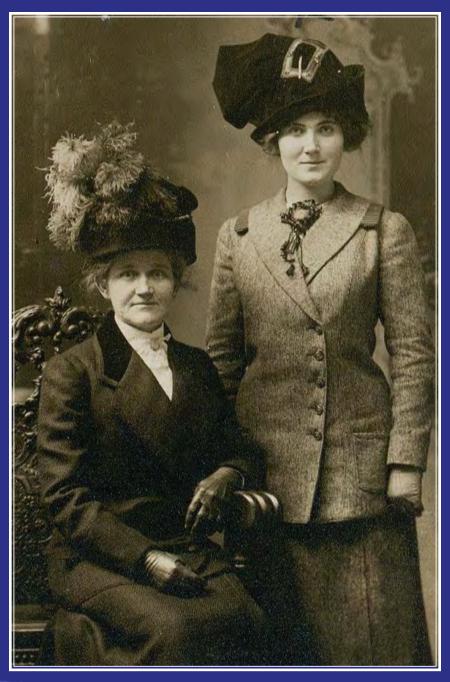
### CHAPTER 5

# JUDICIAL BRANCH



Mother and Daughter Claire Custard and Glessie May Custard pose for a photograph in St. Louis in 1912. (photo courtesy of Donald E. Custard)



# Missouri's Judicial System

From its inception in 1820, Missouri state government constitutionally has been divided into three separate branches—legislative, executive and judicial. The judicial branch's function is not to make the laws of the state or to administer them but to adjudicate the controversies that arise between persons and parties, to determine fairly and justly the guilt or innocence of persons charged with criminal offenses and to interpret the laws of the state as enacted by the legislature and carried out by the executive branch.

The roots of Missouri's judicial branch reach back to the days when Missouri was a part of the Missouri Territory controlled by the French and Spanish. When Missouri officially was organized as a territory in 1812, the judicial power was vested in a superior court, inferior courts and justices of the peace. The Constitution of 1820, the state's first constitution, placed the judicial power in a Supreme Court, chancery courts (later abolished by the General Assembly) and circuit and other courts to be established by the legislature.

Today, Missouri has a three-tier court system. Article V of the constitution, as amended by Missouri voters in 1976, vests the judicial power in a Supreme Court, the state's highest court, with statewide jurisdiction; in a court of appeals consisting of districts established by the General Assembly; and in a system of circuit courts that have original jurisdiction over all cases and matters, civil and criminal.

Effective January 2, 1979, the circuit court system absorbed all former courts of limited jurisdiction and became the state's single trial court. Cases once heard in magistrate and probate courts, in the St. Louis Court of Criminal Corrections, in the Hannibal and Cape Girardeau Courts of Common Pleas and in municipal and other local courts now are heard in appropriate divisions of the circuit courts.

All the judges of these former courts have become either circuit, associate circuit or municipal judges. They may hear and determine different classes of cases within their respective cir-

cuits. A presiding judge, elected by the other judges in the circuit, has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel in the circuit. He or she may assign other judges throughout the circuit to relieve caseload and administrative backlogs. The Supreme Court and court of appeals have general superintending control over all courts and tribunals within their jurisdictions. Original remedial writs may be issued and determined at each level of the court system. Decisions of the Supreme Court are controlling in all other state courts.

#### Selection of Judges

In the first 30 years of Missouri's statehood, the judges of the supreme, circuit and chancery courts were appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. After much public discussion, the constitution was amended in 1850 to provide for the popular election of judges, and this system remains in effect for most Missouri courts today. In most circuits, the judges are elected by the voters in partisan elections.

In 1940, Missouri voters amended the constitution by adopting the "Nonpartisan Selection of Judges Court Plan," which was placed on the ballot by initiative petition and which provides for the nonpartisan (non-political) appointment of certain judges, rather than having them popularly elected.

The constitution, as amended further in 1976, provides that the Nonpartisan Court Plan applies in the Supreme Court, the court of appeals and the circuit courts within the city of St. Louis and Jackson County. In addition, voters in Clay, Greene, Platte and St. Louis counties have elected to institute the plan, and the Kansas City charter extends a nonpartisan selection plan to Kansas City municipal court judges. While all other judges are elected in partisan elections, other judicial circuits may adopt the plan on approval by a majority of the voters in the circuit.

Under the Missouri Plan, as it often is called nationally, a vacancy on a court to which the plan applies is filled through a nonpartisan judicial commission of lay persons and lawyers. The commission selects three persons from those who apply, based on merit. The governor then appoints one of the three. A judge appointed in this way must stand for retention in office at the first general election occurring after the judge has been in office for 12 months. The judge's name is placed on a separate judicial ballot, without political party designation, and the voters must vote either for or against retention in office. The judge's name again is placed on the ballot for a retention vote at certain intervals if the judge wishes to serve subsequent terms. The Missouri Plan has served as a national model for the selection of judges and has been adopted by a number of other states.

Every supreme, appellate, circuit and associate circuit court judge must be licensed to practice law in Missouri. By constitutional amendment and statute, all judges must retire by age 70.



# Supreme Court of Missouri

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#### **History and Organization**

The Supreme Court has been the state's highest court since 1820, when the first Missouri Constitution was adopted. The earliest court, consisting of only three members, was required to hold sessions in four different judicial circuits in the state. At various times, the court sat in Boonville, Cape Girardeau, Fayette, Hannibal, Jackson, Lexington, St. Charles, St. Louis and other cities.

The size of the Supreme Court was increased to five judges in 1872 and to its present size—seven judges—in 1890. Because of the court's increasing caseload, commissioners were appointed for a brief period in the 1880s. In 1911, the Legislature authorized the court to appoint four commissioners, and in 1927, the number was changed to six. The commissioners were required to possess the same qualifications as judges of the Supreme Court. They received the same compensation and were appointed for four-year terms. The commissioners heard cases along with the judges, and their written opinions, if approved by the court, were issued as opinions of the court.

Under terms of the 1970 constitutional amendment of article V, the offices of the commissioners ceased to exist when the individuals holding the offices retired, resigned, died or were removed from office.

In 1890, the Supreme Court was divided into two divisions to permit it to handle and decide more cases in a shorter time. Under the present constitution, the court may sit *en banc* (all seven judges together) or in as many divisions as the court determines are needed. Today, all cases are assigned to and decided by the court *en banc*.

#### **Supreme Court Jurisdiction**

Originally, the Supreme Court had only the traditional powers to decide cases on appeal from the lower courts (either the circuit courts or the court of appeals) and to issue and determine original remedial writs, such as those in *habeas corpus*, mandamus and prohibition. The Constitution of 1945 also authorized the court to establish rules for practice and procedure in the courts and to make temporary transfers of judicial personnel from court to court. Maintaining and updating the rules is a continuous process requiring substantial time. Each year, the Supreme Court, through its Office of State Courts Administrator, transfers several hundred court personnel on a temporary basis to assist other courts. This usually is done when a judge has been disqualified by the parties in a case or when a judge's docket has become overly crowded and the judge cannot handle all the cases expeditiously.

The constitutional amendments of 1976 and 1982 defined the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court more narrowly than in the past, resulting in its receiving fewer cases on appeal and directing more appeals to the court of appeals. Now the Supreme Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the validity of a treaty or statute of the United States or of a statute or provision of the Missouri Constitution, the construction of the state's revenue laws, the title to any state office and the death penalty.

Cases do not have to fall within this area of exclusive jurisdiction, however, to reach the Supreme Court. The court may order cases transferred to it from the court of appeals if the cases

involve questions of general interest or importance, if the court believes the existing law should be re-examined or for other reasons provided by rule of the court. The court of appeals also may order a case transferred to the Supreme Court either by order of the court of appeals itself or by the dissent of a court of appeals judge, if that judge certifies the court of appeals opinion is contrary to previous decisions of the Supreme Court or of other districts of the court of appeals.

In addition to its decision-making powers, the Supreme Court supervises all lower courts in the state. It is assisted in this task by its Office of State Courts Administrator, established in 1970. The Supreme Court also licenses all lawyers practicing in Missouri and disciplines those found guilty of violating the legal rules of professional conduct.

#### **Qualifications and Terms**

Supreme Court judges must be at least 30 years of age, U.S. citizens for 15 years and qualified Missouri voters for nine years. Supreme Court judges are retained for 12-year terms. They earn \$137,034 annually. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).

#### **Chief Justice**

The seven judges of the Supreme Court select one of their members to be chief justice and preside over the court. The chief justice also handles many of the administrative details for the court. The present practice of the court is to rotate the position of chief justice every two years. The chief justice earns \$139,534 annually. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).

The court hears oral arguments each month from September through May. Court sessions are open to the public, and oral arguments are broadcast live and are archived through the court's website, www.courts.mo.gov.

#### **Supreme Court Building**

The Supreme Court Building, a three-story, red brick structure of French Renaissance architecture, was completed in 1907 and stands opposite the Capitol Building. By statute, it houses the attorney general's offices as well as those of the Supreme Court. The building's main features are a massive marble staircase in the lobby and the two-story high library. The building has been refurbished extensively and modernized with the use of monies appropriated by the General Assembly.

#### Clerk's Office

The clerk of the Supreme Court is responsible for a wide range of duties, including the supervision of the internal administrative function of the court itself as well as the planning and administrative direction of the Judicial Conference of Missouri, the organization comprising all of the state judges.

#### **Supreme Court Function**

The court's day-to-day administrative duties include handling all inquiries and procedural requests from attorneys throughout the state, arranging the docketing (scheduling) of cases, maintaining files in each case before the court, receiving and disposing of fees related to those cases and printing and distributing opinions of the court. In all of these matters, the clerk reports directly to the chief justice.

#### Missouri Bar Responsibilities

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The clerk of the Supreme Court has a number of additional duties relating to The Missouri Bar and supervising the admission of new attorneys.

Among the records required to be maintained by the clerk are the official and permanent roll of attorneys for the state of Missouri. The clerk's office also prepares, on request, certificates evidencing admission to The Missouri Bar. By Supreme Court rule, the clerk is treasurer of the state board of law examiners, which

conducts bar examinations twice yearly. The clerk also supervises the court's semiannual enrollment ceremonies and prepares all attorney licenses.

By Supreme Court rule, the clerk is *ex officio* treasurer of both The Missouri Bar and the advisory committee and is responsible for collecting the annual attorney enrollment fee and distributing Missouri Bar membership cards to all attorneys licensed to practice in Missouri. He or she is responsible for maintaining the official records of The Missouri Bar and the bar fund and for preparing annual financial reports for publication in the *Journal of The Missouri Bar*. The clerk is also responsible for conducting annual elections for The Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

#### **Security Administration**

The Supreme Court's marshal is under the clerk's supervision. The marshal is responsible for the security of the building and its judges and employees. The marshal also acts as bailiff when the court is in session. In addition, the marshal is responsible for all homeland security matters as they affect the Supreme Court.

#### Supreme Court Library

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The Supreme Court Library, which is on the second floor of the Supreme Court Building, contains more than 110,000 volumes. These include decisions of state and federal courts as well as state and federal administrative agencies, Missouri approved jury instructions, state and federal statutes, legal periodicals and trea-

tises. In addition, the library contains computer research services for the use of court personnel.

The library's main responsibility is to meet the research needs of the Supreme Court, the attorney general's office, the General Assembly and the state's executive department agencies, but it also provides resources to members of the bench and bar and the general public. It is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the year, excluding state holidays.

#### Supreme Court Publications

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The office of Supreme Court Publications offers two monthly publications to lawyers and the public on a subscription basis. The *Opinion Summary* provides a brief digest of decisions from the Supreme Court, court of appeals and administrative hearing commission. It also provides summaries of opinion letters issued by the attorney general. The *Pending Issues Digest* provides a summary of all legal arguments raised in legal briefs filed in Missouri's appellate courts. Each publication includes a subject, statute, rule and case number index.

The publications office also publishes the *Missouri Approved Instructions—Criminal and Missouri Approved Charges—Criminal.* 

To subscribe to any of these publications, which are also available online, visit the publications portion of the courts' website at www.courts.mo.gov.



## Richard B. Teitelman

## Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

RICHARD B. TEITELMAN opened a solo law practice after graduating from law school. In 1975, he joined Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, serving for 23 years — 18 of those as executive director and general counsel.

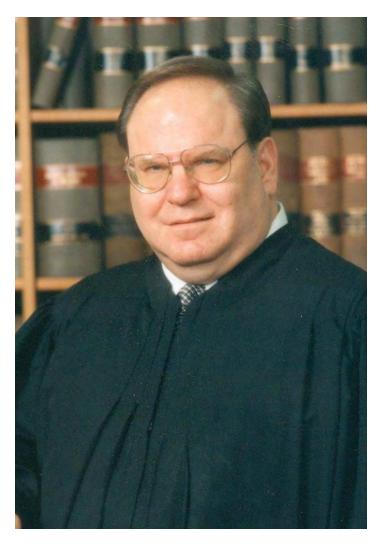
Judge Teitelman served on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, from 1998 to 2002, when he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri, becoming the first legally blind and the first Jewish member of the Court. He was retained in the 2004 general election. He was elected chief justice for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2011. He is the presiding officer of the Executive Council of the Judicial Conference of Missouri.

In his pursuit of equality and access to justice for all, Judge Teitelman is currently a member of the African-American/Jewish Task Force. He has served on the board of the American Jewish Congress. Is a member of the board of the American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. He previously has served on the Midwest Board of the American Federation for the Blind. He has served as a board member of the St. Louis Public Library and is a lifetime member of the Urban League of St. Louis.

Devoted to the administration of justice, Judge Teitelman served on the executive committee of the American Bar Association (ABA) Appellate Judicial Conference and the American Judicature Society (AJS) and is an AJS delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. As a leader, he has served as president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL); president of the BAMSL Young Lawyers Section; charter member and president of the St. Louis Bar Foundation and vice-president and president-elect of The Missouri Bar. He was chair of the bar's Delivery of Legal Services Committee. He is a lifetime member and served as ex officio of the Missouri Bar Foundation; trustee of the National Council of Bar Foundations; and chair of the ABA Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law. He served as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service.

Judge Teitelman's dedication to the legal services program has earned him many honors, including the prestigious Missouri Bar President's Award, the American Council for the Blind's Durward K. McDaniel Ambassador Award, the Women's Legal Caucus Good Guy Award, the Mound City Bar Association Legal Service Award, the ABA Young Lawyers Division Award of Merit, the ABA Young Lawyers Division Difference Maker Award, and the St. Louis Bar Foundation Award. Legal Services of Eastern Missouri has named its pro bono award for legal services the "Richard Teitelman Award."

A strong proponent of legal scholarship, Judge Teitelman is an honorary dean of St. Louis University School of Law's DuBourg Society and an honorary member of Washington University School of Law's Order of the Coif and Eliot Society. He was honored by Washington University School of Law as a Distinguished Alumnas. Judge Teitelman participated in the Toll Fellowship Program of the Council of State Governments.



Other honors Judge Teitelman has received include The Missouri Bar Purcell Award for Professionalism; the American Jewish Congress Democracy in Action Award; the Lawyers Association of St. Louis Award of Honor; the St. Louis Society for the Blind Lifetime Achievement Award; the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award; the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division's Hodson Award, ABA Legislative Advocacy Award and its Grassroots Legislative Advocacy Award; the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. State Celebration Committee Distinguished Statesman Award; the Ethical Humanist of the Year (St. Louis); the St. Louis University School of Law Clarence Darrow Award; The Missouri Bar Spurgeon Smithson Award; the Interfaith Legal Service for Immigrants (St. Louis) Lifetime Achievement Award; the BAMSL Access to Justice Award; and the Jews United For Justice Heschel-King Lifetime Achievement Award.



# Patricia Breckenridge Judge of the Supreme Court

PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE was born October 14, 1953, in Nevada, Mo.

Judge Breckenridge was educated in the Nevada public schools, at the University of Arkansas–Fayetteville and at the University of Missouri–Columbia, where she earned a B.S. and a J.D. She was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1978. Following law school, she returned to Nevada to practice law. While practicing, she also served as an assistant municipal judge for the city of Nevada.

In 1982, she was appointed associate circuit judge of Vernon County. Judge Breckenridge was elected to that position until 1990 when she was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. There, Judge Breckenridge authored more than 900 opinions and participated in more than 2,700 cases.

Judge Breckenridge was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri by Gov. Matt Blunt in September 2007. She currently chairs the Judicial Education Coordinating Commission and Civic Education Committee, teaches at the new judges' orientation and is a liaison to the Supreme Court's Family Court Committee and Gender and Justice Committee.

Judge Breckenridge is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the American Bar Foundation, The Missouri Bar, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Association for Women Lawyers of Kansas City and the Missouri Association of Probate and Association Circuit Judges. She has served on the board of directors of Lawyers Encouraging Economic Performance and the Missouri Institute for Justice. Judge Breckenridge was a member of the Missouri Task Force on Gender and Justice and co-chair of the Missouri Gender Fairness Implementation Joint Committee of the Missouri Supreme Court and The Missouri Bar.

Judge Breckenridge has received The Missouri Bar President's Award, the University of Missouri School of Law's Citation of Merit, Association of Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City's Judicial Recognition Award, Judge of the Year and Special Achievement Award, Daily Record's Legal Leader Award, the Nevada Rotary International Citizen of the Year, Nevada Business and Professional Women Woman of the Year, Soroptimist International of Nevada Women Helping Women and Woman of Distinction and the Ozark Area Girl Scout Council Woman of Distinction. She is a Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis Honoree and Council of State Government's Toll Fellow.



Judge Breckenridge has served both the Kansas City and Nevada communities through numerous civic and charitable activities. In Kansas City, she was a mentor and tutor for children at St. Vincent's Operation Breakthrough. She served on the board of directors and as president of the Mattie Rhodes Center and on the board of directors of Cabot West Side Clinic and the University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine. In Nevada, she served as president of Soroptimist International of Nevada and the Business and Professional Women of Nevada; on the board of directors for the Home Health Advisory Board and was a member of Rotary International of Nevada. She is a member of PEO Sisterhood, Chapter DW, and the United Methodist Church of Nevada.

Judge Breckenridge married Bryan C. Breckenridge on May 15, 1976. She and Bryan, a partner in the law firm of Russell, Brown & Breckenridge, live in Nevada. She was retained by Missouri voters at the November 2008 general election for a term expiring December 31, 2020.



# George W. Draper III

# Judge of the Supreme Court

GEORGE W. DRAPER III was born August 5, 1953, in St. Louis. He attended Hamilton Elementary School and All Saints Episcopal church in north St. Louis City until his family moved to Silver Spring, Md., in 1964. In 1977, he graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., with a bachelor's degree in psychology. After earning his law degree in 1981 from Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., he served as a law clerk to Judge Shellie Bowers in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

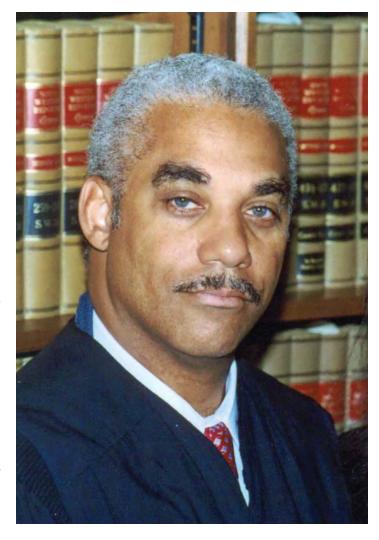
Draper worked for the circuit attorney of the city of St. Louis as assistant prosecuting attorney from 1984 to 1994. There he was promoted to team leader and first assistant, and he handled numerous felony prosecutions.

In 1994, Draper was appointed associate circuit judge in St. Louis County. While serving on this court, Draper presided over 60 to 200 cases each week and was assigned specially to 12 jury trials. In 1998, he was elevated to circuit judge in St. Louis County. He presided over the civil, criminal, family court and juvenile division throughout his time as a trial judge.

In 2000, Draper was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, and served as that court's first African-American chief judge from July 2004 to June 2005. While on that court, he also served by special assignment on the Appellate Apportionment Commission, a constitutional commission created to resolve redistricting disputes and on the court's rules, security and facilities committees. His October 2011 appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri makes Draper one of the few judges to have served at every level of Missouri's current court system.

When not on the bench, Draper counsels students interested in legal careers and has served as a mentor to attorneys deferred from practicing. He also has volunteered with the INROADS program, which prepares underserved youth for business and community leadership positions.

Draper is a member of the Mound City Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Lawyer's Association of St. Louis, the National Bar Association and the Missouri Asian Bar Association. He is an inaugural member of the Gallery of St. Louis Legal Pioneers within the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. He is a member and vice president of the board of Covenant Community Church in north St. Louis County. He also is a member of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.



As an advocate for continuing legal education, Draper has organized and presented numerous programs. He also has served as a panelist on the Mound City Bar Association's program "Mistakes to Avoid" and at the judicial forum hosted by the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys.

In addition to his service to the court, Draper has taught trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at Saint Louis University School of Law from 1996 to the present.

Draper's wife, Judy Preddy Draper, is an associate circuit judge in St. Louis County and previously served as general counsel for the Missouri Department of Corrections. They have a daughter, Chelsea, who graduated from Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., and is presently a student at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.



# Zel M. Fischer Judge of the Supreme Court

ZEL M. FISCHER was born in Hamburg, Iowa, on April 28, 1963, and grew up in Watson, Mo.

Judge Fischer was educated in Rock Port public schools. He attended William Jewell College, in Liberty, Mo., and received his B.A. in philosophy and political science in 1985. He is the recipient of the Harry S Truman Most Outstanding Political Science Major for the class of 1985.

He graduated from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law with distinction in 1988. He is the recipient of the Order of the Bench and Robe, the American Jurisprudence Award from the UMKC School of Law and was a member of UMKC Law Review. He is the original author of Chapter 40, Strict Liability of Product Manufacturers and Sellers — Manufacturing Defect of the Products Liability Handbook, published by the University of Missouri–Kansas City, Continuing Legal Education.

Judge Fischer was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1988. Upon graduation, he served for one year as a law clerk for the Honorable Andrew Jackson Higgins of the Supreme Court of Missouri. From 1989 to 1992, he practiced law in the Law Offices of James D. Boggs in Kansas City, Mo. From 1992 to 2006, he engaged in a solo law practice in northwest Missouri. In November 2006, he was elected associate circuit judge for Atchison County, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, and served in that capacity until his appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri in October 2008.

Judge Fischer is an ASTAR Fellow. An ASTAR Fellow is a judge who has advanced education and training to preside over complex cases involving difficult science or technology issues. He is a frequent speaker and instructor regarding the intersection of law and science and also professional ethics.

An active member of his community, Judge Fischer is a member of the Rock Port Rotary Club, Community Awareness Team, Atchison County DARE, the leadership board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Northwest Missouri, Tarkio First Baptist



Church, Atchison County Economic Development Corporation and the Tarkio Rodeo board of directors.

Judge Fischer was married July 13, 1985, to the former Julie Ann Moore. They have four children.

Judge Fischer was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Matt Blunt on October 15, 2008, and was retained at the 2010 general election for a 12-year term expiring December 31, 2022.



# William Ray Price Jr. Judge of the Supreme Court

WILLIAM RAY PRICE JR. was born January 30, 1952, in Fairfield, Iowa.

He was educated at Keokuk, Iowa, public schools; University of Iowa, B.A., with high distinction, religion, 1974; Yale University Divinity School, 1974–1975; Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1978. He is the recipient of the Hancher-Finkbine Undergraduate Award from the University of Iowa, 1974, and was the Burks Scholar Individual Winner at Washington and Lee University School of Law, 1976.

Judge Price was married to Susan Marie Trainor on January 4, 1975. They have two children: Emily Margret Price and William Joseph Dodds Price.

Admitted to the bar in 1978, Judge Price practiced law with a Kansas City law firm from 1978–1992. He served as chair of the Business Litigation Section and was a member of the executive committee.

He was president of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners; member of the *G.L. v. Zumwalt* monitoring committee in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri; member of the board of directors of the Truman Medical Center, the Together Center and the Family Development Center; and chair of the Merit Selection Commission for United States Marshal, Western District of Missouri, 1990.

He is a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma and Kappa Sigma.

Judge Price served as Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court from July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2001, and July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. Price also served as vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices of the United States from August 1, 2000, to August 1, 2001. He is presently chairman of the Missouri Drug Court Commission and served as president of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Judge Price was appointed to the Supreme Court by Gov. John Ashcroft on April 7, 1992. He was retained in 1994 and 2006 for a term expiring December 31, 2018.





# Mary R. Russell Judge of the Supreme Court

MARY R. RUSSELL, a seventh-generation Missourian, was born July 28, 1958, in Hannibal. One of five children, Judge Russell was raised on a dairy farm in Ralls County, near Hannibal, where she learned the value of hard work. She was educated in the Hannibal public schools. She attended Truman State University, graduating *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts. She graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law in 1983.

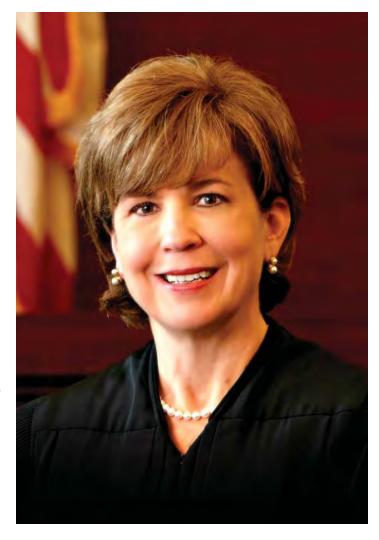
Upon graduation from law school, Judge Russell clerked for the Hon. George Gunn of the Supreme Court of Missouri. She then practiced law in Hannibal with the law firm of Clayton and Rhodes until her appointment to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, in 1995. At the Court of Appeals, she served as Chief Judge from 1999 to 2000.

Judge Russell is active in many professional organizations. She is currently a member of The Missouri Bar, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), the Lawyers Association of St. Louis, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, the Cole County Bar Association, the 10th Circuit Bar Association, the Women Lawyers Association of St. Louis and the Mid-Missouri Women Lawyers Association

Always promoting the administration of justice, Judge Russell has served on the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges; Missouri Lawyers Trust Account Foundation; a commission to select a federal judge for the Eastern District of Missouri in 1993; House of Delegates to the American Bar Association; Young Lawyers Council of The Missouri Bar; numerous Missouri Bar committees; the Missouri Press-Bar Commission; and the Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee and Appellate Practice Committee. She is a past co-chair of the Appellate Practice Committee of BAMSL and has served as chair on other committees in BAMSL.

