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Rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

OPINIONS

- (a) SUPREME COURT SIGNED OPINIONS. All signed opinions of the Supreme Court shall be designated for publication.
- (b) COURT OF APPEALS OPINION FORM. Opinions of the Court of Appeals may be in conventional form or in memorandum form. They shall be filed with the Clerk. The Opinions need not contain a detailed statement of the facts, but may set forth only such matters as may be necessary to an understandable discussion of the errors urged. In appeal from decisions of the Arkansas Board of Review in unemployment compensation cases, when the Court finds the decision appealed from is supported by substantial evidence, that there is an absence of fraud, no error of law appears in the record and an opinion would have no precedential value, the order may be affirmed without opinion.
- (c) COURT OF APPEALS PUBLISHED OPINIONS. Opinions of the Court of Appeals which resolve novel or unusual questions will be released for publications when the opinions are announced and filed with the Clerk. The Court of Appeals may consider the question of whether to publish an opinion at its decision-making conference and at that time, if appropriate, make a tentative decision not to publish. Concurring and dissenting opinions will be published only if the majority opinion is published. All opinions that are not to be published shall be marked "Not Designated for Publication."
- (d) COURT OF APPEALS UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS. Opinions of the Court of Appeals not designated for publication shall not be published in the *Arkansas Reports* and shall not

be cited, quoted, or referred to by any court or in any argument, brief, or other materials presented to any court (except in continuing or related litigation upon an issue such as res judicata, collateral estoppel, or law of the case). Opinions not designated for publication shall be listed in the *Arkansas Reports* by case number, style, date, and disposition.

(e) COPIES OF ALL OPINIONS — In every case the Clerk will furnish, without charge, one typewritten copy of all of the Court's published or unpublished opinions in the case to counsel for every party on whose behalf a separate brief was filed. The charge for additional copies is fixed by statute.

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<u>APPENDIX</u>

Rules Adopted or Amended by <u>Per Curiam Orders</u>

IN RE: RULES of the SUPREME COURT of ARKANSAS and COURT of APPEALS of ARKANSAS 4-1 and 4-2

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 29, 2003

PER CURIAM. It has come to our attention that our recent per curiam handed down on May 8, 2003, regarding page numbering in briefs is causing difficulty for members of the bar. The intention of the per curiam was to ensure that the Addendum contains sequential page numbers beginning with page one, and not merely page numbers from the record.

To correct this situation, the eighth sentence in Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 4-1(a) is amended to read: "The abstract, statement of the case, argument, and addendum shall each be numbered sequentially from page one, and both sides of the page may be used." Likewise, the third sentence in Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 4-2(a)(1) is amended to read: "The table of contents also should include references to the abstract listing the name of each witness with the page number at which the testimony begins and references to the Addendum listing each document with the page number at which it appears in the Addendum." The practice of numbering the table of contents, informational and jurisdictional statement, points on appeal, and table of authorities using lower-case roman numerals is allowed to continue.

IN RE: RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION to the BAR of ARKANSAS

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered June 12, 2003

PER CURIAM. Prior to July 1, 1985, there was an admission on motion or reciprocity provision in the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar. Attorneys who were licensed in other jurisdictions, and who could establish a number of years of experience as well as good moral character and mental and emo-

tional stability could be admitted to the Bar of Arkansas without examination. The rule required residency in Arkansas.

On July 1, 1985, by per curiam order, this Court eliminated the admission on motion or reciprocity rule. (Per curiam order of July 1, 1985, 692 S.W.2d 233). We cited a decision of the United States Supreme Court, *New Hampshire v. Piper*, 105 S.Ct. 1272 (1985) which held residency requirements for reciprocity to be in contravention of the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the United States Constitution.

The Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners (Board) has presented a recommendation that we consider the reenactment of an admission on motion or reciprocity rule. In support of their recommendation, the Board provides the following information.

Thirty-three states presently have an admission on motion provision. (See the attached chart.¹) Three of those states have recently adopted new admission on motion rules (Georgia, Utah, and Vermont). The significance of state boundaries in determining admission requirements is diminishing. Practitioners are avoiding state licensure by: practicing on the Internet; advertising through regional or national television; or, retaining an Arkansas attorney solely to have a "presence" in the State while the litigation decisions take place in another jurisdiction. The Board suggests that admission on motion would encourage such practitioners to become admitted in Arkansas, thereby subjecting themselves to the disciplinary authority of this jurisdiction.

