

Independent Citizens Commission  
State of Arkansas  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

September 1, 2026

**Re: Joint Request of the Arkansas Judicial Council and Arkansas District Judges Judicial Council**

Dear Commissioners:

We write jointly on behalf of the Arkansas Judicial Council and the Arkansas District Judges Judicial Council to express our appreciation for the Commission's continued support of Arkansas's judiciary and to respectfully request that you maintain the same approach to judicial compensation this year.

The Arkansas Judicial Council represents 126 circuit court judges, 12 judges of the Arkansas Court of Appeals, and 7 justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court. The Arkansas District Judges Judicial Council represents 70 district court judges serving all 75 counties. Collectively, our members work every day to ensure that justice is administered fairly, efficiently, and professionally for the people of Arkansas.

We are particularly grateful for the Commission's past efforts to provide judges with cost-of-living adjustments consistent with those provided to other state employees. Your recognition of the important work performed by the Judiciary and your commitment to maintaining parity with other State employees have not gone unnoticed. We respectfully request that the Commission continue to apply the same standard of fairness to the judiciary that it has applied to other State employees by providing a cost-of-living adjustment consistent with those provided elsewhere in state government.

Thank you for your continued support of Arkansas's judiciary and for the thoughtful and important work you perform on behalf of all Arkansans. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



**President**  
Arkansas Judicial Council



**President**  
Arkansas District Judges Judicial Council