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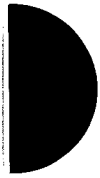
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(a) SUPREME COURT — SIGNED OPINIONS. All signed opinions of the Supreme Court shall be designated for publication.

(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 appeals 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.

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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.

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- Nash *v.* State, CR 97-989 (Per Curiam), affirmed March 18, 1999.
- Neal *v.* State, CR 99-176 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Rule on Clerk to Proceed with Belated Appeal of order; denied May 13, 1999.
- Nooner *v.* State, CR 98-577 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Leave to Proceed in Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals denied; Pro Se Motion to Relieve Counsel denied; Pro Se petition for Writ of Mandamus to Compel Board of Apportionment to Act denied; and Pro Se Petition for Writ of Mandamus to Compel Interpreter for the Deaf to Correct Cause of Warrant denied April 22, 1999.
- Nooner *v.* State, CR 98-577 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motions to Compel Investigation by State Police; for a "Brief of Amicus Curiae"; for a Preliminary Injunction; to Preclude Certain Persons from Employment at Prison and for Complaint to be Prosecuted; motions denied May 27, 1999.
- Norton *v.* State, CR 98-84 (Per Curiam), reversed and remanded May 27, 1999.
- Orsini *v.* Beck, 98-1011 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion to File Enlarged Reply Brief; denied May 6, 1999.
- Orsini *v.* Norris, 98-1119 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Duplication of Reply Brief at Public Expense; denied May 6, 1999.
- Pitts *v.* State, CR 80-40 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Petition for Rehearing denied May 20, 1999.
- Poyner *v.* State, CR 85-198 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Photocopy at Public Expense denied May 20, 1999.
- Prince *v.* State, CR 97-1362 (Per Curiam), affirmed May 6, 1999; rehearing denied June 10, 1999.
- Profit *v.* State, CR 99-334 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Rule on Clerk denied; Pro Se Motion for Appointment of Counsel; moot May 27, 1999.
- Rayford *v.* State, CR 98-1322 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion to Supplement Abstract and File Substituted Brief granted May 20, 1999.
- Reynolds *v.* State, CR 98-1184 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion to Supplement Appellant's Brief moot April 8, 1999.

- Rhoades *v.* State, CR 93-1096 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Petition for Leave to Proceed in Circuit Court with Petition for Writ of Error Coram Nobis; denied May 6, 1999.
- Robinson *v.* State, CR 97-100 (Per Curiam), affirmed April 29, 1999.
- Salley *v.* State, CR 97-1061 (Per Curiam), reversed and remanded April 29, 1999.
- Thomas *v.* State, CR 98-1084 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Evidentiary Hearing denied March 25, 1999.
- Thomas *v.* State, CR 96-528 (Per Curiam), reversed and remanded April 22, 1999.
- Thompson *v.* State, CR 97-1091 (Per Curiam), reversed and remanded March 25, 1999.
- Troup *v.* State, CR 99-174 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Belated Appeal of Judgment; remanded May 13, 1999.
- Tucker *v.* State, CA CR 94-156 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion for Photocopy of Trial Transcript at Public Expense; denied April 29, 1999.
- Watson *v.* State, CR 94-267 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Petition for Leave to Proceed in Circuit Court with Petition for Writ of Error Coram Nobis denied May 20, 1999.
- Wright *v.* State, CR 98-926 (Per Curiam), Pro Se Motion to have a Court-appointed Counsel File Supplemental Abstract denied April 8, 1999.
- Tyler *v.* Neal, 99-385 (Per Curiam), Pro Se motion for Rule on Clerk; dismissed May 13, 1999.

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APPENDIX

Rules Adopted  
or Amended by  
Per Curiam Orders

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IN RE: ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NUMBER 13

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered March 25, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Pursuant to the general superintending control over all courts as conferred by Article 7, Section 4, of the Constitution, we adopt, effective immediately, Administrative Order Number 13.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 13 —  
JUDICIAL EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE**

During their term of office, Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals Judges, and judges of general jurisdiction trial courts shall not serve as grand or petit jurors in the courts of this State.

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IN RE: REVISION OF MANDATE FORMS

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered March 25, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. We have reviewed the various mandate forms issued by the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, and have determined that certain changes are in order. Accordingly, we adopt, effective immediately, the forms for mandates that are attached to this order, and we authorize the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals to adapt as necessary these approved forms to the circumstances of a particular case.

**AFFIRMED**  
**[CIRCUIT, CHANCERY, ORIGINAL ACTION, WCC]**

This appeal was submitted to the Arkansas [Supreme Court] [Court of Appeals] on the record of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County and [briefs] [petition and response] of the respective parties. After due consideration, it is the decision of the Court that the [judgment] [order] [decree] of the [trial court] [Commission] [Board] is affirmed.

It is also ordered that the appellant(s) pay the appellee(s) \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for brief costs in this appeal.

**AFFIRMED CRIMINAL**

This criminal appeal was submitted to the Arkansas [Supreme Court] [Court of Appeals] on the record of the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County and briefs of the respective parties. After due consideration, it is the decision of the Court that the [conviction] [order] is affirmed.

It is also ordered that the appellant shall immediately surrender to the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County. If the surrender is not immediate, his/her bond is declared forfeited and a warrant shall issue for appellant's arrest.

**REVERSED**  
**[CIRCUIT, CHANCERY, WCC]**

This case was submitted to the Arkansas [Supreme Court] [Court of Appeals] on the record of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County and briefs of the respective parties. After due consideration, it is the decision of the Court that the case be [reversed] [reversed and remanded] [affirmed in part and reversed and remanded in part] [reversed and dismissed] [other applicable disposition] for the reasons set out in the attached opinion.

It is also ordered that appellee(s) pay the appellant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the costs on appeal.

**DISMISSED APPEAL**

This case was submitted to the Arkansas [Supreme Court] [Court of Appeals] on the record of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County and briefs of the respective parties. After due consideration, it is the decision of the Court that this appeal be dismissed for the reasons set out in the attached opinion.

It is also ordered . . . .

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IN RE: MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION for  
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered April 8, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. On December 11, 1997, we appointed a Committee to develop and implement mandatory continuing education for court reporters in response to a recommendation from our Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners (Board). The five-member committee, which consisted of the three court reporter Board members and two other certified court reporters, was instructed to work with the Director of the Office of Professional Programs (Director) in this endeavor, and the Board was directed to use its budget to pay the necessary expenses of this task.

Working from a proposal presented to the Board by representatives of the Arkansas Court Reporter Association, the Committee and the Director met several times during 1998 and made periodic reports to the Board regarding its progress.

On January 23, 1999, the Committee and the Director presented its Proposal to the Board, which contained both the requirements of continuing education as well as the procedure for enforcement. Specifically, the Proposal would amend Section 3 of

the Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters, giving the Board authority to enforce a continuing education requirement and would add Section 10, which sets out the particulars of the continuing education requirement. The Board then sought comment from all Arkansas certified court reporters and circuit, chancery and circuit/chancery judges. At its next meeting on March 6, 1999, the Board approved the Proposal as written.

The Board now recommends that we adopt the Proposal. Being mindful of the importance of maintaining the competency and professionalism of certified court reporters in Arkansas and having carefully considered this proposal, we adopt and publish amended Section 3 and new Section 10 of the Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters. Section 3 is effective immediately, and Section 10 will take effect on January 1, 2000. We direct that the Board, in cooperation with the Director, proceed as necessary to ensure timely implementation of this requirement, including an agreement on program costs of the Office of Professional Programs to be absorbed by the Board.

The Court thanks the Committee, the Director, and the Board for their diligence and hard work in this important endeavor to assist certified court reporters in Arkansas in maintaining the competency of this important profession.

**SECTION 3.**  
**Duties of the Board.**

The Board is charged with the duty and invested with the power and authority:

- A. To determine the eligibility of applicants for certification.
- B. To determine the content of examinations to be given to applicants for certification as certified court reporters.
- C. To determine the applicant's ability to make a verbatim record of court proceedings by any recognized system designated by the Board.
- D. To issue certificates to those found qualified as certified court reporters.

- E. To establish standards and conditions for reciprocity and for temporary waivers of certifications requirements of eligible applicants.
- F. To set a fee to be paid by each applicant at the time the application is filed and an annual license fee.
- G. To develop a records retention schedule for official court reporters of state trial courts.
- H. To develop, implement, and enforce a continuing education requirement for court reporters certified pursuant to this Rule.
- I. To promulgate, amend and revise regulations relevant to the above duties and to implement this Rule. Such regulations are to be consistent with the provisions of this Rule and shall not be effective until approved by this Court. [Adopted by per curiam July 5, 1983, effective February 1, 1984; amended by per curiam October 16, 1995.]

#### SECTION 10.

##### **Continuing Education Requirement.**

Reporters certified pursuant to this rule must acquire thirty (30) continuing education credits every three years through activities approved by the Board or a committee of the Board. Such three year period shall be known as the "reporting period." Each reporting period shall begin on January 1 and extend through December 31 three years hence. The reporting period for reporters newly certified pursuant to this Rule shall begin January 1 following certification by the Board. Excess credits earned during any reporting period shall not carry forward to any subsequent reporting period.