She also has served on a variety of statewide boards and commissions including the Board of Governors of Truman State University (president, 1996), Missouri State Senate Reapportionment Commission in 1991, and the Missouri Council on Women's Economic Development.

Judge Russell is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Women's Justice Award, the Jefferson City Rotarian of the Year, Zonta Woman of Achievement in Jefferson City, the Faculty/ Alumni Award from University of Missouri–Columbia, the Citation of Merit Award from the University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, the Distinguished Alumni Award–Truman State University, the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award, the Soroptomist International Women Helping Women Award, the Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award and



the Kirkwood Citizen of the Year. She is a Henry Toll Fellow, a member of the Missouri Academy of Squires and a member of the Rollins Society of the University of Missouri.

Active in many community organizations, Judge Russell is a member of the Jefferson City Rotary Club (past president), PEO, BackStoppers, Missouri Women's Forum, Cole County Historical Society and Grace Episcopal Church. In 2009, she was the president of the board of directors of Missouri's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Judge Russell also volunteers as a truancy court judge at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City. She was active in many organizations in Hannibal and Kirkwood prior to her move to Jefferson City.

Judge Russell is easily approachable and devotes much time to mentoring young people. In addition to lecturing to many attorney organizations and continuing education programs, she spends many hours demystifying the court system by speaking to community groups and students.

Judge Russell and her husband, Jim, live in Jefferson City. She was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2004 and was retained by the voters in November 2006 for a 12-year term, expiring on December 31, 2018.



## Laura Denvir Stith

# Judge of the Supreme Court

LAURA DENVIR STITH was born in St. Louis on October 30, 1953. She was raised in St. Louis and graduated with honors from the John Burroughs School, 1971. She received a National Merit Scholarship to attend Tufts University in Boston, Mass. While there, she was an Iglauer Fellowship Intern in Washington, D.C., for Sen. Thomas Eagleton, 1973. She studied at the University of Madrid through a program administered by the Institute of European Studies. In 1975, she graduated *magna cum laude* from Tufts, receiving her B.A. in political science and social psychology. She then attended the Georgetown University Law Center, distinguishing herself as an editor of the *Law and Policy in International Business Journal*. Judge Stith graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown in 1978.

Following her graduation from law school, Judge Stith served for one year as a law clerk to the Hon. Robert E. Seiler of the Missouri Supreme Court. In 1979, she moved to Kansas City and practiced law with the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, becoming a partner of the firm in 1984 and later co-founding the firm's appellate practice group.

In the fall of 1994, Gov. Mel Carnahan appointed Judge Stith to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. She was retained in the November 1996 general election. During her time on the court of appeals, Judge Stith authored over 400 opinions in cases involving nearly every area of state law.

Gov. Bob Holden appointed Judge Stith to the Supreme Court of Missouri effective March 7, 2001, and she was retained in the November 2002 general election. She is the second woman in Missouri history to serve on the state's Supreme Court. She served as chief justice of the court from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009

Judge Stith has been involved in many organizations in the legal community. She has served as chair of the Gender and Justice Joint Committee of The Missouri Bar and the Missouri Supreme Court. She was a founding director of Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance (LEAP), an inter-bar lawyers' public service organization. She has served as president and member of the board of directors of the Assoc. for Women Lawyers (AWL) of Greater Kansas City, chair and vice-chair of the Mo. Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, chair of the Appellate Practice Committee and vice-chair of the Tort Law Committee of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc. (KCMBA) and is a member of the American Bar Assoc. (ABA).

Judge Stith has served as a speaker on appellate practice at the annual conventions of the ABA, Missouri Bar, Missouri Assoc. of Trial Attorneys (MATA) and Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL). She has also served as a speaker or modera-



tor on civil procedure and evidence at The Missouri Bar, KCMBA, AWL, and Univ. of Mo.-Kansas City Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs and as a speaker on gender bias at the Missouri New Judges School. She has authored many publications, including Stith, A Contrast of State and Federal Court Authority to Grant Habeas Relief, 38 Val. U.L. Rev. 421 (Spring 2004); Stith and Root, The Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan: The Least Political Method of Selecting High Quality Judges, 74 Mo. L. Rev. 711 (2009); and Stith, Just Because You Can Measure Something, Does it Really Count?, 58 Duke L.J. 1743 (2009).

Judge Stith has been actively involved in many community activities in Kansas City, serving as a mentor and tutor to young students at St. Vincent's Operation Breakthrough and a guest speaker at many local civic organizations, talking about the law, the role of the courts and public service.

Judge Stith is married to fellow attorney Donald G. Scott. Mr. Scott served as a law clerk for Judge Warren D. Welliver of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He is a shareholder in McDowell, Rice, Smith and Buchanan, P.C. in Kansas City. They have three daughters

#### Office of State Courts Administrator

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The Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) is responsible for providing administrative, business and technology support services to the courts. The duties and responsibilities assigned to the state courts administrator's office relate to all levels of the state court system. The first state courts administrator was appointed in 1970.

Some of the ways the office assists the courts include case processing; criminal history reporting; debt collection and judgment enforcement; crime victims' rights; treatment court programming; the implementation of time standards for case disposition; and court improvement projects in the areas of child abuse and neglect, juvenile services and family preservation. The office also provides administrative and technology support, training of judicial personnel and statistical analysis.

#### Office of the Administrator

The administrator is responsible for the overall management of OSCA and the services and support provided. Services provided by the administrator's staff include legal advice and the preparation of legal documents, support of the office and circuit court personnel systems and technical assistance related to court security, foreign language court interpreters and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### **Administrative Services Division**

The administrative services division provides support in the areas of budget and fiscal services, sponsored programs and contracts, project management, legislative services, judicial transfers, facilities operations and publications services. The division compiles and organizes the judiciary's annual state appropriation request; supports the circuit and appellate court budget committees; processes all monies appropriated to the office and to the circuit courts; manages fund balances; applies for and manages grant funds; prepares and administers contracts for goods and services; provides project management services to all interdivisional and interagency projects; prepares fiscal notes for proposed legislation that affects the judicial system; handles requests for information from the legislature, governor's office, other public officials and the public in general; manages the facilities and fleet; provides mail and printing services; and assists with managing the content of the Your Missouri Courts website and with authoring and publishing judiciary reports.

#### **Court Business Services Division**

The court business services division provides support to the courts in the areas of education, program development, research, statistical analysis and court procedures. The division provides program support to the family, juvenile and treatment court divisions; provides technical support to the courts in the areas of case processing, jury management, videoconferencing and financial management; designs statewide court forms; manages cost collection efforts; prepares transcripts from sound-recorded hearings submitted by the courts; compiles statistical caseload information; prepares workload estimates; provides technical



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assistance regarding research methods and program evaluations; compiles court performance measures; conducts evaluation and longitudinal studies of court programs and population behaviors; handles issues with criminal and traffic offenses and civil and probate cases and appeals; works with courts and state departments to electronically share juvenile justice information, criminal history, records of conviction and warrants; develops business specifications for, conducts testing of, and delivers training about automated programs and systems for use in the courts; and develops and coordinates courses and certificate programs for judicial employees. The division also works closely with standing committees of the Supreme Court of Missouri and with statutory commissions.

#### **Information Technology Services Division**

The information technology services division supports court technology and communication services for the judicial branch. Services provided by the division include software applications development, maintenance of all existing applications, database administration, deployment and support of computer hardware to the courts, maintenance of the statewide judicial network and servers, system security and initial help desk support for judicial branch users and the general public. The division works with the committee that oversees the statewide court automation program and with metropolitan courts that have information technology staff on location.

### Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri: 1821 to 2011

Name	County	Years Served
Mathias McGirk	Montgomery	1821-1841
John Dillard Cook	Cape Girardeau	1821-1823
John Rice Jones	Washington	1821-1824
Rufus Pettibone	St. Louis	1823-1825
George Tompkins	Howard	1824-1845
Robert Wash	St. Louis	1825-1837
John Cummins Edwards	Cole	1837-1839
William Barclay Napton	Saline	1839-1849 1857-1861 1873-1880
William Scott	Cole	1841-1849
Priestly Haggin McBride	Monroe	1845-1849
John Ferguson Ryland	Lafayette	1849
James Harvey Birch	Clinton	1849

**Note:** In 1849, an amendment to the 1820 Constitution vacated the office of judge of the Supreme Court. See 12 Mo. ii (1849).

Name	County	Years Served
James Harvey Birch	Clinton	1850-1851
John Ferguson Ryland	Lafayette	1850-1857
Hamilton Rowan Gamble	St. Louis	1850-1855
William Scott	Cole	1851-1862
Abiel Leonard	Howard	1855-1857
John Crowley Richardson	St. Louis	1857-1859
Ephraim Brevard Ewing	Ray	1859-1861 1873

**Note:** In March 1862, the pre-Civil War judges were purged from the bench for refusing to take the loyalty oath. See "Preface" to 31 Mo. (1862).

Name	County	Years Served
Barton Bates	St. Charles	1862-1865
William Van Ness Bay	St. Louis	1862-1865
John D.S. Dryden	Marion	1862-1865

Note: By "Order" of the State Convention, the office of judge of the Supreme Court became vacant on May 1, 1865. Judge Bates resigned from the Court February 1, 1865; and Judges Bay and Dryden were forcibly removed from the bench for failure to take the new loyalty oath, called the "Ironclad Oath." See 35 Mo. iii, at iv-vi (1865).

Name	County	Years Served
David Wagner	Lewis	1865-1877
Walter L. Lovelace	Montgomery	1865-1866
Nathaniel Holmes	St. Louis	1865-1868
Thomas James Clark Fagg	Pike	1866-1868
James Baker	Greene	1868
Philemon Bliss	Buchanan	1868-1872
Warren Currier	St. Louis	1868-1872
Washington Adams	Cooper	1871-1874
Henry M. Vories	Buchanan	1873-1876
Thomas Adiel Sherwood	Greene	1873-1902
Edward Augustus Lewis	St. Louis	1874
Warwick Hough	Jackson	1875-1884
Elijah Hise Norton	Platte	1877-1888
John Ward Henry	Macon	1876-1888
Robert D. Ray	Carroll	1881-1890
Francis Marion Black	Jackson	1885-1894
Theodore Brace	Monroe	1887-1907
Shephard Barclay	St. Louis	1889-1898
James Britton Gantt	Henry	1891-1910
John Lilburn Thomas	Jefferson	1890-1892
George Bennett MacFarlane	Audrain	1890-1898
Gavon Drummond Burgess	Linn	1893-1910
Waltour Moss Robinson	Jasper	1895-1904
William Muir Williams	Cooper	1898
William Champe Marshall	St. Louis	1899-1906
Leroy B. Valliant	St. Louis	1899-1912
James David Fox	Madison	1903-1910

Name	County	Years Served
Henry Lamm	Pettis	1905-1914
Waller Washington Graves	Bates	1906-1928
Archelaus Marius Woodson	Buchanan	1907–1925
Franklin Ferris	St. Louis	1910–1912
John Kennish	Holt	1910–1913
John Chilton Brown	Carter	1911–1915
Henry Whitelaw Bond	St. Louis	1913–1919
Charles Breckenridge Faris	Pemiscot	1913–1919
Robert Franklin Walker	Morgan	1913-1930
James Thomas Blair	DeKalb	1915–1924
Charles G. Revelle	St. Francois	1915–1916
Fred Lincoln Williams	Jasper	1917–1920
John Isaac Williamson	Jackson	1919–1920
Richard Livingston Goode	St. Louis	1919–1922
Conway Elder	St. Louis	1921–1922
Edward Higbee	Adair	1921–1922
David Elmore Blair	Jasper	1921–1930
William T. Ragland	Monroe	1923–1932
John Turner White	Greene	1923–1932
Frank Ely Atwood	Carroll	1925–1934
Robert William Otto	Franklin	1925–1926
Ernest S. Gantt	Audrain	1927–1946
North Todd Gentry	Boone	1928
William Francis Frank	Adair	1929–1938
Berryman Henwood	Marion	1930–1932
George Robb Ellison	Nodaway	1931–1955
Charles Thomas Hays	Marion	1933–1942
Clarence Alexander Burney Ernest Moss Tipton	Jackson	1933
Charles A. Leedy Jr.	Jackson Jackson	1933–1955 1933–1964
Walter D. Coles	St. Louis	1935
John Caskie Collet	Chariton	1935–1937
James Marsh Douglas	St. Louis	1937–1949
Raymond B. Lucas	Scott	1938
Albert M. Clark	Ray	1939–1950
Laurence Mastick Hyde	Mercer	1943–1966
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Roscoe P. Conkling	Buchanan	1947–1954
Sidna Poage Dalton	Cape Girardeau	1950–1965
Frank Hollingsworth	Audrain	1950-1964
Henry J. Westhues	Howard	1954-1963
Henry I. Eager	Jackson	1955–1968
Clem F. Storckman	City of St. Louis	1955–1970
Lawrence Holman	Randolph	1963–1977
Fred L. Henley	Pemiscot	1964–1978
James A. Finch Jr.	Cape Girardeau	1965–1978
Robert True Donnelly	Laclede	1965–1988
Robert Eldridge Seiler	Jasper	1967–1982
June P. (J.P.) Morgan	Lincoln	1969–1982
John E. Bardgett	St. Louis	1970–1982
Albert L. Rendlen	Marion	1977–1992
Joseph J. Simeone	St. Louis	1978–1979
Warren Dee Welliver	Boone	1979–1989
Andrew Jackson Higgins	Platte	1979–1991
George F. Gunn Jr.	St. Louis	1982–1985
William Howard Billings	Dunklin	1982–1991
Charles Blakey Blackmar	St. Louis	1982–1992
Edward D. Robertson Jr.	Cole	1985–1998
Ann K. Covington	Boone	1989–2001
John C. Holstein	Howell	1989–2002
Duane Benton	Clay	1991–2004
Elwood L. Thomas	Clay	1991–1995
William Ray Price Jr.	Jackson Capo Girardoau	1992–Present
Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr.	Cape Girardeau	1992–2008
Ronnie L. White	St. Louis	1995–2007
Michael A. Wolff Laura Denvir Stith	St. Louis	1998–2011 2001–Present
Richard B. Teitelman	Jackson City of St. Louis	2001–Present 2002–Present
Mary R. Russell	Marion	2002–Present
Patricia Breckenridge	Vernon	2004–Present
Zel M. Fischer	Atchison	2007–Present
George W. Draper III	St. Louis	2011–Present
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# Missouri Court of Appeals

The Constitution of 1865 provided for Missouri's first general intermediate courts, known as district courts. There were district courts in Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City, Macon, St. Charles, St. Joseph and Springfield. Each district was composed of three circuits. Appeals were taken from the circuit court to the district court and then to the Supreme Court. The district courts, however, were abolished in 1870 by a constitutional amendment.

Alarmed at the congested docket of the Supreme Court, the St. Louis Bar Association urged the 1875 Constitutional Convention to provide for another appellate court. As a result, the convention created the St. Louis Court of Appeals, consisting of three judges that heard appeals from Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis and Warren counties. Its territorial jurisdiction was expanded to include several more counties in 1884.

Another constitutional amendment in 1884 established the Kansas City Court of Appeals and authorized creation of another appellate court, when necessary, by the General Assembly.

The Springfield Court of Appeals was organized in 1909. Missouri's current appellate structure—a single Court of Appeals consisting of three geographic districts—was established by a 1970 constitutional amendment.

The Eastern District of the Court of Appeals sits in St. Louis and consists of 14 judges. Eleven judges preside over the Western District in Kansas City, and seven judges sit on the Southern District bench, meeting either in Springfield or Poplar Bluff. Trained law clerks, who are licensed attorneys, assist each appellate judge with legal research.

The Court of Appeals may issue and determine original remedial writs and has general appellate jurisdiction in all cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Cases not within the Supreme Court's exclusive jurisdiction, however, may be transferred from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court when it is determined that a case involves a split among the districts of the Court of Appeals or an important issue that should be decided by the state's highest court.

A chief judge is elected for the Eastern and Southern districts of the Court of Appeals by the judges in the districts and serves for such time as the districts determine. Traditionally, the chief judge in the Eastern District serves for one year, while the chief judge in the Southern District serves for two years. In the Western District, the chief judge serves a two-year term by rotation according to seniority.

The districts are authorized to sit in divisions of three judges if they choose, which all three districts have elected to do.

Courts of Appeals judges must be at least 30 years of age, residents of their district, U.S. citizens for 15 years and qualified Missouri voters for nine years before their selection. Appeals judges serve 12-year terms. They earn \$128,207 annually. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).





# Appellate Judges, Eastern District

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The Eastern District Court of Appeals sits in St. Louis. Judges serve 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the 14 judges earns an annual

salary of \$128,207. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.

#### **Territorial Jurisdiction:**

The City of St. Louis and counties of Audrain, Cape Girardeau, Clark, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Perry, Pike, Ralls, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Scotland, Shelby, Warren and Washington.

#### **KURT S. ODENWALD**

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Office address: One Post Office Square, 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

**Biography:** Born November 17, 1954, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri–St Louis, *magna cum laude*, B.A. in political science; St. Louis University School of Law, *cum laude*, J.D. Recipient of fellowship to study German law through the German Academic Exchange Service and the Ministry of Justice for NordRhein-Westfallen. Former member and chairman of the St. Louis County Council. Married to Sandra M. Odenwald, four children. Previously employed as associate general counsel for Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Served as assistant public defender, City of St. Louis. Partner with Guilfoil, Petzall & Shoemake prior to appointment to the bench. Member: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed to the Court of Appeals on October 30, 2007. Retained in 2008. Chief judge, 2011–2012. Term expires December 31, 2020.

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#### **CLIFFORD H. AHRENS**

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**Biography:** Born December 19, 1945, in Hannibal. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. *cum laude*, J.D. Married Kimberly Ann Robison. They have three children. Engaged in general practice of law, 1969–1991. Member: Holy Family Catholic Church; YMCA, president, 1981–1983; Kiwanis, president, 1978–1979; United Way of Hannibal, president, 1977–1978; Chamber of Commerce, president, 1979; Children's Trust Fund, board of directors, 1987–1991; St. Louis City–St. Louis County Board of Electors, 1990–1991; Hannibal Planning Commission, chair, 1983–1986; Missouri, American, Metropolitan St. Louis and 10th Judicial Circuit (president, 1981–1982) Bar Associations; *Missouri Law Review*, Phi Delta Phi; American Judicature Society; Missouri Court Automation Committee, chair, 2002–present. Awards: Missouri Judicial Conference Distinguished Service, 1999; Hannibal Kiwanian of the Year, 1983–1984; Legal Services of Northeast Missouri Outstanding Attorney, 1982. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, February 7, 1991. Retained in 1992 and 2004. Chief judge, 1996–1997. Term expires December 31, 2016.



#### ROBERT M. CLAYTON III

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**Biography:** Born August 20, 1969, in Hannibal. Sixth-generation Missourian. Educated in Hannibal public schools; Southern Methodist University, Bachelor of Arts, history, 1991; and the University of Missouri—Kansas City, Juris Doctor, 1994. Joined family law firm in Hannibal and engaged in private practice as associate and partner, 1994–2003. Elected state representative, 1994–2002. Appointed to Public Service Commission, 2003–2011, served as chairman, 2009–2011. Member of The Missouri Bar, the 10th Circuit Bar, the American Bar Association's Section on Public Utilities, Federal Communications Bar Association, BAMSL, St. Louis County Bar, Lawyer's Association of St. Louis, WLA and Mound City Bar. Serves as treasurer of Trinity Episcopal Church and on the board of Mark Twain Boyhood Home Foundation and Affordable Community Education, Inc. Member of the Hannibal YMCA Men's Club and the Hannibal Jaycees. Received Missouri Bar President's Award in 2001 and 2005, KCMBA YLS President's Award in 1994 and UMKC Law School's Decade Award in 2004. Married to Erin Lindsay Clayton with two children. Appointed July 18, 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012.



#### PATRICIA L. COHEN

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**Biography:** Born May 24, 1956, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Michigan, B.A., with high honors, 1978; Cornell Law School, J.D., 1982. In private practice from 1982–1997. Member: American and Metroplitan St. Louis bar associations, Women Lawyer's Associations of Greater St. Louis, National Association of Women Judges. Former or present member: Missouri Board of Certified Court Reporters, chair; Supreme Court of Missouri Civil Rules Committee and Legislative Committee; Appellate Judte Education Committee; Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel Congregation, trustee and vice president of administration. Appointed circuit judge for the 22nd judicial circuit on September 26, 1997. Retained in 1998. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, September 29, 2003. Retained in 2004. Chief judge, 2007-2008. Term expires December 31, 2016.



#### KATHIANNE KNAUP CRANE

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**Biography:** Born October 28, 1945, in St. Louis. Educated at Washington Univ.; A.B.; Univ. of Strasbourg; St. Louis Univ., J.D., *cum laude*. Married to David D. Crane. Two children. Served in the Peace Corps, 1967-1968; practiced law in St. Louis, 1972-1980; assistant U.S. attorney, 1980-1990. Received Robert Walston Chubb Award from Legal Services of Eastern Mo., 1992; Vincent C. Immel 1998 Alumni Merit Award from St. Louis Univ. School of Law; the Chief Justice's Award, 2002; Nerinx Hall Woman of Excellence Award, 2005; Women Lawyers' Assoc. President's Award, 2006; Women's Justice Award—Public Official 2010; and St. Louis University Women Law Student's Association Distinguished Honoree, 2010. Chair, Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, 1994-2003. Member: American Law Institute; Metropolitan St. Louis, Mo. and American Bar Assoc.; American Judicature Society; Fellow of the American and Mo. Bar Foundations; Women Lawyers' Assoc. Appointed to the Court of Appeals on July 9, 1990. Retained in 1992 and 2004. Chief Judge, 1995-1996. Term expires December 31, 2016.



ROBERT G. DOWD JR.

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**Biography:** Born March 6, 1951, in St. Louis. Served as United States Senate page, 1967. Educated at University of Missouri–St. Louis; Quincy College, B.A.; St. Mary's University, J.D. Married in 1982 to Denise Sandoz; they have three children. Engaged in private law practice. Elected magistrate judge, 1978. Retained as associate circuit judge, 1982. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Associations; Lawyers Association; St. Mary's University Alumni Association. Former chair of Judicial Education Committee and the Trial Judge Educaton Committee; former chair of Judicial Finance Commission. Board of directors: CYC. Past member: Quincy College Alumni Association; Mental Health Association; Daughters of St. Paul; Dismas House. Attended: National Judicial College, Reno, Nev.; American Academy of Judicial Education, Cambridge, Mass. Appointed circuit judge in 1985. Retained in 1986 and 1992. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, August 19, 1994. Retained in 1996 and 2008. Chief judge 1998–1999. Term expires December 31, 2020.



GARY M. GAERTNER JR.

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**Biography:** Born Dec. 17, 1964, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis Univ. School of Business, Honors Program, B.S., magna cum laude; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., cum laude. Married to Julie H. Sauer. They have six children. Former associate of Bryan Cave; asst. state prosecutor, the Circuit Attorney's Office; asst. federal prosecutor, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri; and chair, U.S. Dept. of Justice Insurance Fraud Task Force for the Eastern District. Awarded: Adler-Rosecan, Childress and Thomas J. White Fellowships, Alpha Sigma Nu Honorary Scholastic Society and Law Review, St. Louis Univ. School of Law. Received John C. Shepherd Professionalism Award, Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis. Member: Catholic Church; Crusade Against Crime of America (Medal of Valor), board of directors and secretary; and Edgewood Children's Center Eastern Region, advisory board. Appointed circuit judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, 2000; retained 2002 and 2008. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, November 2009. Term expires December 31, 2012.



#### MARY KATHRYN HOFF

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**Biography:** Born January 5, 1953, in St. Louis. Married with two children. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., education, and St. Louis University, J.D. Served as assistant public defender, St. Louis City, 1978–1982, and was engaged in private law practice, 1982–1989. Member: Missouri Bar Association; Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association; Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; National Association of Women Judges; Dean's Council, St. Louis University Law School; St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Former or present member: Natural Resources Commission, chair; Supreme Court Judicial Records Committee; Missouri Court Automation Committee; Supreme Court Family Court Committee; and Appellate Judicial Education Committee. Appointed circuit judge on May 15, 1989. Retained in 1990. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, December 15, 1995. Retained in 1998 and 2010. Chief judge, 2000–2001. Term expires December 31, 2022.



#### LAWRENCE E. MOONEY

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**Biography:** Born September 3, 1949, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University (A.B., J.D.). His life partner is Dr. James D. Reid. Engaged in private law practice (1974-1975; 1977-1978). Served in St. Louis County as assistant prosecuting attorney (1975-1977), first assistant prosecuting attorney (1979-1990) and executive assistant to the county executive (1991-1998). Chairman of the Judicial Finance Commission. Member of the Drug Court Coordinating Commission; American Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; International Association of Lesbian and Gay Judges and Lawyers for Equality. Board Member and secretary, Laumeier Sculpture Park. Board member, Buzz Westfall Charitable Foundation. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, August 14, 1998. Retained November 7, 2000. Chief judge, July 2002–June 2003. Term expires December 31, 2012.



#### **GLENN A. NORTON**

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**Biography:** Born in Macon, raised southeast of Anabel. Educated: Westminster College, B.A., English; Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, J.D. Married to Colleen Dolan; they have four children and four grandchildren. Practiced law in New London. Asst. prosecuting attorney, Ralls Co. Elected assoc. circuit judge, Ralls Co., 1994, 1998. Chief legal counsel to Gov. Bob Holden, 2001–2002. Member: Supreme Court Trial Judge Education Committee, chair; Supreme Court Coordinating Comm.; Judicial Branch Exec. Council; Legislative Committee; Supreme Court Comm. on Children's Justice, vice chair; Disproportionate Minority Confinement Governing Bd.; Mo. Assn. of Probate and Assoc. Judges, past pres.; Mo. Municipal and Assoc. Circuit Judges Assn., bd. of directors; Mo. Statewide Legal Svcs. Comm. for Low Income Missourians; Supreme Court Judicial Records Committee, 2002–2009; Action for Autism, bd. of directors and exec. committee; Howard Park School for Developmentally Challenged Children, Bd. of Directors and Exec. Committee. Judicial education instructor in Mo. and other states. Faculty, the Natl. Judicial College. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, 2002. Retained in 2004. Chief judge, July 2005–June 2006. Term expires December 31, 2016.



