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Appointment Is Made By Ellington

Judge Faquin To Continue In Ray Case

Gov. Buford Ellington today appointed William H. (Slick) Williams, 42, Shelby County attorney, as Criminal Court judge (Division III) at Memphis to succeed the late Judge W. Preston Battle.

Williams will not assume any jurisdiction in the James Earl Ray case, which was handled from its inception by Battle. The Ray proceedings have been turned over to Judge Arthur Faquin who was the "back up" judge in the case for Battle. Ray is serving 99 years in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis April 4, 1968.

Williams, who has been county attorney since 1964, will serve until the next general election in 1970 when a successor for the remainder of Battle's term is to be elected.

WILLIAMS has been an attorney since 1957. He was graduated from Memphis State University and Southern Law University at Memphis. He served as an assistant district attorney from 1952-57.

"I am grateful and appreciative of the confidence of the Governor in my appointment," Williams said. "I will do the best I can to discharge the duties of his office in exemplary fashion."

Ellington said: "Mr. Williams has a splendid record, not only in the field of law, but in other areas of public service. In succeeding Judge Battle, he will be taking the place of a truly outstanding jurist. I am pleased he was

WILLIAMS was notified of the appointment by Ellington this morning.

"I'm grateful also for the friendship of those who were so kind to recommend me to the governor," Williams said.

Williams is an "imported native Memphian," having been born in Florida but brought to Memphis with his family when he was 6-weeks-old.

He attended public schools, and was graduated from Central High.

He is married to the former Betty Schneider. They have four children, John, 16, David, 13, Ginny, 10, and Bobby, 8. They live at 5153 Normandy, and attend Mullins Methodist Church.



WILLIAM WILLIAMS

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