice, who has sole discretion whether to recuse; the matter is not taken before the other Justices for review.

Arkansas law does not require a judge or justice to disclose the reasons for recusal, and I have not treated my recusal decisions as generating a record beyond the order of recusal itself. Consistent with that practice, I did not retain notes explaining my reasoning in these matters, and I have no independent recollection of the specific basis for recusal in the *sua sponte* matters listed below. Where a party's motion for recusal is part of the case record, however, I have set out the asserted conflict as stated in that motion below.

Below is a comprehensive list of the cases in which I have recused myself since joining the Supreme Court of Arkansas:

Higman v. State, CR-26-4.
City of Little Rock v. Corbitt, CV-26-446.
Corbitt v. City of Little Rock, CV-26-338.
Reed v. Yang, 728 S.W.3d 375 (Ark. 2026).

Day v. Wardlaw, 727 S.W.3d 619 (Ark. 2026).
Sanders v. Ark. Bd. of Corrs., CV-25-742.
Calvert v. City of Conway, CV-25-171.
Baker v. Sullivan, 2025 Ark. 215 (2025).
Ark. Dep't of Educ. v. Faulkenberry, 725 S.W.3d 199 (Ark. 2025).
Lara v. Faulkenberry, 725 S.W.3d 26 (Ark. 2025).
Brech v. Bloodman, 712 S.W.3d 281 (Ark. 2025).
Parsons v. Preferred Family Healthcare, CV-24-748.
Chatmon v. Payne, 2025 Ark. 19 (2025).
Sanders v. Ark. Bd. of Corrs., 2025 Ark. 102 (2025).
Hunt v. Payne, 696 S.W.3d 806 (Ark. 2024).
Ark. Dep't of Educ. v. Jackson, 675 S.W.3d 416 (Ark. 2023)
Harmon v. State, 678 S.W.3d 390 (Ark. 2023).
Echols v. State, 686 S.W.3d 790 (Ark. 2024).

To my knowledge, my recusal has been sought directly in only two cases.

In *Keesee v. State*, CR-25-392, which is still an active case pending before our Court, the Appellant moved for my recusal on August 16, 2025. The basis of his motion included claims that I was a member of the jury panel that was called for jury selection at his criminal trial. While the Appellant acknowledged that I was ultimately excused from my service on the jury, he believed receiving a summons warranted my disqualification to hear the matter on appeal. I maintain no recollection of ever receiving a summons to be on a jury for any trial, let alone the Appellant's. Out of an abundance of caution, however, I recused in this matter on October 7, 2025.

In *Nooner v. State*, CR-23-308, the Appellant moved for the entire Court's recusal through a barrage of motions and amended motions on six separate occasions: three on June 16, 2023; three on June 23, 2023; two on July 27, 2023; three on September 5, 2023; one on October 5, 2023; and a final one on January 5, 2024. The bases for his motions are unintelligible, and he never named me specifically in any of said motions, though he referenced "Justices," plural, a number of times. Therefore, I did not recuse in this matter. The matter was disposed of in *Nooner v. State*, 2024 Ark. 7 (2024).

15. **Public Office, Political Activities, and Affiliations:**

a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

Public Offices Held

2017 – 2020
United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas

Appointed by President Donald Trump

2011 – 2017
Prosecuting Attorney, Twentieth Judicial District
Elected by the Voters of Faulkner, Searcy, and Van Buren Counties (Arkansas)

Public Offices Sought

Unsuccessful Nonpartisan General Election (2016)
Arkansas Court of Appeals, District 2; Nonpartisan Judicial Candidate

Successful Nonpartisan General Election (2014)
Prosecuting Attorney, Twentieth Judicial District; Nonpartisan Candidate

Successful Partisan General Election (2010)
Prosecuting Attorney, Twentieth Judicial District; Republican Candidate

Successful Partisan Primary Election (2010)
Prosecuting Attorney, Twentieth Judicial District; Republican Candidate

Unsuccessful Partisan General Election (2006)
Arkansas State Representative; Republican Candidate

Successful Partisan Primary Election (2006)
Arkansas State Representative; Republican Candidate

b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

From January to July 2023, I served as the chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas. The chairman serves as the chief executive and administrative leader of the state party.

From September to December 2022, I served as senior legal and policy advisor to Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders during her successful campaign for Governor of Arkansas. I advised on legal, constitutional, public policy, and strategic issues affecting campaign operations and the development of the administration's policy agenda. I also led Governor Sanders's "Law Enforcement for Sarah" coalition.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the

court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I have not served as a judicial law clerk to any state or federal judge or justice.

ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I have practiced law on my own.

September 2006 – October 2008
Hiland Law Firm, PLLC
294 South Broadview Street
Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058
Attorney & Member-Owner

October 2008 – March 2009
Hiland Law Firm, PLLC
557 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Attorney & Member-Owner

January 2021 – July 2023
Hiland Law Firm, PLLC
3245 Athens Drive
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Attorney & Member-Owner

iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each;

1997 – 2000
Office of the Governor Mike Huckabee
State of Arkansas
500 Woodlane Street, Suite 270
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Contracting and Grant Review Clerk (August 1997 – October 1997)
Legislative Liaison for Law Enforcement, City, County, and Local Affairs, and Transportation (1997 – 1999)
Aide to the Governor (1999 – 2000)

2000 – 2002
Arkansas Transitional Employment Board
2 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Staff Attorney

2002 – 2003
Hixson & Cleveland Law Office
1727 East Walnut Street, Suite #101
Paris, Arkansas 72855
Associate Attorney

2003 –2006
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Staff Attorney & Rural Community Liaison

2009 –2010
Hiland, Thomas & Cox, PLLC
609 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Partner & Member-Owner

2011 –2017
Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Twentieth Judicial District
510 South German Lane
Conway, Arkansas 72034
Prosecuting Attorney

2017 – 2020
United States Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Arkansas
425 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 500
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
United States Attorney

2021 –2022
Arkansas Department of Public Safety
One State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
Chief Legal Counsel

January 2023 – July 2023
Republican Party of Arkansas
1201 West 6th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Chairman

iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant

matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

b. Describe:

i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

In 2002, I entered private practice with Hixson & Cleveland Law Office in Paris, Arkansas. The case load was primarily civil in nature including domestic, adoption, estate planning, and corporate organization.

In 2003, I joined the Arkansas Public Service Commission as the Rural and Community Liaison and later transitioned to the role of a staff attorney to litigate utility rate cases. The case load consisted of administrative cases involving utility rates before the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

In 2006, I opened a law firm that focused on civil matters including estate planning, business organization, oil and gas law, and limited domestic relations cases and election law cases. Later, I added two attorneys to this practice. As I sought election as the Prosecuting Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District of Arkansas, I suspended my active participation in the practice and my partners stopped taking new cases and wound down the existing cases.

In 2011, I was elected to serve as the Prosecuting Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District of Arkansas. This role focused on the criminal prosecution of all crimes charged in Faulkner, Searcy, and Van Buren Counties. Occasionally, I represented the Quorum Courts of Searcy and Van Buren Counties in civil matters, as well as asset forfeiture cases related to open criminal cases.

In 2017, I became the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, where I oversaw federal law enforcement across 41 counties, directing all criminal and civil federal litigation within the district. In this role, I was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all violations of federal law in coordination with the FBI, DEA, ATF, DHS, and other federal partners. I managed administrative and operational functions of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including personnel, budget, and policy implementation. I served as principal liaison with the Department of Justice and the Attorney General for the United States and led civil defense of the United States as well as affirmative civil enforcement actions. I also defended the United States in civil cases and collected debts owed to the United States. I led prosecution priorities involving sexual exploitation of children, human trafficking, elder fraud, public corruption, terrorism, violent crime, and large-scale drug trafficking organizations. I also focused the Office's efforts to lead its first RICO prosecution in 18 years,

targeting a white supremacist organization, as well as significant cases involving violent assaults on law enforcement. Furthermore, I directed major federal fraud prosecutions, including COVID-19 PPP loan fraud and multi-million-dollar USDA program fraud involving funds intended for child nutrition programs in underserved communities.

