

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS**Opinion Delivered** December 15, 2011

IN RE CREATION OF THE
ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES

PER CURIAM

The Arkansas Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Foster Care and Adoption Assessment was created in 1995 to study practices and make recommendations for improvements in how our courts handle foster care and adoption cases. *See In re Arkansas Supreme Court Ad Hoc Comm. on Foster Care & Adoption Assessment*, 319 Ark. 835 (1995).

The Ad Hoc Committee has been in place since that time and has provided valuable service to the court. The court specifically recognizes the direction and leadership provided by Justice Tom Glaze and Justice Annabelle Imber Tuck. We also wish to thank each of the committee members for their energy and dedication to improving the lives of children and families in our court system.

While great strides have been made in addressing the needs of children in foster care there are broader issues involving the interaction between children and youth and the state court system which require our attention. For that reason we announce today the creation of the Arkansas Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families, which will replace our previous committee.

Arkansas Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families