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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 26, 2012

The Arkansas Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission today announced that Commission Case #11-322 against Walnut Ridge District Judge Larry Hayes has been dismissed. The judge's letter of retirement to the Governor is attached.

The dismissal letter to the judge is also attached and is considered a final action and is public information.



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Honorable Larry Hayes
Walnut Ridge District Court
P.O. Box 623
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

RE: JDDC Case #11-322

Dear Judge Hayes,

The JDDC received the above listed complaint against you alleging that you violated the Code of Judicial Conduct. The complaint was assigned to an Investigative Panel and you were notified of the charges and given opportunity to respond to the allegations.

You have decided to retire from office due to your age and declining health. As you have agreed that you are ineligible in the future to serve as a judge pursuant to A.C.A. § 16-10-410 D and your retirement letter to the Governor is effective on December 31, 2012, the Investigative Panel is dismissing the case against you.

This dismissal notice is the Commission's final action on these cases and is public information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Sachar".

David J. Sachar
Deputy Director

Judge Larry Hayes
Walnut Ridge District Court
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Governor Mike Beebe
State Capitol, Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Beebe,

For personal reasons I have decided to retire on December 31, 2012. An appointment will be necessary for the new term beginning on January 1, 2013. I do hereby, by means of this letter, tender my resignation as District Judge of Sharp County, Arkansas.

Sincerely,



Judge Larry Hayes
Walnut Ridge District Court