In 2021, I joined the Arkansas Department of Public Safety as Chief Legal Counsel. I oversaw all legal matters involving the Arkansas State Police, Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, Arkansas Crime Information Center, and the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training. I further advised agency leadership on complex constitutional, statutory, regulatory, employment, procurement, and administrative law matters while providing legal guidance on critical public safety initiatives and statewide emergency response issues. I also represented the Department in litigation, administrative proceedings, contractual matters, and interagency coordination while ensuring compliance with state and federal law across multiple public safety agencies.

ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

In my time at Hixson & Cleveland Law Office, the Hiland Law Firm, PLLC, and the Hiland, Thomas & Cox Law Firm, PLLC, my typical clients included local residents seeking assistance on routine legal matters such as estate planning and business organization. We sometimes, but not often, specialized in representing private landowners in oil and gas issues and election matters.

As a Staff Attorney for the Arkansas Public Service Commission, my client was the State of Arkansas. The specialty area of practice was utility law.

As the Prosecuting Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District of Arkansas, my client was the State of Arkansas in all criminal matters and limited civil matters. The specialty area of practice was criminal law and criminal procedure.

As the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, my client was the United States Government. In this role, I was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all violations of federal law in coordination with the FBI, DEA, ATF, DHS, and other federal partners.

As the Chief Legal Counsel for the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, my clients included the Arkansas State Police, Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, Arkansas Crime Information Center, and the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training. My role included advising agency leadership on complex matters while providing legal guidance on critical public safety initiatives and statewide emergency response issues. I also represented the Department in a variety of

proceedings and negotiations.

c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

In private practice, I would estimate that less than five percent of my cases involved litigation.

As a Staff Attorney for the Arkansas Public Service Commission, I would estimate that almost all the rate cases were litigated. However, there were certainly fewer cases filed compared to the caseload I handled in the United States Attorney's Office and the state Prosecutor's Office.

When I served as Prosecuting Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District of Arkansas, my office filed approximately 1,300 cases each year all of which involved litigation of the matter. The disposition of those cases resulted in either a negotiated plea bargain or criminal bench or jury trial. I occasionally appeared in court while serving in this role.

I served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas from October 10, 2017, through December 31, 2020. I had very few court appearances in this role.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	federal courts:	30%
2.	state courts of record:	65%
3.	other courts:	0%
4.	administrative agencies:	5%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	civil proceedings:	25%
2.	criminal proceedings:	75%

d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I have tried approximately ten cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. I was sole counsel on three of those cases, chief counsel on two of the cases, and associate counsel on the other five.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1.	jury:	30%
2.	non-jury:	70%

e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

a. the date of representation;

b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and

c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *Harper v. Dunn*, 4:21-CV-00559-BRW (E.D. Ark.) (Wilson, J.). Dates of representation: 2021 – 2022.

I represented the Arkansas State Police in a federal lawsuit related to the alleged wrongful use of the Precision Immobilization Technique ("PIT") or Tactical Vehicle Intervention ("TVI") maneuver executed by an Arkansas State Police Trooper resulting in an injury to a pregnant female. The case ultimately settled for a monetary sum and alterations were made to the Arkansas State Police's policies regarding PITs and TVIs.

Co-Counsel
Joan Shipley
Arkansas State Police
1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
(501) 618-8000

Opposing Counsel
Joe Denton
Denton, Zachary & Norwood, PLLC
2100 Riverdale Road, Suite 200A
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202
(501) 426-6096

2. *State v. Pennington*, 63CR-14-313 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Arnold, J.). Dates of representation: 2014 – 2016.

I was appointed as Special Prosecuting Attorney to represent the State of Arkansas in this case. Pennington, the elected Sheriff of Saline County, Arkansas, was investigated for abuse of public trust, theft of property, and wire fraud. I was responsible for working with the Arkansas State Police and the FBI's Little Rock Field Office throughout the investigation; reviewing the completed investigative file and making the decision to file criminal charges; preparing witnesses; researching procedural legal issues; overseeing case negotiations; and managing all media relating to the case. Pennington pled guilty in both federal and state court. His state sentence ran concurrent with a one-year federal sentence.

Co-counsel
Jordan Crews
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
Office of the Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter
Post Office Box 20207
Nashville, Tennessee 37202
(615) 741-3491

Opposing counsel
William O. James
James Law Firm
1001 La Harpe Boulevard
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 375-0900

3. *State v. McPherson*, 23CR-14-968 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Clawson, J.). Dates of representation: 2014 – 2015.