**ROY L. RICHTER** 

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**Biography:** Born in St. Louis. Undergraduate degree from Drury University, Springfield; law degree from the University of Missouri–Columbia. Elected as prosecuting attorney of Montgomery County, 1977–1978. Elected as probate/magistrate judge of Montgomery County, 1979. Became an associate circuit judge on January 2, 1979. Re-elected in 1982–2002. Served 15 years as the juvenile division judge for the 12th Circuit. Past president: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Missouri Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Kiwanis Club of Montgomery City. Served on The Missouri Bar's Judicial Article Review Commission and Missouri Supreme Court Committees including: Circuit Court Budget Committee, Judge Transfer Committee, Fine Collection Center and Municipal Judge Education. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, January 6, 2006, by Gov. Matt Blunt. Retained November 2008. Chief judge, 2010–2011. Term expires December 31, 2020.



#### KENNETH M. ROMINES

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**Biography:** Born in Wilmington, N.C. Educated at William Jewell College, A.B., liberal arts; University of Mississippi, J.D. Married Jane Hackett, June 18, 1966. They have three children. Served as clerk of the Supreme Court of Mississippi and as assistant attorney general of Missouri. Was in private law practice until his appointment to the bench. Member: Central Presbyterian Church. Appointed circuit judge on November 17, 1986, by Gov. John Ashcroft. Retained in 1988, 1994 and 2000. Appointed to the Court of Appeals by Gov. Matt Blunt on May 16, 2005. Retained in 2006. Chief judge 2009–2010. Term expires December 31, 2018.



#### SHERRI B. SULLIVAN

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**Biography:** Born September 20, 1953, in St. Louis. Undergraduate degree from University of Missouri—St. Louis, B.S., administration of justice; law degree, St. Louis University, J.D. Member: Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association, Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, National Association of Women Judges. Appointed associate circuit judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, February 27, 1989. Appointed circuit judge October 17, 1994. Retained in 1996. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, August 5, 1999. Retained in 2000. Chief judge 2003–2004. Term expires December 31, 2012.



# **Appellate Judges, Southern District**

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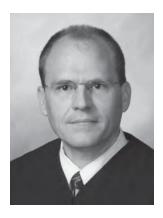
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The Southern District Court of Appeals meets in Springfield and in Poplar Bluff. Judges are named to 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the district's seven judges earns an annual salary of \$128,207. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.

#### Territorial jurisdiction:

The counties of Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Butler, Camden, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Greene, Hickory, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Maries, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Clair, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster and Wright.

Except by different stipulation of the parties, all cases from the counties of Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Crawford, Dent, Dunklin, Iron, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard and Wayne will be heard at Poplar Bluff.



DON E. BURRELL JR.

Office phone: (417) 895-6826.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

**Biography:** Chief Judge. Born December 1960 in Springfield. Educated at Missouri State University, formerly Southwest Missouri State University (B.S., 1983) and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (J.D., 1991). Married Denise Campfield on May 28, 1983. They have one son, Brooks, and one daughter, Claire. Practiced law in Kansas City and Springfield. Member: *UMKC Law Review*; Order of Bench and Robe; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar Associations; Judiciary's Legislative Committee; Trial Court Education Committee; Missouri Juvenile Court Improvement Project; Greene County Teen Court and Kids' Court; Grace Classical Academy Board; Victory Trade School Community Advisory Board. Elected circuit judge of the 31st judicial circuit in 1998. Re-elected in 2000 and 2006 (3 years as presiding judge). Inaugural recipient of Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association's Judicial Excellence award in 2007. Appointed to the Court of Appeals January 13, 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2022



**ROBERT S. BARNEY** 

Office phone: (417) 895-6818.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

**Biography:** Born in Puerto Rico; grew up in Bernie. Educated in the Bernie public schools; Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., education; National Law Center, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., J.D. Married to Janice; they have two sons, Alex and Stewart. Protestant. Served in the U.S. Army, 1966–1969, attained rank of Captain (overseas service). Member of legal bars of Missouri, Florida and District of Columbia. Practiced law in Southeast Missouri. Member: Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group for 10 years. Reserve Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State, 1979–1982 (overseas service). Elected to Missouri House of Representatives, 1983, 1984 and 1986. Associate circuit judge, 1987–1995. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, December 10, 1995. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2022.



**JEFFREY W. BATES** 

Office phone: (417) 895-6824.

Office address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

**Biography:** Born September 28, 1958, in Petersburg, Virginia. Educated at Southwest Missouri State University (B.S., 1979) and the University of Missouri–Columbia (J.D., 1984). Married Harriet Nelson on April 27, 1979. They have three sons and three daughters. Practiced law in Springfield. Member: Order of the Coif; Phi Delta Phi; Missouri Law Review; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar Associations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals November 14, 2003, for a term beginning on December 1, 2003. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2018.



#### WILLIAM W. FRANCIS JR.

Office phone: (417) 895-6820.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

**Biography:** Born in Springfield. Educated at Southwest Missouri State Univ. (B.S., 1974) and Univ. of Mo.–Columbia (J.D., 1977). Married Beverly A. Francis; they have three children. Practiced law with Miller, Fairman, Sanford & Carr as an associate (1977–1982). Partner: Miller & Sanford (1982–1989) and Placzek & Francis (1989–2010). Judge Francis is the author of many publications. Member: First & Calvary Presbyterian Church, ordained Deacon, Elder and former trustee; Founders Club, Mo. State Univ.; American Cancer Society; Missouri Bar (1977–present), vice chair, Insurance Law Committee (1979–1988), Workers' Comp. Committee (1981–2010), chair (1988–2000), vice chair (1992–1997), Legislative Review Subcommittee (2003–2005); Springfield Metropolitan Bar Assoc., president (1987), bd. of directors (1985–1986), Library Committee (1984), Charter & Bylaws Committee (1986), Workers' Comp. Committee, chair (1991), Medical/Legal Workers' Comp. Committee (1990–1996) and Bench/Bar Committee (2007–2010). Appointed to the Court of Appeals, May 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012.



#### **GARY W. LYNCH**

Office phone: (417) 895-6825.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Ste. 300, Springfield 65806.

**Biography:** Born June 19, 1952, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Educated at Southwest Baptist University (B.A. in mathematics and elementary education, 1974) and the University of Missouri–Columbia (J.D., 1976). Married Dana J. Cochran on August 17, 1974. They have two sons. Practiced law in Bolivar (1977–2002). Served as associate circuit judge of Polk County in the 30th judicial circuit (2003–2006). Member: *Missouri Law Review*; Polk County, Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar Associations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals January 6, 2006, for a term beginning on February 1, 2006. Retained in 2008. Term expires December 31, 2020.



#### **NANCY STEFFEN RAHMEYER**

Office phone: (417) 895-6823.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

**Biography:** Born October 10, 1951, in Spencer, Iowa. Educated at Iowa State University, B.S., history; Southwest Missouri State University, M.S., education; University of Arkansas, J.D. Was a clerk in the Federal District Court, 1987–1989; served as part-time municipal judge in Springfield 1993–2001. Engaged in private law practice in Springfield. Member: Missouri and Springfield Bar Associations; *Arkansas Law Review.* Appointed to the Court of Appeals, February 1, 2001. Retained in 2002. Term expires December 31, 2014.



**DANIEL E. SCOTT** 

Office phone: (417) 895-6822.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

**Biography:** Born September 29, 1955, in Herington, Kan.; grew up in Trenton. Educated at University of Missouri–Rolla, Central Missouri State University (B.S., 1977) and University of Missouri (J.D., 1980). Married Trina Pohle (J.D., 1981) in 1981; they have two daughters and a son. Practiced law in Joplin and served as assistant county prosecutor and special prosecutor. Order of the Coif; Phi Delta Phi; *Missouri Law Review*; Lon O. Hocker Trial Lawyer Award; Missouri Bar Board of Governors; and YLS chair. Member: The Missouri Bar and Jasper County Bar Association. Appointed to the Court of Appeals September 2006; retained in 2008. Chief judge, 2009–2010. Term expires December 31, 2020.



# Appellate Judges, Western District

1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106 Clerk: Terence G. Lord Telephone: (816) 889-3600 FAX: (816) 889-3668 www.courts.mo.gov

The Western District Court of Appeals is headquartered in Kansas City. The Court primarily hears cases in Kansas City but also sits in locations throughout the district. Judges are named to 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the district's 11 judges earns an annual salary of \$128,207. The chief judge serves a two-year term by rotation, generally according to seniority.

#### **Territorial Jurisdiction:**

The counties of Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Carroll, Cass, Chariton, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Schuyler, Sullivan, Vernon and Worth.



#### LISA WHITE HARDWICK

Office phone: (816) 889-3611.

Office address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Chief Judge. Born October 5, 1960, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri-Columbia, B.J., 1982; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1985. Practiced law with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City as associate (1985–1991) and partner (1992–2000). Elected to Jackson County Legislature (1993-2000). Member: St. James United Methodist Church; Jackson County and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar associations; Rockhurst High School, board of trustees; Swope Community Enterprises and Swope Health Services, board of directors; Supreme Court of Missouri Appellate Practice Committee, chair. Appointed Circuit Judge of Jackson County, 16th Judicial Circuit in 2000. Appointed to the Court of Appeals May 2, 2001. Retained in 2002. Term expires December 31, 2014.

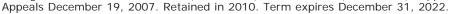


**ALOK AHUJA** 

Office Phone: (816) 889-3601.

Office Address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Born in Raipur, India. Educated at the University of Kansas, B.A., philosophy and English literature; Yale Law School, J.D. Married to Nina J. Ahuja. They have two daughters. Following graduation from law school, Judge Ahuja served as a law clerk to Judge Richard D. Cudahy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago from 1988-1989 and engaged in private practice in Washington, D.C. from 1989-1992. He returned to Kansas City in 1992, where he practiced with the Lathrop & Gage law firm as an associate (1992-1997) and member (1997-2007). Appointed to the Court of





JOSEPH M. ELLIS

Office Phone: (816) 889-3622.

Office Addresses: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Born October 25, 1946, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri-St. Louis, B.A., history; Washington University, J.D.; managing editor, *Urban Law Annual*. Married Linda Basler June 11, 1966; they have a daughter. Practiced law, 1972–1993. Served in U.S. Air Force, Office of Special Investigations and Judge Advocate General's Corps. Was municipal judge, City of Macon, 1987–1993. Member: Immaculate Conception Church; American, Missouri (Young Lawyers Section, 1975–1983, chair 1981–1982) board of governors, 1982–1990; Division of Judicial Administration, chair, 2004–present; 41st judicial circuit (past president) and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations; 1970 White House Conference on Children, planner; Blue Ribbon Commission, Future of Services to Children, 1987; Industrial Development Authority of Macon, president, 1978–1993; the Bar Plan Foundation, trustee, 1994–1997; Commission on Judicial Independence, 2005. Awards: Outstanding Jaycee, 1973; Missouri Bar President's Award, 2005. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, August 4, 1993. Retained in 1994 and 2006. Chief judge, 2002–2004. Term expires by age on October 25, 2016.



VICTOR C. HOWARD
Office phone: (816) 889-3626.

Office Address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

**Biography:** Born July 9, 1952, in Kansas City. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1973; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1976. He has three sons. Served: North Kansas City Board of Education, 1977–1993, secretary; law clerk to Judge William Marsh, Jackson County Circuit Court, 1977; Clay County deputy county counselor, 1977–1991; Youth Friends Advisory Board, chair; Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee, board member. Member: Tri-County Mental Health Supportive Employment Task Force; Domestic Violence Community Response Team, board; Kansas City Consensus Leadership Task Force; Kansas City Board of Zoning Adjustment, 1991–1993; Clay County Bar Association, president, 1992–1993. Practiced law until his appointment as a Clay County circuit judge in 1993. Retained in 1994. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, October 11, 1996. Retained in 1998. Term expires by age on July 9, 2022.



#### CYNTHIA LYNETTE MARTIN

Office phone: (816) 889-3617.

Office Address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

**Biography:** Born July 1, 1959, in Clinton. Educated at Lee's Summit High School, 1977; William Jewell College, *summa cum laude*, B.A., comm. and B.A., psychology, 1981; Univ. of Mo.–KC School of Law, Order of the Coif, J.D. 1984. Married to James D. Martin. She has two sons. Engaged in private practice for 25 years, the last 10 years as a solo practitioner. Member: Natl. Conf. of Bar Examiners, bd. of trustees, 2011; Missouri Bd. of Law Examiners, 2001–2011; KC Metropolitan Bar Foundation, pres., 2002–2003; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc., pres., 1999; Young Lawyers Section of the KCMBA, pres., 1990; 16th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, lawyer member, 2004–2009; Assoc. for Women Lawyers; Lee's Summit Educational Foundation, bd. member, 2006–2009; Southeastern Jackson County Citizens Assoc., bd. member, 2002–2009; Lee's Summit North Music Parents Organization, pres., 2005–2006. Listed Among the Best of the Bar by Missouri Lawyer's Weekly 2003, 2005–2009. Listed as Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyer, 2006–2009. Women's Justice Award, Public Official, 2010. Appointed to the Court of Appeals October 13, 2009. Term expires December 31, 2012.



#### KAREN KING MITCHELL

Office phone: (816) 889-3620.

Office address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

**Biography:** Born November 28, 1958, in Kansas City. Married to Gregory C. Mitchell, Esq.; they have one son, Samuel H. Mitchell. Educated at the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., and the University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Served as a law clerk to the Hon. Fernando J. Gaitan, Missouri Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, 1984–1985, and the Hon. Charles B. Blackmar, Supreme Court of Missouri, 1985–1986. Served as an assistant attorney general, office of the Missouri Attorney General, 1987–2009; chief deputy attorney general, 1999–2009; and state solicitor, 1996–1999. Member: Saint Andrews Lutheran Church, ELCA; Board of Governors of The Missouri Bar; Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court and Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases. Former member: Missouri Bar, Young Lawyers' Section Council; Missouri Supreme Court Appellate Practice Committee, Judicial Task Force for Gender and Justice and Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra. Recipient of the David J. Dixon Award for outstanding appellate advocacy. Appointed to the Court of Appeals July 9, 2009. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2022.



THOMAS H. NEWTON

Office Phone: (816) 889-3629.

Office Address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

**Biography:** Born April 23, 1952, in Washington, D.C., Graduate of Howard University, Washington, D.C., B.A., J.D. Married to Renee Pryor of Kansas City. They have one daughter. Member: Swope Parkway United Christian Church. Former assistant prosecuting attorney, Jackson County, 1984–1987; former assistant United States attorney, Western District, 1987–1993. Appointed circuit judge on September 7, 1993. Retained in 1994. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, November 1, 1999. Retained in 2000. Chief judge, 2009–2010. Term expires December 31, 2012.



MARK D. PFEIFFER
Office phone: (816) 889-3614.

Office address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

**Biography:** Born May 25, 1967. Married to Tracey Wright Pfeiffer; they have two sons. Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College. Juris Doctor degree from University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law. Private law practice with Farrington & Curtis (1992-1995), Springfield, Mo., and Bley & Pfeiffer, P.C. (1995-2009), Columbia, Mo. The Missouri Bar (Board of Governors, 1998-1999, Legislative Review Committee, 1997-2009; Tort Law Committee, 1997-2007). Boone County Bar Association (treasurer, 1998, chairman, 13th Judicial Circuit Civil Litigation Pattern Interrogatories Committee, 1998, Practice and Procedure Committee, 1999-2004, chairman, Board of Jail Visitors Committee, 1998-2009). National Board of Trial Advocacy, judicial fellow. Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, member. The Crossing Evangelical Church, member. Daniel Boone Little League Baseball, volunteer coach and board by Gov. Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon to the Court of Appeals, May 6, 2009. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2022.



#### JAMES MADISON SMART JR.

Office phone: (816) 889-3605.

Office address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

**Biography:** Born June 28, 1945. Educated at College of William and Mary, A.B., 1966; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1969. Married Talaine S. Alexander December 12, 1970. They have two adult children. Order of the Coif; *Missouri Law Review*, article editor; U.S. Army JAGC, 1970–1974; military judge, 1973–1974; Army Commendation medal; assistant prosecuting attorney, Jackson County, 1969–1970; private practice of law, 1974–1991. Member: Greater Kansas City Foundation for Citizens with Retardation, board of directors, 1991–1998; Deficit Reduction Task Force; Center School District No. 58, chair, 1996. Awarded honorary life membership, Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, 1997. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, December 13, 1991. Retained in November 1994 and 2006. Term expires by age attained on June 28, 2015.



JAMES E. WELSH

Office phone: (816) 889-3632.

Office address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Born May 26, 1948, in Brookfield. Educated at Parks College of Aeronautical Technology; St. Louis Univ., B.S., aeronautics, 1969; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. 1975. Married Theresa M. Kaszko, 1968. They have two daughters. Worked for aeronautics company, 1969–1975; law clerk to Judge Turnage, Missouri Court of Appeals, 1975–1976; a law firm, 1976–1985; Liberty municipal judge, 1983–1985; associate circuit judge, 1985–1988; circuit court judge, 1988–2007. Adjunct professor, Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City Law School. Member St. James Church; Missouri, Clay County, and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar assocs. Served as vice pres. and pres. of Missouri Circuit Judges Assoc. and Clay and Platte Municipal and Associate Judges Assoc.; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Court Assoc., treasurer and secretary. Appointed to the Court of Appeals November 5, 2007. Term expires by age on May 26, 2018.



**GARY D. WITT** 

Office phone: (816) 889-3608.

Office address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 2, 1965, in Smithville. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A., 1987; Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, J.D., 1990. Married to Angie LaRose Witt, 1994. Practiced law with Witt, Hicklin and Witt, P.C. until his appointment as a Platte Co. Associate Circuit Judge, 1998–2010. Served: State Rep., 29th Dist., 1991–1996 (chair, Judiciary and Ethics Committee and Special Committee on Impeachment); asst. city attorney and prosecutor for four cities; Governor's Comm. on Driving While Intoxicated and Impaired Driving, 1991; Governor's Task Force on Urban Violence, 1993; Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Assoc. (past pres.); Interim Legislative Committee On Judicial Resources, 2003; Chief Justice Advisory Council, 2005–2010. Member: Platte Co. Bar Assoc. (pres., 2002–2003); Edward D. Ellison Inn, UMKC Law School (judicial master); Judicial Conf. Leg. Committee (chair); Platte Co. Eleemosynary Society; Platte Co. Mechanical and Ag. Society (stockholder); Platte Co. Historical Society (life member); Walter Pope Binns Public Service Fellow; William Jewell College, Ten Outstanding Young Missourians, 1993; Mo. Jaycees, 1993. Voted Best Associate Circuit Judge; *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly* newspaper reader's poll 2009. Appointed to the Court of Appeals February 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012.

#### MISSOURI'S 45 JUDICIAL CIRCUITS SCOTLAND SULLIVAN RANDOLPH LAFAYETTE BATES ST. CLAIR PHELPS LAWRENCE BARRY MCDONALD



## Missouri Circuit Courts

Missouri's first two circuit courts were established in 1815. The 1820 Constitution provided for the creation of four circuits, each containing from four to eight counties. The number of circuits has increased over the years; today, 45 circuits operate in Missouri.

The first circuit judges were appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. The life term of the judges and their method of appointment proved unpopular, however; in 1850, the constitution was amended to provide for popular election. Most circuit judges are elected today, though judges in six circuits — Clay, Greene, Jackson, Platte and St. Louis counties and the city of St. Louis — are selected under provisions of the Nonpartisan Court Plan.

Constitutional amendments approved by Missouri voters in 1976 provide that the circuit courts shall be courts of original civil and criminal jurisdiction. All trials start at this level. Former courts of limited jurisdiction became divisions of the circuit court effective January 2, 1979.

Within the divisions of the circuit court, there are three levels of jurisdiction: circuit, associate and municipal. Circuit judges may act within all circuit jurisdictions.

The number of circuit judges is determined by the General Assembly. The constitution requires at least one circuit judge in each of Missouri's 45 judicial circuits.

Associate circuit judges may hear matters pending in the circuit court or assigned by the Supreme Court. Associate circuit judges hear all cases pursuant to Chapter 517, RSMo, and have concurrent jurisdiction over all cases pending in the circuit court.

The constitution requires at least one resident associate circuit judge in each county. The statutes authorize additional associate circuit judges depending on county populations. Presently, 193 associate circuit judges are required by statute.

Municipalities with 400,000 or more people must establish a municipal division over which a municipal judge presides. Communities of fewer than 400,000 people may establish municipal divisions to hear ordinance violations, or the municipality may request that these matters be heard in the associate division of the circuit court. Municipal judges are paid locally.

By statute, each circuit judge appoints a court reporter, and the court in each circuit appoints a juvenile officer. A circuit clerk in each county is selected according to law, and salaries are set by statute.

Circuit court judges must be at least 30 years old, residents of their circuit, U.S. citizens for 10 years and Missouri voters for three years. Circuit judges serve six-year terms. Associate circuit judges must be at least 25 years old, Missouri voters and residents of the counties they serve. Associate circuit judges serve four-year terms.

Circuit court judges each earn \$120,484 annually; associate circuit court judges earn \$109,366. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).

#### The Fine Collection Center

The Supreme Court of Missouri established the Fine Collection Center pursuant to section 476.385, RSMo. The center is a central bureau authorized by statute to process certain traffic, conservation and watercraft violations for the courts. The center began operation July 1, 1999, and by January 1, 2012, all courts will participate in the center's program.

Offenders who receive citations eligible to be processed by the center have the option of pleading guilty by paying their fine and costs directly to the center or by pleading not guilty and having their citations sent to the county or circuit prosecutor. When the offender pleads guilty and pays the fine and costs, the center issues a record of conviction and sends it to the Missouri Department of Revenue and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. All fines and costs are distributed to the local jurisdiction and the appropriate state agencies.

Policy and oversight of the center is provided by a committee consisting of at least seven associate circuit judges appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri. The committee establishes and maintains the uniform fine schedule in use by the center.



## **Circuit Court Judges**



Circuit 1
GARY DIAL

Office address: Scotland County Courthouse, 117 S. Market, Room 205, Memphis 63555; phone (660) 465-7012.

Home address: Rt. 1, Box 135-X, Memphis 63555.

Counties: Clark, Schuyler and Scotland.

**Biography:** Born October 12, 1955, in Kirksville. Educated at Truman State, formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University, B.A., political science, 1977; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Lana Porter July 29, 1978. They have two children, Lydia and Brian. Engaged in private practice in Memphis. Served as prosecuting attorney of Scotland County, 1981–1996; city attorney for Memphis. Member: Missouri and American Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge on January 30, 1996; elected November 1996 to fill an unexpired term. Re-elected: 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 2 RUSSELL E. STEELE

Office address: Adair County Courthouse, 3rd Fl., 106 W. Washington, Kirksville 63501; phone (660) 665-3145.

Home address: 27696 State Hwy. P, Kirksville 63501.

Counties: Adair, Knox and Lewis

**Biography:** Born February 27, 1952, in Kirksville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., economics, 1974; J.D., 1977. In private law practice, 1977–1997. Member: Missouri, Adair County and American Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge

December 1997. Elected: 1998, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 3

JACK E. PEACE

Office address: 802 E. Main, Princeton 64673; phone (660) 748-3430.

**Home address:** 3929 Littlewoods Dr., Trenton 64683. **Counties:** Grundy, Harrison, Mercer and Putnam.

**Biography:** Born July 20, 1951, in Princeton. Education: Northwest Missouri State University, B.S., business administration, 1973; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1976. Private practice of law, Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Widger, in Trenton, 1976–2007; Missouri Bar Association Board of Governors, Third Judicial Bar Association; Elected circuit judge: November 2006.

Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 4 ROGER M. PROKES

Office address: 305 N. Main, Ste. 204, Maryville 64468; phone (660) 582-4231.

Home address: 6 Golf Tee Ln., Maryville 64468.

Counties: Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth.

**Biography:** Born November 10, 1951, in Scottsbluff, Neb. Graduate of University of Nebraska–Lincoln, B.S., business administration, 1973; J.D., 1976. Married Julie A. Willson June 2, 1975. They have five children. Engaged in general law practice in northwest Missouri for 24 years. Former assistant professor of business law and adjunct professor of education law at Northwest Missouri State University. Elected circuit judge, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



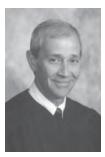
Circuit 5—Division 1

RANDALL R. JACKSON

Office address: Buchanan County Courthouse, 411 Jules, St. Joseph 64501; phone (816) 271-1447.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

**Biography:** Born July 19, 1949, in St. Joseph. Educated at Missouri Western State College; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science, 1971; J.D., 1974. Married Vicki Leigh Burton August 22, 1981. They have two sons, Garrett and Tyler. Former assistant city attorney and prosecutor for the city of St. Joseph; engaged in private law practice. Appointed magistrate judge January 1977, served through December 1978. Elected associate circuit judge in 1978, 1982 and 1986. Member: Green Valley Baptist Church, Missouri Western College Department of Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and St. Joseph and Missouri Bar associations. Received W. Oliver Rasch Award for outstanding article in *Journal of Missouri Bar*, 1999. Appointed circuit judge February 8, 1988. Elected: 1988, 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 5—Division 2 **WELDON C. JUDAH** 

Office address: Buchanan County Courthouse, 411 Jules, St. Joseph 64501; phone (816) 271-1441.

Home address: 2222 Edgewater Dr., St. Joseph 64506.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

**Biography:** Born July 2, 1949, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Missouri Western State College, B.S., business administration; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Linda C. Bachman. They have two daughters, Idean and Abigail. Admitted to The Missouri Bar, 1980; in private practice, 1981. Appointed Buchanan County assistant prosecutor, 1982–1986; elected St. Joseph municipal judge, 1986–1988; Buchanan County associate circuit judge, 1988, 1990 and 1994. Appointed circuit judge: 1995. Elected: 1996, 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 5—Division 3
PATRICK ROBB

Office address: Buchanan County Courthouse, 411 Jules, St. Joseph 64501; phone (816) 271-1444.

Home address: 4800 State Rt. H SE, Agency 64401.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born November 6, 1955, in Quincy, III. Educated at Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., political science; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Married Carol Ganter November 22, 1986. They have two children. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney in Buchanan County and practiced law for seven years. Elected associate circuit judge in 1986. Member: St. Joseph Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Missouri Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Natl. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; chair, Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases; and Presiding Judges' Executive Committee. Elected circuit judge: 1988, 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 5—Division 4 **DANIEL F. KELLOGG** 

Office address: Buchanan County Courthouse, 411 Jules, St. Joseph 64501; phone (816) 271-1477.

