

RE: Inquiry Regarding Special/Acting Judge Appointment — City of Taylor v. Horn, Case No. MC25-0000002

From: Joy Evans (joy.evans@alacourt.gov)

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: taylor municipal court@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 02:18 PM CDT

Mr. Carpenter,

I contacted Ms. Baxter today to inquire about the appointment of an acting judge for your case. Ms. Baxter has contacted several attorneys, but their schedules did not allow them to agree to be an acting municipal judge in your case. She did inform me that she has contacted another attorney who may be able to be an acting municipal judge in your case and she is waiting to hear back from him.

Joy Evans

Municipal Magistrate Programs

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From: D C [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2026 10:15 AM

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Dear Ms. Evans,

I'm the victim in City of Taylor v. Raymond Horn, Taylor Municipal Court Case No. MC25-0000002, and I'm following up on a message I left with your office one week ago on this same subject.

I'm trying to determine the basis for the appointment of Chris Capps as special or acting judge in my case, and more recently David Rousseau. A formal notice from the Taylor Municipal Court dated May 27, 2026 states that Judge Capps was appointed by the "State of Alabama Judicial Department." At a recorded City Council meeting on August 25, 2026, Magistrate Ann Baxter stated that Judge Rousseau's appointment came from "AOC." I have been unable to identify an agency called the State of Alabama Judicial Department, and no appointment order has been produced for either judge despite request.

I've attached a letter laying out the details and three specific questions about the appointment process. I'm also sending this same letter by mail, so please excuse the duplication if both arrive close together — I only wanted to make sure it reached you given how long this matter has already been pending.

Thank you for your time and attention to this.

Sincerely,

Willie Deon Carpenter

[REDACTED] (text preferred; unavailable by phone during business hours)