I represented the State of Arkansas in this case. McPherson, a supervisor at a natural gas exploration company, was charged with raping the 13-year-old daughter of a coworker after grooming her; the assaults occurred on three separate occasions. A Faulkner County jury convicted him on all three counts of rape. I was responsible for meeting and preparing witnesses, the victim, and the victim's family; researching procedural legal issues; making final decisions regarding the case; delivering opening statements; examining witnesses; presenting closing arguments on both guilty and sentencing; and managing all media relating to the case. McPherson was sentenced to seventy-five years imprisonment.

Co-counsel
Jordan Crews
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
Office of the Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter
Post Office Box 20207
Nashville, Tennessee 37202
(615) 741-3491

Opposing counsel
Stephen Ralph

Arkansas Public Defenders Commission
515 Oak Street, Suite E
Conway, Arkansas 72032
(501) 450-4975

4. *State v. Gillean*, 23CR-12-1044 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Clawson, J.). Dates of representation: 2012-2014.

I represented the State of Arkansas in this case. Defendant Gillean was the Chief of Staff for the University of Central Arkansas ("UCA"). This case followed the prosecution of UCA's president for a criminal violation of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, which resulted in his resignation and guilty plea. Gillean, using a campus master key issued to him, broke into the offices of several professors to steal exam copies for the benefit of a student, Cameron Stark, giving rise to burglary allegations. Evidence that Gillean had also sold drugs to students was presented during the sentencing phase. I was responsible for meeting with the principals in the case; initiating the investigation by the UCA Police Department; meeting with and preparing witnesses; making final decisions regarding the case; and managing all media relating to the case. Gillean was convicted by a jury and sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Co-counsel
Joan Shipley
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
Arkansas State Police
1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
(501) 618-8000

Hon. Troy B. Braswell, Jr.
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
801 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
(501) 450-4931

Opposing counsel
Nicki Nicolo
Law Offices of Nicki Nicolo
Post Office Box 216
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72115
(501) 353-0371

5. *State v. Johnston*, 23CR-12-892 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Maggio, J.). Dates of representation: 2012 – 2013.

I represented the State of Arkansas in this case. Johnston, the Faulkner County Administrator, was charged with theft of property from Faulkner County. A Barrett .50 caliber sniper rifle, purchased for approximately $10,000 in state asset forfeiture funds by the former Faulkner

County Prosecuting Attorney, ended up in Johnston's personal possession. Evidence was submitted to ATF agents, who developed a straw-purchase investigation, but the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas declined to pursue the case. During the investigation, additional evidence surfaced that Johnston had stolen approximately $4,000 worth of Faulkner County asphalt to pave the driveway at his personal residence. I was responsible for meeting with federal and state investigators throughout the case; meeting with and preparing witnesses; making final decisions regarding case negotiations; and managing all media relating to the case. Johnston resigned and pled guilty to the theft of property charge related to the asphalt.

Co-counsel
Hon. Troy B. Braswell, Jr.
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
801 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
(501) 450-4931

Opposing counsel
Joe Don Winningham
1315 Main Street
Conway, Arkansas 72034
(501) 347-4457

6. *State v. Cassell*, CV-11-53 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Clinger, J.). Dates of representation: 2011 – 2013

I represented the State of Arkansas in a civil suit to remove the sitting Searcy County Sheriff, Kenny Cassell from office. Cassell had previously been convicted of misdemeanor theft while serving as a deputy sheriff, rendering him ineligible to hold elected office under the Arkansas Constitution. The State argued that misdemeanor theft had been held by the Supreme Court of Arkansas to constitute a crime of "deceit and dishonesty" and an "infamous crime," making Cassell ineligible. Cassell answered the complaint, denying that his prior conviction qualified as an infamous crime. Special Circuit Judge David Clinger ruled in Cassell's favor at trial, finding the conviction did not constitute an infamous crime, but the Arkansas Supreme Court reversed on appeal. *See State v. Cassell*, 427 S.W.3d 663 (Ark. 2013). On remand, Cassell was removed from office by order of Judge Clinger.

