

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 23-717

IN RE NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Order Delivered October 18, 2022

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF
JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
FIRST DIVISION, POPE COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

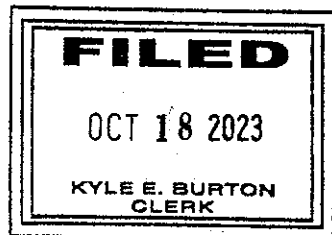
ORDER

The Pope County Circuit Clerk, has requested assignment of a special judge under Section 13 C of Amendment 80, which provides for “other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed.” Judge James Dunham has a murder trial scheduled for the same day in Johnson County as his regularly scheduled criminal docket in Pope County. Therefore, 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 because the Chief Justice has determined there is “other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed,” Judge William R. Wright, Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 5th Judicial Circuit, 1st Division, to sit on the following date:

November 6, 2023

On that date, Judge Wright will preside over the criminal docket in Pope County and Judge Dunham will preside over the murder trial in Johnson County in the same circuit.

This order made and entered this 18th day of October 2023.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over the printed name "Chief Justice".

Chief Justice