

Appointments to
Committees

IN RE: ARKANSAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered October 20, 2005

PER CURIAM. Justice Annabelle Clinton Imber is appointed to the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission to fill the position designated for a justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court. She replaces Justice Betty C. Dickey, whose term has expired. Justice Imber's term shall expire on October 15, 2008.

IN RE: ARKANSAS STATE BOARD of LAW EXAMINERS

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered November 10, 2005

PER CURIAM. The Court appoints the Honorable Willard Proctor Jr., Circuit Judge, of Little Rock to the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners. Judge Proctor shall be a representative of the Second Congressional District and will serve a six-year term concluding on September 30, 2011. Judge Proctor succeeds Carolyn Witherspoon of Little Rock.

The Court appoints Spencer F. Robinson of Pine Bluff to the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Robinson shall be a representative of the Fourth Congressional District and will likewise serve a six-year term concluding on September 30, 2011. Mr. Robinson succeeds Eugene Hunt of Pine Bluff.

The Court thanks Judge Proctor and Mr. Robinson for accepting appointment to this important Board. The Court extends its sincere appreciation to Ms. Witherspoon and Mr. Hunt for their many years of service on this Board.

IN RE: SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE
ON AUTOMATION

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered November 10, 2005

PER CURIAM. Honorable Larry Jegley, Prosecuting Attorney of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, is appointed to the Committee on Automation for a three-year term to expire October 31, 2008. Honorable Ben Storey, Circuit Judge, of Forrest City and Stephen Sipes, Esquire, of Little Rock are reappointed to the committee for three-year terms expiring October 31, 2008. The court extends its thanks to Mr. Jegley for accepting appointment to the committee and to Judge Storey and Mr. Sipes for accepting reappointment.

The court thanks Carlton Jones, Esquire, of Texarkana, whose term has expired, for his service on the committee.

IN RE: ARKANSAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered December 1, 2005

PER CURIAM. On December 7, 2000, this Court issued a *per curiam* order creating the Arkansas Lawyers Assistance Program (ALAP). Subsequently, on March 22, 2001, we appointed the first nine members of the ALAP Committee.

That Committee has asked this Court to amend Rule 10 of the ALAP Rules concerning the matter of immunity. The Committee has noted that the Board of Law Examiners and its staff, as well as the Committee on Professional Conduct and its staff, are provided immunity to the “full extent of judicial immunity in

Arkansas.” Upon request of the ALAP Committee, and to maintain consistency among these boards or committees, we amend Rule 10 of the ALAP Rules as it appears on the attachment to this order.

Rule 10. CONFIDENTIALITY AND IMMUNITY

Information and actions taken by ALAP shall be held in the strictest confidence and shall not be disclosed or required to be disclosed to any person or entity outside of ALAP, unless such disclosure is authorized by the member of the legal profession to whom it relates or as provided in Rule 7 (B) hereof, Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 8.3 (d) and (e), or Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3D (4) and (5). Except as provided in Rule 7 (B), Model Rule 8.3 (d) and (e) or Canon 3D (4) and (5), such information and actions shall be excluded as evidence in any complaint, investigation, or proceeding before the Arkansas Professional Conduct Committee, Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission, or disciplinary agency with jurisdiction.

Committee members, employees, and agents including volunteers recruited under Rule 4 are relieved of the duty of disclosure of information to authorities as imposed by Rule 8.3 of the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct and Canon 3D of the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct except as provided for in Model Rule 8.3 (d) and (e) and Canon 3D (4) and (5).

Committee members and employees of the committee are absolutely immune from suit or action for their activities in discharge of their duties hereunder to the full extent of judicial immunity in Arkansas.

Ceremonial
Observances

IN THE MATTER OF THE NINETIETH BIRTHDAY OF
THE HONORABLE ERNIE E. WRIGHT

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered October 31, 2005

PER CURIAM. On the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, the Supreme Court takes the opportunity to salute and offer congratulations to Judge Ernie E. Wright. In his long and distinguished career, Judge Wright has served, either through election or by appointment, as a Chancellor, a Special Circuit Judge, a Court of Appeals Judge, and a Supreme Court Special Justice.

When Judge Wright was born, on October 31, 1915, the Great War was raging abroad, President Wilson sat in the White House, and the Kaiser and the Tsar believed their thrones secure. The first transcontinental telephone conversations were held in that year, as well as the first radio-telephone communications between Europe and the United States. In 1915, the Victor Talking Machine Company introduced the Victrola phonograph, changing the concept of home entertainment; Hollywood released *The Birth of a Nation*, transforming the potential of a new art form; and Ford produced its one-millionth Model T, altering forever the landscape of America.

Judge Wright has lived through nearly a century's worth of revolutions in politics, technology, science, fashion, literature, art, music, and mores. In his ninety years he has witnessed change upon change, and yet he has remained constant in his character as a dutiful son, a devoted husband, a proud father, a distinguished scholar, and a dedicated servant of the law and the public good. From his early efforts, against adversity, to achieve an education, through all the honors he has received from governors and his profession, Judge Wright has demonstrated the simple power of integrity at every step in his career.

Judge Wright enjoyed a successful career in the private practice of law in Mountain Home and, later, in Harrison. He has served as City Attorney for Mountain Home; Deputy Prosecutor for Baxter County; Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixteenth Circuit; and Chancellor, for twenty-one years and ten months, for the Eleventh Chancery Circuit, comprising Baxter, Boone, Marion,


Newton, Searcy, and Van Buren counties. In 1979, Governor Bill Clinton appointed him to lead the newly created Arkansas Court of Appeals as its first Chief Judge.

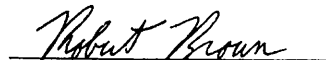
After his year-and-a-half tenure with the Court of Appeals, Judge Wright resumed his law practice in Harrison, but he has been called upon repeatedly to assume the duties of a Special Circuit Judge, a Special Judge on the Court of Appeals, and a Special Justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court. Judge Wright served as an Arkansas Supreme Court Special Justice in the landmark case challenging the constitutionality of the 1992 Initiated Act limiting the terms of state officials and members of Congress. In a 4-3 vote, the court held the Act valid with respect to state officials but in violation of the provisions of the United States Constitution regarding members of Congress. The United States Supreme Court upheld the decision in a 5-4 vote.

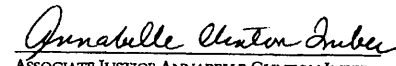
Judge Ernie E. Wright, husband of a loving wife, Aline, father of a distinguished poet, Carolyn, and father of a respected mental health and rehabilitation counselor, Warren, has been a champion of our system of justice. It can be said that he has exemplified the ancient Egyptian precept that "a good character is what is remembered." The Supreme Court of Arkansas honors Judge Wright for a life well lived.


 CHIEF JUSTICE JIM HANNAH

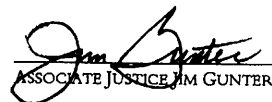

 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE TOM GLAZE


 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DONALD CORBIN


 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT BROWN


 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ANNABELLE CLINTON IMBER


 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE BETTY DICKEY


 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JIM GUNTER