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### **Fort Smith Attorney Announces Judicial Candidacy**

*Harrison to Run for Arkansas Court of Appeals, District 4, Position 1*

FORT SMITH, AR (October 25, 2011) – Sebastian County attorney Brandon J. Harrison of Fort Smith has officially announced his candidacy for the Arkansas Court of Appeals, District 4, Position 1. Harrison is a published legal writer and a practicing attorney.

Harrison, a former law clerk for United States District Judge D.P. Marshall Jr., returned to private practice in his hometown of Fort Smith, where he opened his own firm. He concentrates his practice on civil and criminal appeals and civil litigation. Mr. Harrison has presented continuing legal-education programs to judges and lawyers on appeal-related issues and currently serves on the Arkansas Supreme Court's Civil Practice Committee.

"I'm ready to serve the citizens of Arkansas in the important work of the Arkansas Court of Appeals," said Harrison. "I have a long standing, genuine interest in our appellate courts and how they function as public institutions. Our greatest responsibilities are to ensure access to the courts in the first instance and see that parties have their appeals decided on the merits as often as possible."

Harrison is a member of the Arkansas Bar Association and a Fellow of the Arkansas Bar Foundation. He has published in *The Arkansas Lawyer*, the *Arkansas Law Review*, and the newsletter of the Pretrial Practice and Discovery Committee of the American Bar Association. He is also a chapter author for the

Arkansas Bar Association's *Handling Appeals in Arkansas* practice handbook and chairs HAA's drafting committee. Harrison serves on the Advisory Editorial Board of *The Arkansas Lawyer*—a periodical that the Arkansas Bar Association publishes and distributes to its members.

Harrison continued, "Given my personal and professional interests, I feel best suited to serve the public as a Judge on the Arkansas Court of Appeals."

Harrison, a third-generation lawyer, graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2002, where he served as Executive Editor for the *Arkansas Law Review*.

Brandon and his wife Kelly have been married seven years and have two children.

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