Co-counsel
Hon. Chris Carnahan
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
810 Parkway Street
Conway, Arkansas 72034
(501) 450-6112

Opposing counsel:
Joe Don Winningham
1815 Chicot Drive
Conway, Arkansas 72034

(501) 513-4930

7. *State v. Britton*, 23CR-10-936 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Clawson, J.). Dates of representation: 2010 – 2013.

I represented the State of Arkansas in this case. Ronald Britton, a white supremacist, stabbed his girlfriend three times in the back of the neck—where his name was tattooed—and then slit her throat in her own home, motivated by a belief that she had been in a relationship with a black man. He left a note at the scene, spelled out with children's refrigerator magnets, reading "die bitch." Defense counsel's evident fear of Britton led them to seat him on the near side of counsel table rather than behind it, placing the prosecution within eight to ten feet of him during opening statements, witness examinations, and closing arguments. During trial, Britton attempted to physically attack a witness and was subsequently placed in restraints. I was responsible for meeting with and preparing witnesses and the victim's family; researching procedural legal issues; making final decisions regarding the case; delivering opening statements; examining witnesses; and managing all media relating to the case. A Faulkner County jury convicted Britton and returned a life sentence.

Co-counsel
Joan Shipley
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
Arkansas State Police
1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
(501) 618-8000

Hon. Troy B. Braswell, Jr.
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
801 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
(501) 450-4931

Opposing counsel
Pat Aydelott
Arkansas Public Defenders Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 201
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-9070

8. *State v. Conte*, 23CR-11-1028 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Clawson, J.). Dates of representation: 2011 – 2013.

I represented the State of Arkansas in this case. Dr. Richard Conte was charged with the murders of Carter Elliot and Timothy Robertson in a 10-year-old cold case that had gone unprosecuted by two previous prosecuting attorneys, both of whom cited a lack of evidence. Conte, the primary suspect, was serving a 10-year sentence in Nevada for the kidnapping of Lark

Elliot—Carter Elliot's ex-wife—committed just months after the Faulkner County homicides. After being elected Prosecuting Attorney, and days before Conte's scheduled release from prison, I reviewed the incomplete case file with deputy prosecutors and determined that sufficient circumstantial evidence existed to bring capital murder charges against him. I was responsible for reviewing the existing evidence with staff; reinitiating the investigation; meeting with and assisting with the preparation of witnesses; making final decisions regarding case negotiations; and managing all media relating to the case. A jury convicted Conte on two counts of capital murder in under thirty minutes. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Co-counsel
Hon. Troy B. Braswell, Jr.
Formerly with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial District
801 Locust Avenue
Conway, Arkansas 72034
(501) 450-4931

Opposing counsel
Jack Lassiter
Lassiter & Cassinelli Law Firm
1218 West 6th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 370-9300

9. *Roberts v. Faulkner Cnty. Elec. Comm'n*, 23CV-06-992 (Ark. Cir. Ct.) (Rogers, J.). Dates of representation: 2006 – 2007.

I represented a plaintiff who had lost a race for Justice of the Peace in Faulkner County District 10 by two votes. Investigation revealed irregularities involving absentee ballots. I determined that the law governing the process and standards for securing absentee ballots had not been followed. I was responsible for investigating the absentee ballot irregularities, drafting all pleadings submitted to the court, and presenting all legal arguments to the court. Special Circuit Judge Russell Rogers overturned the election and removed my client's opponent from office. My client was installed as the rightful officeholder for the district.

Opposing counsel
Marcus Vaden
Marcus Vaden Law
600 South German Lane, Suite 102
Conway, Arkansas 72034
(501) 273-3767

10. *Centerpoint Energy Res. Corp. v. Ark. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 04-121-U (Ark. Pub. Serv. Comm'n) (Hochstetter, Bassett, Bynum, Comm'rs). Dates of representation: 2004 – 2005.

