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ERRATA

351 Ark. at 17; second paragraph, line three: The word "their" should be "its."

351 Ark. at 501; first paragraph, line one: Insert the word "the" between "of" and "State's."

351 Ark. at 618; case style: Add "(Arkansas Bar ID # 81063)."

351 Ark. at 630; headnote 2, line three: The word "supplies" should be "applies."

345 Ark. at 347; lines three and four: The *Griffin* case was cited in error; the citation should be replaced with "*Zawodniak v. State*, 339 Ark. 66, 3 S.W.3d 292 (1999)."

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<u>APPENDIX</u>

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

IN RE: APPOINTMENT of COUNSEL in CRIMINAL CASES

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered September 18, 2003

PER CURIAM. Because appellants in criminal cases are entitled to counsel on direct appeal from a judgment of conviction, this Court on occasion must appoint attorneys to represent indigent appellants. Attorneys who are desirous of such appointments should register with Sue Newbery, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Arkansas Supreme Court, Justice Building, Box 1300, 625 Marshall St., Little Rock, AR 72201. Counsel will be paid a fee after determination of the case upon a proper motion.

IN RE: ARK. R. CIV. P. 55(c)

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered October 2, 2003

Per Curiam. The Supreme Court Committee on Civil Practice has presented the Court with a proposed amendment to Ark. R. Civ. P. 55(c), which is explained in the Reporter's Note set out below. We endorse the Committee's recommendation and amend Rule 55(c), effective immediately, as follows:

To illustrate the change in the rule, the new language is underlined: (c) Setting Aside Default Judgments. The court may, upon motion, set aside a default judgment previously entered for the following reasons: (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) the judgment is void; (3) fraud (whether heretofore denominated intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or other misconduct of an adverse party; or (4) any other reason justifying

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Addition to Reporter's Notes, 2003 Amendment: Subdivision (c)(3) of the rule has been amended by inserting a parenthetical phrase, "whether heretofore denominated intrinsic or extrinsic," after the word "fraud." Although the prior version of the rule was not by its terms limited to extrinsic fraud, the Court of Appeals has construed it in that fashion. *Graves v. Stevison*, 98 S.W.3d 848 (Ark. App. 2003). The amendment has the effect of overturning *Graves* and makes subdivision (c)(3) consistent with Rule 60(c)(4).

IN RE: ARKANSAS RULES of CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, RULES 8.2(b) AND 24.3(b)

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered October 2, 2003

Per Curiam. The Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Practice has submitted two proposed amendments to the Rules of Criminal Procedure. We agree with the Committee's

relief from the operation of the judgment. The party seeking to have the judgment set aside must demonstrate a meritorious defense to the action; however, if the judgment is void, no other defense to the action need be shown.

recommendations with respect to Rule 8.2(b) and in part with respect to Rule 24.3(b). The amendments which we accept are explained below in the Reporter's Notes which accompany each proposal, and the changes are illustrated in the footnotes. We express our gratitude to the members of the Criminal Practice Committee for their work.

At this time, we adopt the amendments to Rule 8.2 (b)¹ and Rule 24.3(b)², effective immediately, and republish the Rules and Reporter's Notes as set out below.

RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

RULE 8.2. APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

(b) Whenever an indigent is charged with a criminal offense and, upon being brought before any court, does not knowingly and intelligently waive the appointment of counsel, the court shall appoint counsel to represent the indigent, unless the indigent is charged with a misdemeanor and the court has determined that under no circumstances will incarceration be imposed as a part of the punishment if the indigent is found guilty. A suspended or probationary sentence to incarceration shall be considered a sentence to incarceration if revocation of the suspended or probation-

¹ Rule 8.2 (b) [new language in italics] Whenever an indigent accused is charged with a criminal offense and, upon being brought before any court, does not knowingly and intelligently waive the appointment of counsel to represent him, the court shall appoint counsel to represent him the indigent, unless he the indigent is charged with a misdemeanor and the court has determined that under no circumstances will imprisonment incarceration be imposed as a part of the punishment if he the indigent is found guilty. A suspended or probationary sentence to incarceration shall be considered a sentence to incarceration if revocation of the suspended or probationary sentence may result in the incarceration of the indigent without the opportunity to contest guilt of the offense for which incarceration is imposed.

