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**THE W. HAROLD FLOWERS LAW SOCIETY DENOUNCES  
GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS IN THE SUPREME COURT POSITION 2 RACE**

LITTLE ROCK – The W. Harold Flowers Law Society, a statewide organization of Black attorneys, law students and paralegals, is shining a light on the Supreme Court Position 2 race in which Associate Justice Courtney Hudson - who is already serving on the Arkansas Supreme Court - has decided to simply change seats. Justice Hudson’s current Position 3 seat is not up for re-election until 2026. Let’s be clear, even in defeat on March 5, 2024, Justice Hudson would remain on the bench in Supreme Court Position 3.

“This Position 2 race is not a re-election or even a case of a current Associate Justice seeking to be Chief Justice,” said Brenda Stallings, President of W. Harold Flowers Law Society. “Our membership strongly feels that voters throughout the state need to know that this is not a re-election, but an opportunity for Justice Hudson to simply have a better retirement not now but in 19 years.”

Justice Hudson, 51, is challenged by Circuit Judge Carlton Jones, of Texarkana, Arkansas. When Judge Carlton Jones wins the March 5, 2024 primary election, he will become the first Black elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court in the history of the state of Arkansas. Justice Hudson would remain in her Position 3 seat, one she has now held for 14 years, and would serve with him. In other words, if she loses, she still wins.

If Justice Hudson wins on March 5, 2024, her vacancy on the State's highest court would be filled by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders. "Our membership, quite possibly more than most, fully understands the authority given to the Governor when vacancies come about because of death, serious illness, relocation, or even retirement," said Stallings. "But this is none of the above, this is musical chairs. Our membership wants all voters to be fully aware of the circumstances and potential ramifications when they cast their votes in this Position 2 Supreme Court Race."

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