

**SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS**

No. 24-462

DANA FORD, AS NEXT FRIEND AND  
NATURAL GUARDIAN OF BLAYNE  
THOMAS FORD, A MINOR  
PLAINTIFF

VS.

MICHAEL W. ESCUE, M.D.; ST.  
MARY'S PHYSICIAN SERVICES, LLC  
D/B/A MILLARD-HENRY CLINIC OF  
RUSSELLVILLE; AND RUSSELLVILLE  
HOLDINGS, LLC D/B/A ST. MARY'S  
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
DEFENDANTS

Order Delivered July 31, 2024

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE,  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, POPE  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
CASE NO. 58CV-21-289

GRANTED.

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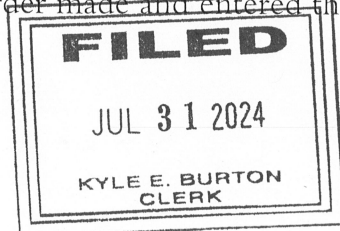
**ORDER**

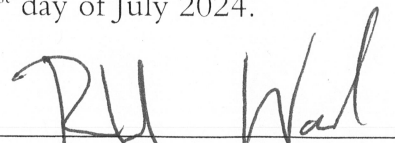
Under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965 as amended, and Ark. Const. Amend. 80, and pursuant to the written request of the Pope County Circuit Clerk, the Hon. Robert Bynum Gibson (Bar #74061), Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to hear the following case:

*Dana Ford, as Next Friend and Natural Guardian of Blayne Thomas Ford,  
a minor v. Michael W. Escue, M.D., et al.*  
Pope County Circuit Court Case No. 58CV-21-289

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 Gibson.

This order made and entered this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024.



  
Acting Chief Justice