A continuing education credit is presumed to be 60 minutes in length. However, the Board in its discretion may grant greater or lesser credits per hour of education as each individual program may warrant. Court reporters certified pursuant to this rule who maintain a residence address outside the State of Arkansas are subject to this requirement. However, continuing education activities

approved by the appropriate authority in their resident jurisdiction shall be applicable to this requirement.

To establish compliance with this continuing education requirement the Board may accept continuing education hours acquired to meet the continuing education requirements of the National Court Reporters Association or the National Verbatim Reporters Association.

#### **Exceptions to Requirement**

In cases where extreme hardship or extenuating circumstances are shown, the Board may grant a waiver of the continuing education requirement or extensions of time within which to fulfill the requirements. Such waivers or extensions shall be considered only upon written request from the certificate holder. As a condition of any waiver or extension, the Board may set such terms and conditions as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

Any reporter certified pursuant to this rule who attains age 65 or 30 years of certification, during any reporting period, is exempt from all requirements of this rule for that reporting period as well as all subsequent reporting periods.

At any time during a reporting period a reporter may take inactive status as it pertains to the continuing education requirement of this rule. Inactive status means that a reporter will not practice court reporting until such time as the reporter returns to active status. Election of inactive status must be in writing. Election of inactive status must be annually renewed and the Board shall provide a form for renewal of inactive status. Such annual renewal shall be filed with the Board on or before March 31 of each year subsequent to the year of election of inactive status. For the purpose of this paragraph court reporting means "verbatim reporting" as defined in Section 1 of the "Regulations of the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners" and, verbatim reporting regardless of the context, including administrative or regulatory proceedings and non-judicial proceedings. A reporter may return to active status at any time upon written notice to the Board. In such case the reporter shall be subject to the thirty hour requirement of this rule for the reporting period beginning the following January 1.



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**Continuing Education Activities  
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Continuing education credit may be obtained by attending or participating in Board approved seminars, conventions, or workshops, or other activities approved by the Board. To be approved for continuing education credit the activity must: be presented by individuals who have the necessary experience or academic skills to present the activity; include quality written materials; and, the course must be subject to evaluation. The continuing education activity must contribute directly to the competence and professionalism of court reporters. The Board is authorized to approve continuing education activities which include but are not limited to the following subject areas: language; academic knowledge; statutes and regulations; reporting technology and business practice; and, ethical practices-professionalism.

**Administrative Procedures**

The Board shall be the authority for approval of continuing education programs. Such authority may be delegated by the Board to a committee. It is presumed that program approval will be sought and determined well in advance of the educational activity. However, the Board or its committee may approve an educational activity after the event.

The Board is authorized to develop appropriate forms and other administrative procedures as necessary to efficiently administer this continuing education requirement.

The Board shall require that reporters certified pursuant to this rule maintain and provide such records as necessary to establish compliance with this continuing education requirement. The Board may also require that sponsors provide evidence of attendance at programs in such form as the Board may direct.

On or before January 31 after the conclusion of the immediately preceding reporting period, the Board shall provide a final report by first class mail to reporters whose reporting period concluded the preceding December 31. The number of continuing education credits stated on the final report shall be presumed correct unless the reporter notifies the Board otherwise. In the event the final report shows that the reporter has failed to acquire 30

continuing education credits for the applicable reporting period, the reporter shall be in noncompliance with the requirements of this rule.

In the event of noncompliance, the certificate of the affected reporter shall be subject to suspension as set forth in the following section. Prior to initiation of suspension proceedings, the Board shall provide notice to allow the reporter to achieve compliance. Board approved continuing education credits obtained subsequent to the relevant reporting period and prior to a vote of suspension shall be accepted in order to cure noncompliance. However, such hours will be subject to a late filing fee in an amount not to exceed \$100.00.

### **Suspension of License — Reinstatement**

Section 7 of this rule — “Revocation or Suspension” and Section 19 of the “Regulations of the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners” shall govern suspension or revocation proceedings for failure to comply with the continuing education requirements set out in Section 10 of this rule.

After a Board vote of suspension or revocation of a certificate, the Board shall notify the affected reporter by way of certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. In addition, the Board shall file the order of suspension with the Clerk of this Court and provide such other notice as the Board may consider appropriate.

A reporter whose certificate has been suspended pursuant to this Section who desires reinstatement shall file a petition for reinstatement with the Board. The petition shall be properly acknowledged by a notary public or an official authorized to take oaths. It shall be in such form as the Board may direct. The petitioner may request a hearing before the Board. Upon appropriate notice and hearing, the Board may take action on the petition for reinstatement. In the event the certificate is reinstated, the Board may set additional educational requirements, including successful completion of a certification examination, as a condition of reinstatement and may assess reinstatement fees in an amount not to exceed \$250.00.

## IN RE: RULE 33.1, RULES of CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered April 8, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Our Committee on Criminal Practice has recommended changes to Rule 33.1 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure. The principal change is to require defendants in both jury and bench trials to notify the trial court of the particular reasons why the state's evidence is insufficient in order to preserve that issue for appeal. We accept this recommendation. In incorporating this change, the entire rule has been rewritten for ease of understanding.

We hereby adopt, effective immediately, these amendments and republish Rule 33.1 as set out below.

**RULE 33.1. Motions for Directed Verdict and Motions for Dismissal.**

(a) In a jury trial, if a motion for directed verdict is to be made, it shall be made at the close of the evidence offered by the prosecution and at the close of all of the evidence. A motion for directed verdict shall state the specific grounds therefor.

(b) In a nonjury trial, if a motion for dismissal is to be made, it shall be made at the close of all of the evidence. The motion for dismissal shall state the specific grounds therefor. If the defendant moved for dismissal at the conclusion of the prosecution's evidence, then the motion must be renewed at the close of all of the evidence.

(c) The failure of a defendant to challenge the sufficiency of the evidence at the times and in the manner required in subsections (a) and (b) above will constitute a waiver of any question pertaining to the sufficiency of the evidence to support the verdict or judgment. A motion for directed verdict or for dismissal based on insufficiency of the evidence must specify the respect in which the evidence is deficient. A motion merely stating that the evidence is insufficient does not preserve for appeal issues relating to a specific deficiency such as insufficient proof on the elements of the

offense. A renewal at the close of all of the evidence of a previous motion for directed verdict or for dismissal preserves the issue of insufficient evidence for appeal. If for any reason a motion or a renewed motion at the close of all of the evidence for directed verdict or for dismissal is not ruled upon, it is deemed denied for purposes of obtaining appellate review on the question of the sufficiency of the evidence.

**Reporter's Notes:** The rule was divided into subsections for ease of reference. Subsection (a) applies to jury trials, subsection (b) to bench trials, and subsection (c) to both. In both jury and bench trials, the defendant is required to notify the trial court of the particular reasons why the state's evidence is insufficient in order to preserve that issue for appeal. This requirement in a bench trial is a change in previous procedure and overrules the decision in *Strickland v. State*, 322 Ark. 312, 909 S.W.2d 318 (1995). See generally Note, *An Analysis of Arkansas's Exceptional Treatment of the Contemporaneous Objection Rule in Criminal Bench Trials*, 19 U. Ark. Little Rock L.J. 291 (1997).

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IN RE: RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE,  
RULES 8.2 and 8.6

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered April 15, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Our Committee on Criminal Practice recommended a change to Rule 8.2 and the adoption of a new Rule 8.6. Previously, these proposals were published for comment.

We now adopt the amendment to Rule 8.2, and this amendment is effective immediately. Rule 8.2 is republished in its entirety below.

We also adopt Rule 8.6, and it shall become effective July 1, 1999. It is published below.

**RULE 8. RELEASE BY JUDICIAL OFFICER AT  
FIRST APPEARANCE**

**RULE 8.2. Appointment of Counsel.**

(a) An accused's desire for, and ability to retain, counsel should be determined by a judicial officer before the first appearance, whenever practicable.

(b) 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 unless he is charged with a misdemeanor and the court has determined that under no circumstances will imprisonment be imposed as a part of the punishment if he is found guilty.

(c) Attorneys appointed by municipal courts, city courts, police courts, and justices of the peace may receive fees for services rendered upon certification by the presiding judicial officer if provision therefor has been made by the county or municipality in which the offense is committed or the services are rendered. Attorneys so appointed shall continue to represent the indigent accused until relieved for good cause or until substituted by other counsel.

**Reporter's Notes:** The addition of the last sentence to Rule 8.2(c) is intended to ensure that where counsel is appointed in municipal court, the appointment continues for purposes of this rule even in circuit court proceedings unless and until appointed counsel is relieved or new counsel is appointed.

**RULE 8.6. Time for Filing Formal Charge.**

If the defendant is continued in custody subsequent to the first appearance, the prosecuting attorney shall file an indictment or information in a court of competent jurisdiction within sixty days of the defendant's arrest. Failure to file an indictment or information within sixty days shall not be grounds for dismissal of

the case against the defendant, but shall, upon motion of the defendant, result in the defendant's release from custody unless the prosecuting attorney establishes good cause for the delay. If good cause is shown, the court shall reconsider bail for the defendant.

