

# SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-242

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered April 27, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF  
JUDGE, THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT, SALINE COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT, BENTON  
DEPARTMENT, SALINE 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 Saline County District Court Clerk, the Hon. Billy Jack Gibson, 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court, Grant County and Hot Spring County District Courts, is hereby assigned to the Saline County District Court, Benton Department, to hear the following case:

*State of Arkansas v. Ben Bowers* – Citation No. 1AOA3793530

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 Gibson.

The assignment of Judge Gibson to the Saline County District Court, Benton

Department, entails only additional duties, and jurisdiction in the Grant County and Hot Spring County District Courts, shall remain in Judge Gibson to the same extent as though this assignment had not been made.

This order made and entered this 27th day of April 2026.



*Karen R. Baker*  
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Chief Justice