

**SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS**

No. 11-1259

STARK LIGON, AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS  
SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON  
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

PETITIONER

V.

BRUCE JAMISON BENNETT

RESPONDENT

**Opinion Delivered March 8, 2012**

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
SPECIAL JUDGE; MOTION FOR  
CHANGE OF VENUE

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
SPECIAL JUDGE GRANTED.

**PER CURIAM**

Petitioner Stark Ligon, Executive Director of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, has filed a complaint for disbarment against Respondent Bruce Jamison Bennett.

Petitioner now moves for the appointment of a special judge to preside over the disbarment proceeding, pursuant to section 13(A) of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating the Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law. As provided in section 13(A), the special judge shall be appointed to preside over the disbarment proceedings in the case herein. After hearing all evidence relevant to the alleged misconduct, the judge shall make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of an appropriate sanction, and shall file them, along with a transcript and the record of the proceedings, with the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

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We hereby appoint the Honorable John Cole as special judge to hear this matter and provide the court with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of an appropriate sanction. Upon receipt of the special judge's findings, we will render a decision in this matter.

Lastly, Respondent moves this court for a change of venue, asserting that Benton County would be a more convenient forum for both parties. In response, Petitioner argues that this matter should be considered by the special judge appointed to hear the case and not by this court. We agree; accordingly, we decline to address venue and leave that issue to the special judge.

It is so ordered.