

# SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-081

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered February 9, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF  
JUDGE, THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT, SALINE COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT, BRYANT  
DEPARTMENT, SALINE 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 Saline County District Court Clerk, the Milas H. "Butch" Hale, 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Sherwood District Court, is hereby assigned to the Saline County District Court, Bryant Department, to hear the following case:

*Mary Kathryn Linch v. Carmen Young-Phillips* – SC-25-85

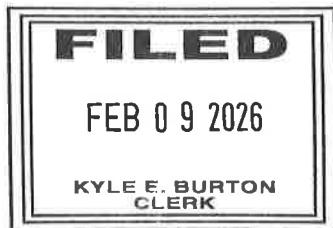
The assignment of Judge Hale to the Saline County District Court, Bryant Department, shall include assignment to any additional cases scheduled on the conflict date due to the Saline County District Judge's recusal.

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 Hale.

The assignment of Judge Hale to the Saline County District Court, Bryant Department entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Sherwood District Court, shall remain in Judge Hale to the same extent as though this assignment had not been made.

This order made and entered this 9th day of February 2026.



Karen R Baker  
Chief Justice