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 Chief Judge

March 19, 2025

Honorable Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
 Honorable Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
 Joint Budget Committee  
 Arkansas General Assembly  
 State Capitol Building  
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: Request to Amend our Appropriation Bill – HB1086 for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

On behalf of the Arkansas Court of Appeals, I respectfully request the following amendments to our 2025 – 2026 appropriation bill.

SECTION 1 – REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Court of Appeals for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Class Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Current Pay Grade</i>	<i>Proposed Class Code</i>	<i>Proposed Title</i>	<i>Proposed Pay Grade</i>	<i>No. of Employees</i>
Q017N	CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	GS15	Q017N	CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	EXE02	1
Q033C	LAW CLERK	GS14	Q033C	LAW CLERK	SPC07	24
Q013C	STAFF ATTORNEY	GS14	Q013C	STAFF ATTORNEY	SPC07	3
Q034C	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	GS12	Q034C	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	SPC05	1
Q087C	DEPUTY COURT ADMINISRATOR	GS11	Q087C	DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	SPC05	1
Q0112	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	GS09	Q0112	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	SGS09	12
Q098C	ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	GS08	Q098C	ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	SGS08	1
Q099C	FINANCE OFFICER	GS08	Q099C	FINANCE OFFICER	SGS09	1
Q100C	RECORDS MANAGER	GS08	Q100C	RECORDS MANAGER	SGS07	1
Q119C	DEPUTY CLERK	GS07	Q119C	DEPUTY CLERK	SGS07	3
Q111C	JUDICIAL ADMIN ASSISTANT TO CA	GS07	Q111C	JUDICIAL ADMIN ASSISTANT TO CA	SGS07	1
<b>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</b>					<b>49</b>	

This request is necessary to align all positions with the grades outlined in the new Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark Klappenbach*

Mark Klappenbach  
Chief Judge, Arkansas Court of Appeals

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill 1086**

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-  
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill 1086**

Amend House Bill 1086 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and replace with the following:

" SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Court of Appeals for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	Q017N	CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	Q033C	LAW CLERK	24	GRADE SPC07
(3)	Q013C	STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE SPC07
(4)	Q034C	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SPC05
(5)	Q087C	DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC05
(6)	Q112C	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	12	GRADE SGS09
(7)	Q098C	ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
(8)	Q099C	FINANCE OFFICER	1	GRADE SGS09
(9)	Q100C	RECORDS MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS07
(10)	Q119C	DEPUTY CLERK	3	GRADE SGS07
(11)	Q111C	JUDICIAL ADMIN ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	49".	

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The Amendment was read  
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Chief Clerk

