

Vera HAY *v.* ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT of HUMAN  
SERVICES and S.S., M.H., & B.M.

08-990

286 S.W.3d 725

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Opinion delivered September 11, 2008

MOTIONS — JOINT MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF APPELLATE COUNSEL —  
GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPELLATE COURT'S EXCLUSIVE  
JURISDICTION TO RELIEVE COUNSEL AND APPOINT NEW COUNSEL.  
— Pursuant to Ark. Sup. Ct. R. 6-10, the appellate court had  
exclusive jurisdiction to relieve counsel and appoint to counsel;  
accordingly, the joint motion for substitution of appellate counsel  
was granted.

Joint Motion for Substitution of Appellate Counsel; granted.

*Leah Lanford*, attorney ad litem for appellees S.S., M.H., &  
B.M.

**P**ER CURIAM. [1] Leah Lanford, the court-appointed attorney ad litem for juveniles S.S., M.H., and B.M., and Keith L. Chrestman, a qualified part-time attorney ad litem, filed a joint motion for substitution of appellate counsel to allow Lanford to withdraw as counsel and to appoint Chrestman as the attorney ad litem on appeal. Pursuant to Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 6-10 (2008), “[a]fter the notice of the appeal has been filed with the Circuit Clerk, the appellate court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to relieve counsel and appoint new counsel.” Thus, we grant the motion to substitute Chrestman as the attorney ad litem in this case.

Motion granted.