SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 21-111

Order Delivered February 26, 2021

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE, FOURTEENTHJUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SECOND DIVISION, BAXTER COUNTY AND MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS

GRANTED.

ORDER

Circuit Judge Deanna "Suzie" Layton, of the 14th Judicial Circuit, has requested assignment of a special judge under Section 13 C of Amendment 80, which provides for "other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed." Judge Layton is scheduled to be in court on March 3 and 4, 2021 in Boone County for a felony case trial, which will conflict with other cases that need to be heard in Baxter County and Marion County, on the same dates in the same circuit due to a backlog due to Covid-19 and the nature of the cases pending. Therefore, under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965 as amended, and Ark. Const. Amend. 80, and because the Chief Justice has determined there is "other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed," Judge Mark Hewett, Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 14th Judicial Circuit, 2nd Division, to sit on the following dates and locations:

> March 3, 2021 in Yellville March 4, 2021 in Mountain Home

On those dates, Judge Hewett will hear cases set on the docket in Baxter County and Marion County while Judge Layton presides over the felony case in Boone County.

This order and and this 26th day of February 2021.

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Chief Justice

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