Home address: 2807 Whitman Dr., St. Joseph 64506.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan

**Biography:** Born Feb. 1, 1960, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Mo. Western State Univ., B.S., B.A. 1982; Univ. of Mo.—Columbia, J.D., 1988. Married Jennifer Lang Dec. 30, 1988. They have three children: Xan, Joseph and Annaka. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City, 1988–1990. Served as an asst. prosecuting attorney for Buchanan Co. and practiced law from 1990–1995. Appointed associate circuit judge in 1995 by Gov. Carnahan and retained in 1996 and 1998. Member: Wyatt Park Christian Church; Central Standard Chorus; Robidoux Resident Theatre; St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce; Bd. of Trustees for the Natl. Assoc. of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; American, Missouri, Kansas City Metropolitan and St. Joseph Bar associations. Elected circuit judge in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 6—Division 1

**ABE SHAFER** 

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Ste. 65, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-3431.

Home address: 21730 County Rd. M, Weston 64098.

County: Platte

**Biography:** Born July 18, 1943, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1965; University of Kansas, J.D., 1968. Married to Ann Shafer and has two children. Served as a Platte County prosecuting attorney, magistrate judge and associate circuit judge and practiced law for 29 years. Member: Weston Christian Church; American, Missouri and Platte (former president) Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge, September 28, 1999. Retained in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 6—Division 2 OWENS LEE HULL JR.

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Ste. 65, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-3436.

Home address: PO Box 248, Weston 64098.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born September 1, 1943. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., public administration; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Served in U.S. Army 1968–1970; Vietnam veteran. Served in Platte County as prosecuting attorney, 1975–1976, 1977–February 1978; magistrate judge, February 1978–January 1979; associate circuit judge, January 1979–August 1998. Member: Missouri and Platte County Bar associations; Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. Appointed circuit judge: August 1998. Retained in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 1 SHANE T. ALEXANDER

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3910.

County: Clay.

Biography: Born May 8, 1968, in North Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. History, 1990. Surface Warfare Officer, U.S. Navy, 1990–1994. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1997. Married Amy Alexander in 1993 and has three children. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Buchanan County, 1997–1999; assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 1999–2004; chief assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 2004–2008; municipal judge, Excelsior Springs, 2004–2008; municipal prosecutor, Smithville, 2006–2008. Appointed circuit judge August 6, 2008. Elected in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 2 ANTHONY REX GABBERT

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3920.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born September 25, 1956, in Kansas City. Educated at the Universities of Mo.–Columbia and Kansas City, B.A.; Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. He has two daughters. He is an Episcopalian. Engaged in private practice, 1986 and 1991–1994; asst. prosecuting atty. of Clay County, 1987–1991; prosecuting atty. of Gladstone, 1991–1992; municipal judge, North Kansas City, 1993–1994; associate circuit judge, 1994–2004. Member of American, Missouri, Clay County (past secretary/ treasurer), and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar assns. Served on Clay-Platte-Ray Mental Health Tax Levy Bd. and North Kansas City Hospital bd. of trustees, sec. adjunct professor, Park University, William Jewell College and Rockhurst Univ. Member: Mo. Supreme Court Legislative Steering Committee 1999–2004; executive council of the Judicial Conference for State of Mo., 2008–present. Appointed circuit judge June 1, 2004. Retained November 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 3 K. ELIZABETH DAVIS

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3930.

Biography: Completed undergrad from University of Kansas. Graduated law school from University of Kansas in 1982. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Clay County Non-Support Division from 1982-1997. She is married and has one son. Appointed associate judge of Clay County, División 5, in February 1997. Appointed circuit judge for Divison 3 in January 2007. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016.



Circuit 7—Division 4 LARRY HARMAN

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3940.

Home address: 1006 Wildbriar, Liberty 64068.

County: Clay

**Biography:** Born August 29, 1953, in St. Joseph. Graduated from William Jewell College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1975. Married Debra A. (Perry) Harman. They have three children. Member of Liberty United Methodist Church. Engaged in private practice, 1978. Assistant public defender, Clay County; Clay County prosecuting attorney; municipal judge, Claycomo; city attorney, Smithville and Lathrop; prosecuting attorney, Liberty; special assistant attorney general, 1986–1987. Active with various local service groups and charities. Member: Kansas City Federation of Musicians 34-627; past member of Missouri Masonic Home Board. Appointed circuit judge: August 26, 1992. Retained in 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 8

#### DAVID H. MILLER

Office address: Ray County Courthouse, PO Box 346, Richmond 64085; phone (816) 776-3525.

Home address: 216 Park Ave., Richmond 64085

**Biography:** Born October 6, 1947, in Springfield, Mo. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. (1969), J.D. (1975). Married to Valerie Miller with two children, Ian and Whitney. Served in the United States Navy, 1969 to 1972, with rank at discharge of Lieutenant, Senior Grade. General practice 1975 to 1989. District public defender 1989 to 2008. Served as president of Ray County Ambulance District, 1985 to 2009. Member: Richmond United Methodist Church; Ray County and Missouri Bar Associations; and Richmond Kiwanis Club, past president. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 9

#### GARY E. RAVENS

Office address: PO Box 84, 108 N. High, Linneus 64653; phone (660) 895-5523.

Home address: PO Box 315, Marceline 64658.

Counties: Chariton, Linn and Sullivan.

Biography: Born October 16, 1945, in St. Louis. Graduated from Southeast Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Married to Eleanor I. Ravens. They have two children, Andrea and Jared. United States Army, Military Police Corps, 1969–1971. General practice of law from 1972–1994. Elected circuit judge: 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December

31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 10

#### RACHEL BRINGER

Office Address: Marion County Courthouse, 906 Broadway, Hannibal 63401; phone (573) 221-0579; FAX: 573-221-0366.

Home Address: 504 S. Main, Palmyra 63461.

Counties: Marion, Monroe and Ralls.

Biography: Born September 19, 1971, and raised on a farm in Marion County. Educated at Palmyra High School; graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A., honors, in English from the Univ. of Missouri–Columbia; Juris Doctor from the Univ. of Missouri–Columbia Law School, where she served as a member of the *Missouri Law Review*. Served as assistant prosecutor in Marion County, 2000–2002; a law clerk for Judge Reinhard, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, 1995–1997; state representative, District 6, Marion and Ralls Counties, 2002–2010; private practice in Palmyra, 1997–2010. Member: South Union Baptist Church in Maywood, where she is a pianist and former Sunday School teacher; Missouri Children's Justice Task Force, Mark Twain Home Foundation Board; Hannibal Arts Council Board; Palmyra Kiwanis; Hannibal Rotary; Palmyra Chamber of Commerce. Former board member: Hannibal-LaGrange College and American Red Cross. Appointed circuit judge December 30, 2010, to fill unexpired term. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 11—Division 1

#### TED HOUSE

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 539, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-5538.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born in Kansas City. Educated at Fayette High School, 1977; Central Methodist University, B.A., 1981; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1984. Married Martha Smith in St. Charles. Children: Benjamin, Catherine and Daniel. Employment: emergency medical technician; legal intern for Missouri attorney general; field representative for Congressman Ike Skelton; private law practice in St. Charles; asst. professor of political science at Lindenwood University. Member: First United Methodist Church of St. Charles. Vice president, Missouri Circuit Judges Association. Elected to Missouri House of Representatives 1988, 1990 and 1992; Missouri Senate, 1994 and 1998. Associate circuit judge, 2002; circuit judge, 2004 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 11—Division 2

#### NANCY L. SCHNEIDER

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 439, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 5512. Home address: 1600 Watson St., St. Charles 63301.

County: St. Charles

**Biography:** Born in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri, Lindenwood College, B.A., business administration, *magna cum laude*, 1978; St. Louis University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1981. She has two daughters, Kristin and Meghan. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1981–1991. Board of governors, Truman State University, 1987–1995; special assistant, Missouri attorney general, 1989–1991; prosecuting attorney, St. Charles County Juvenile Court, 1986–1990; special assistant, St. Charles county counselor, 1986–1987; appointed St. Charles County associate judge, 1991. Elected in 1992 and 1994. Elected circuit judge: 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Republican.



#### Circuit 11—Division 3

LUCY D. RAUCH

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 341, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 5541. Home address: 1022 Jefferson St., St. Charles 63301.

County: St. Charles

**Biography:** Born November 3, 1949, in St. Charles. Educated at Duke University, B.A., English; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.S., library science; St. Louis University, J.D. St. Charles County prosecuting attorney's office, 1979–1982. Elected associate circuit judge, 1982, 1986 and 1990. Served on Case Processing Time Standards Committee, 1992, and the Domestic Relations Committee, 1992–1993. Member: St. Charles County Bar Association; Catholic Church; St. Charles Rotary Club; Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles, advisory board, 1996–2003. Appointed circuit judge: October 1, 1991. Elected: 1992 (special election). Re-elected: 1994, 2000 and 2006. Served as presiding judge, 1995–1998 and 2003–2004. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 4 RICHARD K. ZERR

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 535, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3094.

Home address: 176 Huntington Downs, St. Charles 63301.

County: St. Charles

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Administrative judge of the Family Court. Born April 10, 1949. Graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia, A.B., political science; University of Arkansas–Fayetteville, J.D. First Lieutenant-Retired U.S. Air Force. Served in St. Charles County: magistrate judge, 1975–1978, associate circuit judge, 1979–1982, circuit judge 2007–present. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Charles County Bar Association, American Judges Association, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 5
JON A. CUNNINGHAM

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 330, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3095.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born November 8, 1955, in Louisiana, Mo. Graduate of Truman State University, B.S.E. history, *magna cum laude*, 1978; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1982. Married to Sally Cunningham; they have one son, Jonathan. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1982–1990. Past president of St. Charles County Bar Association; member of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1991–2011; National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Elected associate circuit judge in 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Elected presiding judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit for 2009–2010. Term expires on December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 7

DANIEL PELIKAN

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 333, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3026.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born January 11, 1958, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University High School, 1976; University of Missouri, B.J., 1980; St. Louis University Law School, J.D., 1984. Married to Lisa (White) Pelikan. They have two sons, Nicholas and Jake. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1985–1998; St. Charles County assistant county counselor, 1985–1986; county counselor, 1986–1987. Member: Children's Trust Fund Board, 1988–1993, chairman, 1991–1993; Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2001–2003; United Services for the Handicapped board, 1989–1999, chairman, 1995–1996; St. Cletus Catholic Church; St. Charles Rotary Club; Boys and Girls Club Board; Eagle Scout Association. Appointed to Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Domestic Relations Cases and Supreme Court Automation Committee; Elected associate judge: 1998 and 2002. Elected circuit judge 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 12 **KEITH M. SUTHERLAND** 

Office address: Warren County Courthouse, 104 W. Main St., Warrenton 63383; phone (636) 456-9705.

Counties: Audrain, Montgomery and Warren.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born June 29, 1945, in Washington, D.C. Educated at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, B.A., 1967, and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1973. Married Janet Haverkamp. They have three sons. Served in U.S. Army, 1969–1971. Practiced law in Warrenton, 1973–1978. Elected prosecuting attorney of Warren County, 1974; re-elected, 1976. Elected associate circuit judge of Warren County, 1978–1998. Member: Friedens United Church of Christ; Municipal Judge Education Committee, 1985–2000, chair, 1988–2000; Coordinating Commission for Judicial Branch Education, 1998–2000; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1979–2000; Circuit Court Budget Committee, 2005–present; Crider Center for Mental Health, board of directors. Elected circuit judge: 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 13—Division 1

#### CHRISTINE CARPENTER

Office address: 705 East Walnut, Boone County Courthouse, Columbia, MO 65201; phone (573) 886-4050.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

**Biography:** Born October 20, 1947, in Syracuse, N.Y. University of Missouri, B.A, art history and archaeology, 1973. University of Missouri, J.D., 1980. Married Joseph Bindbeutel August 15, 1981. Four sons: Gabriel, Burke, Nicholas and Duncan. Missouri Supreme Court Committee for Alternative Treatment Courts member since 2007; Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR) Fellow since 2009; faculty member, National Drug Court Institute, since 2002; board member of Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals since 2008. Appointed Drug Court Commissioner, 1999. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2001. Elected 2002, 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge, 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 13—Division 2
GARY OXENHANDLER

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4050.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born in St. Louis, 1946. Education: University City High School, 1964; University of Missouri, B.A., 1968 and J.D., 1973. Served in the United States Army, 1969–1970. Married for 40 years. Private practice for 29 years with Marvin Tofle. AV Rating Martindale-Hubbel. Member of numerous boards and commissions including: president, Columbia Chamber of Commerce; co-chair, Columbia's 1996 Race Relations Task Force; chair, Boone County's 1997 Jail Task Force; and 2000 Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force. Interests include competitive handball, golf and reading. Appointed circuit judge: 2002. Elected: November 2, 2004. Term expires in 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 13—Division 3 **KEVIN CRANE** 

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

**Biography:** Born December 29, 1961. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, 1984, speech/communications; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1987. Married Lesley Pugh September 16, 2010. They have six children. Missouri assistant attorney general, 1987–1990; assistant Boone County prosecuting attorney, 1990–1993, Boone County prosecuting attorney 1993–2006. Elected circuit judge for term starting 2007. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 13—Division 4

JODIE CAPSHAW ASEL

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4050.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

**Biography:** Born June 9, 1950, in Chaffee. Graduated Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., 1972 and J.D., 1975. Married to Donald B. Asel; three daughters: Ashley, Toby and Mackenzie. Boone County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1976–1978, and assistant public defender, 1979–1980. Private practice, 1981–1991. Served on Executive Council of the Judicial Conference, 1994–2006; Board of Directors of the Missouri Assn. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1995–2002, president, 2000–2001. Supreme Court committees: Family Court, Case Management, Fine Collection, Legislative Steering and Trial Judge Education, vice chair. Mo. Bar committees: Foresight and the Division of Judicial Administration; Exec. Committee of the Boone County Bar, 2003–2006, president, 2004–2005. Appointed associate circuit judge in 1991 and elected 1992–2006. Elected circuit judge in 2006 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 14 **SCOTT HAYES** 

Office Address: Randolph County Justice Center, 372 Hwy. JJ, Suite C, Huntsville 65259; phone (660) 277-4240.

Counties: Howard and Randolph.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law. United States Air Force veteran. Served as Randolph County associate circuit judge, 2003–2006; assistant public defender, 1998–2002; Randolph County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1994–1998. Member of Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and American Judicature Society. Elected circuit judge 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 15

#### **DENNIS A. ROLF**

Office address: 548 Main, PO Box 751, Concordia 64020; phone (660) 463-5834.

Counties: Lafayette and Saline.

Biography: Born December 7, 1958, in Warrensburg. Graduate of Santa Fe High School, Alma, 1977; Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., agricultural economics, 1980; J.D., 1983. Married Rebecca S. Owens, 1981. They have three children. Practiced law in Carrollton, 1983–1984, and in Concordia, 1984–2000. Was assistant prosecutor for Lafayette County; public defender for Lafayette and Saline counties; municipal prosecutor for Alma, Concordia, Corder, Higginsville, Napoleon and Wellington; municipal attorney for Alma, Concordia, Corder, Napoleon and Wellington; municipal judge for Alma, Higginsville, Lexington, Napoleon, Waverly and Wellington. Member: Trinity Lutheran Church, Alma; Santa Fe R-10 Foundation, Inc.; Missouri, Lafayette and Saline County Bar assns.; the Mo. Bar Disciplinary Committee; and active in youth activities. Elected circuit judge: 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



### Circuit 16—Division 1 **SANDRA C. MIDKIFF**

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3601.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born August 29, 1950 in St. Louis. Graduate of Normandy High School, St. Louis, 1968: Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., B.A., political science, 1972; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1975, with honors. Engaged in private practice from 1975 until her appointment to the bench. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; founding member of Association of Women Lawyers; former board member, Legal Aid of Western Missouri (LAWMO); former board member, Rose Brooks Center. 2008 Recipient of Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Benjamin Cardozo Award for Judicial Courage and Excellence. Appointed circuit judge March 8, 2002. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 2

#### MICHAEL W. MANNERS

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4402.

Home address: Independence 64057.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born September 25, 1950, in Independence. Graduated from Truman High School, 1968; Central Missouri State University, B.A., history and political science, *summa cum laude*, 1972; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1976. Practiced law in Independence for 24 years. Prosecuting attorney for Smithville from 1982 to 2000. Appointed circuit judge November 16, 2000. Retained in 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 3

#### DAVID M. BYRN

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3603.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born April 25, 1957 in Detroit, Michigan. Educated at Kirtland High School, Kirtland, Ohio, 1975; Graceland University, B.A. *summa cum laude*, economics and social studies, 1978; and University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1981. Married to Pamela (1983), two children. Practiced law at Jeter, Rains & Byrn, L.C. (emphasis on business, real estate, construction and commercial litigation) 1981-2008. Certified mediator. Member: The Missouri Bar, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Eastern Jackson County Bar Association (recipient of Community Service Award). Member and ordained minister, Community of Christ. Past or present board member and officer of Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts of America local council, Truman Neurological Center, Optimist Club and numerous city and church boards and commissions. Appointed circuit judge September 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 4

#### JUSTINE E. DEL MURO

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3604.

Home address: Kansas City.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born July 15, 1955, in Chicago, III. Educated at the University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., speech and hearing sciences/psychology. Attended the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1981–1984. Practiced law at Legal Aid, the Jackson County public defender's office, and the Popham Law Firm. Adjunct professor at Rockhurst College, 1990–1991. Member: Association of Women Lawyers; Missouri, Hispanic and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar associations. Recipient of the David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award, 1990. Appointed circuit judge July 30, 1993. Retained in 1994 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 5

JAMES F. KANATZAR

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3605.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Educated at Creighton University, B.A.; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson, County 1993 to 2000 and 2002 to 2007. During that time he was a trial team leader, chief trial assistant, chief deputy prosecutor and also served on the homicide committee for the Prosecutor's Office. Associate for the firm of Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City 2000 to 2002. Jackson County Prosecutor 2007, elected in 2008. Serves on the Board of Governors and the Criminal Law Committee for The Missouri Bar. Member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Eastern Jackson County Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association and is a past member of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Recipient of of the Louis Lombardo Prosecutor of the Year Award, Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from Jackson County, Missouri and was recognized by the U.S. Department of Defense with its Patriotic Employer Award for his support of the Guard and Reserve forces. Appointed to the Court by Governor Jay Nixon in 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 16—Division 6
J. DALE YOUNGS

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3606.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born September 14, 1964 in Kansas City, Educated at University of Missouri-Columbia, B.J.; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Married with two children. Engaged in private practice of law from 1989 to1996 and again from 2002 to 2009, Served as assistant Missouri attorney general from 1996 to 2002. Served on Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association board of directors and as president of Missouri Institute for Justice. Served as adjunct professor – trial advocacy, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Member of board of directors of Sherwood Center. Appointed circuit judge April 30, 2009. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 7

**ANN MESLE** 

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3607.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born May 2, 1946, in Independence. Educated at Graceland College; University of Missouri; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1972. Prior legal experience with Achtenberg, Sandler & Balkin; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; and Lathrop & Gage. Married, with one daughter. Past president of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the University of Missouri–Kansas City Law Foundation. Awards: University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, Alumna of the Year, 2000; Association for Women Lawyers, Woman of the Year, 1999; Judge of the Year in 2004 and Missouri Bar Theodore McMillian Judicial Excellence Award, 2010. Appointed circuit judge: November 2000. Retained in 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 8

#### **PEGGY STEVENS McGRAW**

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3608.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born December 5, 1951, in Mt. Ayr, Iowa. Educated at Worth County R-I High School; graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., economics, 1973; J.D, 1976. Married to Honorable Gary A. Fenner, one son, James Maxwell. Served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jack P. Pritchard, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, 1976–1977; appointed clerk of the Court of Appeals, 1979. Appointed associate circuit judge: June 29, 1995. Appointed circuit judge: January 2, 2001. Retained in 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 9

#### JOEL FAHNESTOCK MAY

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3609.

**County**: Jacksor

**Biography:** Born March 1, 1969, in Marshall. Graduate of William Woods College, B.S., English communications, teaching certification secondary schools; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1994. Prior to appointment, practiced at the United States attorney's office–civil division. Served as law clerk to the Hon. Scott O. Wright, 1994–1996. Appointed in December 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 16—Division 10 CHARLES E. ATWELL

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3610.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born April 1, 1950, in Kansas City. Graduate of Univ. of Kansas, B.A., education, 1972; UMKC, J.D., 1978. Married to Janel Ann Robinson. They have two children. Former history teacher, 1973–1975; adjunct prof. of law, 1981–2001; instructor, Natl. Institute of Trial Advocacy, 2006-2008; Univ. of Ks. and Northwestern Univ., 1981–1997; Loyola Univ., Chicago, 1998–present; asst. Jackson Co. prosecuting atty., 1978–1981; asst. U.S. atty., Western Dist. of Mo., 1983–1984; pres., Mo. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1989–1990; bd. member, Natl. Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1991–1996. Member: Second Presbyterian Church; Mo. Supreme Court committee on procedures in criminal cases (formerly MAI); 2000–present, presenter for Mo. Supreme Court education committee on criminal law for annual state judicial college. Administrative judge 2008–2010 for the Jackson County Family Court. Appointed circuit judge 1996. Retained 1998, 2004 and 2010. Presiding judge 2011–2012. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



#### Circuit 16—Division 11

#### WESLEY BRENT POWELL

Office address: 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3611.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born July 21, 1970. Originally from Springfield, Mo. Undergraduate degree at William Jewell College; J.D. from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1996. Editor for the *Missouri Law Review*, Student Bar Association president and student law clerk for Missouri Supreme Court Judge Elwood Thomas. Practiticed law at Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City. Became assistant prosecutor in the Platte County prosecutor's office in 1997. Began working as an assistant United States attorney for the United States attorney's office in 2001. Served as the chief of the General Crimes Unit and executive assistant United States attorney. Serves on Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts and the Trial Judge Education Committee. Serves on Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts and the Trial Judge Education Committee. He and his wife, Beth, live in Kansas City. Appointed circuit judge in February 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



#### Circuit 16—Division 12

#### **EDITH LOUISE MESSINA**

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3612.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born January 7, 1945, in Kansas City. Educated at Avila College, B.A., English literature; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. She is single. Served as a Peace Corps volunteer in northern Nigeria, 1966–1968, working in both teaching and community development. Engaged in private law practice, 1976–1981; was with the Missouri public defender's office, 1974–1976 and 1981–1984. Member: St. Thomas More Catholic Church and Phi Alpha Delta. Appointed circuit judge October 1, 1984. Retained in 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



#### Circuit 16—Division 13

#### CHARLES (CHIP) McKENZIE

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3613.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born April 17, 1963, in Indianapolis, Ind. Educated at Cardinal Newman College, B.A., business administration, and the University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1988. He is married to Jennifer McKenzie; they have four children. He served as assistant prosecuting attorney in the Jackson County, Mo. prosecutor's office from 1988–1993 and was in private practice from 1993–2011. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Appointed circuit court judge June 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012



#### Circuit 16—Division 14

#### JOHN M. TORRENCE

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone: (816) 881-3614.

County: Jackson

**Biography:** Born December 7, 1957, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia and St. Louis University, B.A., 1979; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1982. Married Julie Marie Hill June 3, 1989. They have three children. Former assistant public defender, Jackson County, 1982–1988. Engaged in private practice and partner in law firm, 1988–2001. Member: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge: July 12, 2001. Retained in 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 15 ROBERT M. SCHIEBER

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3615; FAX (816) 881-3225.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born November 15, 1960. University of Mo.–Columbia, dual degree in broadcast journalism and advertising, 1983; University of Mo.–K.C. School of Law, J.D., 1988. He is married and the father of three children. Was law clerk for then-Circuit Judge John I. Moran, 1988. Appointed by Jackson County Circuit Court as family court commissioner, May 2000. Assistant legal advisor to the Kansas City Police Department, 1998–2000. He was also on contract with the Jackson County Family Court's Office of the Juvenile Officer from 1997 until his appointment as family court commissioner, representing that office in cases on appeal. Has worked in public and private practice, prosecuting and defending criminal cases and has had an extensive civil litigation practice. Appointed circuit judge: November 2006. Retained in 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 16
MARCO ROLDAN

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4416.

Home address: Jackson County.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born June 13, 1957, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Educated at Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1979; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married with three children. Appointed circuit judge: September 28, 1999. Retained in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 17

JACK RICHARD GRATE

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050-3715; phone (816) 881-4417.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born October 7, 1949, in St. Louis. Educated at the University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1972, and the University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1976. Married to Joan Canoy. They have four children. Member: Catholic Church. In private practice, 1976–2004. Former board member of Legal Aid of Western Missouri, 1987–1996, president 1994–1995; Eastern Jackson County Bar Associations, president, 1999–2000, Missouri Bar. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Bob Holden, April 2004. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 18 BRIAN C. WIMES

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City, 64106; phone (816) 881-3618.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born January 18, 1966, in Kansas City. Judge Wimes earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Kansas and a law degree from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He served as Jackson County drug court commissioner from 2001–2006. He previously worked in the Jackson County prosecutor's office, 1995-2001, and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Litigation Branch, 1994-1995. Judge Wimes is a former president of Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, former board member of Hope House Domestic Violence Shelter and participated in Big Brother Big Sister program. Appointed circuit judge July 9, 2007. Retained in 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 19

#### KATHLEEN A. FORSYTH

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3759.

**Biography:** Educated at Emporia State University, B.S. in business administration; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. She was engaged in private law practice, 1980–1994. Appointed Jackson County Probate Court commissioner, 1994. Served as council member, vice chair and chair, Missouri Probate and Trust Law Committee; Kansas City Metro Bar Association Probate and Estate Planning Committee, vice chair and chair; Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, executive committee, board and treasurer. Member: Missouri Bar Gender and Justice Committee; Pets for Life Board, Legal Beagle Chapter. Appointed circuit judge: June 19, 2003. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 17—Division 1

JACQUELINE A. COOK

Office address: Cass County Juvenile Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8175.

