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**ARKANSAS CIVICS EDUCATION CENTER GRAND OPENING**

September 13, 2024

Little Rock, AR – The Arkansas Supreme Court will host the grand opening of the Arkansas Civics Education Center at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, at the Justice Building, 625 Marshall Street in Little Rock. The Supreme Court welcomes members of the legal community and the public to an open house and tour of the facility from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Honorable Ruth McGregor, former Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court and law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, will serve as the keynote speaker.

The Arkansas Civics Education Center is the only one of its kind in the state. “We wanted the Civics Education Center to be informative and fun so that children can truly engage to learn about our state government,” says Chief Justice John Dan Kemp. The innovative facility boasts interactive exhibits and displays, including the Scipio A. Jones Courtroom will be available to high schools, colleges, and law schools for mock trial competitions.

“Civics education is necessary for every American citizen. We are proud that Arkansas now has a state-of-the-art center that presents the Arkansas Constitution. Importantly, the Constitution’s theme of civility is prominently featured across exhibits on all three branches of government,” says State Court Administrator Marty Sullivan.

In addition to several permanent exhibits, the Arkansas Civics Education Center will host a speaker series inviting leaders and experts in courts and law. The Civics Education Center and these lectures will be open to the public.

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