

RETIRED CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES FOR ERNEST SANDERS

Each one of us is a retired Pulaski County Circuit Court Judge. During our tenures, former Circuit Court Judge Ernest Sanders, Jr., was appointed to serve as circuit court judge for the Fifth Division. Now he is running for this same position to succeed retiring Judge Wendell Griffen. We believe Ernest Sanders to be uniquely qualified to earn your vote.

Ernest attended the University of Central Arkansas (UCA), where he was a 4-year letterman in Track and Field and the first African American graduate of UCA's Honors College in 1988. In the fall of 1988, Ernest entered the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, Virginia where he earned his Juris Doctorate degree in 1991. He then returned home to Arkansas to start his legal career.

His legal career began in the Little Rock City Attorney's Office. Next he worked in the Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney's Office where he was the first African American Division Chief for the 6th Judicial District and served as Division Chief over the Youth Crimes Division. Additionally, as a deputy prosecuting attorney, he tried numerous trials ranging from misdemeanors to violent felonies, including robberies and homicides. Ernest left this job to become a Hearing Examiner for the Arkansas Post Prison Transfer (Parole) Board. In 2010, Governor Mike Beebe appointed Ernest circuit judge of the Fifth Division Circuit Court in Pulaski and Perry Counties. Following the expiration of this appointment, Former Judge Sanders founded the Ernest Sanders Law Firm, PLLC, where he has been engaged in the general practice of law. He also serves as City Attorney for Joiner, Arkansas and as an adjunct professor of law at the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law2

Each of us worked with Former Judge Sanders and gained a deep respect for him. We know him for his fairness, competence, diligence, judicial demeanor, and temperament. He has served honorably in this job before and will again if given the chance. We believe he would do likewise if voted to succeed Judge Griffen.

On May 24, 2022, we recommend a vote for Ernest Sanders for Fifth Division Circuit Court Judge.

Hon. Ellen Brantley

Hon. Marion Humphrey

Hon. Chris Piazza

Hon. Barry Sims

Hon. Collins Kilgore