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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, November 5, 2026 — An internal review by the Supreme Court of Arkansas's Office of Professional Conduct and Programs, has uncovered irregularities involving the Court's Office of Professional Programs (OPP) and the administration of the Arkansas Bar Examination. The matter was turned over to the appropriate authorities.

As of today, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the Sixth Judicial District has filed formal criminal charges against Nancie Givens, former Executive Director of OPP, for 65 counts of tampering with a public record in connection with discrepancies involving Arkansas Bar Examination scores across various exams conducted between July 2020 and July 2025.

To preserve the integrity of the active and ongoing investigation, the Court declines to make further comment at this time.

Issued By:

The Honorable Karen R. Baker
Chief Justice

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