**Reporter's Notes:** This rule is intended to address the problem identified in *State v. Pulaski County Circuit Court*, 326 Ark. 886, 934 S.W. 2d 915 (1996), *modified on rehearing*, 327 Ark. 287, 938 S.W. 2d 815 (1997), wherein the person was arrested without a warrant, was continued in custody beyond his first appearance in municipal court, but waited over two months before his case was formally filed in circuit court by the filing of an information. This rule contemplates that, in the typical case, formal charges should be filed within a reasonable time following an arrest with sufficient latitude being given for circumstances that are beyond the prosecuting attorney's control and which necessitate a delay in the filing of formal charges. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to abrogate the defendant's privilege to file an application for writ of habeas corpus or any other applicable extraordinary remedy.

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IN RE: RULE 28.3, RULES of CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Supreme Court of Arkansas

Delivered April 22, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Our Committee on Criminal Practice has recommended amendments to Rule 28.3 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure. These amendments have twice been published for comment. *In Re Rule 28.3*, 329 Ark. 639 (June 16, 1997); *In Re Rules of Criminal Procedure—Speedy Trial*, 335 Ark. 628 (December 17, 1998).

As explained in the accompanying Reporter's Notes, these amendments are intended to clarify the rule and to address recurrent problems arising in its application. We express our gratitude

to the members of the Criminal Practice Committee for their work on this matter.

We adopt, effective immediately, these amendments to Rule 28.3, and republish the rule in its entirety as set out below.

### **RULE 28.3. EXCLUDED PERIODS.**

The following periods shall be excluded in computing the time for trial. Such periods shall be set forth by the court in a written order or docket entry, but it shall not be necessary for the court to make the determination until the defendant has moved to enforce his right to a speedy trial pursuant to Rule 28 unless it is specifically provided to the contrary below. The number of days of the excluded period or periods shall be added to the time applicable to the defendant as set forth in Rules 28.1 and 28.2 to determine the limitations and consequences applicable to the defendant.

(a) The period of delay resulting from other proceedings concerning the defendant, including but not limited to an examination and hearing on the competency of the defendant and the period during which he is incompetent to stand trial, hearings on pretrial motions, interlocutory appeals, and trials of other charges against the defendant. No pretrial motion shall be held under advisement for more than thirty (30) days, and the period of time in excess of thirty (30) days during which any such motion is held under advisement shall not be considered an excluded period.

(b) The period of delay resulting from a continuance attributable to congestion of the trial docket if in a written order or docket entry at the time the continuance is granted:

(1) the court explains with particularity the reasons the trial docket does not permit trial on the date originally scheduled;

(2) the court determines that the delay will not prejudice the defendant; and

(3) the court schedules the trial on the next available date permitted by the trial docket.

(c) The period of delay resulting from a continuance granted at the request of the defendant or his counsel. All continuances

granted at the request of the defendant or his counsel shall be to a day certain, and the period of delay shall be from the date the continuance is granted until such subsequent date contained in the order or docket entry granting the continuance.

(d) The period of delay resulting from a continuance (calculated from the date the continuance is granted until the subsequent date contained in the order or docket entry granting the continuance) granted at the request of the prosecuting attorney, if:

(1) the continuance is granted because of the unavailability of evidence material to the state's case, when due diligence has been exercised to obtain such evidence and there are reasonable grounds to believe that such evidence will be available at a later date; or

(2) the continuance is granted in a felony case to allow the prosecuting attorney additional time to prepare the state's case and additional time is justified because of the exceptional complexity of the particular case.

(e) The period of delay resulting from the absence or unavailability of the defendant. A defendant shall be considered absent whenever his whereabouts are unknown. A defendant shall also be considered unavailable whenever his whereabouts are known but his presence for the trial cannot be obtained or he resists being returned to the state for trial.

(f) The time between a dismissal or nolle prosequi upon motion of the prosecuting attorney for good cause shown, and the time the charge is later filed for the same offense or an offense required to be joined with that offense.

(g) A reasonable period of delay when the defendant is joined for trial with a codefendant as to whom the time for trial has not run and there is good cause for not granting a severance. In all other cases the defendant acting with due diligence shall be granted a severance so that he may be tried within the time limits applicable to him.

(h) Other periods of delay for good cause.

**Reporter's Notes to 1999 Amendments:** Subsection (b) has been amended and subsection (i) has been moved to the opening



paragraph. These changes have been made to address recurrent problems arising in cases. *E.g.*, *Hicks v. State*, 305 Ark. 393, 808 S.W. 2d 348 (1991).

The opening paragraph was added which includes language formerly in subsection (i), but further provides that the trial court may determine the excluded periods when the defendant has moved for dismissal pursuant to Rule 28.1 rather than at an earlier date although the judge is still free to do so earlier. This finding is a determination of the excluded periods.

Subsection (b) was amended to make more practical a continuance granted because of congestion of the trial docket. The three-pronged finding was substituted for the previous standard which required a finding of "exceptional circumstances." This requirement of the entry of a contemporaneous written order explaining the reasons for the continuance, finding that the defendant is not prejudiced, and scheduling a new trial date is in addition to the finding required as to the periods to be excluded. Typically, the period to be excluded under subsection (b) will be from the date on which the trial was scheduled as specified in (b)(1) to the rescheduled date as specified in (b)(3).

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IN RE: RULES of CRIMINAL PROCEDURE—RULES  
28, 29, and 30—SPEEDY TRIAL

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered April 22, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. On December 17, 1998, we published for comment a proposal to amend the speedy-trial rule. We thank all of those who took the time to review the proposal and submit comments.

We now publish for comment another proposal which takes a different approach from that previously published. The significant difference in the proposal which we publish today and the current

rule is that upon the trial court finding a violation of the speedy-trial rule, the court has the discretion to dismiss the case either with prejudice or without prejudice. This option is the federal practice and the practice in a number of states.

The proposal is further explained in the commentary which accompanies the proposed rules.

Comments and suggestions on these proposed rules may be made in writing prior to June 30, 1999. They should be addressed to:

Leslie Steen, Clerk  
Arkansas Supreme Court  
Attn: Criminal Procedure Rules  
Justice Building  
625 Marshall Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

**RULE 28**  
**SPEEDY TRIAL**

**RULE 28.21. When Time Commences to Run**

The time for trial shall commence running, without demand by the defendant, from the following dates:

(a) from the date the charge is filed, except that if prior to that time the defendant has been continuously held in custody or on bail or lawfully at liberty to answer for the same offense or an offense based on the same conduct or arising from the same criminal episode, then the time for trial shall commence running from the date of arrest;

(b) when the charge is dismissed upon motion of the defendant and subsequently the dismissed charge is reinstated, or the defendant is arrested or charged with the same offense, the time for trial shall commence running from the date the dismissed charge is reinstated or the defendant is subsequently arrested or charged, whichever is earlier; and when the charge is dismissed upon motion of the defendant and subsequently the charge is rein-

stated following an appeal, the time for trial shall commence running from the date the mandate is issued by the appellate court;

(c) if the defendant is to be retried following a mistrial, an order granting a new trial, or an appeal or collateral attack, the time for trial shall commence running from the date of the mistrial, the order granting a new trial, or the remand.

*COMMENT: Current Rule 28.2; moved to 28.1 for better flow.*

#### **RULE 28.12. Limitations and Consequences.**

(a) Any defendant charged with an offense ~~in circuit court~~ and incarcerated in a city or county jail in this state pending trial shall be released on his own recognizance if not brought to trial within nine (9) months from the time provided in Rule 28.21, excluding only such periods of necessary delay as are authorized in Rule 28.3.

(b) Any defendant charged with an offense ~~in circuit court~~ and incarcerated in prison in this state pursuant to conviction of another offense shall be ~~entitled to have the charge dismissed with an absolute bar to prosecution if not~~ brought to trial within twelve (12) months from the time provided in Rule 28.21, excluding only such periods of necessary delay as are authorized in Rule 28.3.

(c) Any defendant charged with an offense after October 1, 1987, in circuit court and held to bail, or otherwise lawfully set at liberty, including released from incarceration pursuant to subsection (a) hereof of this rule, shall be ~~entitled to have the charge dismissed with an absolute bar to prosecution if not~~ brought to trial within twelve (12) months from the time provided in Rule 28.21, excluding only such periods of necessary delay as are authorized in Rule 28.3.

(d) If a defendant is not brought to trial within the time provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this rule, the defendant shall be entitled to have the charge dismissed on motion of the defendant. Such dismissal shall be either with or without prejudice. In determining whether to dismiss the charge with or without prejudice,

the trial court shall consider such factors as the following: (1) the seriousness of the offense charged, (2) the impact of reprosecution on the administration of justice, (3) the reasons for the delay, (4) the length of the delay in bringing the defendant to trial, (5) the efforts, if any, of the defendant to secure a speedy trial, and (6) the effect of any delay upon the defendant's ability to present a defense. The state shall have the burden of showing periods of necessary delay as provided in Rule 28.3, but the defendant shall have the burden of proof of supporting the motion.

~~(d) (e) (1) If a motion for dismissal of a charge pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) hereof (d) of this rule shall be made to the trial court, but if is denied by the trial court, the defendant may be presented to the Arkansas Supreme Court by file a petition for writ of prohibition in the Arkansas Supreme Court.~~

(2) A defendant has no right to appeal an order of dismissal without prejudice.

(3) If a motion for dismissal is granted with prejudice, the state may appeal to the Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure—Criminal.

(4) The state has no right to appeal an order of dismissal without prejudice.

(f) Failure of a defendant to move for dismissal of a charge pursuant to subsection ~~(b) or (c)~~(d) of this rule ~~hereof~~ prior to a plea of guilty or trial shall constitute a waiver of ~~his~~ the defendant's rights under these rules.

