

**SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS**

No. 24-429

IN RE CONFLICT CASES

Order Delivered July 12, 2024

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE,  
IZARD COUNTY DISTRICT COURT,  
MELBOURNE DEPARTMENT, IZARD  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

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**ORDER**

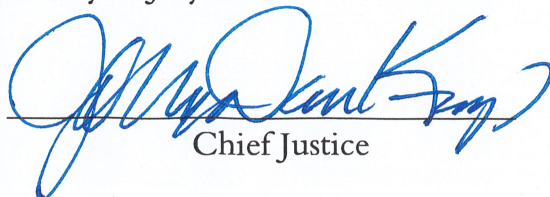
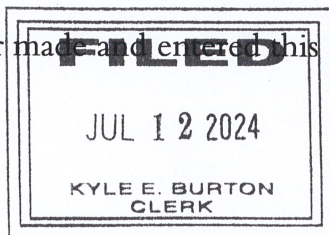
Under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965, as amended, Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, and Section 1 of Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 16, as amended, and in response to the written request of the Izard County District Court Clerk, the Hon. Fred Kirkpatrick, Retired District Court Judge, is hereby assigned to the Izard County District Court, Melbourne Department, to hear the following cases:

*State of Arkansas v. Erin Couch* – CR-24-227; TR-24-326; TR-24-327;  
TR-24-328; DWI-24-20

The assignment of Judge Kirkpatrick to the Izard County District Court, Melbourne Department, shall include assignment to any additional cases scheduled on the conflict date, due to the Izard 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 Kirkpatrick.

This order made and entered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.



Chief Justice