Counties: Cass and Johnson.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born August 2, 1958, in Chicago, III. Educated at Central Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri– Kansas City, M.A., J.D. Married Feb. 18, 1983 to Eldon B. Cook. They have two children. Private practice, 1990–2000. Law clerk, 1989–1990, for Hon. Fernando Gaitan Jr., then Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District judge; former member, board of directors, Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Member: Belton Evening Optimist; Daughters of the American Revolution; Bel-Ray Lions Club; St. Paul's Methodist Church; American Bar Association; Kansas City Metro Bar Assoc.; Association of Women Lawyers; Cass and Johnson County Bar assocs.; Missouri Supreme Court's Committee on Procedures in Criminal Cases, 2010–present. Former member: 8th Circuit Pattern Instruction Committee—Criminal. Elected circuit judge in November 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 17—Division 2 R. MICHAEL WAGNER

Office address: Johnson County Justice Center, 101 W. Market, Warrensburg 64093; phone (660) 422-7407.

Counties: Cass and Johnson.

**Biography:** Born September 24, 1963. Educated at Rockhurst College, B.A., 1986; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1990. Married August 7, 1998, to wife, Melody. Engaged in private law practice 1990–2008. Raymore, Missouri and Garden City, Missouri municipal judge 2006–2008. Board of directors of Casco. Member of Bel-Ray Lions Club, National Rifle Association. Attends Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Elected circuit judge November 2008. Term expires December 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 18 **ROBERT L. KOFFMAN** 

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 827-0164.

Home address: Sedalia 65301. Counties: Cooper and Pettis.

Biography: Born December 24, 1953, in Maryville. Educated: Moberly public schools; Central Mo. State Univ., B.S., 1977; St. Mary's Univ., San Antonio, Texas, J.D., 1980. Married Doris Fry, 1981. Two children, John and Kathryn. Associate circuit judge, Pettis Co., 1981–2005. Member: Wesley United Methodist Church; Mo. and Pettis Co. Bar assns.; Sedalia School Foundation; AF & AM Lodge No. 272; Legislative Steering Comm. and exec. council, Mo. Judicial Conference; Sedalia Jaycees, past vice pres.; Circuit Court Budget Committee Member; past pres., Mo. Assn. of Probate and Assoc. Circuit Judges; Sedalia Symphony Society; Central Mo. State Univ. Alumni Band; Sedalia Rotary Club. Appointed circuit judge: 2005. Elected in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 19—Division 1

JOHN BEETEM

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, 301 E. High St., Rm. 201, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102-1870; phone (573) 634-

County: Cole.

**Biography:** Born May 1, 1959. Educated at the University of Kentucky, B.S., pharmacy; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. He is married and has two children. Engaged in the private practice of law, 1992–2006. Member: First Presbyterian Church; Missouri Bar and Cole County Bar associations, past president. Elected circuit judge 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 19—Division 2

DANIEL R. GREEN

Office Address: Cole County Courthouse, 301 E. High St., Jefferson City 65101; phone (573) 634-9190.

County: Cole

**Biography:** Born March 9, 1963. Educated at Trevecca Nazarene University, B.A., history; Vanderbilt University, M.A. candidate, religion; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D. Married to Samantha Green, four children. Private practice of law, 1990–2010. Jefferson City prosecuting attorney, 1997–2010, Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 19—Division 4
PATRICIA JOYCE

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, 301 E. High St., Jefferson City 65101; phone (573) 634-9178.

County: Cole.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born September 6, 1955, in Cape Girardeau. Educated at Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., law enforcement, *summa cum laude*, 1976; St. Louis University, J.D. *cum laude*, 1979. Married to Dan Joyce. They have five children. Staff attorney, Mid-Missouri Legal Services, 1980–1983; assistant prosecuting attorney, Cole County, 1983–1994. Member: St. Joseph Cathedral; Chief Justice Advisory Council; State Judicial Records Committee; Circuit Court Budget Committee; and Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals. Elected associate circuit judge 1994 and 1998. Elected circuit judge in 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 20—Division 1 GAEL D. WOOD

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Room 100C, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6306.

Home address: Washington 63090.

Counties: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born October 23, 1947, in Washington, Mo. Educated at University of Missouri, B.A., 1969, and University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. (with distinction), 1975. Married: one daughter, Samantha. In private practice in Washington, 1975–2000. Served as municipal judge for Washington and Owensville. Served as president of 20th Circuit Bar Association; Washington Rotary; Washington Area Chamber of Commerce; Emmaus Homes, Inc., board of directors. Member: Emmaus Homes, Inc., Property Board. Elected circuit judge in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 20—Division 2

I.I. LAMKE

Office Address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Room 100B, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6309.

Counties: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

**Biography:** Born December 20, 1951 in Washington, Mo. Educated at St. Louis University, B.A., 1974, and Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1977. Married Susan J. Schweitzer November 27, 1983. In private practice in Union and Washington, 1977–2010. Elected circuit judge in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Republican.



Circuit 21—Division 1 ROBERT S. COHEN

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1501.

County: St. Louis

**Biography:** Born July 4, 1946, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia and Washington University, A.B.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Married August 16, 1970, to Sheila Ann Brin. They have two children. Engaged in private law practice. Elected to two terms as magistrate, Second District, St. Louis County. Served as magistrate and associate circuit judge, 1975–1994. Member: Congregation Shaare Emeth; Missouri and St. Louis County (past president) Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge: July 6, 1994, by Gov. Mel Carnahan. Retained in 1996, 2002 and 2008. Presiding judge: 1998–2000. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 2
MAURA McSHANE

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1502.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in San Antonio, Texas. Graduated from St. Louis University, B.S.; South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, J.D. Private practice, 1982–1984. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1984–1994. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis County Bar associations and Women Lawyers Association. Appointed circuit judge: October 17, 1994. Retained in 1996, 2002, and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 3 MARK D. SEIGEL

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1503.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born 1944. Graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.J., Washington University, J.D. Engaged in private law practice 1970–1994. Member: Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association; Supreme Court Judicial Records Committee. Appointed circuit judge August 23, 1994. Retained in 1996, 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 21—Division 4 THOMAS J. PREBIL

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1504.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born February 17, 1946, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University, B.A., 1968; St. Louis University School of Law, J. D., 1971; Married to Ann M. Fehlig August 20, 1969. They have three children. Served in the U. S. Army Reserves, 1971–1980; served as assistant public defender in the city of St. Louis, 1972–1975; engaged in private law practice from 1975–2009. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Louis County Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Lawyers Association, Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Missouri Master Gardeners. Appointed circuit judge June 10, 2009. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 5
THEA A. SHERRY

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet Ave., Clayton, Mo 63105; phone: (314) 615-1505.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in London, England. Educated at University of California–Riverside, B.A.; Washington University in St. Louis, J.D. Married in 1978 and has two children. Law Clerk for Hon. Gerald Smith, then-Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District; served as assistant public defender in St. Louis County; and engaged in private practice until appointment to the bench in 1998. Member of Missouri Bar, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations, Lawyers Association and Women Lawyers Association. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mel Carnahan, July 1998. Retained in 2000, 2004 and 2008. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Jay Nixon, February 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 6
DOUGLAS R. BEACH

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1506.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born September 20, 1948, Kittery, Maine. Undergrad, Central Connecticut State Univ.; J.D., New England School of Law, cum laude. Member: Missouri Bar; Mass. Bar; St. Louis County Bar; St. Louis Metropolitan Bar Assoc.; past president, St. Louis County Bar; chairman, Family Law Section, Mo. Bar and Metropolitan Bar Assoc.; past president, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Mo. Chapter; fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; Children's Home Society; Kids in the Middle Programs; certified Matrimonial Arbitrator; Outstanding Young Lawyer, St. Louis County Bar. Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" 1991-2005 and St. Louis "Top Lawyers," St. Louis Magazine. Author: Trial Practice in Domestic Relations and Division of Marital Property in Missouri; city attorney for Chesterfield 1988-2005; Lt. Col., U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, retired; 2011 recipient of Champion of Kids Award. Appointed associate circuit judge 2005. Retained 2008. Appointed circuit judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 21—Division 7
CAROLYN C. WHITTINGTON

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1507.

County: St. Louis

**Biography:** Born in Chicago, III. Educated at Northwestern University, Evanston, III., B.S., journalism; St. Louis University, J.D. Married Joseph M. Whittington August 12, 1972. They have two children. Served as assistant county counselor, 1980–1987. Engaged in private law practice from 1987 until appointment to the bench. Member: Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, president, 2002. Appointed associate circuit judge: October 1992 by Gov. John Ashcroft. Retained in 1994 and 1998. Appointed circuit judge: December 2001 by Gov. Bob Holden. She was retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 8

TOMMY W. DEPRIEST JR.

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1508.

Home address: Oakville 63129.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born October 9, 1947, in Poplar Bluff. Educated at Southeast Missouri State University and University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. and J.D. Married to Mary S. Dreyer. They have three children. Served in the U.S. Army, 1969–1971. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations and Lawyers Assoc. of St. Louis. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney and chief warrant officer, St. Louis County, 1975–2000. Appointed circuit judge: June 14, 2000. Retained in 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 9

DAVID LEE VINCENT III

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1509.

County: St. Louis

Biography: Born July 15, 1958, in Dayton, Ohio. Educated at Tenn. State University–Nashville (B.S.E.E.) and University of Wisconsin–Madison Law School (J.D.). Married Marcia Nathelia Thomas June 5, 1982. They have two children. Assistant circuit attorney 1988 to 1993, homicide unit and felony staff supervisor. Actively practiced law until appointment to the bench. Participated in truancy court—Pattonville School District and high school mock trial competition for Pattonville High School and Marquette High School (five state championships). Currently high school mock trial coach for Normandy High School. Member: Missouri Bar, Bar Assoc. of Metro St. Louis and Mound City Bar Assoc. Elected Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2008-2010. Appointed to Supreme Court Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Previous appointments and service: Supreme Court Judicial Finance Commission, Supreme Court special judge (2005) and St. Louis For Kids board member. Appointed circuit judge November 14, 1997. Retained in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 10 MICHAEL T. JAMISON

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1510.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born December 16, 1949, St. Louis. Educated at O'Fallon Technical High School, 1968; Washington University, St. Louis, B.A., political science, 1976; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. 1976. Married attorney Gayle C. Williams in St. Louis, 1975. Children: Dorian, Brandon and Brenton. Employment: field attorney, Region 14, National Labor Relations Board 1976–1992; private practice, Lashly & Baer, 1992–1994; associate general counsel, Anheuser-Busch Companies, 1994–1997. Member of numerous boards and adjunct professor at several colleges. Appointed associate circuit judge May 8, 1997. Appointed circuit judge October 6, 2005. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 11 **ELLEN LEVY SIWAK** 

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1511.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born August 3, 1963 in St. Louis. Educated at Washington University in St. Louis, A.B., 1985, J.D., 1988. Married to Jeffrey Siwak. They have two children. Prior to appointment to the bench, actively practiced law as a litigation partner at Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein & Zafft. Member: Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations; St. Louis County Bar Association, president, 2005; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, president 2006–2007; National Association of Women Judges, director, 2006–2008; Mound City and Women's Lawyer's Bar associations. Serves on the faculty of the state trial judge education programs. Appointed Family Court Commissioner June 9, 1999. Appointed associate circuit judge May 22, 2002. Retained in 2010. Appointed circuit judge January 24, 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 12
STEVEN H. GOLDMAN

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1512.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born September 26, 1946, in St. Louis. Educated at Washington University, A.B.; St. Louis University, J.D. Married to Victoria R. Kochner, 1979. They have two children. Served in the U.S. Army Reserve, discharged in 1971. Was assistant prosecuting attorney in the St. Louis County prosecutor's office, 1972–1988; chief trial attorney, 1977. Member: United Hebrew Temple; Phi Delta Phi; Sigma Alpha Mu; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Grievance Committee, St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine Society; ad hoc committee to revise Supreme Court criminal rules, chair. Guest lecturer: Metropolitan Police Academy; St. Louis County Police Education Services; Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. Appointed circuit judge February 19, 1988. Retained in 1990, 1996, 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 13
BARBARA W. WALLACE

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1513.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born June 9, 1951, in Blue Island, III. Educated at Washington University, A.B., economics, J.D. Married August 21, 1971. Engaged in private law practice, 1976–1995, until appointed to the bench. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations; Lawyers Association, president, 1989–1990; Women Lawyers Association, president, 1980–1981. Elected lawyer member, Judicial Nominating Commission, 21st Judicial Circuit, 1988–1994. Awards: Outstanding Young Lawyer, 1985; President's Award, 1988. Appointed circuit judge November 15, 1995. Retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Elected presiding judge 2000–2004. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 21—Division 14
VACANCY

Circuit 21—Division 15 **VACANCY** 



Circuit 21—Division 16 MICHAEL D. BURTON

Office address: Family Court Center, 501 S. Brentwood Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1516.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born June 20, 1960, in Philadelphia, Pa. Educated at University of Notre Dame, B.A., government; Washington University, J.D. Married Sheila A. Shunick in 1991. They have three children. Was assistant special public defender for St. Louis County and St. Louis City from 1985–1989. Engaged in private law practice from 1989–1999. Member: Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, administrative judge of the family court (2008–present); ADA Committee, chair; Domestic and Family Violence Council, chair; Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations. Adjunct professor of law at St. Louis University and Washington University law schools. Appointed associate circuit judge April 20, 1999. Retained in 2000. Appointed circuit judge February 16, 2004. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 17
JOSEPH L. WALSH III

Office address: Circuit Court of St. Louis County, 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1517.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born December 7, 1954, in St. Louis. Graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, B.S., *cum laude*, in 1977; St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, J.D. 1984, senior associate editor of *Law Review* and *Order of Barristers*. Married Eileen R. Walsh in 1982. They have five children. Private practice, 1984–2010, handling general civil trials and appeals. Served as municipal judge in the city of Creve Coeur, 2003–2010, and the city of Frontenac, 2000–2001. Member: Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; Texas Bar; American Board of Trial Advocates and St. Louis Lawyer's Association. Lectured in the areas of civil trial practice and insurance law. Co-authored *MOBar CLE Tort Law Handbook*, Second Edition, Chap. 1, Intro and Overview; authored *Demonstrative Evidence, St. Louis Lawyer*, November 1992. Appointed Circuit Judge on May 14, 2010, by Governor Jay W. Nixon. Sworn in on June 11, 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 18

## RICHARD C. BRESNAHAN

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1518.

County: St. Louis

Biography: Born September 6, 1945, in St. Louis. Educated: University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.A., business administration, 1967; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1973. Married Anne Schreiner August 20, 1983. They have two daughters. Served in U.S. Army, 1968–1970. Private practice, 1973–2004. Served as municipal judge, city of Town and Country, 1986–2004. Member: St. Clement Catholic Church; Missouri Bar Board of Governors 1999–present; St. Louis County Bar Association; and St. Louis Municipal Lawyers Association, past president. Recipient of St. Louis County Bar Distinguished Service Award, 2002. Appointed circuit judge June 4, 2004. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 19
GLORIA CLARK RENO

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1519.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born St. Louis. Graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.A., English; St. Louis University, J.D. Has one son through marriage. Previously an assistant public defender, 1988–1992, engaged in the private practice of law, 1992–2002, and served as municipal judge for the city of Northwoods, 1994–2002. Member of Women Lawyer's Assoc.; Mound City Bar Assoc.; National Assoc. of Women Judges; Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Domestic Relation Cases; board, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services. Appointed associate circuit judge March 8, 2002. Retained 2004 and 2008. Appointed circuit judge April 3, 2009. Retained 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 20

COLLEEN DOLAN
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1520.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in Baltimore, Maryland. Educated at University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., administration of justice; St. Louis University, J.D. Married to Glenn A. Norton; they have four children. Engaged in private law practice from 1984–1994, when appointed to the bench as an associate circuit judge. Retained in 1996. Member: St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, vice president, 1998, secretary, 1996–1997; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Supreme Court Committees on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Municipal Division Education, 1995–2000, and Family Law, 1997–1999; and ASTAR fellow, 2009. Appointed circuit judge March 30, 1999. Retained in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 1 STEVEN R. OHMER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-5606.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born April 18, 1954, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University High, 1972; Florida State University, B.S., 1975; and Creighton University, J.D., 1979. Attended Missouri Judicial College, 1994–2010, and National Judicial College, 1995. Married to Roberta Marie Ohmer. They have two children, Rachel Caroline and Rebecca Anne. Assistant circuit attorney, city of St. Louis, 1979–1983 and 1987–1994; in private practice, 1983–1987, with Ohmer & Ohmer, P.C.; chief warrant officer for the circuit attorney, 1992–1994. Member: Missouri Supreme Court Circuit Court Budget Committee, chair; Missouri Supreme Court Family Court Committee; American Judges Assoc.; the Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis; Lawyers Assoc. of St. Louis; Missouri and Illinois Bar associations. Former associations: athletic director, St. Pius V; chair and member of St. Pius V Parish Council and Parents Council of Truman State University. Volunteer judge for Stand Down Project for homeless veterans and Washington University School of Law Moot Court. Judge Ohmer authored and co-authored several books. Appointed assoc. circuit judge: June 16, 1994. Retained in 1996. Appointed circuit judge August 1, 2000. Retained in 2002, 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 2

DAVID L. DOWD

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4233.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born December 18, 1953, in St. Louis. Educated at Quincy College, B.A.; St. Mary's University, J.D. Engaged in private law practice with Dowd and Dowd, P.C., 1983-1984; assistant county counselor, 1984-1988; administrative law judge, 1988-1993; chief administrative law judge, 1993-2000. Member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Board of directors: Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, Dismas House of St. Louis, Catholic Youth Apostolate. Commissioner of the Judge Dowd Soccer League. Chair of Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline. Appointed circuit judge December 13, 2000, by Gov. Roger B. Wilson. Retained in 2002 and 2008. Presiding judge 2009–2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 3 **ROBIN VANNOY** 

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4861.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born July 21, 1967 in St. Louis, Mo. Graduate of Douglass College–Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., B.A., political science and sociology: University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Married, two children. Served as an asst. public defender in St. Louis County, 1992–1995, and also as an asst. prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County, 1995–1996. Joined the legal department of the St. Louis County Family Court–Juvenile Division in 1996 and remained until December 2002 when appointed as family court commissioner for the 22nd Judicial Circuit. Board member of the Wilson School. Member: Family Court Committee of the Supreme Court; Committee on Access to Family Courts. Appointed circuit judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit, 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016.



Circuit 22—Division 4
JULIAN L. BUSH

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3668.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Judge Julian Bush is a graduate of The George Washington University and Washington University School of Law. In 1995, after practicing law for almost 20 years, he was appointed a circuit judge for the city of St. Louis. He is the author of many articles in legal journals and chapters in the *Missouri CLE* series of books. Appointed circuit judge June 15, 1995. Retained in 1996, 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 22—Division 5
MARK H. NEILL

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4802.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born March 21, 1949, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University, B.A., history, 1971; J.D., 1974. Married Catherine Kelly Cross December 28, 1973. They have four adult children: Thomas, John, Kevin and Katie. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis. Former attorney for the St. Louis Police Department. Member: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed circuit judge: February 15, 2002. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 6
MICHAEL P. DAVID

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4827.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born May 7, 1951, in Des Moines, Iowa. Educated at University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., business administration, magna cum laude, 1973; St. Louis University, J.D., 1977, Law Journal; National Judicial College. Married Michelle Boston May 29, 1982. They have a son, John. Served as assistant public defender, city of St. Louis, 1977–1979, and Jefferson Co., 1980–1982. Was in private practice, 1979–1989. Served on board of commissioners, St. Louis Public Housing Authority, 1981–1983. Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, 1982–1988. Presiding judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit, 2003–2004. Past president, Circuit Judges Association. Member: Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations and Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge March 13, 1989. Retained in 1990. Appointed circuit judge November 12, 1992. Retained in 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 7

JOHN J. RILEY

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 613-7187.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born June 20, 1947, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University, B.S., 1969; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1972. Married Kathleen Loberg June 7, 1975, in St. Louis. Engaged in private law practice, 1972–1995. Lieutenant colonel, United States Army Reserve, retired. Member: St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association, Missouri and St. Louis Metropolitan Bar associations and National Conference of Metropolitan Courts. Municipal judge, city of Black Jack, 1983–1995. Appointed circuit judge March 22, 1995. Presiding judge, 2005–2006. Retained in 1996, 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 8

ANGELA T. QUIGLESS

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4382.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born January 4, 1960, in Miami, Fla. Education at Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, B.A., 1981; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1984. Married to Charles R. Quigless Jr.; they have one son, Charles III. Previously an assistant United States attorney; assistant city counselor for the city of St. Louis; assistant circuit attorney, city of St. Louis; assistant general counsel, Missouri Public Service Commission; assistant general counsel, Missouri Department of Revenue. Member: Shalom Church, Natl. Assoc. of Women Judges, American Bar Assoc., Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis, Mound City Bar Assoc., Women Lawyers' Assoc., the Lawyer Assoc. and American Judicature Society. Mentor for Mathew Dickey's Boys and Girls Club. Appointed associate circuit judge February 28, 1995. Retained in 1996 and 2000. Appointed circuit judge January 3, 2003. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 9
MARGARET M. NEILL

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4682.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1949, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University, B.A., J.D.; College of Notre Dame, M.Ed. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis. Past president, Lawyers Association of St. Louis and Missouri Circuit Judges Association. Member: Catholic Church; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners of Missouri, 1994–2006; Missouri Circuit Judges Association, 2009–present; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Women Lawyer's Association; National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, board 1998–2007, executive committee, 1999–2007, president 2003. Presiding judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit, 2001–2002. Appointed circuit judge February 5, 1993. Retained in 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 10 **PHILIP D. HEAGNEY** 

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4491.

Home address: 4541 Gibson Ave., St. Louis 63110.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born November 24, 1947, in Spokane, Wash. Educated at Johns Hopkins University, B.A., 1970; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1976. Married Barbara Lynn Prosser October 12, 1991. They have two children, Nathaniel Owen and Samuel Joseph. Was in private law practice, 1976–1996; engaged in general law practice in St. Louis. Member: St. Cronan Catholic Church; Gibson Heights Neighborhood Association; St. Margaret of Scotland Basketball; and Boy Scout Troop 110. Appointed circuit judge February 28, 1996. Retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 11 BRYAN L. HETTENBACH

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4381.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born February 10, 1955 in St. Louis, Mo. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A.; University of Mishigan, M.A.; and University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Engaged in private practice of law for 23 years. Former staff attorney for Missouri Supreme Court. Former news editor of *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. Former adjunct professor of legal studies at William Woods College. Recurring service as guardian *ad litem* in family and juvenile law cases. Certified civil law and family court mediator. Frequent speaker and contributor to continuing legal education programs and publications for The Missouri Bar and other legal organizations. Member: Lawyers Association of St. Louis, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar Association. Appointed circuit judge April 2, 2008. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 12

## **DENNIS M. SCHAUMANN**

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4420.

Home address: St. Louis 63109.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born January 7, 1948, in the city of St. Louis. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Married Patricia Ann Singrun August 23, 1969. Two children, Michael and Marissa. Legal officer for the Juvenile Division, Circuit Court, city of St. Louis, 1973–1975. Private practice of law, 1975–1994. Appointed Municipal Judge for the city of St. Louis, 1981; reappointed 1985, 1989 and 1993. Served as presiding judge for the St. Louis Municipal Court, 1981–1993. Member: Lawyers Association of St. Louis; St. Louis Metropolitan Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge December 16, 1994. Retained in 1996. Appointed circuit judge October 16, 1997. Retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 13

**EDWARD SWEENEY** 

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4452.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 11, 1947, in St. Louis. Educated at Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, A.B., political science, 1969, J.D., 1974; St. Louis Univ., M.B.A., 1981. National Judicial College, certificates in trial judge and dispute resolution skills. Admitted to the Mo. Bar, 1974. Field Artillery Officer, Army, 1969–1971, including service with the 101st Airborne Div., Vietnam, 1970–1971. Democratic Comm., 8th Ward, St. Louis, 1984–1996. Delegate to the 1988 Democratic Natl. Convention. Chair, Third Congressional Dist. Democratic Comm., 1986–1992. Engaged in private law practice, 1974–1986, and as asst. circuit att., city of St. Louis, 1986–1997. Married Mary Myerscough Wiechens May 17, 1986. Father and step-father to four children. Member: Saint Joan of Arc parish, the St. Louis Saint Patrick's Day Parade Comm. and veterans and community organizations. Appointed assoc. circuit judge Dec. 12, 1997. Retained in 2000 and 2004. Appointed circuit judge Jan. 6, 2005. Retained in 2006. Term expires Dec. 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 15 MICHAEL K. MULLEN

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3583.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born May 8, 1964, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married Joan Heilweck. They have four children: Mary Katherine, Mark, James, and Phillip. Law clerk to James A. Pudlowski, Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District, 1989–1990; assistant circuit attorney, city of St. Louis 1990–1995; associate, Charles M. Shaw Law Firm, 1995–1996; Partner, Mullen and Fernandez, 1996–2000; solo practitioner, 2000–2001. Member: St. Gabriel Catholic Church; Bar Association of Missouri, St. Louis; and Lawyers Association. Appointed associate circuit judge May 2001. Retained in 2002 and 2006. Appointed circuit judge July 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 16 **JOHN F. GARVEY** 

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4841.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Judge Garvey received his B.A. degree from St. Louis University and his J.D. degree from Rutgers University, Camden. Prior to taking the bench, he was a partner in the Law Firm of Sestric and Garvey and of counsel in the law firm of Laritz, Plunkert & Bruning. He is currently assigned to equity court in the 22nd Judicial Circuit (city of St. Louis). He is an adjunct professor of law at Washington University Law School and St. Louis University Law School. He first took the bench as an associate circuit court judge in 1998. Appointed circuit judge in 2004. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 17

DAVID C. MASON

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1113 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4691.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born March 12, 1956, in Nashville, Tenn. Educated at Austin Peay State Univ., B.S.; Washington Univ., J.D. Married Taunia L. Allen June 3, 1995. They have two children, William R. and Harrison M. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri, Metro and Mound City Bar assns.; American Law Institute, elected 1996; St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority, 1990–1991. Boards: American Judicature Society, 1998–2002; Hope House; St. Louis Symphony Orchestra; and St. Patrick's Center. Awards: 1997 Honor Initiate; Order of the Coif, honorary member; American Bd. of Trial Advocates; 1991 Missouri Bar Thomas D. Cochran for Community Service.; 1990 Bar Assn. of Metropolitian St. Louis Merit; 1992 Austin Peay State Univ. Outstanding Alumnus; 1999 Washington Univ. School of Law Outstanding Young Alumnus; Missouri Lawyers Weekly; 2009 reader's poll "Best Circuit Judge, Eastern District"; and 14-time recipient of American College of Trial Lawyers Award of Merit. Appointed circuit judge: August 1991. Retained in 1992, 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 18 **ROBERT H. DIERKER** 

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4331.