(g) This rule shall have no effect in those cases which are expressly governed by the "Interstate Agreement on Detainers Act" (Act 705 of 1971, A.C.A. § 16-95-101 et seq.).

*COMMENT: Reference to circuit court deleted so rule is clearly applicable to municipal court. See Whittle v. Washington County Circuit Court, 325 Ark. 136 (1996).*

*Violation of speedy trial rule results in dismissal, but dismissal is not automatically with prejudice. In subsection (d), the factors for the court to consider in determining whether to dismiss with or without prejudice are derived from federal practice.*

*Subsection (e) addresses review of the trial court's decision.*

### **RULE 28.3. Excluded Periods.**

The following periods shall be excluded in computing the time for trial. Such periods shall be set forth by the court in a written order or docket entry, but it shall not be necessary for the court to make the determination until the defendant has moved to enforce his right to a speedy trial pursuant to Rule 28 unless it is specifically provided to the contrary below. The number of days of the excluded period or periods shall be added to the time applicable to the defendant as set forth in Rules 28.1 and 28.2 to determine the limitations and consequences applicable to the defendant.

(a) The period of delay resulting from other proceedings concerning the defendant, including but not limited to an examination and hearing on the competency of the defendant and the period during which he is incompetent to stand trial, hearings on pretrial motions, interlocutory appeals by the defendant or the state, and trials of other charges against the defendant. No pretrial motion shall be held under advisement for more than thirty (30) days, and the period of time in excess of thirty (30) days during which any such motion is held under advisement shall not be considered an excluded period.

~~(b) The period of delay resulting from congestion of the trial docket when the delay is attributable to exceptional circumstances. When such a delay results, the court shall state the exceptional circumstances in its order continuing the case.~~

(b) The period of delay resulting from a continuance attributable to congestion of the trial docket if in a written order or docket entry at the time the continuance is granted: (1) the court explains with particularity the reasons the trial docket does not permit trial on the date originally scheduled; (2) the court determines that the delay will not prejudice the defendant; and (3) the court schedules the trial on the next available date permitted by the trial docket.

(c) The period of delay resulting from a continuance granted at the request of the defendant or his counsel. All continuances granted at the request of the defendant or his counsel shall be to a day certain, and the period of delay shall be from the date the continuance is granted until such subsequent date contained in the order or docket entry granting the continuance.

(d) The period of delay resulting from a continuance (calculated from the date the continuance is granted until the subsequent date contained in the order or docket entry granting the continuance) granted at the request of the prosecuting attorney, if:

(1) the continuance is granted because of the unavailability of evidence material to the State's case, when due diligence has been exercised to obtain such evidence and there are reasonable grounds to believe that such evidence will be available at a later date; or

(2) the continuance is granted in a felony case to allow the prosecuting attorney additional time to prepare the State's case and additional time is justified because of the exceptional complexity of the particular case.

(e) The period of delay resulting from the absence or unavailability of the defendant. A defendant shall be considered absent whenever his whereabouts are unknown. A defendant shall also be considered unavailable whenever his whereabouts are known but his presence for the trial cannot be obtained or he resists being returned to the State for trial.

(f) The time between a dismissal or nolle prosequi upon motion of the prosecuting attorney for good cause shown, and the time the charge is later filed for the same offense or an offense required to be joined with that offense.

(g) A reasonable period of delay when the defendant is joined for trial with a codefendant as to whom the time for trial has not run and there is good cause for not granting a severance. In all other cases the defendant acting with due diligence shall be granted a severance so that he may be tried within the time limits applicable to him.

(h) Other periods of delay for good cause.

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~~(i) All excluded periods shall be set forth by the court in a written order or docket entry. The number of days of the excluded period or periods shall be added to the number of months applicable to the defendant as set forth in Rule 28.1 (a), (b) and (c) to determine the limitations and consequences applicable to the defendant.~~

*COMMENT: Basically the same as current Rule 28.3. Opening paragraph added [which includes language formerly in subsection (i)], subsection (a) amended to clarify that interlocutory appeals by the state are included, and subsection (b) revised. These changes incorporate previous amendments recommended by Criminal Practice Committee.*

**RULE 28.4. Effect of Prior Dismissal.**

(a) The dismissal of a charge without prejudice pursuant to subsection (d) of Rule 28.2 shall not be a bar to a subsequent prosecution for the same offense or any offense required by Rule 21.3 to be joined with the charge dismissed.

(b) If a charge is dismissed without prejudice pursuant to subsection (d) of Rule 28.2, and the defendant is subsequently charged with the same offense or any offense required by Rule 21.3 to be joined with the charge dismissed, the defendant shall be entitled to have the subsequent charge dismissed with prejudice if not brought to trial within ninety (90) days from the time provided in Rule 28.1 (b), excluding only such periods of necessary delay as are authorized in Rule 28.3. Failure of a defendant to move for dismissal of charges under this rule prior to a plea of guilty or trial shall constitute a waiver of the defendant's rights under this rule.

(c) The dismissal of a charge with prejudice pursuant to subsection (d) of Rule 28.2 or subsection (b) of this rule shall be an absolute bar to a subsequent prosecution for the same offense or any offense required by Rule 21.3 to be joined with the charge dismissed.

*COMMENT: This rule is new and is necessary to address the effect of a dismissal without prejudice. Under subsection (b), if charges are refiled after a previous dismissal without prejudice, the defendant must be retried*

*within ninety (90) days from the date the dismissed charge is reinstated or the defendant is subsequently arrested or charged, whichever is earlier [see Rule 28.1 (b)]. In addition, the statute of limitations must be considered in determining whether charges may be refiled.*

**RULE 29. SPECIAL PROCEDURES: PERSON  
SERVING TERM OF IMPRISONMENT**

**RULE 29.1. Prosecutor's Obligations.**

(a) If the prosecuting attorney has information that a person charged with a crime is imprisoned in a penal institution in the State of Arkansas, he shall promptly seek to obtain the presence of the prisoner for trial.

(b) If the prosecuting attorney has information that a person charged with a crime is imprisoned in a penal institution of a jurisdiction other than the State of Arkansas, he shall promptly cause a detainer to be filed with the official having custody of the prisoner and request such officer to advise the prisoner of the filing of the detainer and of the prisoner's right to demand trial.

(c) Upon receipt from a prisoner of a demand for trial upon a pending charge, the prosecuting attorney shall promptly seek to obtain the presence of the prisoner for trial.

~~RULE 30. CONSEQUENCES OF DENIAL OF SPEEDY TRIAL~~

~~RULE 30.1. Absolute Discharge.~~

~~—(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) hereof, a defendant not brought to trial before the running of the time for trial, as extended by excluded periods, shall be absolutely discharged. This discharge shall constitute an absolute bar to prosecution for the offense charged and for any other offense required to be joined with that offense.~~

~~—(b) An incarcerated defendant not brought to trial before the running of the time for trial as provided by Rules 28.1—28.3 shall not be entitled to absolute discharge pursuant to subsection (a) hereof but shall be recognized or released on order to appear.~~



~~—(c) The time for trial of a defendant released pursuant to subsection (b) hereof shall be computed pursuant to Rules 28.1 (b) and 28.2.~~

~~RULE 30.2. Waiver.~~

~~— Failure of a defendant to move for dismissal of the charges under these rules prior to a plea of guilty or trial shall constitute a waiver of his rights under these rules.~~

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IN RE: AMENDMENT of the ARKANSAS MODEL RULES  
of PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT by ADDITION of RULE  
1.17 — SALE of LAW PRACTICE

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered May 6, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. The Arkansas Bar Association petitioned this Court to consider amendment of the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct by adding provisions to permit restricted sales of law practices. As per our custom, this matter was referred to the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct for study and recommendation. The Committee responded by submitting its own petition recommending adoption of an alternate proposal for amendment of the Model Rules to permit the sale of a law practice. The two proposals were similar in a number of respects, but differed in other areas that the Court found to be significant.

Following comprehensive discussions and consideration of the matter, we made some changes to the proposal offered by the Committee, to include incorporation of some aspects of the Bar Association's proposal. We now approve and adopt Rule 1.17, Sale of Law Practice, a copy of which is appended to this Order and made a part hereof by reference, as an amendment to the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct by its addition

thereto, to become effective on the date of publication of this Per Curiam.

Adoption of Rule 1.17 requires minor amendment of Rules 5.4, 5.6, 7.2(c) and the Comment to 7.2(c) to conform with the purposes set out in Rule 1.17. These required amendments are being made by separate Per Curiam's issued concurrently with this Order.

It is so ordered.

#### **RULE 1.17 Sale of Law Practice**

A lawyer or a law firm may sell or purchase a law practice, including good will, if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) The seller ceases to engage in the private practice of law in the State in which the practice has been conducted;
- (b) The practice is sold as an entirety to another lawyer or law firm;
- (c) Actual written notice is given to each of the seller's clients regarding:
  - (1) the proposed sale;
  - (2) the client's right to retain other counsel or to take possession of the file; and,
  - (3) the fact that the client's consent to the sale will be presumed if the client does not take any action or otherwise object within sixty (60) days of receipt of the notice.

The purchaser shall also cause an announcement or notice of the purchase and transfer of the practice to be published, on two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the practice is located at least thirty days in advance of the effective date of the transfer.

- (d) The purchaser shall honor the fee agreements that were entered into between the seller and the seller's clients. The fees charged clients shall not be increased by reason of the sale.
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(e) In every instance in which a law practice is sold, the selling attorney, or the legal representative thereof, in the case of a deceased, disabled or disappeared attorney, shall within twenty (20) days of the completion of the sale, file an affidavit with the Committee on Professional Conduct that he or she has complied with the requirements of notice contained within this provision, to include proof of publication, along with a list of clients so notified and an exemplar of such notice. Such affidavit shall also contain the address where communications may thereafter be directed to the affiant.

**Comment:**

The practice of law is a profession, not merely a business. Clients are not commodities that can be purchased and sold at will. Pursuant to this Rule, when a lawyer or an entire firm ceases to practice and another lawyer or firm takes over the representation, the selling lawyer or firm may obtain compensation for the reasonable value of the practice as may withdrawing partners of law firms. See Rules 5.4 and 5.6.

**Termination of Practice by the Seller**

The requirement that all of the private practice be sold is satisfied if the seller in good faith makes the entire practice available for sale to the purchaser. The fact that a number of the seller's clients decide not to be represented by the purchaser but take their matters elsewhere, therefore, does not result in a violation. Neither does a return to private practice as a result of an unanticipated change in circumstances result in a violation. For example, a lawyer who has sold the practice to accept an appointment to a judicial office does not violate the requirement that the sale be attendant to cessation of practice if the lawyer later resumes private practice upon being defeated in a contested or a retention election for the office.

The requirement that the seller cease to engage in the private practice of law does not prohibit employment as a lawyer on the staff of a public agency or a legal services entity which provides legal services to the poor, or as in-house counsel to a business.

The Rule permits a sale attendant upon retirement from the private practice of law within the state. Its provisions, therefore, accommodate the lawyer who sells the practice upon the occasion of moving to another state.

### **Single Purchaser**

The Rule requires a single purchaser. The prohibition against piecemeal sale of a practice protects those clients whose matters are less lucrative and who might find it difficult to secure other counsel if a sale could be limited to substantial fee-generating matters. The purchaser is required to undertake all client matters in the practice, subject to client consent. If, however, the purchaser is unable to undertake all client matters because of a conflict of interest in a specific matter respecting which the purchaser is not permitted by Rule 1.7 or another rule to represent the client, the requirement that there be a single purchaser is nevertheless satisfied.

### **Client Confidences, Consent and Notice**

Negotiations between seller and prospective purchaser prior to disclosure of information relating to a specific representation of an identifiable client no more violate the confidentiality provisions of Rule 1.6 than do preliminary discussions concerning the possible association of another lawyer or mergers between firms, with respect to which client consent is not required. Providing the purchaser access to client-specific information relating to the representation and to the file, however, requires client consent. The Rule provides that before such information can be disclosed by the seller to the purchaser the client must be given actual written notice of the contemplated sale, including the identity of the purchaser and must be told that the decision to consent or make other arrangements must be made within 60 days. If nothing is heard from the client within that time, consent to the sale is presumed.

A lawyer or law firm ceasing to practice cannot be required to remain in practice because some clients cannot be given actual notice of the proposed purchase. Since these clients cannot themselves consent to the purchase or direct any other disposition of their files, the Rule presumes consent if notice is sent to the client's last known address in the file and no response to the notice is

received, and if notice is published in accordance with this Rule. No client will be left without representation.

All the elements of client autonomy, including the client's absolute right to discharge a lawyer and transfer the representation to another, survive the sale of the practice.

### **Fee Arrangements Between Client and Purchaser**

The sale may not be financed by increases in fees charged the clients of the practice. Existing agreements between the seller and the client as to fees and the scope of the work must be honored by the purchaser.

### **Other Applicable Ethical Standards**

Lawyers participating in the sale of a law practice are subject to the ethical standards applicable to involving another lawyer in the representation of a client. These include, for example, the seller's obligation to exercise competence in identifying a purchaser qualified to assume the practice and the purchaser's obligation to undertake the representation competently (see Rule 1.1); the obligation to avoid disqualifying conflicts, and to secure client consent after consultation for those conflicts, which can be agreed to (see Rule 1.7); and the obligation to protect information relating to the representation (see Rules 1.6 and 1.9).

If approval of the substitution of the purchasing attorney for the selling attorney is required by the rules of any tribunal in which a matter is pending, such approval must be obtained before the matter can be included in the sale (See Rule 1.16).

### **Applicability of the Rule**

This Rule applies to the sale of a law practice by representatives of a deceased, disabled, or disappeared lawyer. Thus, the seller may be represented by a non-lawyer representative not subject to these Rules. Since, however, no lawyer may participate in a sale of a law practice which does not conform to the requirements of this Rule, the representatives of the seller as well as the purchasing lawyer can be expected to see to it that they are met.

Admission to or retirement from a law partnership or professional association, retirement plans and similar arrangements, and a sale of tangible assets of a law practice, do not constitute a sale or purchase governed by this Rule.

This Rule does not apply to the transfers of legal representation between lawyers when such transfers are unrelated to the sale of a practice.

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IN RE: AMENDMENT of RULE 5.4 of the ARKANSAS  
MODEL RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered May 6, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Rule 5.4, Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct, is amended by the addition of language to conform with the provisions of Rule 1.17, Sale of Law Practice, adopted by the Court this date. The amended Rule 5.4, a copy of which is appended to this Order and made a part hereof by reference, will be effective on the date of publication of this Per Curiam.

It is so ordered.

**RULE 5.4 Professional Independence of a Lawyer**

(a) A lawyer or law firm shall not share legal fees with a nonlawyer, except that:

(1) an agreement by a lawyer with the lawyer's firm, partner, or associate may provide for the payment of money, over a reasonable period of time after the lawyer's death, to the lawyer's estate or to one or more specified persons;

(2) a lawyer who undertakes to complete unfinished legal business of a deceased lawyer may pay to the estate of the

deceased lawyer that proportion of the total compensation which fairly represents the services rendered by the deceased lawyer;

**(3) a lawyer or law firm who purchases the practice of a deceased, disabled or disappeared lawyer may, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1.17, pay to the estate of other representative of that lawyer an agreed-upon purchase price; and,**

(4) a lawyer or law firm may include nonlawyer employees in a compensation or retirement plan, even though the plan is based in whole or in part on a profit-sharing arrangement.

(b) A lawyer shall not form a partnership with a nonlawyer if any of the activities of the partnership consist of the practice of law.

(c) A lawyer shall not permit a person who recommends, employs, or pays the lawyer to render legal services for another to direct or regulate the lawyer's professional judgment in rendering such legal services.

(d) A lawyer shall not practice with or in the form of a professional corporation or association authorized to practice law for a profit, if:

(1) a nonlawyer owns any interest therein, except that a fiduciary representative of the estate of a lawyer may hold the stock or interest of the lawyer for a reasonable time during administration;

(2) a nonlawyer is a corporate director or officer thereof; or

(3) a nonlawyer has the right to direct or control the professional judgment of a lawyer.

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IN RE: AMENDMENT of RULE 5.6 of the ARKANSAS  
MODEL RULES of PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered May 6, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Rule 5.6, Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct, is amended by the addition of language to conform with the provisions of Rule 1.17, Sale of Law Practice, adopted by the Court this date. The amended Rule 5.6, a copy of which is appended to this Order and made a part hereof by reference, will be effective on the date of publication of this Per Curiam.

It is so ordered.

**RULE 5.6 Restrictions on Right to Practice**

A lawyer shall not participate in offering or making:

- (a) a partnership or employment agreement that restricts the rights of a lawyer to practice after termination of the relationship, except an agreement concerning, **EITHER** benefits upon retirement **or an agreement pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1.17**; or
- (b) an agreement in which a restriction on the lawyer's right to practice is part of the settlement of a controversy between private parties.



IN RE: AMENDMENT of the ARKANSAS MODEL RULES  
of PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, RULES 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3  
— INFORMATION ABOUT LEGAL SERVICES

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered May 6, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. The Arkansas Bar Association petitioned this Court to consider amendment of the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct by adoption of substantial revisions to Rules 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3, Information About Legal Services, commonly referred to as the “advertising rules.” As per our custom, this matter was referred to the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct for study and recommendation. Following informal discussions and coordination between the Committee and the Petitioners representatives, a supplemental petition incorporating some of the Committee’s suggestions was filed with the Court.

After considerable deliberation and consideration, the Court modified and changed some of the provisions of the proposed amendments and published the proposed changes for public comment. A number of comments expressing widely diverse views were received from the bar and the public. All were carefully considered by the Court.

We now amend the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct by adoption of revised Rules 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3, the text of which is appended to this Order and made a part hereof by reference, to become effective on the date of publication of this Per Curiam. The present Rules 7.4 and 7.5 remain unchanged. The amendatory language to Rule 7.2(c) and the Comment thereto, necessitated by the Court’s adoption of Rule 1.17, Sale of Law Practice, is incorporated into the appended Rules.

It is so ordered.