² 24.3(b) [new language in italics] With the approval of the court and the consent of the prosecuting attorney, a defendant may enter a conditional plea of guilty or nolo contendere, reserving in writing the right, on appeal from the judgment, to review of an adverse determination of a pretrial motion to suppress *seized* evidence *or a custodial statement*. If the defendant prevails on appeal, he the defendant shall be allowed to withdraw his the conditional plea.

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Reporter's Note, 2003 Amendments: The amendments made two changes to subsection (b). The word "imprisonment" was replaced with the word "incarceration" to avoid any implication that the right to counsel attaches only when the defendant faces confinement in state prison. The final sentence was added to incorporate the United States Supreme Court holding in Alabama v. Shelton, 535 U.S. 654, 122 S.Ct. 1764, 152 L.Ed.2d 888 (2002).

RULE 24.3. PLEADING BY DEFENDANT

(b) With the approval of the court and the consent of the prosecuting attorney, a defendant may enter a conditional plea of guilty or nolo contendere, reserving in writing the right, on appeal from the judgment, to review of an adverse determination of a pretrial motion to suppress seized evidence or a custodial statement. If the defendant prevails on appeal, the defendant shall be allowed to withdraw the conditional plea.

Reporter's Note, 2003 Amendment: Subsection (b) was amended to clarify that a defendant may reserve the right to appeal following an adverse determination on a motion to suppress a custodial statement as well as a motion to suppress seized evidence.

IN RE: RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION to the BAR of ARKANSAS

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered October 9, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners (Board) has recommended that we reinstate admission to the Bar of Arkansas by motion. By per curiam order of June 12, 2003, we sought comment from the bench and the bar on the Board's recommendation.

We have received comments from members of the State and Federal Judiciary, many attorneys across the State, as well as attorneys from other states who plan to return to Arkansas sometime in the future. Without exception, all written submissions were supportive of an admission on motion provision.

A number of suggestions were offered which, if adopted, would materially alter the proposed rule. One observer suggested addition of a requirement that an applicant for admission on motion be required to establish that he or she had passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). There are several other similar suggestions which merit further study.

We refer this matter back to the Board with directions that it consider the suggested changes in the admission on motion rule. We ask that the Board return to us with a final version of an admission on motion provision for disposition by this Court.

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 14— ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered October 16, 2003

PER CURIAM. In our per curiam order dated July 3, 2003, In re: Administrative Order Number 14 — Administration Plans, we remanded several proposed administrative plans back to the applicable administrative judge for revision or clarification. These plans have been resubmitted, and the Court has reviewed them.

We approve the administrative plans, as amended upon resubmission, of the following judicial circuits: 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 9th-W, and 21st. The 23rd Judicial Circuit requested to amend its approved plan, and the amended plan is approved.

In our earlier *per curiam* order, we asked the 6th and 12th Judicial Circuits to submit an explanation for the reasons why particular judges were hearing domestic relations and probate cases exclusively. We now approve the 6th Circuit's administrative plan for 2004 based upon the explanation related to the current building limitations and the construction that is to be undertaken in 2004. We also approve the seniority proposal submitted by the 6th Circuit. Similarly, we approve the 12th Circuit's amended plan for 2004 based on the current building limitations and the plan to promptly seek quorum-court funding for the modification of the old chancery courtroom for jury trials.

The plans submitted by the 7th and 13th Judicial Circuits need further clarification as to the manner in which cases will be randomly assigned. Although it is not necessary that cases be assigned by a computer, a "mechanical" method of some sort, such as marbles or chips, is required to insure the random distribution of cases. A method that is predictable and relies on the clerk's silence is not acceptable.