Home address: St. Louis.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born February 24, 1949, in St. Louis. Attended St. Louis University, A.B.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.; Harvard University, LL.M. Married Dorothy Dreyer July 3, 1982. They have three children. Law clerk to Joseph J. Simeone, Mo. Court of Appeals, summers 1973, 1974; associated with a St. Louis law firm, 1975–1978; assistant and associate city counselor, city of St. Louis, 1979–1986. Candidate for Mo. House of Representatives, 1978; campaign treasurer for Paul Kiel, Mo. Senate candidate, 1978. Member: Catholic Church; Circuit Bar Committee, Division 1, 22nd Circuit, 1985–1986; Mo. and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations; and other legal and fraternal organizations. Appointed circuit judge February 1986. Retained in 1988, 1994, 2000 and 2006. Presiding judge, 1997–1998. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 22—Division 19 LISA VAN AMBERG

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., Div. 19, 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; Phone: (314) 622-4401.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 13, 1948 in New Orleans, LA. Graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, B.A. 1970; St. Louis University J.D. *cum laude*, 1975. Licensed in the state of Missouri, 1975. Engaged in private practice from 1975–2003. Adjunct professor of law, Washington University, St. Louis, St. Louis University; member, American Bar Association, past co-chair Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity Law, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Women Lawyers' Association, charter member; National Employment Lawyers' Association. Past recipient: President's Award, Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; Robert Walston Chubb Award, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri; Legal Services to Civil Liberties Award, American Civil Liberties Union; Horace Mann Award, Missouri National Education Association. Appointed circuit judge March 7, 2003. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 22—Division 20 **REX M. BURLISON** 

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., Div. 19, 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; Phone: (314) 622-4503. Biography: Not available. Appointed circuit judge August 9, 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012.

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# Circuit 22—Division 21 **THOMAS C. GRADY**

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3706.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in St. Louis. Graduated from St. Louis University, A.B., 1966, J.D., 1969. Married to Carol Adreon. They have two children, Kelly and Tom Jr. In private law practice, 1970–1976. Member: Missouri Bar; Lawyers' Association of St. Louis; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; presiding judge 22nd Circuit 2007–2008; Irish Georgian Society–Dublin; past commodore, Harbor Point Y.C. Board member: Herman Pott Waterways Collection of the Mercantile Library. Elected Fifth District Magistrate, 1976; re-elected in 1978. Retained under Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan as associate circuit judge in 1982, 1986 and 1990. Appointed circuit judge in 1994. Retained in 1996, 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 22 **THOMAS J. FRAWLEY** 

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3438.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 28, 1947, in Rochester, N.Y. Attended Hamilton College, B.A.; Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, J.D. Member: National Advisory Board, National Quality Improvment Center on Differential Response; Supreme Court Family Court Comm., chair, 1995–2004; and Supreme Court Comm. on Children's Justice. Awards: Equal Justice, Legal Svcs. of Eastern Mo.; Judge of the Year, Mo. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, St. Louis Metro. Region; Champion of Kids, Kids-in-the-Middle, Inc.; President's Advocacy, NBA ECHO Emergency Children's Home; Outstanding Leader for Governmental Leadership, St. Louis Children's Agenda, Vision for Children at Risk; Advocacy, St. Louis Mental Health Bd.; World of Children Honoree, Progressive Youth Connection; and Family Service Award, Provident, Inc. Appointed circuit judge September 1991. Retained in 1992, 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 23 TIMOTHY J. WILSON

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4926.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born December 2, 1947, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University College of Arts and Science; St. Louis University Law School, A.B., *cum laude*, J.D. Married Carol A. Newcombe August 24, 1973, in St. Louis. Participated in the United States Department of Justice honors program, trial attorney in Washington, D.C., 1973–1978; assistant United States attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, 1978–1989. Member: Catholic Church and Boy Scouts of America. Appointed circuit judge May 15, 1989. Retained in 1990, 1996, 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 30

## JIMMIE EDWARDS

Office address: 920 N. Vandeventer, St. Louis 63108; phone (314) 552-2025.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Graduated from Saint Louis Univ., B.A., 1978, J.D., 1982. Married to Stacy Maria. They have three children. He began private practice in a small law firm in St. Louis in 1981. In 1984, he joined Sabreliner Corporation. He then joined Southwestern Bell Telephone Company legal staff. Serves as chairman, Missouri Supreme Court's Records Committee; member, Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee; served on the executive council for Missouri State Judges; chief juvenile court judge for the city of St. Louis. Founder, Innovative Concept Academy. In 1992, he was appointed Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 22—Division 31

JOAN L. MORIARTY

Office address: Carnahan Bldg. 1114 Market St., St. Louis, 63101; phone (314) 622-4927.

City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in Brookings, S.D. Graduated from Creighton University School of Pharmacy, Omaha, Neb.; St. Louis School of Law. Law clerk for the Hon. Robert G. Dowd Sr., Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County. Member: Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis Lawyer's Association. Appointed circuit judge January 1, 1998. Retained 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 23—Division 1 ROBERT WILKINS

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5410.

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born September 6, 1946, in St. Louis. Education: Univ. of Mo.–St. Louis, B.S., summa cum laude, 1976; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1979; USDOJ Natl. Law Institute, 1997. Married Sandra L. Blackwell June 1, 1985. United States Marine Corps, 1964–1965; asst. prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1979–1983; prosecuting attorney, Jefferson County, 1995–2006. Board member: Missouri Assn. of Prosecuting Attorneys, 2000–2006, president, 2005; Chidren's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri, 2000–2006, president, 2000–2006; Mo. Children's Justice Act Task Force, 1998–2004; Community Treatment Inc., 1998–2006; Third Congressional District Task Force on Domestic Violence, 2000–2004; Natl. District Attorneys' Assn., 1995–2006. Awards: MADD Prosecutor of the Year, 1999; Robert G. Wilkins Child Advocate of the Year, CACECM, 2006. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 2 GARY P. KRAMER

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5443.

Home address: 14 Evergreen Ln., Festus 63028.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born August 14, 1947, in Pontiac, III. Educated at Carleton College, B.A.; Washington University Law School, J.D. Married Alice Lee Childress January 17, 1971. They have three children. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1971–1972; assistant prosecuting attorney, Jefferson County, 1972–1974. Engaged as an associate partner in a law firm, 1974–1982. Member of the board of directors, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1989–1992. Received the Equal Justice Award from Legal Service of Eastern Missouri, 1990. Faculty member, National Judicial College, 1993. Elected associate circuit judge in 1982 and 1986. Elected circuit judge, 1990, 1996, 2002 and 2008. Presiding judge, 1997–1998 and 2005–2006. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 3
NATHAN STEWART

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5432.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born October 27, 1965, in Charlottesville, Virginia. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S.Ed., 1988, lifetime certified to teach secondary social studies; J.D., 1992. Married Kimberly A. Stewart June 23, 1990. They have two children. Wegmann Law Firm, 1992-1997. Nathan B. Stewart, P.C., 1997-1999. Appointed first family court commissioner 23rd Circuit, 1999–2005. Established and judges truancy court at Hillsboro Jr. High. Member of Hillsboro Community Civic Club since 1992, Sons of AMVETS and Elks. Appointed associate circuit judge 2005. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006–2010. Elected circuit judge in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 4

MARK T. STOLL

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5420.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born April 11, 1952, in St. Louis. Educated: University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1974, J.D., 1977. Married Tanya L. Brotherton, 1992. They have two sons. Partner in Wegmann, Gasaway, Stewart, Schneider, Dieffenbach, Tesreau, Stoll & Sherman, Hillsboro, 1977–1997. Served as mediator, Missouri Bar Dispute Resolution Committee. Associate circuit judge, 1997–2006. Secretary-treasurer, Mo. Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges, 2002–2006. Board of directors, Mo. Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association, 1998–2007, President's Advisory Committee, 2007–2011. Legislative Steering Committee, Missouri Judicial Conference, 1998–2006. Member and past president, DeSoto Rotary Club. Served as treasurer, asst. scoutmaster, troop committee chair, unit commissioner for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Presiding judge, 2009–2010. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 23—Division 5

LISA K. PAGE

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6435.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born September 12, 1966, in Festus. Graduated *magna cum laude* in 1988 from Southeast Missouri State University and *cum laude* from Saint Louis University School of Law in 1997. Married to Eddie Page since 1988. They have three children, Maggie, Joe and Anna-Lisa. Practiced law from 1997–2005 with a strong emphasis in ADR and domestic relations. Appointed family court commissioner on April 29, 2005, and, when the position was eliminated, was elected Jefferson County's first female circuit judge effective January 1, 2007. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 6

TROY CARDONA

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6461.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born February 16, 1963, in St. Louis. Educated at Windsor High School, Imperial, 1981; Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan, 1983; Jefferson College; Truman State, formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, B.A., 1984, *summa cum laude*, co-salutatorian, 3rd in graduating class; Northeastern University Law School, Boston, M.A., J.D. 1988; Kansai University of Foreign Studies, Osaka, Japan, 1989. Experience: U.S attorney's office—Hawaii, law clerk 1987; Missouri public defender, four years; private practice, three years (Honolulu, Hawaii; St. Louis-Imperial-Hillsboro, Missouri); chief warrant attorney and chief trial attorney, Jefferson County; assistant prosecutor, 11 years; general counsel Union Pacific Railroad, one year. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 24—Division 1
SANDY MARTINEZ

Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Third Fl., Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-5144.

Counties: Madison, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve and Washington.

**Biography:** Born June 14, 1963. Educated at University of Texas at El Paso, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married to Michael J. Anderson, an assistant prosecutor for the 42nd Circuit Child Support Enforcement. They have two children, Chris and Amber. Served as assistant public defender, assistant prosecuting attorney and prosecuting attorney for St. Francois County. Elected circuit judge in 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 24—Division 2 **KENNETH W. PRATTE** 

Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Second Fl., Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-5144.

Home address: 809 Janey Dr., Farmington 63640.

Counties: Madison, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve and Washington.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born May 2, 1945, in Bonne Terre. Educated at Mineral Area College; University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., political science, J.D. Served in United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. Employed as management trainee with an electric company; loan officer with a savings and loan association; parole officer for state of Missouri; assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Francois and Madison counties; practiced law in Farmington and Park Hills; first elected city attorney for city of Farmington. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri and Judicial Circuit Bar associations; Knights of Columbus; VFW; American Legion; Elks. Elected circuit judge: 1982–2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 25—Division 1 TRACY L. STORIE

Office address: 301 Historic Hwy. 66 E., Ste. 318, Waynesville 65583; phone (573) 774-4789.

Home address: 24970 Republic Rd., Waynesville 65583.

Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

**Biography:** Born July 18, 1948. Graduate of University of Missouri–Rolla, 1970, B.A.; University of Arkansas School of Law, 1973, J.D. Married to former Linda Carol Duncan. They have four children. Served as magistrate judge, Pulaski County, 1974–1979; associate circuit judge, 25th Circuit, 1979–2004. Elected presiding judge January 2005. Member: Faith Baptist Church; Waynesville Lodge 375 AF & AM; Buckhorn–Laquey Lions Club; adjunct faculty, Drury University, 1980–present. Appointed circuit judge November 2004. Re-elected 2006. Term ends December 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 25—Division 2
MARY SHEFFIELD

Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main St., Ste. 211, Rolla 65401; (573) 458-6222.

Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

**Biography:** Born July 26, 1955, in Durham, N.C. Educated at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, B.A.; University of Miami Law School, Coral Gables, J.D. She has three children. Engaged in private practice in Rolla and Salem. Since 1982, served as associate circuit judge. Member: First United Methodist Church; National College of Probate Judges; Blue Ridge Institute for Juvenile and Family Law Judges; National Association of Women Judges; National Guardianship Association; Supreme Court Judicial Education Committee; Family Court Committee, chair; American, Missouri and Phelps County Bar associations; Rotary Club; PEO; and Phelps County Community Partnership. Elected circuit judge: November 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 26—Division 1
STANLEY MOORE

Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-5160.

Home address: 23598 Falcon Rd., Lebanon 65536.

Counties: Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan.

**Biography:** Circuit and juvenile judge. Born September 20, 1947, in Pettis County. Graduate of Central Missouri State College, B.S., B.A.; University of Tulsa, J.D. Admitted the Oklahoma Bar, 1982; Missouri Bar 1983. Married Paulette M. Moore December 1966. They have two children, a son and a daughter. Engaged in private law practice, 1982–2006. Laclede County assistant prosecuting attorney from January 1991 until September 2006. Previously appointed acting interim Laclede County public administrator. Member: First United Methodist Church, Lebanon; Laclede County, 26th Circuit and Missouri Bar associations; Lebanon Downtown Optimist Club. Appointed circuit judge September 1, 2006, to fill an unexpired term. Elected circuit judge: November 7, 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 26—Division 2 **KENNETH M. HAYDEN** 

Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-5160.

Counties: Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan.

**Biography:** Presiding and circuit judge. Born March 23, 1962. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1984; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1987; admitted to Missouri Bar, 1987. Married to Deborah; they have two children, a daughter and a son. Formerly engaged in private law practice, 1987–2008. Member: The Missouri Bar; the 26th Judicial Circuit Bar Assn.; Versailles United Methodist Church; Versailles Lions Club. Appointed circuit judge September 11, 2008, to fill an unexpired term. Elected circuit judge November 4, 2008. Elected circuit judge November 2, 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Republican.



Circuit 27

JAMES K. JOURNEY

Office address: PO Box 487, Clinton 64735; phone (660) 885-7242.

Counties: Bates, Henry and St. Clair.

**Biography:** Born August 23, 1951, in Kansas City. Graduated from Clinton High School, 1969; Central Missouri State University, B.A., political science, 1973; and University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, J.D., 1975. Married Rachelle E. Wilkins November 6, 1993. They have three children. Served as law clerk in the Jackson Co. Circuit Court—Division 10, 1976–1977. Practiced law in Clinton from 1979–2006. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 28

## JAMES R. BICKEL

Office address: Office of the Circuit Judge, 100 W. Cherry, Ste. A, Nevada 64772; phone (417) 667-5016; FAX (417) 448-2535. Counties: Barton, Cedar, Dade and Vernon.

**Biography:** Born July 24, 1946, in Lamar. Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., 1968; J.D., 1973. Married to Sherry Culbertson. They have three children. Phi Delta Phi (president, Tiedeman Inn, 1972–1973); Order of the Coif; *Missouri Law Review*; U.S. Army, 1968–1970; municipal judge, Nevada, Mo., 1976–2000. AG's Professional Liability Review Board, 1977–1979; Mo. Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Comm., 1992–2000. Rotary Club, Citizen of the Year, 2004; Nevada United Methodist Church; Missouri United Methodist Foundation, Inc., board of directors, 1993–2001, exec. comm., 1999–2000. Elected circuit judge November 7, 2000. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 29—Division 1

#### **GAYLE CRANE**

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 601 S. Pearl, Rm. 320, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4318.

County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Born December 10, 1958, in Neosho. B.S.W. from KU. Graduated from University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law. Married John Podleski. Has three children. Partner in a law firm, 1985–2006. Member of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. Elected circuit judge in November 2006. Presiding juvenile judge of Jasper County. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 29—Division 2 **DAVID C. DALLY** 

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 601 S. Pearl, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4320.

County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born March 15, 1948, in Ishpeming, Michigan. Educated at the University of Missouri, B.A., J.D. Married Gaye Ramm, August 16, 1969. They have two children and six grandchildren. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Jasper County, 1974–1986; prosecuting attorney of Jasper County, 1987–1998; city attorney of Carthage, 1974–1998; engaged in the private practice of law in Carthage, 1973–1998. Member: Carthage First Presbyterian Church; Carthage Rotary Club; University of Missouri Alumni Association; Missouri and Jasper County Bar Associations. Past president of Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Missouri Association of Municipal Attorneys and Jasper County Bar Association. Elected circuit judge in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Republican.



Circuit 29—Division 3 **DAVID B. MOUTON** 

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 601 S. Pearl, Rm. 216, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4325.

County: Jasper

**Biography:** Born March 5, 1958, in Joplin. Graduated from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., J.D. Married Beverly Edwards June 28, 1980. They have two children. Engaged in the private practice of law in Carthage, 1986–2006; city attorney of Carthage 1999–2006. Member: Fairview Christian Church; Missouri and Jasper County Bar associations; Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri board of directors. Past president of Jasper County Bar Association; past member, Salvation Army Advisory Board; former member, Carthage Parks and Recreation Board. Elected circuit judge November 7, 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 30

JOHN W. SIMS

Office address: PO Box 679, Buffalo 65622; phone (417) 345-6822.

Counties: Benton, Dallas, Hickory, Polk and Webster.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born July 6, 1943, in Kansas City. Educated at the University of Kansas, B.A., J.D. Married Elizabeth Haymes August 30, 1969. They have three children and two grandchildren. Practiced law in Marshfield for 30 years. Member: Marshfield United Methodist Church. Elected prosecuting attorney of Webster County. Served as city attorney for Marshfield for 29 years. Past president: Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association, Webster County Bar Association and 30th Judicial Circuit Bar Association. Elected circuit judge November 7, 2000. Re-elected in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 31—Division 1

## MICHAEL J. CORDONNIER

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4078.

County: Greene

**Biography:** Born September 6, 1957, in St. Louis and raised in Springfield, Mo. Education: University of Missouri, B.S., business administration, 1979; University of Tulsa, College of Law, J.D., 1982. Engaged in private practice as a partner in the firm of Cunningham, Harpool & Cordonnier L.C. until merger and became partner with Lathrop & Gage, L.C. in 2004. Member, Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield, Mo.; Included as one of the Best Lawyers in America 2007; named as 417 Top Attorneys 2007. Author, *Automobile Torts*, supplement Mo. Bar CLE. Member: American Bar Assn., Missouri Bar Assn., Springfield Metropolitan Bar Assn. Past and present board member of several non-profit organizations. Appointed circuit judge in January 2008 and was elected circuit judge in 2008 to fill unexpired term. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 2

**DAVID JONES** 

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4086.

County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born 1953 in Springfield, Mo. Graduate of Albright College, 1975, and Delaware Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1978. Married to Ginger Wagner, one child. Served as an assistant United States attorney, United States Department of Justice, from 1979–2006. Engaged in private practice and professor at Drury University and Ozark Technical College from 2006–2008. Elected circuit judge in November 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 3

# J. DAN CONKLIN

Office address: Greene County Circuit Court, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65002; phone (417)-868-4080.

County: Greene.

**Biography:** Education: Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colo., B.S. in marketing, *summa cum laude*; University of Arkansas, J.D., 1978. Prior to law school, he was with Litton Industries in management and marketing. He was engaged in private practice with the firm of Conklin, Holden and Wagner. Served as city attorney for the city of Republic. Former instructor of marketing and business law at Southwest Missouri State University. Was an associate circuit judge, then circuit judge of Circuit 31 since being elected in 1986. Elected circuit judge 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 4

## **THOMAS MOUNTJOY**

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4089.

County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born in 1953 in Stockton, Calif. Educated at Central Missouri State Univ., B.S., criminal justice administration; Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Married Donna Newman. They have three daughters. Served as asst. professor, Criminal Justice Administration; Juvenile Court Services, director; asst. Greene County prosecuting attorney; Greene County prosecuting attorney. Member: East Sunshine Church of Christ; Missouri Assn. of Prosecuting Attorneys, past president; Governor's Crime Commission; State Task Force on Fatal Child Abuse; Community Alternative Service Program; Child Advocacy Center of Southwest Missouri, co-founder; Juvenile Court Improvement Project, steering committee. Awards: David B. Woodruff Memorial Community Justice; Child Advocacy Council Friend of Children. Appointed circuit judge February 9, 1996. Elected in 1996, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 5

## CALVIN HOLDEN

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4838.

County: Greene

**Biography:** Born September 28, 1953, in Mountain View. B.S. from Southwest Missouri State University, *cum laude*; Drake University, J.D., 1980. He has four children: Chrysa, Calie, Alexander and Zoe. Engaged in the practice of law, 1980–1996. Administrative law judge, Division of Employment Security, 1980–1981; Greene County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1983. Served in the U.S. Navy, 1972–1974. Member: Phi Kappa Phi; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar assocs. Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar. Commissioner, Missouri Drug Court Commission. David B. Woodruff Memorial Community Justice Service Award recipient, 2000; NAMI of Southwest Missouri Governmental Award for Excellence, 2001; Mo. Assoc. of Drug Court Professionals President's Award, 2002. Appointed circuit judge in 1996. Elected in 1996, 2002 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 32—Division 1

WILLIAM L. SYLER

Office address: Common Pleas Courthouse, 44 N. Lorimier, Cape Girardeau 63701; phone (573) 335-2802.

Home address: 1261 Dover Ln., Cape Girardeau 63701.

Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

Biography: Born Nov. 28, 1948. Southeast Mo. State Univ., B.A., 1971; Univ. of Mo.-K.C., J.D., 1974. Married to Georganne Penzel. Two daughters, Lauren and Claire. Asst. prosecuting attorney, Jackson Co., 1974–1975; Cape Girardeau Co., 1975–1976; private law practice, 1977–1992. Member: Mo. Bar Foresight Comm., 1987–1990; Cape Girardeau Co. Health Dept. Bd. of Trustees, chair, 1986–1992; Cape Girardeau Co. Bar Assoc., pres. 1997–1998. SE Mo. State Univ. Foundation, exec. bd; First Presbyterian Church; Natl. Public Radio, community adv. bd.; St. Francis Med. Center Foundation Bd.; Mo. Circuit Judge Assoc., pres., 2006–2007; Circuit Court Budget Comm., 1997–present; Court Automation Comm., 2005–present; Mo. Bar Annual Meeting Planning Comm., 2002–present; Chief Justice's Adv. Comm., 2005–2009; Mo. Bar Lawyer to Lawyer Dispute Resolution Comm., 2007–2009. Appointed circuit judge October 1, 1992. Retained in 1992, 1996, 2002, and 2008. Presiding judge, 1995–1996, 1999–2006 and 2009–2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 32—Division 2
BENJAMIN F. LEWIS

Office address: Common Pleas Courthouse, 44 N. Lorimier, Cape Girardeau 63701; phone (573) 335-2802.

Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

**Biography:** Born in Cape Girardeau March 17, 1955. Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., 1977; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Debra K. Scholl July 5, 1986. Law clerk, 16th Circuit, 1980–1981. Private practice, 1981–1990. Associate circuit judge, 1991–1994. Member, Layton & Lewis, L.L.C., 1995–2004. Southeast Missouri Hospital Board of Trustees; Hanover Lutheran Church, past president; 32nd Judicial Circuit Bar Association, past president; Cape Girardeau Lions Club, past president; Shawnee District, B.S.A., past district chair, Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award. Elected circuit judge: 2004. Re-elected 2006. Term expires: December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 33 **DAVID DOLAN** 

Office address: Scott County Courthouse, PO Box 256, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3141.

Counties: Mississippi and Scott.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born June 19, 1954, in Memphis, Tenn. Graduate of Univ. of Memphis, B.B.A., J.D. Married Julie Crader August 2, 1980. Two children, Win and Claire. Member: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree; Mo. and Tenn. Bar assns.; Natl. Assn. of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Mo. Juvenile Justice Assn.; Natl. (sec.) and Missouri Assns. of Drug Court Professionals; Sikeston Youth Soccer, pres.; Sikeston Little League, coach; Rotary Club; Sikeston Jaycees; SMC Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; ODK; Bar Governor Univ. of Memphis School of Law. ASTAR Fellow 2009. Private practice, Crader, Crader, Dolan and Dolan, 1982–1990. Asst. pros. atty. Scott Co., 1986–1990; pros. atty., 1991–1993. Elected associate circuit judge: Scott Co.: 1992 and 1994. Appointed circuit judge March 1998. Elected in 1998, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 34 FRED COPELAND

Office address: New Madrid County Courthouse, 450 Main, New Madrid 63869; phone (573) 748-2669.

Home address: 390 St. Paul, New Madrid 63869.

Counties: New Madrid and Pemiscot.

**Biography:** Born November 13, 1954, in Coronado, Calif. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., public administration; J.D. Engaged in private law practice in New Madrid. Appointed associate circuit judge, New Madrid County, for a term beginning January 15, 1982. Elected: 1982 and 1986. Member: United Methodist Church; Optimist; Eagles; Phi Delta Phi. Elected circuit judge 1988–2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 35
STEPHEN R. SHARP

Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, PO Box 507, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-9133.

Counties: Dunklin and Stoddard.

**Biography:** Born July 25, 1944, in southeast Missouri. Graduate of Southeast Mo. State Univ., A.B.; Memphis State Univ., J.D. Married Patt Varnon June 23, 1967. Served in Vietnam, U.S. Army; received Bronze Star. Prosecuting attorney, Dunklin Co., 1979–1984. Member: Baptist Church; *Memphis State Univ. Law Review*; Chamber of Commerce; Lions Club; American Legion; American and Dunklin Co. Bar Assns.; Young Lawyers Section Council, Mo. Bar, 1976–1979; Mo. Professional Liability Review Bd., 1977–1979; Foresight Comm., Mo. Bar, 1991; Supreme Court *ad hoc* Committee to Review Judicial Circuit Boundaries, 1992; Legislative Steering Committee, Mo. Judicial Conference. Received *St. Louis Globe–Democrat* Meritorious Public Service Award, 1986. Elected to the Senate, 1984 and 1988. Appointed to the circuit court in 1990. Elected in 1992, 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 36

## MICHAEL PRITCHETT

Office address: Butler Co. Courthouse, 100 N. Main, Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-8080.

Counties: Butler and Ripley.

**Biography:** Born November 17, 1953, in Des Moines, Iowa. Graduate of Drury University, B.M.E., *summa cum laude*, 1976. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, J.D., 1980. Married Nell Hearne Pritchett July 30, 1977. Former Poplar Bluff city attorney and city prosecuting attorney. Former Butler County assistant prosecuting attorney. Engaged in private practice of law, 1981–2010. Former board member of Poplar Bluff Transit Authority and A.D.A.P.T. Former board member of Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce and Poplar Bluff Industries. Member of First Baptist Church. Elected circuit judge in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 37 **DAVID EVANS** 

Office address: 225 Courthouse, West Plains 65775; phone (417) 256-4383.

Counties: Carter, Howell, Oregon and Shannon.

