

MUNICIPALITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

CITY COUNCIL LITIGATION REPORT

CITY OF JONESBORO							
PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION (EXCLUDING UNASSERTED CLAIMS)							
November 17, 2025							
PARTY	CASE DESCRIPTION	CASE NUMBER	COURT/ LOCATION	NATURE OF MATTER	PROGRESS OF MATTER	MUNICIPALITY RESPONSE	OUTCOME EVALUATION
2019							
JOHNSON, CAROLYN	Carolyn Johnson, Michael Johnson and Haley Johnson (now Boyd) v. Michael Talley, Jonesboro Police Department and City of Jonesboro, Arkansas	16JCV-19-426	Craighead County Circuit Court	Civil (Other) Automobile Tort (Personal Injury)	04/22/25 Appellees Motion to Dismiss (Denied), Motion to Extend Time (Denied), Second Motion to Extend Time(Moot); Appellees Brief due 05/16/25	Appealed to Arkansas Court of Appeals (CV-24-802). Waiting on ruling from Court.	Plaintiff: Luther Sutter Defendant: Justin Eichmann, AML
2020							
SMITH, PAMELA	Pamela D. Smith v. Kikoman Foods, Inc., Patrick Chu, City of Jonesboro, JFC International, Inc., and John Does 1 – 3	16JCV-20-44	Craighead County Circuit Court	Automobile Tort (Personal Injury)	11/06/25 Third Amended Scheduling Order	07/15/26 – 07/17/26 Trial	Plaintiff: James Davis Defendant: Linda Burgess, AML
2022							
TRULLINGER, LAURA	Laura Trullinger, Individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. City of Jonesboro	3:22-CV-137-KGB	United States District Court	Class Action FLSA/AMWA	06/10/22 Complaint	Settlement Approved. Waiting on Agreed Order.	Possible total liability \$2,146.70, plus attorney's fees

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WARD, STEPHEN	Stephen Ward v. Harold Copenhaver, Larry Rogers, Jeffrey Moore, Wanda Turner, Lisa Trevathan, Kimberly Randall, Melissa Morrison, Simrit Kaur, Stan Marris & Carol Duncan	3:22-CV-250-LPR	United States District Court (Northern Division)	Violations of Civil Rights	Discovery Process			AML
2023								
WILLIS, GEORGE	George Willis v. City of Jonesboro, Lance Merritt	16JCV-23-468	Craighead County Circuit Court	Automobile Tort (Personal Injury)	11/05/25 Scheduling Order	07/13/26 – 07/14/26 Trial		Plaintiff: Charsie Gordon Linda Burgess, AML
2024								
ROBINSON, KEITH	Keith Robinson v. City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Harold Copenhaver, in his Official Capacity as Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Jerry Lewis Murrell	16JCV-24-243	Craighead County Circuit Court	Automobile Tort (Personal Injury)	04/04/24 Order to Dismiss Separate Defendant, Jerry Murrell			Plaintiff: Sylvester Smith Linda Burgess, AML
TYNER, BROCK	April Rasdon, as Special Administrator for the Estate of Brock Tyner V. City of Jonesboro, Joseph Harris and Paton Perkins, Both Individually and in their official capacities as Jonesboro Police Officers, and John Does 1 – 10	16JCV-24-1126	Craighead County Circuit Court	Civil (Other) Wrongful Death	10/01/25 Notice Removed Federal Court	Discovery depositions in process.		Plaintiff: Luther Sutter Keith Wren, AML

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WASHINGTON, CEDRIC	City of Jonesboro, Faith Kelemen and Joshua Wayne Chaffin, Individually and in Their Official Capacity as a Jonesboro Police Officers	16JCV-24-1620	Craighead County Circuit Court	Civil (Other) Excessive Force	11/22/24 Notice Removed to Federal Court	Depositions in process.	Plaintiff: Luther Sutter Defendant: Keith Wren, AML
BREWER, TRAVON	Travon Brewer v. Michael Talley and City of Jonesboro, Arkansas	2:24-CV-00043	United States District Court	Violation of Civil Rights	11/09/26 Jury Trial		Plaintiff: Devon Jacob Defendant: Gabrielle Gibson, AML
CORAM, BILLY	Billy Lee Coram v. Joseph Harris, Individually, City of Jonesboro, a Body Politic, Rick Elliott, Individually	4:24CV813-BSM	United States District Court	Excessive Force	05/11/26 Jury Trial		Plaintiff: Michael Laux & Michael Keiser Defendant: Jenna Adams, AML
SIEGEL, KAREN	Rosse Family Revocable Living Trust, Karen Siegel, Trustee, Samuel Siegel, Samson Siegel, and William Siegel v. City of Jonesboro	CV-24-790	Arkansas Court of Appeals	Civil Appeal - Circuit	04/08/25 Request for Oral Argument by Appellant. Waiting for Scheduling Order from Court.		Appellant: Jeremy Lowry Appellee: Carol Duncan
2025							
THOMAS, ANDY	Andy Thomas v. Nash Thomas, Each in his Individual Capacity and in	16JCV-25-746	Craighead County Circuit Court	Civil (Other)	05/30/25 Removed to Federal Court.		Plaintiff: Luther Sutter

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	his Official Capacity as a Police Officer for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and John Does 1 – 10	16JCV-25-2470	Craighead County Circuit Court	Excessive Force, Violation of Civil Rights	Search and seizure issue.		Defendant: Margaret Depper, AML
CITIZEN BANK BUILDING	Laurel Park, LLC v City of Jonesboro, a Municipal Corporation, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor, Janice Porter, Brown Emison, Charles Coleman, Chris Moore, Ann Williams, Chris Gibson, John Street, Mitch Johnson, L.J. Bryant, Joe Jafner, Anthony Coleman David McClain			Administrative Appeal	11/06/25 Special Limited Entry of Appearance – Carol Duncan	Appeal of Lien on Property	Plaintiff: Matthew Coe Defendant: Carol Duncan