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**RULE 7.1 Communications Concerning a Lawyer's Services**

A lawyer shall not make a false or misleading communication about the lawyer or the lawyer's services. A communication is false or misleading if it:

- (a) contains a material misrepresentation of fact or law, or omits a fact necessary to make the statement considered as a whole not materially misleading;
- (b) is likely to create an unjustified expectation about the results the lawyer can achieve, or states or implies that the lawyer can achieve results by means that violate the rules of professional conduct or other law;
- (c) compares the lawyer's services with other lawyers' services, unless the comparison can be factually substantiated; or
- (d) contains a testimonial or endorsement.

**Comment:**

This Rule governs all communications about a lawyer's services, including advertising permitted by Rule 7.2. Whatever means are used to make known a lawyer's services, statements about them should be truthful. The prohibition in paragraph (b) of statements that may create "unjustified expectations" would ordinarily preclude advertisements about the results obtained on behalf of a client, such as the amount of a damage award or the lawyer's record in obtaining favorable verdicts, and advertisements containing client endorsements. Such information may create the unjustified expectation that similar results can be obtained for others without reference to the specific factual and legal circumstances.

**RULE 7.2 Advertising**

- (a) Subject to the requirements of Rules 7.1 and 7.3, a lawyer may advertise services through public media, such as a telephone directory, legal directory, newspaper or other periodical,

outdoor advertising, radio or television, or through written communication.

(b) A copy or recording of an advertisement or communication shall be kept for five years after its last dissemination along with a record of when and where it was used.

(c) A lawyer shall not give anything of value to a person for recommending the lawyer's services, except that a lawyer may pay the reasonable cost of advertisements or communications permitted by this rule and may pay the usual charges for not-for-profit lawyer referral service or other legal service organization; and may pay for a law practice in accordance with Rule 1.17.

(d) Any communication made pursuant to this Rule shall include the name of at least one lawyer who is licensed in Arkansas and who is responsible for its content, and shall disclose the geographic location of the office or offices of the attorney or the firm in which the lawyer or lawyers who actually perform the services advertised principally practice law.

(e) Advertisements may include photographs, voices or images of the lawyers who are members of the firm who will actually perform the services. If advertisements utilize actors or other individuals, those persons shall be clearly and conspicuously identified by name and relationship to the advertising lawyer or law firm and shall not mislead or create an unreasonable expectation about the results the lawyer may be able to obtain. Clients or former clients shall not be used in any manner whatsoever in advertisements. Dramatization in any advertisement is prohibited.

**Comment:**

To assist the public in obtaining legal services, lawyers should be allowed to make known their services not only through reputation but also through organized information campaigns in the form of advertising. Advertising involves an active quest for clients, contrary to the tradition that a lawyer should not seek clientele. However, the public's need to know about legal services can be fulfilled in part through advertising. This need is particularly acute in the case of persons of moderate means who have not

made extensive use of legal services. The interest in expanding public information about legal services ought to prevail over considerations of tradition. Nevertheless, advertising by lawyers entails the risk of practices that are misleading, overreaching, or unduly intrusive.

This Rule permits public dissemination of information concerning a lawyer's name or firm name, address and telephone numbers; the kinds of services the lawyer will undertake; the basis on which the lawyer's fees are determined, including prices for specific services and payment and credit arrangements; a lawyer's foreign language ability; names of references and, with their consent, names of clients regularly represented; and other information that might invite the attention of those seeking legal assistance.

Questions of effectiveness and taste in advertising are matters of speculation and subjective judgment. Some jurisdictions have had extensive prohibitions against television advertising, against advertising going beyond specified facts about a lawyer, or against "undignified" advertising. Television is now one of the most powerful media for getting information to the public, particularly persons of low and moderate income; prohibiting television advertising, therefore, would impede the flow of information about legal services to many sectors of the public. Limiting the information that may be advertised has a similar effect and assumes that the bar can accurately forecast the kind of information that the public would regard as relevant.

Neither this Rule nor Rule 7.3 prohibits communications authorized by law, such as notice to members of a class in class action litigation.

### **Record of Advertising**

Paragraph (b) requires that a record of the content and use of advertising be kept in order to facilitate enforcement of this Rule. It does not require that advertising be subject to review prior to dissemination. Such a requirement would be burdensome and expensive relative to its possible benefits, and may be of doubtful constitutionality.

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### **Paying Others to Recommend a Lawyer**

A lawyer is allowed to pay for advertising permitted by this Rule, and for the purchase of a law practice in accordance with Rule 1.17, but otherwise is not permitted to pay another person for channeling professional work. This restriction does not prevent an organization or person other than the lawyer from advertising or recommending the lawyer's services. Thus, a legal aid agency or prepaid legal services plan may pay to advertise legal services provided under its auspices. Likewise, a lawyer may participate in not-for-profit lawyer referral programs and pay the usual fees charged by such programs. Paragraph (c) does not prohibit paying regular compensation to an assistant, such as a secretary, to prepare communications permitted by this Rule.

Paragraph (e) of this Rule is designed to ensure that the advertising is not misleading and does not create unreasonable or unrealistic expectations about the results the lawyer may be able to obtain in any particular case, and to encourage a focus on providing useful information to the public about legal rights and needs and the availability and terms of legal services. Thus, the Rule allows all lawyer advertisements in which the lawyer personally appears to explain a legal right, the services the lawyer is available to perform, and the lawyer's background and experience. Regardless of medium, a lawyer's advertisement should provide only useful, factual information presented in a nonsensational manner.

### **Rule 7.3 Direct Contact with Prospective Clients**

(a) A lawyer shall not solicit, by any form of direct contact, in-person or otherwise, professional employment from a prospective client with whom the lawyer has no family or prior professional relationship when a significant motive for the lawyer's doing so is the lawyer's pecuniary gain.

(b) Notwithstanding the prohibitions described in Paragraph (a), a lawyer may solicit professional employment from a prospective client known to be in need of legal services in a partic-

ular matter by written communication. Such written communication shall:

(1) include on the bottom left hand corner of the face of the envelope the word "Advertisement" in red ink, with type twice as large as that used for the name of the addressee;

(2) only be sent by regular mail;

(3) not have the appearance of legal pleadings or other official documents;

(4) plainly state in capital letters "ADVERTISEMENT" on each page of the written communication;

(5) begin with the statement that "If you have already retained a lawyer, please disregard this letter";

(6) include the following statement in capital letters: "ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THIS LETTER OR THE REPRESENTATION OF ANY LAWYER MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, C/O CLERK, ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT, 625 MARSHALL STREET, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201"; and,

(7) shall comply with all applicable rules governing lawyer advertising.

(c) In death claims, the written communication permitted by paragraph (b) shall not be sent until 30 days after the accident.

(d) Any written communication prompted by a specific occurrence involving or affecting the intended recipient of the communication or a family member shall disclose how the lawyer obtained the information prompting the communication.

(e) Even when otherwise permitted by this rule, a lawyer shall not solicit professional employment from a prospective client by written or recorded communication or by in-person or telephone contact if:

(1) the prospective client has made known to the lawyer a desire not to be solicited by the lawyer;

(2) the solicitation involves coercion, duress, harassment, fraud, overreaching, intimidation, or undue influence; or

(3) the prospective client is known to the lawyer to be represented in connection with the matter concerning the solicitation by counsel, except where the prospective client has initiated the contact with the lawyer.

(f) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in paragraph (a), a lawyer may participate with a prepaid group legal service plan operated by an organization not owned or directed by the lawyer which uses in-person or telephone contact to solicit memberships or subscriptions for the plan from persons who are not known to need legal services in a particular matter covered by the plan.

**Comment:**

There is a potential for abuse inherent in direct in-person or live telephone contact by a lawyer with a prospective client known to need legal services. These forms of contact between a lawyer and a prospective client subject the layperson to the private importuning of the trained advocate in a direct interpersonal encounter. The prospective client, who may already feel overwhelmed by the circumstances giving rise to the need for legal services, may find it difficult fully to evaluate all available alternatives with reasoned judgment and appropriate self-interest in the face of the lawyer's presence and insistence upon being retained immediately. The situation is fraught with the possibility of undue influence, intimidation, and overreaching.

This potential for abuse inherent in direct in-person or live telephone solicitation of prospective clients justifies its prohibition, particularly since lawyer advertising and written communication permitted under Rule 7.2 offer alternative means of conveying necessary information to those who may be in need of legal services. Advertising and written communications which may be mailed make it possible for a prospective client to be informed about the need for legal services, and about the qualifications of available lawyers and law firms, without subjecting the prospective client to direct in-person or telephone persuasion that may overwhelm the client's judgment.

The use of general advertising and written communications to transmit information from lawyer to prospective client, rather than direct in-person or live telephone contact, will help to assure that the information flows cleanly as well as freely. The contents of advertisements and communications permitted under Rule 7.2 are permanently recorded so that they cannot be disputed and may be shared with others who know the lawyer. This potential for informal review is itself likely to help guard against statements and claims that might constitute false and misleading communications, in violation of Rule 7.1. The contents of direct in-person or live telephone conversations between a lawyer to a prospective client can be disputed and are not subject to third-party scrutiny. Consequently, they are much more likely to approach (and occasionally cross) the dividing line between accurate representations and those that are false and misleading.

There is far less likelihood that a lawyer would engage in abusive practices against an individual with whom the lawyer has a prior personal or professional relationship or where the lawyer is motivated by considerations other than the lawyer's pecuniary gain. Consequently, the general prohibition in Rule 7.3(a) and the requirements of Rule 7.3(b) are not applicable in those situations.

