

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 25-254

IN RE THE MATTER OF LRPD
INCIDENT #2025-59110

Order Delivered May 21, 2025

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF
JUDGE, THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT, LITTLE ROCK
DISTRICT COURT, CRIMINAL
DIVISION, PULASKI COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

ORDER

Under Section 13C of Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, a special judge may be assigned if the Chief Justice shall determine “there is other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed.” Therefore, under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965 as amended, and Ark. Const. Amend. 80, and because the Chief Justice has determined there is “other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed,” Hon. Teresa Smith, 30th Judicial District Court, Lonoke County District Court, Division 1, is hereby assigned to the Little Rock District Court, Criminal Division, to consider any search warrants and court orders regarding a Financial Identity Fraud and to preside over the subsequent case(s) if one is filed in the Little Rock District Court, Criminal Division.

This assignment includes all ancillary proceedings which may arise in connections with said cause, and proceedings subsequent thereto shall be held at such time or times as shall be directed and ordered by Judge Smith.

The assignment of Judge Smith to the Little Rock District Court, Criminal Division

entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Lonoke County District Court, Division 1, shall remain in Judge Smith to the same extent as though this assignment had not been made.

This order made and entered this 21st day of May 2025.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen R. Baker".

Chief Justice