The American Bar Association, through its Commission on Multi-Jurisdictional Practice, continues to deliberate the numerous issues raised by multi-jurisdictional practice. A corollary group of the American Bar Association, the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, has developed a proposal to adopt a "model rule" on admission on motion.

The Board also notes that an often overlooked aspect of this discussion relates to the difficulty Arkansas lawyers have in securing licensure by motion in other jurisdictions. This problem arises because Arkansas will not allow admission on motion, hence,

¹ Reporter's note: The chart is unavailable in electronic format; a paper copy is available from the Arkansas Supreme Court Clerk's office.

some states to which an Arkansas attorney might seek to emigrate will not extend admission on motion provisions to that attorney.

We seek comment from the bench and the bar as to the advisability of reinstating an admission on motion rule. A proposed Admission on Motion Rule suggested by the Board accompanies this order. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Leslie Steen, Clerk of the Court. We will defer further action for a period of 90 days in which to receive the views of the bench and the bar.

PROPOSED MODEL MOTION RULE

1. An applicant who meets the requirements of (a) through (i) of this rule may, upon motion, be admitted to the practice of law in this jurisdiction.

The applicant shall:

- (a) have been admitted to practice law in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia;
- (b) hold a first professional degree in law (J.D. or L.L.B.) from a law school approved by the American Bar Association at the time the degree was conferred;
- (c) have been primarily engaged in the active practice of law in one or more states, territories or the District of Columbia for five of the seven years immediately preceding the date upon which the application is filed;
- (d) establish that the state in which the applicant has his or her principal place of business for the practice of law would allow attorneys from this state a similar accommodation as set forth in this rule;
- (e) establish that the applicant is currently a member in good standing in all jurisdictions where admitted;
- (f) establish that the applicant is not currently subject to lawyer discipline or the subject of a pending disciplinary matter in any other jurisdiction;
- (g) establish that the applicant possesses the character and fitness to practice law in this jurisdiction as set out in Rule XIII of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar;

- (h) designate the Clerk of this Court for service of process; and,
- (i) pay a fee as may be set by this Court.
- 2. For the purposes of this rule, the "active practice of law" shall include the following activities, if performed in a jurisdiction in which the applicant is admitted, or if performed in a jurisdiction that affirmatively permits such activity by a lawyer not admitted to practice; however, in no event shall activities listed under (2)(e) and (f) that were performed in advance of bar admission in the jurisdiction to which application is being made, be accepted toward the durational requirement:
 - (a) Representation of one or more clients in the private practice of law;
 - (b) Service as a lawyer with a local, state, or federal agency, including military service;
 - (c) Teaching law at a law school approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association;
 - (d) Service as a judge in a federal, state, or local court of record;
 - (e) Service as a judicial law clerk; or,
 - (f) Service as corporate counsel.
- 3. For the purposes of this rule, the active practice of law shall not include work that, as undertaken, constituted the unauthorized practice of law in the jurisdiction in which it was performed or in the jurisdiction in which the clients receiving the unauthorized services were located.
- 4. An applicant who has failed a bar examination administered in this jurisdiction within five years of the date of filing an application under this rule shall not be eligible for admission on motion.

Proposed Model Rule

IN RE: ARKANSAS COURT AUTOMATION PROJECT and ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 2

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered July 3, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Arkansas Court Automation Project is a project under the auspices of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Automation with an ultimate goal of connecting all the Circuit Courts and District Courts to a statewide automated court system. The first phase of the project includes a pilot program in three circuit courts, Faulkner County Circuit Court, Sebastian County Circuit Court, and Hot Spring County Circuit Court, and two district courts, Conway District Court and Malvern District Court.

The automated program to be used in these pilot courts is not compatible with the case-numbering system set out in Administrative Order Number 2(a). At such time as the pilot program goes on line, as authorized and directed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, these pilot courts shall be exempted from the case-numbering and docketing requirements specified in Administrative Order Number 2, and they shall use the case-numbering and docketing system which the Administrative Office of the Courts directs.

District Courts participating in the pilot program shall likewise follow the directives of the Administrative Office of the Courts with regard to the numbering and docketing of cases.

When additional courts are added to the automated system, they shall comply with this *per curiam* order. At an appropriate time, Administrative Order Number 2 will be amended to comprehensively implement the automated court system.