But even permitted forms of solicitation can be abused. Thus, any solicitation which contains information which is false or misleading within the meaning of Rule 7.1, which involves coercion, duress, harassment, fraud, overreaching, intimidation, or undue influence within the meaning of Rule 7.3(e)(2), or which involves contact with a prospective client who has made known to the lawyer a desire not to be solicited by the lawyer within the meaning of Rule 7.3(e)(1) is prohibited. Moreover, if after sending a letter or other communication to a client as permitted by Rule 7.2 the lawyer receives no response, any further effort to communicate with the prospective client may violate the provisions of Rule 7.3(e).

Letters of solicitation and their envelopes should be clearly marked "Advertisement." This will avoid the recipient perceiving that he or she needs to open the envelope because it is from a



lawyer or law firm, only to find he or she is being solicited for legal services. With the envelope and letter marked "Advertisement," the recipient can choose to read the solicitation, or not to read it, without fear of legal repercussions.

Paragraph (c) allows targeted mail solicitation of potential plaintiffs or claimants in wrongful death causes of action, but only if mailed at least thirty days after the incident. This restriction is reasonably required by the sensitized state of the potential clients who may be grieving the loss of a family member, and the abuses which experience has shown exist in this type of solicitation.

In addition, the lawyer or law firm, should reveal the source of information used to determine that the recipient has a potential legal problem. Disclosure of the information source will help the recipient to understand the extent of knowledge the lawyer or law firm has regarding his or her particular situation and will avoid misleading the recipient into believing that the lawyer has particularized knowledge about the recipient's matter if the lawyer does not.

Lawyers who use direct mail to solicit employment from accident victims or their survivors normally find the names of these persons, whom they believe may need legal services, in accident reports, newspaper reports, television or radio news, or other publicly available information. Some accident victims later die from their injuries after the preparation of reports and news dissemination. In the event of such a death, an attorney, who relies in good faith upon all the reasonably and publicly available information which creates the appearance the victim is still alive at the time the lawyer sends a letter soliciting employment, is not in violation of the prohibition against sending written communications within thirty days in cases which may be the basis of wrongful death claims.

This Rule is not intended to prohibit a lawyer from contacting representatives of organizations or groups that may be interested in establishing a group or prepaid legal plan for their members, insureds, beneficiaries or other third parties for the purpose of informing such entities of the availability of and details concerning the plan or arrangement which the lawyer or lawyer's

firm is willing to offer. This form of communication is not directed to a prospective client. Rather, it is usually addressed to an individual acting in a fiduciary capacity seeking a supplier of legal services for others who may, if they choose, become prospective clients of the lawyer. Under these circumstances, the activity which the lawyer undertakes in communicating with such representatives and the type of information transmitted to the individual are functionally similar to and serve the same purpose as advertising permitted under Rule 7.2.

The requirement in Rule 7.3(b) that certain communications be marked "Advertisement" does not apply to communications sent in response to requests of potential clients or their spokespersons or sponsors. General announcements by lawyers, including changes in personnel or office location, do not constitute communications soliciting professional employment from a client known to be in need of legal services within the meaning of this Rule.

Paragraph (f) of this Rule would permit an attorney to participate with an organization which uses personal contact to solicit members for its group or prepaid legal service plan, provided that the personal contact is not undertaken by any lawyer who would be a provider of legal services through the plan. The organization referred to in paragraph (f) must not be owned by or directed (whether as manager or otherwise) by any lawyer or law firm that participates in the plan. For example, paragraph (f) would not permit a lawyer to create an organization controlled directly or indirectly by the lawyer and use the organization for the in-person or telephone solicitation of legal employment of the lawyer through memberships in the plan or otherwise. The communication permitted by these organizations also must not be directed to a person known to need legal services in a particular matter, but is to be designed to inform potential plan members generally of another means of affordable legal services. Lawyers who participate in a legal service plan must reasonably assure that the plan sponsors are in compliance with Rules 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3(e). See 8.4(a).

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IN RE: RULES GOVERNING PROFESSIONAL  
CONDUCT

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Opinion delivered May 21, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. On November 16, 1998, the Pulaski County Bar Association filed its petition herein in aid of implementing a Lawyers-Helping-Lawyers Program, and, on December 10, 1998, the petition was referred to this court's Professional Conduct Committee for that Committee's study. Since that referral, the Arkansas Bar Association has also indicated its interest in the same type of program. Because the respective bar associations are in the process of addressing various aspects of similar programs existing in other jurisdictions, and that information could be relevant and beneficial to the court's understanding of the Pulaski County Bar Association's petition filed with this court, we request the return of the petition to the court. This will permit the court to establish a format in which the court can best address the issues raised in the Pulaski County Bar Association's original petition and allow the court to schedule hearings to permit all interested parties to submit their studies and views on this matter. The court requests its Committee to continue its study so it can provide us with its work and recommendations.

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IN RE: RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION  
TO THE BAR OF ARKANSAS

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Opinion delivered May 27, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Presently an applicant for admission to the Bar of Arkansas may retain any Arkansas essay score or retain or transfer any Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) scaled score for a period of three (3) years or six (6) consecutive examinations, whichever is longer. The Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners (Board) has asked this Court to change those provisions to allow transfer or retention for the immediately succeeding examination only and to set a minimum score to be retained or transferred.

The Board argues that the existing provision unrealistically encourages applicants to bring forward marginal or failing scores on one-half of the examination with the faint hope that sometime in the future he or she will do sufficiently well on the other half in order to put together an overall passing score. Further, the existing provision allows an applicant to retain a failing or marginal essay average for several examinations, then change horses and retain a marginal MBE score for an additional period of time, and so on. The Board questions whether the acquisition of an overall passing score in this patch work fashion, over a long period of time, accurately depicts whether the applicant has established basic competence to practice law.

The Board also notes that the existing retention or transfer period is significantly longer than most other jurisdictions. Two other jurisdictions have a retention or transfer period similar to this jurisdiction. The majority however are substantially less, with many not allowing retention or transfer of scores at all.

The Court accepts the proposal submitted by the State Board of Law Examiners. The Court adopts and republishes the entirety of Rule IX of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar as it appears on the attachment to this per curiam order.

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The new retention and transfer provisions will be effective with scores initially obtained in any jurisdiction during the July 1999 bar examination period. Specific scores acquired before that date shall be subject to the previous provision if the applicant has elected to retain or transfer that score from any exam during the period beginning July 1996 and extending through the February 1999 examination.

**Rule IX.**

**EXAMINATION — SUBJECTS — PASSING GRADE**

**A. GENERAL EXAMINATION**

All examinations shall be in writing and shall cover the subjects hereinafter listed and such other subjects as the Board may direct, subject to prior Court approval.

**BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS**

This subject heading may include corporations, partnerships, agency and master-servant relationships.

**COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

This subject heading may include the general coverage of the U.C.C. This will not include the general subject of contracts and will not include matters relating to warranties under product liability, both of which may be covered under other headings.

**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**

This subject heading may include constitutional law as it applies to criminal law and procedure.

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

This subject heading may include both the Arkansas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States. This subject will not be primarily directed to matters relating to criminal law and procedure.

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TORTS

This subject heading may include the entire field of Tort law and questions concerning product liability.

PROPERTY

This subject heading may include the law of real property and, or, personal property. Emphasis here should not be placed on the U.C.C. and other such questions arising primarily under the subject heading "Commercial Transactions."

WILLS, ESTATES, TRUSTS

Because of the broad scope of this subject heading, questions concerning taxation shall not be covered. Guardianship of both the person and the estate may be included.

EVIDENCE  
PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

This subject heading may include both state and federal trial and appellate practice and, where applicable, remedies and choice of forum.

EQUITY AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
CONTRACTS

This subject heading should place emphasis upon the traditional basics of contract law. Only where duplication cannot be avoided, should matters such as the application of the Uniform Commercial Code be covered under this heading.

NOTE: Conflict of Laws is not included as a separate subject on the examination. However, conflict questions may arise in the subjects included on the examination and should be recognized as such.

Applicants must make a combined average grade of 75 percent on all subjects in order to pass.

The Board shall destroy all examination papers, including questions and answers, at the time of the next succeeding bar

examination. However, the original copy of each question shall be maintained in accordance with Rule III.

A bar examination applicant may retain: the applicant's Arkansas essay score of 75% or more; or, the applicant's Multistate Bar Examination scaled score of 135 or more. The retained score may be used in the immediately succeeding examination only. An applicant may transfer from another jurisdiction a Multistate Bar Examination scaled score of 135 or more for use in the immediately succeeding examination only.

#### **B. MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION**

The provisions of Section A of this rule, titled GENERAL EXAMINATION, and the provisions of Rules II and IV of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar shall govern the semiannual general examinations conducted by the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners.

As a prerequisite for admission to the Bar of Arkansas each applicant shall be required to attain a scaled score of 75 or more on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). This score shall be considered independent of the combined average grade as set out in Rule IV of these rules, and Section A of this rule. Any applicant may take the MPRE prior to a general examination, or within one (1) year from conduct of a general examination at which the applicant receives a passing score. Individuals who successfully complete the MPRE are allowed to retain, or transfer from another jurisdiction, their passing score for a period not exceeding three years from the date upon which the individual took the MPRE. There is no limit on the number of times that an applicant may take the MPRE without passing. (Per Curiam November 1, 1971; amended by Per Curiam June 18, 1984; amended by Per Curiam April 4, 1988; amended by Per Curiam May 18, 1992; amended by Per Curiam June 7, 1993; amended by Per Curiam January 18, 1994; amended by Per Curiam May 15, 1995; amended by Per Curiam May 27, 1999.)