I served as Staff Attorney for the Arkansas Public Service Commission, representing the State of Arkansas in this matter. The Commission was created to set utility rates in the absence of a

competitive marketplace, balancing a reasonable rate of return for utility companies compared to their legitimate expenses. In this case, the utility company sought a non-gas rate increase (exclusive of the cost of gas) of approximately $34 million. The Commission determined the request was not justified, and no settlement was reached, sending the matter to trial before the Commission. I was responsible for reviewing witnesses' prepared testimony before filing; engaging in settlement negotiations before trial; preparing witnesses for direct and cross-examination; and eliciting testimony from witnesses throughout the trial. Ultimately, the Commission ordered an actual reduction of the company's existing rate by $11.5 million.

Co-counsel
Valerie Boyce
Retired

Opposing counsel
Paul Ruxin
Deceased

18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

As Chief Legal Counsel for the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, I testified in front of committees of the Arkansas General Assembly regarding ongoing issues with Arkansas State Police Precision Immobilization Technique ("PIT") maneuvers, or Tactical Vehicle Intervention ("TVI"), and how that particular method of dealing with fleeing suspects in vehicles struck the appropriate balance between public safety and police tactics. I also oversaw litigation involving the Department, including working to obtain a settlement agreement in a lawsuit for a monetary sum and alterations the Arkansas State Police policy related to PIT maneuvers.

While Prosecuting Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District of Arkansas, I served on the Legislative Committee for the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association. In that capacity, I often met with legislators and testified at legislative committee hearings regarding matters of public safety, including sentencing reform and law-enforcement policy.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide copies to the committee.

In Spring 2006, I taught a political science course with an emphasis in the U.S. Constitution at Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. A syllabus is not available.

20. **Deferred Income / Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all

anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

I will receive a pension from the Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (APERS) once the applicable retirement age and qualifications have been met.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

I have no plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during my service with the court.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding $500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

I will provide the Committee with my Financial Disclosure Report within the required statutory period of my nomination being transmitted from the White House.

23. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).
See attached Statement of Net Worth.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

There are no broad areas of potential conflict, whether personal, financial, or subject matter. I would recuse all matters in which I have a financial interest including, but not limited to, matters involving corporations or other business entities in which I, or a member of my immediate family, has an employment, equitable, proprietary, or property interest. I would address any potential conflicts in the manner described in response to Question 24(b).

b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

If confirmed, I will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by reference to 28 U.S.C. § 455 and Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances. Moreover, I would also recuse myself from cases involving questions that were certified to the Supreme Court of Arkansas during my tenure as an Associate Justice.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

Early in my career, as a practicing attorney, I offered pro bono work as appropriate. I do not recall every instance where I offered my legal services for free. Furthermore, I never reported those instances as "pro bono work" to the Bar. Upon being elected as the Prosecuting Attorney for the 20th Judicial District of Arkansas, I could not engage in offering legal services outside the scope of my employment, which would include offering pro bono services. The same is true when I became United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Under the Arkansas Constitution and the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct, as a full-time justice on the Supreme Court of Arkansas, I am prohibited from engaging in the practice of law, including pro bono matters. Ark. Const. amend. 80, § 14; Ark. Code of Jud. Conduct R. 3.10. I have supported my Court's efforts to increase access to justice for low- and middle-income Arkansans through the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission. Furthermore, I contribute to the Arkansas legal community in a myriad of other ways by being a guest lecturer in classes at the University of Arkansas – Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law and through unpaid speaking engagements.

26. **Selection Process:**

a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

There is no judicial selection process for positions on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit or the United States District Courts for the State of Arkansas.

On June 17, 2026, I received a phone call from United States Senator John Boozman, who asked whether I would be interested in a potential vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. The next morning, I received a call from Senator

Tom Cotton to further discuss the opportunity. On June 19, 2026, I received a phone call from White House Counsel's Office, and I interviewed on June 29, 2026, with staff from White House Counsel's Office and the Office of Legal Policy of the Department of Justice. On July 17, 2026, the White House Counsel's Office requested that I undergo a background investigation and prepare paperwork in anticipation of a potential nomination. On August 12, 2026, White House Counsel's Office asked about my interest in a potential district court nomination. On November 10, 2026, the White House Counsel's Office informed me that I was to be nominated and shortly after formally transmitted my nomination to the Senate. Throughout the process, I have had periodic communication with the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy to assist me in preparation of documents in support of my nomination.

b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.

AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

11/11/2026 (DATE)

Lorna Deville Hale (NAME)

(NOTARY)

