

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-099

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered February 19, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF
JUDGE, TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT, CRITTENDEN
COUNTY DISTRICT COURT,
MARION DEPARTMENT,
CRITTENDEN 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 Crittenden County District Court Clerk, the Hon. Mike Smith, 25th Judicial District Court, Cross County and St. Francis County District Courts, is hereby assigned to the Crittenden County District Court, Marion Department, to hear the following cases:

City of Marion v. Martin Howard – ONC-25-2445

State of Arkansas v. Elizabeth Cole Proust – ONS-25-2944

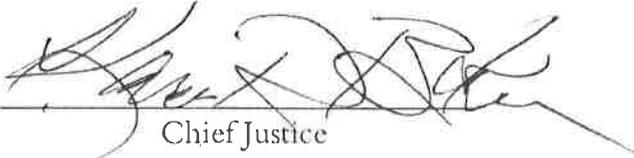
State of Arkansas v. Jerry Kelly – ONS-25-2530

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 Smith.

The assignment of Judge Smith to the Crittenden County District Court, Marion Department, entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Cross County and St. Francis County District Courts shall remain in Judge Smith to the same extent as though this assignment had not been made.

This order made and entered this 19th day of February 2026.




Chief Justice