



# The non-judgmental judge

ON TV

"Family Court  
With Judge  
Penny,"  
Weeknights at  
6 p.m.,  
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## Fulton court justice sees TV s as 'extension of my ministry'

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On Thursdays, Judge Penny Brown Reynolds liked to finish court by noon. But last month, on her last day on the bench in the state court of Fulton County, the clock was ticking toward 1 p.m. and she was nowhere near fin-

ished.

"I've never had court last this long," she mused. "Is this my big send-off? You don't want me to leave! This is the most bizarre day I've ever had!"

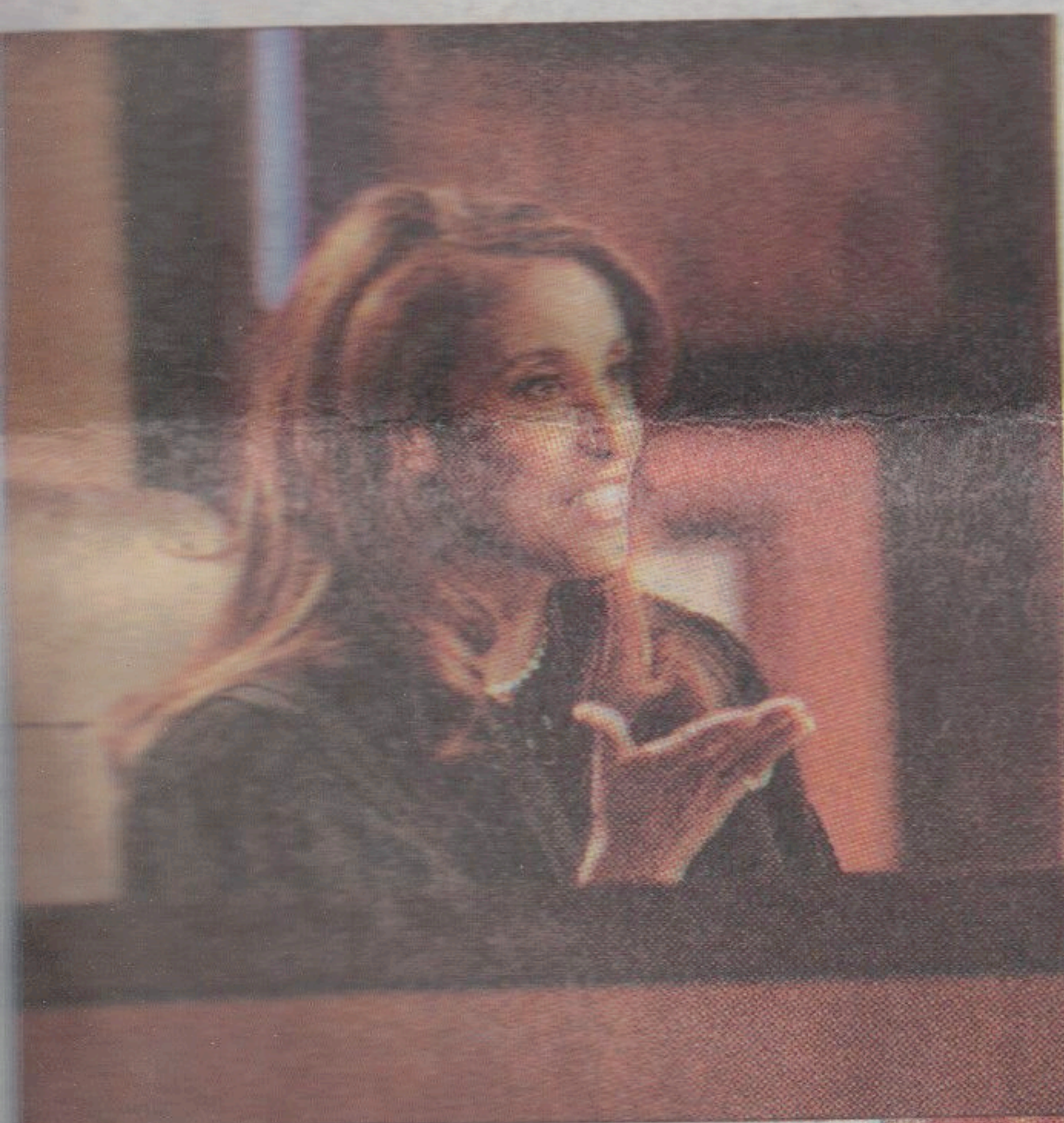
After eight years as a state judge, life may get more bizarre for Reynolds now that she's a TV personality. "Family Court With Judge Penny" debuted last month in syndication across the country, including weeknights at 6 p.m. on the local CW affil-

iate WUPA-TV/69.

Reynolds' show came after a guest appearance on "Dr. Phil" early last year to talk about postnuptial agreements. TV producers began courting her. She said yes only after she finished her divinity degree.

"We saw her on Dr. Phil and she just popped off the screen," said "Family Court" executive producer Stephanie Drachkovitch. "She took

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Judge Penny Brown Reynolds' show focuses on family issues. At right, Reynolds delivers a sermon at her husband's church, Midway Missionary Baptist Church in College Park.