**Biography:** Born April 26, 1960, in West Plains. Educated at Southern Methodist University, *summa cum laude*, B.S., political science, B.B.A., business; Southern Methodist University, J.D., Chief Counsel Legal Clinic. Married Saundra Kay Hardin August 11, 1979. They have four children. Served in the private practice of law, 1985–1991 (received Missouri Pro Bono Award); City attorney for Thayer; municipal judge for West Plains, Willow Springs and Mountain View; associate circuit judge, 1991–2005; and elected presiding circuit judge, 2006. Member of United Methodist Church, President's Volunteer Service Award; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past president. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 38

MARK E. ORR

Office address: 110 W. Elm, Rm. 205, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-2727.

Counties: Christian and Taney.

**Biography:** Born April 23, 1960, in Springfield. Educated at Drury University, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married Sarah T. Adams September 6, 1997. They have two daughters. Member: First Baptist Church, Ozark. Engaged in private law practice, 1986–2002. Served as Christian County prosecuting attorney; municipal judge, city of Clever; and city attorney in Ozark. Elected associate circuit judge in 2002. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



#### ROBERT S. WILEY

Office address: PO Box 50, Crane 65633; phone (417) 723-0243.

Photo not Available Counties: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.

Biography: Born June 29, 1942, in Hurley. Graduate of Hurley High School, 1959; Southwest Missouri State University, 1963, B.A.; Washington University School of Law, 1969, J.D. U.S. Army Military Police, Ft. Gordon, Ga., and Vietnam, 1965–1967. Married Jeanelle Fay Pearson February 4, 1966. They have two children, Dale Wiley, attorney and Elizabeth Wiley Exley, Ph.D. They also have four grandchildren, Mary Claire, Sara Elizabeth and Matthew Wiley and Esther Exley. Prosecuting Attorney, Stone County, 1971–1974. Author, *Dewey Short–Orator of the Ozarks*. Member, Crane Presbyterian Church. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Term expires: December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 40 TIMOTHY W. PERIGO

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Ste. 306, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8234, ext. 114.

Counties: McDonald and Newton.

**Biography:** A native of Tulsa, Okla. and a graduate from University of Tulsa, 1975, B.S.; 1977, J.D. Married with three children. Was in private practice until June 1, 1985, when appointed as prosecuting attorney; Elected prosecutor for a full term in 1986. Elected associate circuit judge in 1990. Elected circuit judge in 1992. Retained in 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



Circuit 41

# FREDERICK (RICK) TUCKER

Office address: Macon Co. Courthouse, PO Box 368, Macon 63552; phone (660) 385-3713.

Counties: Macon and Shelby.

**Biography:** Born January 24, 1961, in Independence, Mo. graduate of Park College, 1983, B.A.; UMKC School of Law, 1991, J.D. Married Karma L. Swoffer December 5, 1987. They have four children. Public defender, 1991–2004. Engaged in private practice, 2004–2011. Appointed Circuit Judge by Gov. Jay Nixon and took office March 18, 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 42—Division 1 SANBORN N. BALL

Office address: Dent County Judicial Bldg., PO Box 551, Salem 65560; phone (573) 729-6816; FAX (573) 729-5146.

Counties: Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne.

Biography: Born May 14, 1948, in St. Louis. Educated at Westminster College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1970; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., cum laude, 1973. Married Geriann Canella January 8, 1972. They have two children and four grandchildren. Order of the Coif; Missouri Law Review (associate editor-in-chief); Phi Delta Phi; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and University; U.S. Army Reserve (eight years); city attorney of Salem (three years); assistant prosecuting attorney of Dent County (five years); private law practice (11 years); bank president (12 years); Salem R-80 School Board (six years; president, two years). Member: The Missouri Bar; American Bar Association; Salem Christian Church; American Legion; Eagles. Elected associate circuit judge: 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge effective January 1, 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 42—Division 2
KELLY PARKER

Office address: Dent County Judicial Bldg., PO Box 551, Salem 65560; phone (573) 729-6816.

Counties: Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born February 28, 1966, in Rolla. Attended Southwest Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Three children: Braxton, Kennison and Slayton. Serves with the Missouri Army National Guard, rank of major, Judge Advocate General's Corps, assigned as the senior defense counsel for the 429th Trial Defense Team (Missouri and Nebraska Army National Guard). Dent County prosecuting attorney, 1995–1997; assistant prosecutor, 1991–1995. State representative, 150th Dist., 1997–2001. Appointed Iron County associate circuit judge, 2001. Elected Iron County associate circuit judge on November 5, 2002. Elected circuit judge on November 7, 2006, re-elected November 4, 2008. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 43—Division 1 THOMAS N. CHAPMAN

Office address: 700 Webster, Chillicothe 64601. Home address: 702 Dickinson, Chillicothe 64601.

Counties: Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Livingston.

**Biography:** Born March 23, 1966; and lifelong resident of Chillicothe, Missouri. Graduated Westminster College in Fulton Missouri, B.S. in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, 1988. University of Virginia School of Law, J.D. 1991. University of Missouri, K.C., LLM Tax Law, 1995. Elected Circuit Judge, 43rd Circuit, Division 1, 2010, term expires December 31, 2011. Republican.



Circuit 43—Division 2

R. BRENT ELLIOTT

Office address: Clinton County Courthouse, Box 275, Plattsburg 64477; phone (816) 539-3732.

Counties: Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Livingston.

**Biography:** Born August 8, 1955, in Bethany, raised in Eagleville, Mo. Graduate of North Harrison High School (1973). Graceland College (B.A., 1977), University of Missouri (J.D., 1980). Son, Connor MacLeod Elliott, born March 2, 1988. Elected prosecuting attorney, Livingston County, in 1982 and 1986 and maintained private practice in Chillicothe for 19 years trying dozens of jury trials without a loss. Appointed DeKalb County associate circuit judge January 1, 2001; elected 2002 and 2006. Became circuit judge as Gov. Jay Nixon's first judicial appointment February 1, 2009. Elected 2010. Presiding circuit judge, 2010–2012. Term expires December 12, 2012. Democrat.



# Circuit 44 JOHN MOODY

Office address: PO Box 439, Mansfield 65704; phone (417) 924-3246.

Counties: Douglas, Ozark and Wright.

**Biography:** Born June 13, 1952, in Springfield. Educated in the Mansfield schools; St. Louis University; University of Missouri School of Law. Married to Jo Alice and father of Thomas, Emily, Benjamin and Michael. Served as Wright County prosecuting attorney, 1977–1982; associate circuit judge, 1983–1994. Member: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mansfield. Elected circuit judge: 1994, 2000 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.



# Circuit 45 **DAN DILDINE**

Gasconade . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 20

Gentry . . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 4

Greene . . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 31

Grundy . . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 3

Harrison . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 3

Office address: Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Business Park Dr., Troy 63379; phone (636) 528-6300.

Counties: Lincoln and Pike.

**Biography:** Born October 15, 1951, near Blytheville, Ark. Graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., administration of Justice; John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1978. Married Christine Koncki August 14, 1976. They have two children. Served as assistant public defender for the 11th Judicial Circuit, 1980–1981; assistant prosecuting attorney of Lincoln County, 1983–1985. Engaged in private law practice, 1979–2000, including representing several cities and villages. Member: First Baptist Church, Troy; Pike County Historical Society. Elected circuit judge: 2000. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.

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Andrew Circuit No		Howard			Ralls		
Atchison Circuit No.		Howell			Randolph		
Audrain Circuit No		Iron					
Barry Circuit No	. 39	Jackson			Ray		
Barton Circuit No					Reynolds		
Bates Circuit No		Jasper			Ripley		
Benton Circuit No					St. Charles		
Bollinger Circuit No.		Johnson			St. Clair		
Boone Circuit No		Knox			St. Francois		
Buchanan Circuit No.		Laclede			St. Louis		
Butler Circuit No	. 36	Lafayette	Circuit No.	15	Ste. Genevieve		
Caldwell Circuit No.	. 43	Lawrence			Saline		
Callaway Circuit No.	. 13	Lewis			Schuyler		
Camden Circuit No	. 26	Lincoln			Scotland		
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Carroll Circuit No		Livingston			Shannon		
Carter Circuit No	. 37	Macon			Shelby		
Cass Circuit No	. 17	Madison			Stoddard		
Cedar Circuit No	. 28	Maries			Stone		
Chariton Circuit No.	. 9	Marion			Sullivan		
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Clay Circuit No	. 7	Miller			Vernon		
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Pettis . . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 18

Phelps . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 25

Pike . . . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 45

Platte . . . . . . . . . . . Circuit No. 6



Circuit 1

## RICKEY R. ROBERTS

Office address: 114 W. Court St., Kahoka 63445; phone (660) 727-2133.

Home address: Rt. 1, Box 106, Luray 63453.

county: Clark

**Biography:** Born April 17, 1955, Keokuk, Iowa. United States Air Force, 1973–1977. Graduated *summa cum laude* Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University), B.A. public administration and history, 1980, University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. 1983. Married Diana Hart, November 26, 1986. Engaged in private practice in Kahoka, 1983–2010. Served as City attorney for the cities of Kahoka, Wayland and Alexandria; General Counsel for the Second Judicial Circuit Juvenile Division, 1997–2010. Member Missouri Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. Elected associate circuit judge for Clark County, November 2010. Appointed by democratic governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon to fill unexpired term December 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 1

## **KELLY L. LOVEKAMP**

Office address: Schuyler County Courthouse, PO Box 417, Lancaster 63548; phone (660) 457-3755.

Home address: RR 1, Box 37, Queen City 63561.

County: Schuvler County.

**Biography:** Born in Kirksville. Educated at Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University), B.S., 1983, Business Administration and Psychology major with a Minor in Personnel Management; University of Missouri–Columbia, School of Law, J.D., 1990. Engaged in private practice, 1990–2010. Two children, Tara and Karissa. Received the Family Law Mediation Certificate, University of Missouri, 1999; MACC, Medical Terminology Certificate, 2003; Association of Professional Trainers, Tactual Handgun Certificate, 2006; University of Denver Tax Program, Estate Planning, 2007. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 1

# KARL A.W. DEMARCE

Office address: Scotland County Courthouse, 117 S. Market, Rm. 200, Memphis 63555; phone (660) 465-2404.

Home address: 743 N. Clay St., Memphis 63555.

County: Scotland.

Biography: Born August 18, 1968 in Maryville. University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. Ag. 1989, M.S. 1992 and J.D., 1997. Married Brenda Annette Russell, 1992. Five children, Catherine, Marie, Renée, William and Susannah. State Judicial Records Committee, 2003–present; Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference, 2008–present. State Representative District 1, 1997–1998. Community Development Specialist, University of Missouri Extension, Scotland County, 1991–1994. Member Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church; Mo. Bar; Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (vice president, 2011–2012); Scotland County Rotary Club; Scotland County Community Fitness Center, board of directors; Scotland County Assoc. of Music Parents; Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce. Editor-in-Chief, *Missouri Law Review*, 1996–1997. Elected associate circuit judge 1998. Re-elected 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 2

## KRISTIE J. SWAIM

Office address: Adair County Courthouse, 106 W. Washington, Kirksville 63501; phone (660) 665-3877.

Home address: Kirksville 63501

County: Adair.

**Biography:** Born September 27, 1967. Educated at University of Iowa, B.A., Political Science, 1990; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1993. Board of Advocates, writing director, 1992–1993; University of Missouri–Columbia, teaching assistant in legal research, writing and advocacy, 1992–1993; Order of Barristers, 1993; assistant editor, Missouri Supreme Court Publications, 1991–1993; private law practice, 1993–2002; Kirksville City Council, 1999–2002; director and member of numerous service groups and organizations. Received West Publishing Award for Excellence in Research and Writing, 1990; Richard J. Chamier Award in Public Speaking, 1991 and Fred L. Howard Prize for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy, 1992–1993. Elected Adair County associate circuit judge in 2002. Re-elected in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 2

# **WILLIAM E. ALBERTY**

Office address: Knox County Courthouse, PO Box 116, Edina 63537; phone (660) 397-3146.

County: Kno

**Biography:** Born January 3, 1944. Graduate of Culver-Stockton College, B.A. in history; Univ. of Missouri, J.D. Single with children. Prosecuting attorney of Knox County, 1971–2006; board member of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected associate circuit judge 2006. Re-elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 2 FRED WESTHOFF

Office address: Lewis County Courthouse, PO Box 36, Monticello 63457; phone (573) 767-5352.

County: Lewis

Biography: Born December 23, 1952 in Quincy, Illinois. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., magna cum laude, 1975; University of Missouri Law School, J.D. 1978. Married Reggie DeVerger, June 11, 1983. Four children. Prosecuting attorney Lewis County 1981–1986. Member of Missouri Bar; Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Assoc.; Heartland Resources, Inc., and Lewis County Home Health Advisory Board. Elected associate circuit judge for Lewis County in 1986. Re-elected in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 3 STEVEN D. HUDSON

Office address: Grundy County Courthouse, 700 Main St., Ste 6, Trenton 64683; phone (660) 359-6606.

County: Grundy

**Biography:** Born September 7, 1961 in Trenton. Graduate of William Jewell College, *magna cum laude*, B.S., business administration, 1983; and University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1986. Married to Lora Barnett, with two children. Member of Wesley United Methodist Church; NCMO Fair Board; Trenton High School Vocational Agriculture Advisory Board and Missouri Sheep Merchandising Council. Served as Grundy County prosecutor, September 1993–December 1998. Elected Grundy County associate circuit judge in November 1998. Re-elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 3 THOMAS R. ALLEY

Office address: Harrison County Courthouse, 1501 Central, PO Box 189, Bethany 64424; phone (660) 425-6432.

County: Harrison

Biography: Born in Harrison County. Graduate of Missouri Western State Univ., B.S., business administration, accounting, *summa cum laude*; Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.; certified public accountant. Wife Carla and son Willoughby. Employment Missouri State Auditor's Office; Tax Division of Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst & Young); private practice in Clay County; municipal judge, Kearney; adjunct professor, William Jewell College; city prosecutor, Bethany. Member Methodist Church; Bethany Rotary Club (past president); Masonic Lodge; Missouri Bar and Third Circuit Bar. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 3

J. BRAD FUNK

Office address: Mercer County Courthouse, 802 E. Main St., Princeton 64673; phone (660) 748-4232.

Home address: RR 2, Box 214, Princeton 64673.

County: Mercer.

**Biography:** Born October 6, 1948, in Storm Lake, Iowa. Graduate of University of Central Missouri, B.S.B.A., M.A.B.; University of Missouri, J.D.. Married Maureen Carroll. They have three children, Bret, Lauren and Alisa. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Macon County and was engaged in private practice of law. Member of Municipal Judge Education Committee and secretary-treasurer of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed associate circuit judge in 2001. Elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 3 **SAMUEL D. FRANK** 

Office address: Putnam County Courthouse, 1601 W. Main, Rm. 204, Unionville 63565; phone (660) 947-2117.

County: Putnam.

Home Address: Unionville 63565

**Biography:** Born 1961, in Centerville, Iowa. Graduate of Truman State University, Kirksville, B.A. Political Science, 1984, M.A. History, 1986; Oklahoma City University, J.D. 1989. Married Mary Helmken, June 12, 1998. Solo Practitioner for 20 years. Served as City Prosecutor, Unionville, for ten years. Member Missouri Bar and American Bar Association since 1990. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 4

## **COREY K. HERRON**

Office address: Atchison County Courthouse, PO Box 280, Rock Port 64482; phone (660) 744-2700.

County: Atchison.

**Biography:** Born August 16, 1969, in Fairfax, Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S.B.A. 1992, J.D. 1996. Married Kristina Kelsall, November 24, 2001. They have one son, Phillip. Engaged in private law practice in northern Missouri with Andereck, Evans, Milne, Widger & Johnson, L.L.C. in Trenton, 1996–2008. Admitted to United States District Court, Western District, and United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit. Past president of Third Circuit Bar Assoc. Member St. John's Lutheran Church; Missouri Bar Assoc.; Fourth Circuit Bar Assoc., president 2011–present; Phi Alpha Delta; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges and Rotary. Appointed Atchison County associate circuit judge by, Governor Blunt in 2008 to fill unexpired term of the Honorable Zel M. Fischer. Elected in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 4

#### **EDWARD MANRING**

Office address: Gentry County Courthouse, 200 W. Clay St., Albany 64402; phone (660) 726-3411.

County: Gentry.

**Biography:** Born July 23, 1950 in northwest Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.S., 1972 and J.D., 1975. Married Nancy Stout July 14, 1978. Private practice in Albany, 1975–2006. Worth County prosecuting attorney, 1989–1990; Gentry County prosecuting attorney, 1995–2006. Member Albany United Methodist Church; Rotary Club and volunteer firemen. Elected associate judge 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 4

# WILLIAM S. RICHARDS

Office address: Holt County Courthouse, PO Box 173, Oregon 64473; phone (660) 446-3380.

County: Holt

**Biography:** Born June 11, 1952, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Loyola University-New Orleans, B.A., philosophy, 1974; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1977. Married Katherine Weber, August 10, 1996. They have two children. General practice of law from 1977–1990. Elected in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 4

#### GLEN DIETRICH

Office address: Nodaway County Courthouse, 303 N. Market, Maryville 64468; phone (660) 582-2531.

County: Nodaway.

**Biography:** Born July 27, 1947, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Kentucky, B.B.A., 1970, and University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1974. Married to Joy Bellinger, they have three children. In private practice as a trial and transactional country lawyer in Maryville, 1974–1994, assistant professor teaching business law at Northwest Missouri State University, 1974–1975. Member of Circuit Court Budget Committee, 1997–present; Judge Transfer Subcommittee, 2007–present; Fine Collection Center Committee, 2001–present, current chairman; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, past president (2007–2008); United Methodist Church; American Bar Assoc.; The Missouri Bar. Elected in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 4

## JOEL MILLER

Office address: Worth County Courthouse, PO Box 350, Grant City 64456; phone (660) 564-2152.

County: Wort

**Biography:** Born August 22, 1970 in Albany, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. in political science, Missouri State University, M.A. in public administration, and Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa, J.D.. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Gentry County. Private practice in the law office of Edward M. Manring, P.C. Member of Missouri Supreme Court's State Judicial Records Committee; 4th Circuit Bar Assoc.; First Christian Church of Grant City; Worth County Education Foundation; Allensville and Grant City lodges; and Allendale Fourth of July Breakfast Club. Appointed September 1, 2006. Elected November 7, 2006. Re-elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 5

## MICHAEL J. ORDNUNG

Office address: Andrew County Courthouse, PO Box 49, Savannah 64485; phone (816) 324-3921.

County: Andrew.

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 1999. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 5

## **KEITH MARQUART**

Office address: Buchanan County Courthouse, 411 Jules, St. Jospeh 64501; phone (816) 271-1454.

County: Buchanan.

**Biography:** Born January 6, 1954, in Washington, Missouri. Graduated from Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas, B.A. in political science; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D.. Married to Corky and has two children, Blake and Brooke. Was appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1988. Elected in 1990, 1994. 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.

Republican



Circuit 5

# RONALD E. TAYLOR

Office address: Buchanan County Courthouse, 411 Jules, Rm. 331, St. Jospeh 64501; phone (816) 271-1448.

County: Buchanan.

**Biography:** Born December 18, 1944, in Smithville, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A. 1966; J.D. 1969. Past president, St. Joseph Bar Assoc. 1990. Member Board of Governors of The Missouri Bar, 1992–1998; Probate and Associate Judges Association. Board of directiors Patee House Museum and Mount Mora Cemetary Association. Appointed to the bench by Governor Roger Wilson in 2001. Elected 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 6—Division 3

#### THOMAS C. FINCHAM

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St.-Suite 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-3434.

Home address: 5227 Bluffview, Parkville 64152.

County: Platte.

**Biography:** Born August 21, 1956. Graduate of University of Missouri-Kansas City, B.A. Economics 1977; University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School, J.D. 1981. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City area 1981-2010. Served as city attorney and city prosecutor, Dearbon, 1997–2003; municipal judge in the following jurisdictions, Oakview, 1995–2000; Richmond, 1999–2000; Ferrelview, 1998–2010; Riverside, 2006–2010; Platte Woods, 2003–2010 and Lawson, 2001–2006. Member Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association (president, 2011-2012) (board member, 1999–present); Missouri, Platte County and Clay County Bar Associations; Missouri association of probate and associate circuit judges. Appointed associate circuit judge May 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 6—Division 4

## JAMES W. VAN AMBURG

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-1977.

County: Platte

**Biography:** Born October 23, 1951 in Dayton, Ohio. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, M.A.; Washburn University School of Law, J.D.. Assistant Platte County prosecuting attorney, 1987-1993. Member West Platte R-II School Board, 1986–1992; Missouri Bar Association; Probate and Associate Judges Association; Municipal and Associate Judges Association; Platte County Bar Association. Appointed in 1993. Elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 6—Division 5 **DENNIS C. ECKOLD** 

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Ste. 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-1925

Home address: 4821 NW 79th St., Kansas City 64151.

County: Platte.

County: Clay.

**Biography:** Born October 8, 1956. Graduate of University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, B.A. Psychology, 1979; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1983. Married to Lisa D. Eckold and has four children. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City, 1983–2010. Member Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Missouri and Platte County Bar Associations. Served as a member of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners (former board president), 1998–2003. Appointed Associate Circuit Judge May 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 7—Division 5

## DAVID CHAMBERLAIN

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3950.

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Available

**Biography:** Born December 13, 1962 in Cambridge, Nebraska. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State University), 1985, B.S. in economics; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 1989, Married Roberta L. Block, January 4, 1986, they have two children, Amanda and Hannah. Member Missouri Bar; Clay County Bar and Kansas City Missouri Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge April 10, 2008. Retained 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 7—Division 6
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Circuit 7—Division 7

JANET SUTTON

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3970.

County: Clay

Biography: Born August 1965 in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC), 1987, B.A. in communication studies; UMKC School of Law, J.D., 1990. Lives in Liberty, with husband of 25 years, Tim Sutton, and son, Sam. Assistant prosecutor for Clay County, 1990–2003; chief assistant prosecutor, 2000–2003; Municipal Prosecutor for Excelsior Springs, May 1994–December 2000. Municipal Judge for Excelsior Springs, January 2001–December 2002. Legal Counsel to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, 1993–1999. Member Clay County Bar Assoc.; Assoc. of Women Lawyers of Kansas City; Missouri Associate and Probate Judges Assoc.; and Missouri Municipal and Associate Judges Associate circuit judge in January 2003. Retained 2004 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 8
KEVIN L. WALDEN

Office address: Carroll County Courthouse, 8 S. Main, Ste. 1, Carrollton 64633; phone (660) 542-2494.

County: Carro

Biography: Born October 9, 1961, in Carrollton. Graduated Carrollton High School 1980; Truman State, formerly Northeast Missouri State University., B.S.E. in history, cum laude, 1984; University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., with high distinction, 1989; Order of the Coif. Married Linda Miller, January 6, 1996. Taught high school social studies, 1984–1985. Engaged in private practice, 1989–2004. Served as Carroll County prosecuting attorney, 1997–2004; city attorney for Carrollton, Bogard, Bosworth, DeWitt, Hale & Tina; special assistant attorney general. Member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ; The Missouri Bar; Carroll County Bar Assoc., president 1995–present; Wakanda Masonic Lodge #52; A.F. & A.M.; Lions Club, past president; *Iowa Law Review*; Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureau. Elected associate circuit judge 2004, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.

Circuit 8

JAMES C. THOMPSON

Office address: Ray County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Second Fl., Richmond 64085; phone (816) 776-2335.

County: Ray

Photo not Available Biography: Appointed September 21, 2009. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 9
ANDREA RAVENS VANDELOECHT

Office address: Chariton County Courthouse, 306 S. Cherry, Keytesville 65261; phone (660) 288-3271.

County: Charition

**Biography:** Born September 23, 1976. Graduate of Westminster College, B.A., and University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D.. Married to Brent Vandeloecht, they have two children. General practice with Chapman, Cowherd, Turner and Tschannen, P.C., 2001–2010. Elected November 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 9

JAMES P. WILLIAMS

Office address: Linn County Courthouse, PO Box 84, Linneus 64653; phone (660) 895-5212.

County: Linn

**Biography:** Born March 7, 1948 in Brookfield. Graduated from University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. business administration, 1970; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1973. Married to Kay Williams with two children. Appointed associate circuit judge 1997. Elected 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 9
TRACEY A. MASON-WHITE

Office address: Sullivan County Courthouse, 109 N. Main, Ste. 20, Milan, 63556; phone (660) 265-4717.

County: Sullivan.

**Biography:** Graduated from University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.S. business administration, 1999; University of Denver College of Law, J.D., 2004. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 10 **JOHN J. JACKSON** 

Office address: Marion County Courthouse, 906 Broadway, Hannibal 63401; phone (573) 221-0288.

**County**: Marion

**Biography:** Born March 16, 1960. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., 1982, J.D., 1985. Member and past president, 10th Circuit Bar Assoc. Elected Marion County prosecuting attorney, 1990 and 1994. Appointed associate circuit judge 1996. Elected 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014Democrat.



Circuit 10

# MICHAEL P. WILSON

Office address: Monroe County Courthouse, 300 N. Main, Paris 65275; phone (660) 327-5220.

County: Monroe.

Biography: Born November 18, 1951 in Tucson, Arizona. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B. and B.J., 1973 and J.D., 1980. Married Kathleen Roegge, August 19, 1973. Commissioned U.S. Air Force, 1973, became JAG in 1980. Retired as Lt. Col., 1993. Recipient of five meritorious service medals. Prosecuting attorney Monroe County, 1995–2004. Kansas City Arson Task Force Prosecutor of Year 2000. Member Lutheran Church - Lutheran Synod; Rotary and American Legion. Appointed associate circuit judge 2004. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 10 **DAVID MOBLEY** 

Office address: Ralls County Courthouse, PO Box 466, New London 63459; phone (573) 985-5641.

County: Ralls.

**Biography:** Born September 25, 1961. Educated at Culver-Stockton College, B.A. and University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married Sherre Lubker, June 16, 1984. They have three children. Served in private practice of law, 1986–2001. Appointed by Supreme Court to Family Court Committee and reappointed in 2009. Member First Christian Church; Rotary Club; Mark Twain Home Foundation board; Culver-Stockton College board of trustees; Great River Honor Flight board of directors and Hannibal Pirate Family Foundation board of directors. Past president and campaign chairman of Mark Twain Area United Way. Past district chairman of Mark Twain District Great Rivers Council, B.S.A. Received District Award of Merit, Great Rivers Council, B.S.A. Past member Missouri Bar Complaint Resolution program. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 11—Division 6
TERRY R. CUNDIFF

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 436, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 7660.

