

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS**

IN RE:           SELECTION OF HON. SPENCER G. SINGLETON  
                  AS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

US DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
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By Ronald E. Dowling  
Deputy Clerk



**GENERAL ORDER 2025-02**

With the help of a Merit Selection Panel of lawyers and members of the public, the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas has selected the Honorable Spencer G. Singleton as our Court's next United States Magistrate Judge.

In 1998, Singleton graduated *magna cum laude* from Arkansas State University, where he was ASU's first University Honors graduate in political science. He earned a Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law in 2001. In law school, he was a Bowen Scholar, a member of the law review, and a member of the honor council.

Following law school, Singleton worked as a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and later as a pro se law clerk for the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas. For ten years, he was a career law clerk to the Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. In January 2017, Governor Asa Hutchinson appointed Singleton as circuit judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit-Second Division, where he presided over domestic and probate cases. After the appointment, he practiced law and served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for two years.

Since January 2021, Singleton has served as circuit judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit-Sixth Division. His docket consists of civil, criminal, and probate matters. He also presides over a drug court and serves as the administrative judge of the circuit.

Judge Singleton will join our Court at the beginning of October, after the Honorable Barry A. Bryant concludes his service as a full-time United States Magistrate Judge.

The Court thanks each person who applied to fill this vacancy. And, the Court discharges the Merit Selection Panel with gratitude for its faithful work.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

  
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SUSAN O. HICKEY  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE