

# SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 25-402

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

VS.

MICHAEL R. MERIDITH AND APRIL  
M. MERIDITH

DEFENDANTS

Order Delivered August 19, 2025

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF  
JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
CASE NO. 27CR-24-105

GRANTED.

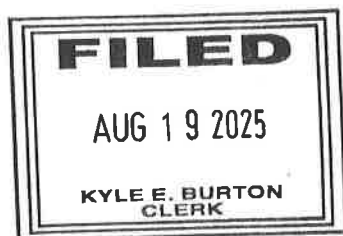
## ORDER

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 appointed due to the sitting judge’s unavailability,” Judge Grisham Phillips (Bar #82039), Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to hear the following case:

*State of Arkansas v. Michael R. Meridith & April M. Meridith*  
Grant County Circuit Court Case No. 27CR-24-105

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

This order made and entered this 19th day of August 2025.



Chief Justice