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Honorable Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Teague and Representative Jean:

The Arkansas Supreme Court respectfully requests that the following changes be made to its fiscal year 2020-2021 appropriation bill:

- 1. We request that the Bar of Arkansas appropriation be amended to include three new positions to potentially be used to establish a new Ethics Advisory Office for Arkansas attorneys and judges:

Position 1 - Attorney Supervisor	GS12
Position 2 - Attorney Specialist	GS11
Position 3 - Administrative Assistant/Paralegal	GS07

Arkansas attorneys and judges, especially solo practitioners, would benefit substantially from having an entity to which they could go for informal and even formal ethics/conduct advice and opinions, and which could provide a timely response. At present, there is no such entity or source available. The Supreme Court is currently studying the feasibility of such an office.

In summary, this is a service with value primarily for lawyers, fully funded by their annual license fee. The citizens of Arkansas will also enjoy the indirect benefit of their attorneys having ready access to ethical advice.

- 2. We are requesting position upgrades to the following existing positions in order to make them more comparable to similar positions in other branches of state government:

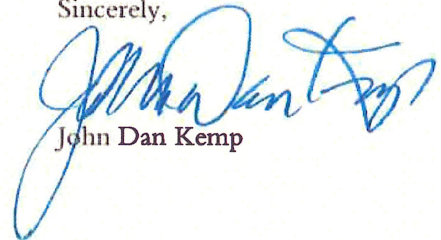
<u>Current Title and Pay Grade</u>		<u>Requested Title and Pay Grade</u>	
Appellate Review Attorney I	GS10	Appellate Review Attorney II	GS12
Communications Counsel	GS08	Communications Counsel	GS09
Fiscal Officer	GS10	Fiscal Officer	GS12
Supreme Court Police Chief	GS07	Supreme Court Police Officer	GS08

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Supreme Court Police Officer	GS06	Supreme Court Police Officer	GS08
Supreme Court Police Officer	GS06	Supreme Court Police Officer	GS08
Supreme Court Financial Specialist	GS06	Supreme Court Financial Specialist	GS07
Supreme Court Database Manager	GS06	Supreme Court Database Manager	GS09

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John Dan Kemp

Hall of the House of Representatives

92nd General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2020

Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1046

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1046

Amend House Bill No. 1046 as originally introduced:

Page 1, Line 34, delete "1" and substitute with "2"

AND

Page 2, Line 3, delete in its entirety and replace with "~~(10) Q248G~~
~~APPELLATE REVIEW ATTORNEY I~~ ~~1~~ ~~GRADE GS10~~"

AND

Page 2, Line 7, delete "GRADE GS10" and substitute with "GRADE GS12"

AND

Page 2, Line 9, delete "GRADE GS08" and substitute with "GRADE GS09"

AND

Page 2, Line 16, delete in its entirety and replace with "~~(23) Q115G SUPREME~~
~~COURT POLICE CHIEF~~ ~~1~~ ~~GRADE GS07~~"

AND

Page 2, Line 20, delete "2" and substitute with "3"

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AND

Page 2, Line 20, delete "GRADE GS06" and substitute with "GRADE GS08"

AND

Page 4, Line 4, delete "GRADE GS06" and substitute with "GRADE GS09"

AND

Page 4, Line 5, delete "GRADE GS06" and substitute with "GRADE GS07"

AND

Page 4, Line 9, delete " 1 " and substitute with "1"

AND

Page 4, Line 10, delete "MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES 22" and substitute the following:

"(19)	Q268C	SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
(20)	Q269C	SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(21)	Q270C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST/PARALEGAL	<u> 1 </u>	GRADE GS07
		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25".	

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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Chief Clerk