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IN RE: SUPREME COURT ALTERNATE COMMITTEE  
on PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered April 8, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. The Court adjusted the terms for members of the Alternate Committee on Professional Conduct by the Per Curiam Order issued January 7, 1999. Contrary to the information contained in Appendix B of that Order, the term of David Solomon, Esq., of the First Congressional District should be extended to March 30, 2000.

Jacqueline J. Johnston, Attorney-at-Law, of Fort Smith is appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Stacey DeWitt. This term expires on March 30, 2006 and is an at-large position. The Court thanks Ms. Johnston for accepting appointment to this most important Committee.

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IN RE: SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE on MODEL  
JURY INSTRUCTIONS—CRIMINAL

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered April 8, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. Larry Carpenter, Esq., of North Little Rock, Dale Adams, Esq., of Little Rock, and Lea Ellen Fowler, Attorney-at-Law, of Little Rock are hereby reappointed to the Supreme Court Committee on Model Jury Instructions—Criminal. D. Scott Hickam, Esq., of Hot Springs is appointed to the Committee. The term for each of the foregoing is three years, to expire on February 28, 2002. Scott Stafford, a current member of the Committee, is hereby designated to serve as the Chairman of the Committee.

The Court thanks Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Fowler for accepting reappointment, and Mr. Hickam for accepting appointment to this most important Committee.

We also express our gratitude to Jackson Jones, whose term has expired, for his years of service to the Committee, and especially for his work as its chairman.

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IN RE: SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE on  
MODEL JURY INSTRUCTIONS—CIVIL

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered April 22, 1999

**P**ER CURIAM. The Honorable Kim Smith of Fayetteville, Donis Hamilton, Esq., of Paragould, Paul Rainwater, Esq., of Crossett, and Thomas Ray, Esq., of Little Rock, are hereby appointed to the Committee on Model Jury Instructions—Civil for three-year terms to expire on April 30, 2002.

The Court extends its thanks to Judge Smith, Messrs. Hamilton, Rainwater, and Ray for accepting appointment to this most important Committee.

The Court expresses its appreciation to Judge David Bogard of Little Rock, Robert L. Jones, Esq., of Fort Smith, Phillip Carroll, Esq., of Little Rock, and David Blair, Esq., of Batesville, whose terms have expired, for their service as members of this Committee.

Peter Kumpe, a current member of the Committee, is hereby designated to serve as the Chairman of the Committee.

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IN RE: ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE and  
DISABILITY COMMISSION

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Delivered May 13, 1999

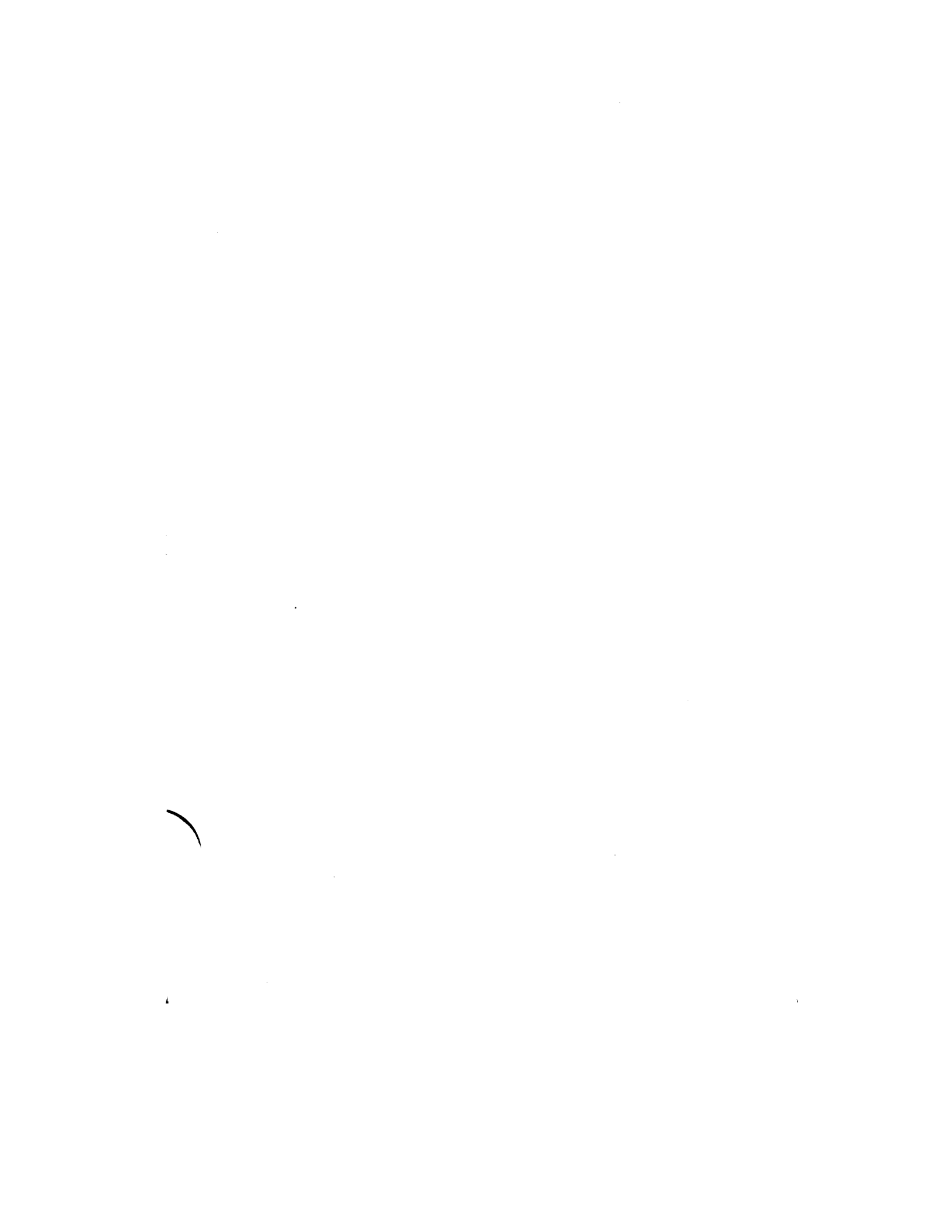
**P**ER CURIAM. In accordance with Amendment 66 of the Constitution of Arkansas and Act 637 of 1989, the Court appoints the Honorable Larry Chandler, Circuit/Chancery Judge, of Magnolia to the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission for a six-year term to expire on June 30, 2005. Judge Chandler replaces the Honorable Kim Smith of Fayetteville, whose term has expired.

The Court thanks Judge Chandler for accepting appointment to this most important Commission.

The Court expresses its gratitude to Judge Smith for his dedicated and faithful service as a member of the Commission.

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65 Ark. App. at 278, first paragraph, line one:  
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54 Ark. App. at 348, second paragraph, line four:  
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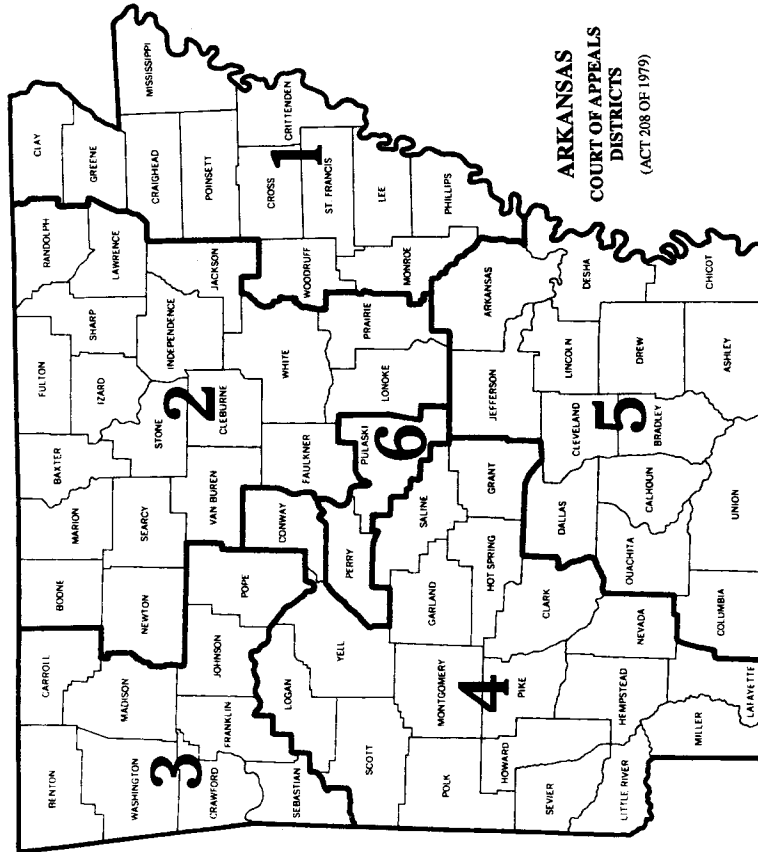


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