

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

Re Judicial Planning Committee

260 Ark. 734 (1976) · Decided December 6, 1976

SUMMARY

The Arkansas Supreme Court established a permanent Judicial Planning Committee pursuant to a resolution of the Arkansas Judicial Council. The order specifies the Committee's responsibilities, membership, quorum, administrative support, appointment recommendations, and effective date of December 13, 1976.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Arkansas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam
JURISDICTION	Arkansas
DECIDED	December 6, 1976
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Arkansas issued an order, pursuant to a resolution of the Arkansas Judicial Council, establishing a permanent Judicial Planning Committee.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published order

TOPICS

administrative law

PRACTICE AREAS

administrative law

judicial administration

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Supreme Court of Arkansas should establish a permanent Judicial Planning Committee in accordance with the Arkansas Judicial Council's resolution.
- What functions, membership, quorum requirements, administrative support, and effective date should govern the Judicial Planning Committee.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Arkansas established the Judicial Planning Committee to conduct research, make long-range recommendations, prepare annual and multi-year plans, and develop and coordinate programs to improve the Arkansas court system.
2. The court prescribed that the Committee consist of twelve members drawn from specified judicial and legal positions, serve two-year terms, operate with a majority quorum, and receive administrative and staff support from the Arkansas Judicial Department subject to the approval of the Committee and the court.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the Judicial Planning Committee of Arkansas is hereby established.” (260 Ark. 734)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Arkansas Judicial Council requested that the Supreme Court create a permanent committee to improve the administration of justice in Arkansas. The court responded by establishing the Judicial Planning Committee, assigning it responsibility for long-range planning, research, recommendations, court-improvement programs, and review of applications for assistance for court projects.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Arkansas Judicial Council adopted a resolution on October 9, 1976, requesting that the Supreme Court establish a permanent Judicial Planning Committee. The Supreme Court issued this per curiam order establishing the Committee and prescribing its functions, membership, administration, and effective date.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

PER CURIAM In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Arkansas Judicial Council on October 9, 1976, whereby the Council requested that the Supreme Court establish a permanent Judicial Planning Committee to improve the administration of justice in Arkansas, the Judicial Planning Committee of Arkansas is hereby established. 1.

The name of the Committee shall be the “Judicial Planning Committee”. It shall meet regularly to perform research and make recommendations on a long-range basis to improve the administration of justice in the Courts of Arkansas.

The Committee shall prepare an annual master plan and a multi-year plan for improving the state court system and shall incorporate into its plans special provisions pertaining to criminal justice in the Courts. The Committee may establish advisory committees to assist it in its deliberations and

promote involvement of the public, the executive and legislative branches of government, and other interested parties, in its efforts to upgrade the state court system.

The Committee shall be empowered to review applications to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration for assistance in court projects, to establish priorities for improving the state court system, and to develop and coordinate programs for improving the courts. 2.

The Committee shall consist of twelve members as follows: One Supreme Court Justice to serve as chairman, three Circuit Judges, three Chancery Judges, three Municipal Judges, one Prosecuting Attorney, and one criminal defense attorney or public defender, to serve terms of two years' duration. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

The Arkansas Judicial Department shall assist the Committee, administer its operations, and provide necessary staff subject to the approval of the Committee and this Court. 3. This Court may request recommendations of persons to serve on the Committee from the Arkansas Judicial Council, the Arkansas Municipal Judges' Association, the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys' Association, and the Arkansas Bar Association.

4. This order shall be effective on December 13, 1976. Byrd, J., not participating.