

# SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-045

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered January 20, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE,  
THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT, LITTLE RIVER COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT, ASHDOWN  
DEPARTMENT, LITTLE RIVER  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

## ORDER

Under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965, as amended, Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, and Section 1 of Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 16, as amended, and in response to the written request of the Little River County District Court Clerk, the Hon. Dana Stone, 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Hempstead County and Nevada County District Courts, is hereby assigned to the Little River County District Court, Ashdown Department, to hear the following cases:

*State of Arkansas v. Patty Lu Chaney* – TR-25-3549; TR-25-3548

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

The assignment of Judge Stone to the Little River County District Court, Ashdown Department, entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Hempstead County

and Nevada County District Courts, shall remain in Judge Stone to the same extent as though this assignment had not been made.

This order made and entered this 20th day of January 2026.



Chief Justice