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Former Judge, Ernest Sanders Launches his Campaign for Pulaski County Circuit Judge, Fifth Division

Former Judge, Ernest Sanders kicked off his campaign for Pulaski County Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Division surrounded by family members and other supporters.

The Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center served as a homecoming site for the Arkansas native who spent some of his formative years in Little Rock's 12th Street Corridor. Ernest first dreamed of becoming a lawyer as a third-grader while attending Fair Park Elementary School. "My best thought was to become a lawyer, but God had much more in store for my life. I never dreamed that He would bless me like He has, but I'm grateful and now it's time to give back to the people and the community where my dream began", remarked Sanders.

Former Judge, Sanders has a distinguished record of service and experience which includes working as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the Sixth Judicial District where he became the first African American Division Chief for the 6th Judicial District, and service with the Arkansas Post Prison Transfer (Parole) Board where he presided over parole revocation hearings throughout the state of Arkansas. And, in 2010, Governor Mike Beebe appointed Ernest as Circuit Judge of 5th Division Circuit Court in Pulaski and Perry Counties.

In his remarks, Sanders acknowledged that the events of 2020 shook people's confidence in the judicial system. Supporters on hand however, were encouraged by Sanders' direct and frank assessment. Sanders spoke directly to their shaken confidence, stating, "As a candidate I will focus on resorting citizens' faith in our Judicial System. As your next circuit court judge, fairness and impartiality will be my hallmark. I believe that in any court proceeding people deserve to have their cases carefully considered, their dignity respected and the rule of law applied without bias."

Over the next several weeks, the Sanders campaign will meet with faith leaders, citizens and community activists seeking their ideas on how to restore faith in our judicial system, reduce recidivism and prevent young people from entering the criminal justice system. Sanders is a proponent of expanding existing mental health services and mental health sentencing alternatives.

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