County: St. Charles County.

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 1995. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 11—Division 8

## **TIM LOHMAR**

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 431, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 4096.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born December 28, 1946, in DuQuoin, Illinois. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University (B.S., education); St. Louis University (J.D.). Selected as the Outstanding Alumnus of Southeast Missouri State University Political Science Department (1986). Married to Shirley Lohmar. They have one son. Member St. John United Church of Christ; St. Charles Rotary Club; executive board of advisors, Fairground Retirement Village; served on board of directors of St. Charles Youth in Need. Elected magistrate judge of St. Charles, 1974. Associate circuit judge, 1978, 1982, 1986. Circuit judge 1990. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 11—Division 9 **ELIZABETH SWANN** 

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63367; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 7497.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born in Magnolia, Arkansas on October 16, 1956. She received a B.S. in education from Southeast Missouri State Univ. in 1978. She obtained her law degree from Univ. of Missouri–Columbia and was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1982. Served as a Family court commissioner in St. Charles County, 1997–2006 and has served as an associate circuit judge, 2007–present. A member of the Family Court Committee and is currently serving as co-chairman of a sub-committee reviewing guardian ad litem standards. She recently completed service on the Ad Hoc Committee for Videoconferencing. She is a member of the St. Charles County and Missouri Bars. Judge Swann resides in Lake St. Louis with her husband and son. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 11—Division 10
NORMAN C. STEIMEL II

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 3083.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born December 30, 1953 in Spokane, Washington. Educated at Washington University, 1975, A.B.; 1978, J.D. Appellate law clerk for the Honorable Douglas W. Greene, Missouri Court of Appeals—Southern District, 1979—1980. Married Libby C. Toney, June 17, 1978. They have nine children. Member Missouri Bar; Illinois State Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Charles County Bar Association; Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Missouri Chapter president, 2008—2010); and Christian Legal Society. Appointed family court commissioner, 1995. Reappointed 1999 and 2003. Elected associate circuit judge 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 11
PHILLIP OHLMS

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 429, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7458.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born August 12, 1955 in St. Charles County. Graduate of St. Mary's Junior College A.A. 1975; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., B.A., 1977; J.D., 1980. Married Diana Mueller, March 24, 1984. They have four children Grant, Mark, Paul and Abigail. Attends Assumption BVM Church in O'Fallon. Appointed drug court commissioner, 2000. Elected associate circuit judge 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 12

MATTHEW E.P. THORNHILL

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 429, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7458.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born May 20, 1968, in St. Charles. Married Heather Denise Thornhill in 1997. They have four children Martha June Kelly, Sophia Axie Mae, Calvin Daniel Cornelius and Phoebe Noelle Serene. Educated at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, B.S., B.A., 1990; Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana, J.D., 1993. Served as an assistant prosecutor for St. Charles County, 1993–2006. Member of Harvester Christian Church, St. Charles. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 12

LINDA R. HAMLETT

Office address: Audrain County Courthouse, 101 N. Jefferson., Rm. 205, Mexico 65265; phone (573) 473-5850.

County: Audrain

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 1991. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 12

**KELLY C. BRONIEC** 

Office address: Montgomery County Courthouse, 211 E. Third St., Ste. 301, Montgomery City 63361; phone (573) 564-3348.

County: Montgomery.

**Biography:** Born in St. Louis. Graduate of William Woods College, *summa cum laude*, B.A., business administration; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D.. Married to Mark Broniec, April 29, 2000. They have 2 children. Served as Montgomery county prosecuting attorney, 1999–2006; assistant prosecuting attorney in Warren County, 1996–1998 and assistant prosecuting in Lincoln County, 1998–1999. Member of Grace Lutheran Church; Montgomery City Kiwanis Club (past president); Montgomery County Rotary Club; GFWC-Montgomery Study Club; Montgomery City Chamber of Commerce; founding board member of The Child Center, Inc., 2000–2006. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 12 WESLEY DALTON

Office address: Warren County Courthouse, 104 W. Main St., Warrenton 63361; phone (636) 456-3375.

Biography: Born October 10, 1958 in St. Charles. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 1982 and J.D., 1988. Single. Three children, Nicole, Taylor and Michael. Operated a solo practice in Warrenton, 1988–2000, and represented Warren County as special counsel. Also acted as the drug court judge for Warren County from 2003-2007. Elected to the board of directors of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 2005; appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court as a board member of the Centralized Fine Collection Bureau Committee; president of the Warren County Rotary Club; chairman of the City of Warrenton Tourism Commission. Member Warrenton Rotary Club and the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals. Appointed associate circuit to curt by Covernor Wilson in 2001. Floated in 2004. 2006 and 2004. Torm exprises December 21, 2014. Republican circuit court by Governor Wilson in 2001. Elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 13 LARRY BRYSON

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4054.

Home address: 530 Orchard St., Centralia 65240.

Biography: Born August 10, 1948. Graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., political science, 1970 and J.D., 1972. Married Patricia Fenton, August 29, 1970, they have six children; Amity, Matt, Caleb, Laurie, Lucas and Lacey and two grand-daughters; Grace and Evie. Retired Captain, U.S. Army Artillery Reserve. Practiced law in Centralia with father, Carroll N. Bryson, 1972–1986. Member and deacon, First Baptist Church, Centralia. First elected associate circuit judge, Division 5, in 1986. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 13 LESLIE SCHNEIDER

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4050.

Biography: Born in 1955 in Ames, Iowa. Graduated from Kirksville High School, 1973; University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., 1976 and J.D. 1979. Married to Thomas Schneider 1979 and they have two children, Julia and Scott. Assistant Attorney General, 1979-1983; municipal judge city of Columbia 1987-1996, private practice 1983-2006. Supreme Court Access to Family Courts Committee member and Family Court committee. Adjunct professor, University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 13 MICHAEL W. BRADLEY

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4050.

Biography: Born March 11, 1952 at George Air Force Base, Victorville, CA. Graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., 1974 and J.D., 1978. Lives in Columbia with wife Katie. Appellate Law Clerk to Hon. George Flanigan, Mo. Court of Appeals-Southern District, 1978–1979. Assistant City Attorney, City of Kansas City, 1979–1984. Private law practice, 1984–1995. Prosecuting Attorney Carroll County, 1991–1994. Associate Circuit Judge, Carroll County, 2004. Assistant Attorney General, 1995–2004, 2005–2009. Member Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 2005–2008. Counsel to the Missouri Dept. of Public Safety and the Missouri State Highway Patrol 2009-10. Chief Counsel to the Missouri Gaming Commission 2010-11. Member: Roman Catholic Church, Boone County Bar Association, Mizzou Alumni Association, Jefferson Club and Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Appointed Circuit Judge of Boone County April 2011. Term expires December 31,2012. Democrat.



Circuit 13 **DEBORAH DANIELS** 

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4050.

Biography: Born June 14, 1950, Fayette. University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC), B.A., B.S., 1972 and J.D., 1977. Honorary Order of the Coif, 2004, Fellow of the American Bar Assoc. Three children: Ian, Sydney Brette, and Paige Harrison. Law clerk on the Mo. Supreme Court, 1977–78 for Hon. Fred Henley; director of Mo. Supreme Court research staff, 1979–1982; adjunct professor of law at UMC, 1984–present; reporter for the Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 1982–2007; assistant prosecuting attorney, Boone County, 1999–2004; chief counsel Criminal Division, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2004–2006. Mo. Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 2007–present; and Court's Automation Committee, 2011–present. Appointed Mo. Bar Special Task Force Committee on the Public Defender's Office, 2004–2006. Selected to participate in the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Program (ASTAR), 2007-present. Faculty Mo. Judicial College, 2005-present. Elected associate circuit judge in 2007 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 13

CAROL ENGLAND

Office address: Callaway County Courthouse, 10 E. Fifth St., Fulton 65251; phone (573) 642-0777.

County: Callaway.

**Biography:** Born in Kewanee, Illinois. Graduated from Columbia College, B.A.; Lincoln University, M.A.; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D. Employed as a police officer before and while attending law school, then worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Callaway County prosecutor's office immediately after law school. Member Missouri Bar Association; Callaway County Bar Association (treasurer); Ebenezer Baptist Church in Fulton; Fulton Rotary Club and Callaway County Chapter of the American Red Cross (board member). Elected associate circuit judge in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat



Circuit 13
ROBERT STERNER

Office address: Callaway County Courthouse, 10 E. Fifth St., Fulton 65251; phone (573) 642-0780.

County: Callaway.

**Biography:** Born September 14, 1948 in Mexico. Graduated from Hamilton College, B.A. 1970; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1980. Callaway County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1980-1988; Boone County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1988–1990; Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney 1991-2010. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 14
MASON R. GEBHARDT

Office address: Howard County Courthouse, PO Box 370, Fayette 65248; phone (660) 248-3326.

County: Howard

**Biography:** Born September 12, 1969 at Keller Hospital, Fayette. Received bachelors degree from the University of Missouri–Columbia, 1992; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1996. Married Lisa Kauffman on November 25, 2000. They have three daughters, Kaleigh, Kassidy and Olivia. Private practice in Fayette, 1977–2010. Howard County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2010. Elected associate circuit judge in Howard County 2011. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 14
CINDY SUTER

Office address: Randolph County Justice Center, 372 HWY JJ, Ste. D., Huntsville 65259; phone (660) 277-4601.

County: Randolph

Biography: Born December 17, 1947 in Ft. Madison, Iowa. Graduate of Moberly Senior High School, Moberly Area Junior College, Truman State University and University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law. Engaged in private practice from 1971 to 2006. Member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Rotary Club and VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Appointed to Supreme Court Intervention Committee. Former board member of the Missouri State Board of Nursing; NECAC; Community Day Care; Safe Passage; Mo. Lawyers Trust Fund; Mo. Bar Lawyers Assistance Committee and Mid-Mo Legal Services. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 15

RANDALL SHACKELFORD

Office address: Lafayette County Courthouse - Lafayette Hall, 116 S. 10th St., PO Box 10, Lexington 64067; phone (660) 259-6101.

County: Lafayette.

**Biography:** Born February 20, 1953 in Warrensburg. Graduate Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1975; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1984 with distinction. Admitted to Missouri bar, 1984. Member Missouri Bar and Lafayette County Bar Association. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 15

## JOHN FRERKING

Office address: Lafayette County Courthouse - Lafayette Hall, 116 S. 10th St., PO Box 10, Lexington 64067; phone (660) 259-2324. County: Lafayette.

Biography: Born December 9, 1949, in Marshall. Graduate of Santa Fe High School, Alma, 1967; University of Central Missouri, B.S. business management, 1971; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1976. Married Valorie L. Kilgore, 1975. They have two sons, Chris and Matt. Engaged in banking and private practice before becoming elected associate circuit judge commencing 1987. Member Immanuel Lutheran Church, Higginsville; Higginsville Rotary Club and American Legion. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 15 HUCH C. HARVEY

Office address: Saline County Courthouse, 101 E. Arrow, Rm. 302, Marshall 65340; phone (660) 886-8808.

County: Saline.

**Biography:** Graduate of Oral Roberts University, 1977–1981, B.S. in business management, Drake University, 1982–1985, J.D./ M.B.A. Saline County prosecuting attorney, 1987–1998. Saline County associate circuit judge, 2000–present.



Circuit 15

JAMES T. BELLAMY

Office address: Saline County Courthouse, PO Box 751, Marshall 65340; phone (660) 886-6988.

County: Saline.

**Biography:** Born March 2, 1953, in Marshall. Graduate of Westminster College, B.A.; Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.. Member 1st Presbyterian Church; Lions Club; Masonic Lodge; Saline County Bar Association. Appointed to associate circuit court 2000. Elected 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 16—Division 25

## RICHARD T. STANDRIDGE

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3678.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born January 28, 1953 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, 1976, B.S. political science and the University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married to Melissa T. Standridge, they have five children. Member Congregation Beth Torah. Appointed associate circuit judge June 1993 by Governor Mel Carnahan. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 16—Division 26

## KENNETH R. GARRETT III

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3678.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Judge Garrett is from Kansas City. He earned his law degree, from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law; Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Master's Degree in Public Administration from UMKC. Has served as an instructor in strategic business planning and policy at Baker University, Overland Park, Kansas. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County since 2004. Prior to joining the Jackson County prosecuting attorney's office, Judge Garrett worked as an assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri, representing various state agencies in civil matters. Member of The Missouri Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association; American Bar Association; Jackson County Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jay Nixon in August 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



# Circuit 16—Division 27 GREGORY B. GILLIS

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Seventh Fl., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3678.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Life-long resident of Kansas City. Graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, 1981 and the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, 1984. Married to Joyce Gillis since 1985. Served as the drug court commissioner and as assistant prosecuting attorney for 12 years in Jackson County. Member KC Metropolitan Bar Assoc. and the Jackson County Bar Association. Serves as historian and board member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and served on the advisory board of Operation Breakthrough. Appointed by Governor Bob Holden in April of 2001. Term expires December 31, 2014.



# Circuit 16—Division 28 VERNON E. SCOVILLE III

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4606.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born 1953 in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A. (1976), J.D. (1978). He is married and has two children. Served U.S. Army, 1971–1974, U.S. Army Reserves Major; assistant prosecuting attorney Jackson County, 1978–1981; L.P.N. (Mo. 2005); Member St. John LaLande Catholic Church; VFW; American Legion; Young Lawyers Section Council; Mo. Bar, 1978–1981; Legislative Committee, Mo. Judicial Conference; president, Missouri Assoc. of Probate & Associate Circuit Judge (2000). Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives (Democrat) 1982–1991. Appointed associate circuit judge October, 1991. Retained 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 29
MARGARET L. SAUER

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3734.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born in New York, New York. Graduate of Southwest High School; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., special education; University of Kansas, M.S., special education; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.. Legal counsel for the Jackson County public administrator, 1983–1985; 16th Circuit Probate Division: Legal Counsel, 1985–1991; appointed three terms Deputy Commissioner, 1991–2000. Pres. Assoc. for Women Lawyers, 1996; board of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges, 2005–2007; executive council, Missouri Judicial Conference; board of Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance; officer Lyric Opera Guild. Member Mo. and Kansas City Bar Assocs.; Assoc. for Women Lawyers. Awards University of Missouri Law Foundation Public Service Award, 1994; Association for Women Lawyers Judicial Recognition Award, 2000. Appointed judge May 2000. Elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 30

TWILA K. RIGBY

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4506.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born in Urbana, Mo. Graduate of Missouri State University, *magna cum laude*, B.S. in education, 1975 and Master of Education. Graduated University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, 1988. Married Robert Rigby May 17, 1987. They have three children Rhett, Trey and Regan. Member Faith United Methodist Church, Grain Valley. Jackson County prosecutor's office, 1987–1997. Appointed associate circuit judge 1997. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 31

## CHRISTINE T. SILL-ROGERS

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3542. County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born in Oakland, California. Educated at Penn Valley Community College, A.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.S.; and the George Washington University, J.D. Married Charlie Rogers, 1984. Served as assistant public defender, counsel to the public administrator and *pro bono* associate with Stinson, Mag & Fizzell. Founding legal director, Kansas City Youth Court; president, Association of Women Lawyers, 1993; vice-president, Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance; member and chair, Safe Family Coalition; board member, Operation Breakthrough. Recipient of the AWL Judge of the Year Award, 1996; H. Michael Coburn Community Service Award, 1998; Distinguished Alumni Award, Penn Valley Community, 1999; Legal Leader of the Year, 2006; President's Award, KCMBA Foundation, 2007. Appointed September 7, 1993. Elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 32

ROBERT L. TROUT

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4518.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born September 4, 1949, in Clarinda, Iowa. Educated at William Jewell College, B.A. 1971; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1975. Married with two children. Practiced law in Blue Springs and Odessa. Appointed associate circuit judge, October 5, 1987. Elected in 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 33

JEFFREY L. BUSHUR

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-1783.

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** B.A. in philosophy and communication studies, 1983 from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1986. U.S. Army, 1975–1978. Married for 22 years, and has two children. Served as an assistant prosecutor in the Jackson County Prosecuting attorney's office, 1985–2000. Named Jackson County Prosecutor of the Year, 1991 and 1995. CLE lecturer for Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, 1990–1999, lecturer for Central Missouri State University law enforcement program, 1986–2000. Member of Trial Judge Education Committee; ASTAR Judge Program and Trial Judge Education lecturer. Appointed June 2000. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 17

J. MICHAEL RUMLEY

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8216.

County: Cass.

**Biography:** Born April 30, 1953 in Kansas City, Kansas. Graduate of Park University, B.A., Public Administration, 1980 and University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC), J.D., 1984. Engaged in private law practice, 1984–2010. Adjunct Professor of Law, UMKC Law School, 1985–2000; Raymore Municipal Judge, December 2008–December 2010. Member Cass County Bar Association; The Order of Barristers; Missouri Farm Bureau; Ray-Pec Optimist Club; Raymore, Belton, Peculiar & Pleasant Hill Chambers of Commerce. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican



Circuit 17

WILLIAM B. COLLINS

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Wall St., Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8200.

County: Cass

**Biography:** Born December 1, 1956 in Kansas City. Graduate of Rockhurst University, 1979, with B.S., B.A. in accounting. Graduate of University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1982. Member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association and Missouri Bar. Resides in Harrisonville. First elected 1994. Re-elected 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.

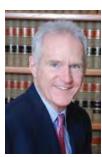


Circuit 17 **DAN OLSEN** 

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Wall St., Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8704.

**County**: Cass

**Biography:** Born August 28, 1952 in El Dorado, Kansas. Graduate of Kansas State University, B.S. Animal Science; Washburn University of Topeka, J.D. Married Margaret C. Eisenmayer, February 9, 1985; two sons, Alex and Ian. Engaged in private law practice, 1979–April 2006; Raymore municipal judge, April 1980–April 2006; Lake Winnebago municipal judge, January 1982–April 2006; Garden City municipal judge, July 2004–April 2006. Member Bel-Ray Lions Club; Ray-Pec Optimist Club; Elks Lodge #2791; Cass County Bar Association. Appointed to the associate circuit court April 2006. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 17

## **GARRETT R. CROUCH II**

Office address: Johnson County Justice Center, 101 W. Market, Warrensburg 64093; phone (660) 422-7405. County: Johnson.

**Biography:** Born in Warrensburg. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S.B.A., 1974, and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1977. Married to Jan S. Rhoads. Member Warrensburg Rotary Club (past president); Whiteman AFB Community Council; Johnson County Bar Association and Trial Judge Education Committee. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1990. Elected 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



# Circuit 17 SUE DODSON

Office address: Johnson County Justice Center, 101 W. Market, Warrensburg 64093; phone (660) 422-7413.

County: Johnson.

**Biography:** Born May 24, 1955, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Central Missouri., B.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC), J.D.. Member *UMKC Law Review;* Warrensburg and Holden Chambers of Commerce; Missouri and Johnson County Bar Associations; Missouri Farm Bureau; Whiteman Base Community Council and Military Affairs Committee. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 18 **KEITH M. BAIL** 

Office address: Cooper County Courthouse, 200 Main, Rm. 31, Boonville 65233; phone (660) 882-2232.

**County**: Cooper

**Biography:** Born August 26, 1963, in Boonville. Graduate of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, agricultural economics, 1984; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1993. Married Catherine Reynolds, March 23, 1996. They have two sons. Law clerk to late Judge Robert W. Berrey III; Missouri Court of Appeals Western District, 1993–1995; private practice, 1995–1996; assistant prosecuting attorney, Boone County, 1996–2006. Member United Church of Christ; Masonic Lodge; Shriners; Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 18 **ROBERT M. LISTON** 

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 826-4699.

County: Pettis

Biography: Born July 19, 1945 in East St. Louis, IL. Graduated Mercy High School, University City, 1963; St. Louis University, 1967, B.S., political science and history; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1970. Married Margaret Swords, December 31, 1977. Four children, Andrea, Jennifer, Zachary and Samuel. Served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, 1971–1976, 1st Lt. and 2nd Lt. Private practice of law, 1971–2002, Sedalia. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Pettis Co., 1973–1977. Member Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Rotary; West Central Missouri Baseball Association (board member); North American Amateur Sports Association (current president & board member). Previous board member Sedalia Little League; Sedalia Jaycees and APO National Service Fraternity. Elected 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 18 **R. PAUL BEARD** 

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 826-5000.

County: Petti

**Biography:** Born in Missouri in 1969. Graduate of Brigham Young University, B.A., 1993; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1997. Partner in the law firm of Beard & Associates, LLP, 1997–2005. Appointed associate circuit judge, Pettis County, 2005. Elected to the same position, 2006. Married Stacey Hill, 1993. They have six children. Member Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Rotary; Red Cross; Boy Scouts of America; Pettis County Ministerial Alliance; United Way; Paul Klover Soccer Association; PTA and Bothwell Hospital Volunteer Chaplins. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 19

## THOMAS L. SODERGREN

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 503, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 659-2300.

County: Cole.

Biography: Born December 17, 1952. Educated at the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. English education; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D 1978. Married with two children. Private practice of law, 1978–1994. Jefferson City municipal judge, 1990–1994. Former president Cole County Bar. Former member Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council. Former counsel to Missouri Police Chief's Association. 2004 Recipient of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Judicial Officer of the Year. Former board member of the Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Elected associate circuit judge 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 20

## **DAVID TOBBEN**

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main, Union 63090; phone (636) 583-6312.

Home address: 415 Elm St., Washington 63090

County: Franklin

**Biography:** Born November 20, 1950 in Washington, Missouri. B.A., in economics, University of Notre Dame, 1973; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1976. Married Lucille Struckhoff, August 2, 1975. Six children Laura, Eric, Ellen, Brian, Emily and Andrew. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Franklin County, 1976–1981; city attorney, city of Washington, 1984–1982; Franklin County prosecuting attorney, 1984–1990: 1991–1995. Elected associate circuit judge 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 20

# DAVID L. HOVEN

Office address: Franklin Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Union 63084; phone (636) 583-7332.

County: Franklin

**Biography:** Born March 12, 1952, Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois. Married Janet Jones, September 8, 1979, they have two children. Graduate of St. Joseph's College (Indiana), B.A., 1974, Pepperdine University School of Law, J.D., 1977. Private practice 1978-2005. Member: Chamber of Commerce; Lions; California Bar and Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Washington, Missouri. Appointed January 2005. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 20

## STANLEY D. WILLIAMS

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6330.

County: Franklin.

**Biography:** Born October 9, 1957, in Cuba, Missouri. Educated at East Central College, Union; University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., *cum laude*, 1978; UCLA Law School, J.D. 1981. Married to Debbie Williams. In private practice, Franklin County, 1981–1996. Past municipal judge, St. Clair. Member of Pacific Presbyterian Church; Missouri Bar and 20th Judicial Circuit Bar. Serves as Franklin County drug court judge. Appointed associate circuit judge 1996. Elected 1996, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 20

## JOHN B. BERKEMEYER

Office address: Gasconade County Courthouse, 119 E. First St., Rm. 3, Hermann 65041; phone (573) 486-2321.

County: Gasconade

**Biography:** Born March 17, 1944, in Mt. Sterling. St. Louis College of Pharmacy; University of Missouri–Columbia; George Washington University, B.S. in Chemistry, J.D.. Married and has 4 children, and 7 grandchildren. Prosecuting attorney of Gasconade County, 1973–1998. Associate circuit judge, 1998–present. Republican.



Circuit 20

## **ROBERT D. SCHOLLMEYER**

Office address: Osage County Courthouse, PO Box 825, Linn 65051; phone (573) 897-3114.

County: Osage.

**Biography:** Born November 27, 1962 in Jefferson City. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B. Honors; Washington University in St. Louis, J.D.. Married Kathi O. Jones. Member of St. Mary's Parish, Chamois. Served as public defender, Hannibal, 1989–1991; prosecuting attorney, Osage County, 1991–2002. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2002. Elected 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.

Circuit 21—Division 31

MARY E. OTT

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 64050; phone (314) 615-1531.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born September 25, 1960 in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Mary's Collage, 1982, B.A.; and St. Louis University School of Law, 1985, J.D. Appointed May 30, 2008. Retained 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.

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Circuit 21—Division 32

## MARY BRUNTRAGER SCHROEDER

Office address: Clayton Courthouse, 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1532.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. Louis University and her Juris Doctorate degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Resides in St. Louis County with her family. She was circuit attorney for the City of St. Louis, 1980–1982. Engaged in private law practice, 1983–1999, when she was appointed to the bench. Judge Schroeder is involved with the St. Louis County Truancy Court Program in the Valley Park School District. She is active in community and youth activities, including UMSL Community Chorus and church groups. Member Missouri Bar; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association and the Women Lawyers Association; past president of the Missouri Association of Associate Circuit and Probate Judges. Judge Schroeder was appointed associate circuit judge on May 11, 1999. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 21—Division 33

## **BRENDA STITH LOFTIN**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, St. Louis 63105; phone (314) 615-1533.

County: St. Louis

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduated from Univ. of Mo.-St. Louis (UMSL), B.G.S. and St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D. 1986. Married to Sergeant J.W. Loftin. Prior employment: Mo. Division of Family Services; private practice, 1988-1989; assistant prosecuting attorney St. Louis County, 1989-1993. Member of Mo. Supreme Court committees: Trial Judge Education Committee; Coordinating Commission for Judicial Department Education; Chief Justice Advisory Council. Past president of the National Assoc. of Women Judges, 2006-2007. Board member, National Center for State Courts, 2004-2010. Recipient of the YWCA Racial Justice Leader Award, 2009; Daily Record Newspaper, "Women's Justice Award for Citizenship", 2002; UMSL Distinguished Alumni Award, 1994; UMSL Trailblazer Award, 1993; National Assoc. of Women Judges Award of Excellence, 2007; National Assoc. of Women Judges President's Award, 2005. Appointed associate circuit judge in 1993 and retained in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 21—Division 34

DALE W. HOOD

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1533.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born December 9, 1950, in Washington, Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. and M.S., St. Louis University, J.D., U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Career Army Officer, 1973–1990. Assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1999–2005. Member of University of Missouri–Columbia Alumni Association; Association of U.S. Army; 101st Airborne Division Association; First Presbyterian Church-Kirkwood. Appointed associate circuit judge 2005. Elected in 2008. Term exipires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 21—Division 35 JOHN N. BORBONUS

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1535.

County: St. Louis.

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Biography: Not available. Appointed August 5, 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012.

Circuit 21—Division 36

## **ELLEN (NELLIE) HANNIGAN RIBAUDO**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1536.

County: St. Louis.

Photo not Available **Biography:** Born in St. