

## Handout 2 – Supreme Court Rules

**Under Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 1-2(a), following cases shall be filed in the Supreme Court:**

1. All appeals involving the interpretation or construction of the Constitution of Arkansas;
2. Criminal appeals in which the death penalty or life imprisonment has been imposed;
3. Petitions for quo warranto, prohibition, injunction, or mandamus directed to the state, county, or municipal officials or to circuit courts;
4. Appeals pertaining to elections and election procedures;
5. Appeals involving the discipline of attorneys-at-law and or arising under the power of the Supreme Court to regulate the practice of law;
6. Appeals involving the discipline and disability of judges;
7. Second or subsequent appeals following an appeal which has been decided in the Supreme Court; and
8. Appeals required by law to be heard by the Supreme Court.

**Under Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 1-2(b), any case is subject to reassignment by the Supreme Court, and in doing so, the Supreme Court will consider but not be limited to the following:**

- (1) issues of first impression,
- (2) issues upon which there is a perceived inconsistency in the decisions of the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court,
- (3) issues involving federal constitutional interpretation,
- (4) issues of substantial public interest,
- (5) significant issues needing clarification or development of the law, or overruling of precedent, and
- (6) appeals involving substantial questions of law concerning the validity, construction, or interpretation of an act of the General Assembly, ordinance of a municipality or county, or a rule or regulation of any court, administrative agency, or regulatory body.