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 14— ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered July 3, 2003

PER CURIAM. In our per curiam order dated January 30, 2003, In re: Administrative Order Number 14 — Administration of Circuit Courts, we directed that administrative plans be submitted by the various judicial circuits by July 1, 2003. The plans have been submitted, and the Court has reviewed them. We announce the following actions with respect to the plans.

- (1) The administrative plans submitted by the following judicial circuits are approved: 1st, 4th, 8th-N, 8th-S, 11th-W, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th-E, 19th-W, 20th, 22nd, and 23rd.
- (2) The plan adopted by the majority of the circuit judges and submitted by the administrative judge in the 10th judicial circuit is approved.
- (3) The administrative plans submitted by the 7th, 9th-W, 13th, and 21st judicial circuits are approved conditioned upon these plans being modified to provide for the computerized random assignment of cases. *See* Administrative Order Number 14 (3)(a)(3).
- (4) Administrative Order Number 14 (3)(a)(2) provides that "except for the exclusive assignment of criminal and juvenile division cases, cases in other subject-matter divisions should not be exclusively assigned to particular judges absent extraordinary reasons which must be set out in the circuit's administrative plan." The plans submitted by the 2nd, 5th, 6th, and 12th judicial circuits provide for particular judges to exclusively hear domestic relations and probate cases, but the plans fail to set out the extraordinary reasons for such assignments. Accordingly, these plans are remanded, and the above-listed circuits are directed to furnish the Court with the required explanation or to submit a modified plan.

 $^{^1}$ It is not necessary for the one-judge judicial circuits, 9^{th} -E, 11^{th} -E, 18^{th} -W, and 19^{th} -E, to submit plans.

(5) The plan submitted by the 3rd judicial circuit provides that one judge "will primarily hear equity cases." We have made clear that cases cannot be assigned based upon a law/equity dichotomy; consequently, this plan is remanded with directions to correct this flaw.

The plans submitted by the 1st judicial circuit, and the 6th judicial circuit as it relates to case assignments in Perry County, have a troubling feature. Each provides for the open assignment of certain cases as opposed to the assignment of each case to a particular judge. We understand the reasons for this practice, but these judicial circuits should work toward assigning each case to a judge. In the future, plans may not be approved with this open assignment feature.

Finally, we announce that it is the Court's belief that rotation of judges in those instances where judges are exclusively assigned to criminal or juvenile cases may be desirable. The possibility of "burn-out," as well as a desire to diversify, are factors worthy of consideration. Administrative judges and all circuit judges should be cognizant of this consideration as plans are prepared in the future. Hopefully, the wishes of colleagues will be addressed, but the Court will consider the possible need for rotation in specific instances, as well as any necessary amendment to Administrative Order Number 14.

Pursuant to Administrative Order Number 14, approved plans shall be effective January 1, 2004.

CORBIN, J., not participating.

GLAZE and IMBER, JJ., dissent.

Tom Glaze, Justice, dissenting. This court adopted Administrative Order Number 14 wherein this court, in discussing case assignments provided that the assignment of cases shall, among other things, assume "random selection" of unrelated cases. The court defined "random selection" to mean that cases assigned to a particular subject-matter division shall be randomly distributed among the judges assigned to hear those types of cases. The judicial districts except the First District and Sixth District (Perry County) submitted administrative plans that comply with the case-

assignment procedure directed by Order 14. There is no reason these two districts should be given special treatment in Order 14.

This court adopted the foregoing case-assignment requirement so the assigned judge would be the one responsible and accountable for whatever happens in that case. Of course, if the assigned judge has a conflict of any kind making him or her unable to conduct a hearing or trial, he or she can obtain an exchange agreement with another judge to hear or try the matter. This procedure assures there is always one judge that is particularly responsible for the life and disposition of the assigned case.

The majority court is not only ignoring its own Order 14, but it also applies its Order unfairly in favor of Districts One and Six. There is absolutely no reason for allowing this disparate treatment of judicial districts. Cases within a division are to be assigned to judges. In this respect, the *per curiam* handed down today is going to create problems in our judicial system that it does not need. If I were a judge in all the other judicial districts besides the First and Sixth, I would not be too happy with this court's diverging from its order.

For these reasons, I dissent from that part of the *per curiam*. IMBER, J., joins.

