

# SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-168

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered March 20, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF  
JUDGE, TWENTY-SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, DESHA  
COUNTY DISTRICT COURT,  
MCGEHEE DEPARTMENT, DESHA  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

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## 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 Desha County District Court Clerk, the Hon. Jason Carter, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court, Lee County and Phillips County District Courts, is hereby assigned to the Desha County District Court, McGehee Department, to hear the following case:

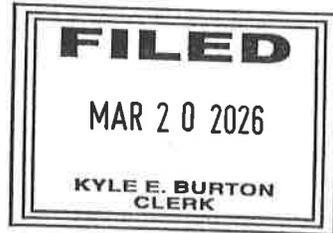
*State of Arkansas v. Sonja Deweese – CR-26-73*

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 Carter.

The assignment of Judge Carter to the Desha County District Court, McGehee Department, entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Lee County and

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

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



*Karen R. Baker*  
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Chief Justice