The Court also wants to take this opportunity to acknowledge the circuit judges who have assumed the position of administrative judge. Their names appear below. We express our appre-

ciation for their willingness to assume these duties in addition to their regular caseload.

Circuit	Administrative Judge
1	Hon. Bentley Story
2	Hon. David Burnett
3	Hon. Harold Erwin
4	Hon. Kim Smith
5	Hon. Dennis Sutterfield
6	Hon. Vann Smith
7	Hon. Phillip Shirron
8-N	Hon. Jim Gunter
8-S	Hon. Joe Griffin
9-W	Hon. Ted Capeheart
10	Hon. Jerry Mazzanti
11-W	Hon. Leon Jamison
12	Hon. Harry Foltz
13	Hon. Edward Jones
14	Hon. Roger Logan
15	Hon. Paul Danielson
16	Hon. Stephen Choate
17	Hon. Robert Edwards
18-E	Hon. Tom Smitherman
19-W	Hon. John Scott
20	Hon. Charles Clawson
21	Hon. Gary Cottrell
22	Hon. Gary Arnold
23	Hon. Lance Hanshaw

IN RE: RULE PROVIDING for CERTIFICATION of COURT REPORTERS; REGULATIONS of the BOARD of CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

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Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered October 30, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners has recommended amendments to the Rule and to the Regulations. We have considered the Board's proposals and agree with them. We thank the Board for its work.

We hereby amend, effective immediately, and republish Sections 1(A) and 7(a) of the Rule, and Sections 3(b), 9, and 14(d) of the Regulations. We adopt and publish, effective immediately, Section 23 of the Regulations. The changes made are illustrated in the endnote.¹

RULE PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF COURT REPORTERS

Section 1. Members of the board.

A. The Board of Certified Court Reporters Examiners hereafter referred to as the "Board", shall be composed of seven members who shall be appointed by this Court. Four of the members shall be judges of the Circuit, Chancery, or Appellate Courts and shall be appointed for terms of three years. Initially, one of the four shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and two for a term of three years. Three of the Board members shall have been court reporters in and citizens of Arkansas for at least five years prior to their appointment. Of the court reporters appointed to the board, at least one shall be a machine shorthand writer, at least one shall be a mask dictation/voice writer, at least one shall be an official court reporter, and at least one shall be a freelance court reporter. Initially, one of the three shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their travel and other expenses in the performance of their duties.

Section 7. Revocation or suspension.

(a) Generally. The Board for good cause shown after a hearing by the Board, may revoke or suspend any certificate issued by the Board. The Board's decision may be appealed de novo to Circuit Court:

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of written findings of the Board suspending or revoking a certificate, the aggrieved court reporter may appeal said findings to the Supreme Court of Arkansas for review de novo

^{1 (}Added language has been underlined; deleted language has been stricken)

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REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

Section 3. The Board shall set the following fees for the administration of these regulations:

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b. \$50.00 \$20.00 certificate renewal fee.

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Section 9. A reporter's certification will immediately expire if the \$20.00 certificate renewal fee is not remitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court on or before January 1 of each year. An expired certificate shall be reinstated without examination, within 120 days of the date the certificate expired for failure to timely renew, upon application and payment of a \$100.00 penalty fee as well as the \$20.00 renewal fee....

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Appointments to <u>Committees</u>

IN RE: SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE on CIVIL PRACTICE

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered September 4, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Honorable Henry Wilkinson, Circuit Judge Retired, of Cardwell, the Honorable Don Glover, Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Randy Philhours, Esq., of Paragould, and Mariam Hopkins, Esq., of Little Rock are appointed to the Civil Practice Committee for three-year terms to expire on July 31, 2006. We thank these new members for their willingness to serve on this important Committee.

The Honorable Richard Moore, Circuit Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, is reappointed to the Committee for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2006, and we thank him for his continued service.

We designate Judge Wilkinson to serve as the chair of the Committee.

The Court thanks Judge Andree Roaf, Price Marshall, Esq., Russell Berry, Esq., and Scotty Shively, Esq., whose terms have expired, for their years of valuable service to the Committee.