Appointments to <u>Committees</u>

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IN RE: CLIENT SECURITY FUND

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 29, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Honorable Benjamin C. McMinn, of Little Rock, is hereby reappointed to the Client Security Fund Committee for a five-year term to expire July 2008.

The Court extends its thanks to Mr. McMinn for accepting this reappointment to this most important committee.

IN RE: BOARD of CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered June 9, 2003

PER CURIAM. Ms. Maria Lafferty, Certified Court Reporter, is hereby appointed to serve as the Executive Secretary to the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners, effective immediately. The Court thanks Ms. Lafferty for accepting appointment to this most important position.

IN RE: BOARD of CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered June 12, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Honorable Michael Fitzhugh, Circuit Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit, is reappointed to the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2006. The Court thanks Judge Fitzhugh for accepting reappointment to the Board.

The Honorable Mackie Pierce, Circuit Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, and Ms. Alice Cook of Cabot, a certified court reporter, are appointed to the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Each term is for three years and expires on July 31, 2006. We thank Judge Pierce and Ms. Cook for their willingness to serve on this important Board.

The Court expresses its gratitude to the Honorable Robert McCorkindale of Harrison, and Ms. Joyce Helms of Arkadelphia, whose terms have expired, for their years of service to the Board.

IN RE: COMMITTEE on MODEL JURY INSTRUCTIONS—CRIMINAL

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 19, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Honorable Gordon Webb, Circuit Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, is appointed to the Supreme Court Committee on Model Jury Instructions—Criminal for a three-year term to expire on February 28, 2006. We

thank Judge Webb for his willingness to serve on this important committee.

We express our gratitude to Judge Henry Wilkinson, Circuit Judge Retired, whose term has expired, for his years of valuable service to the Committee.

IN RE: COMMITTEE on UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE of LAW

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered July 3, 2003

PER CURIAM. Hal Kemp, Esq., of Little Rock, Second Congressional District, is reappointed to the Supreme Court Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law for a three-year term to expire on May 31, 2006. David L. Beatty, Esq., of Lewisville, Fourth Congressional District, and Ms. Penny Rea of Little Rock, At-Large Position, are appointed to the Committee for three-year terms to expire in May 31, 2006.

The Court expresses thanks to Mr. Kemp for accepting reappointment and to Ms. Rea and Mr. Beatty for accepting appointment to this important committee.

The Court expresses its appreciation to LeAnne Daniel of Arkadelphia and Sharon Prasse of Little Rock, whose terms have expired, for their service to the Committee.



Professional Conduct <u>Matters</u>

IN RE: Kenneth George FUCHS; Arkansas Bar ID # 81063

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Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered June 12, 2003

PER CURIAM. On recommendation of the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, we hereby accept the surrender of the law license of Kenneth George Fuchs of Conway, Arkansas, to practice law in the State of Arkansas. Mr. Fuchs's name shall be removed from the registry of licensed attorneys and he is barred and enjoined from engaging in the practice of law in this state.

It is so ordered.

CORBIN, J., not participating.

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Ceremonial Observances

IN RE: MAUDE PARKMAN

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 3, 2003

Parkman signals the end of a chapter in the annals of court reporting in this state. A former employee of the Arkansas Supreme Court and a court reporter with the Pulaski County Chancery Court, Ms. Parkman made an enduring contribution to the state's legal system as Executive Secretary to the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. She was, indeed, the Board's only Executive Secretary since its inception.

Members of the legal community will remember Ms. Parkman as a witty, candid, and intelligent woman. The Arkansas Supreme Court wishes to pay tribute to her indomitable spirit and her tenacious zeal for public service. Maude Parkman's unique qualities will be missed.

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Custodial statements, accused may initiate contact with police even after asking for attorney. *Id.*

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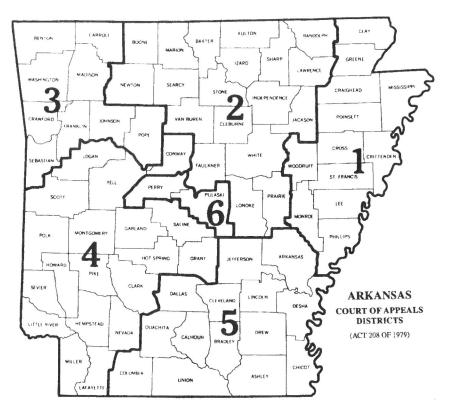
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