APPENDIX

IN RE: COMMITTEE on MODEL JURY INSTRUCTIONS—CIVIL

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered September 18, 2003

PER CURIAM. Don R. Elliott, Jr., Esq., of Fayetteville, is reappointed to the Committee on Model Jury Instructions—Civil for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2006. Edwin L. Lowther, Jr., Esq., of Little Rock, and Kent J. Rubens, Esq., of West Memphis are appointed to the Committee for three-year terms to expire on April 30, 2006.

The Court thanks Mr. Elliott for accepting reappointment, and Mr. Lowther and Mr. Rubens for their willingness to serve on this important Committee.

The Court expresses its gratitude to Scott Emerson of Jonesboro and William Wiggins of Fort Smith, whose terms have expired, for their dedicated service to the Committee.

THORNTON, J., not participating.

IN RE: ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered October 30, 2003

PER CURIAM. The following persons are reappointed to the Arkansas Code Revision Commission: William H. Sutton, Esq., of Little Rock; Douglas O. Smith, Jr., Esq., of Fort Smith; and

William G. Wright, Esq., of Arkadelphia. The Court thanks them for accepting reappointment to this Commission. Each appointment is for a term to end November 7, 2007.

IN RE: ARKANSAS STATE BOARD of LAW EXAMINERS

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered October 30, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Court appoints Ronald D. Harrison of Fort Smith to the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Harrison shall be an at large appointee and will serve a six-year term concluding on September 30, 2009. Mr. Harrison succeeds Terry M. Poynter of Mountain Home.

The Court appoints Jim Gresham of Harrison to the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Gresham shall be a representative from the Third Congressional District and will likewise serve a six-year term concluding on September 30, 2009. Mr. Gresham succeeds Jerry D. Pinson of Harrison.

The Court thanks Mr. Harrison and Mr. Gresham for accepting appointment to this important Board. The Court extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. Pinson and Mr. Poynter for their many years of service on this Board.

IN RE: COMMITTEE on AUTOMATION

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered November 6, 2003

PER CURIAM. The Honorable Barry Sims of North Little Rock, Ms. Jeanette Hamilton of North Little Rock, Mr. Reed Edwards of Little Rock, and Ms. Carol Ray of Van Buren, are hereby reappointed to the Committee on Automation for three-year terms to expire October 2006. Ms. Karen Sharp Halbert, of Little Rock, is appointed to the Committee on Automation for a three-year term ending October 31, 2006. Ms. Halbert is replacing Ms. Margaret Newton, of Little Rock, whose term expires October 31, 2003.

The Court extends its appreciation to Judge Sims, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Edwards, and Ms. Ray for accepting these reappointments to this committee. The Court also extends its appreciation to Ms. Sharp for accepting this appointment and wishes to thank Ms. Newton for her service on this committee.

Professional Conduct <u>Matters</u>

IN RE: Donald Eugene PERVIS, Arkansas Bar ID # 81213

03-1015

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered September 18, 2003

PER CURIAM. On recommendation of the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, we hereby accept the surrender of the law license of Donald Eugene Pervis of Sarasota, Florida, to practice law in the State of Arkansas. Mr. Pervis'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.

THORNTON, J., not participating.



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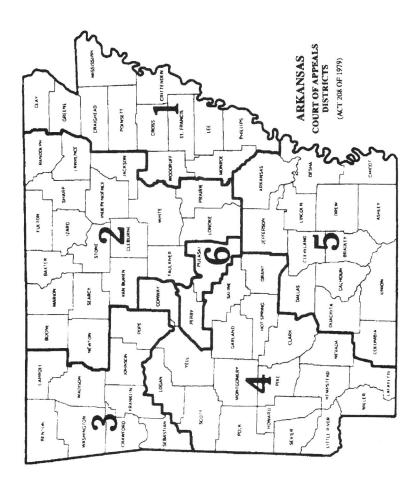
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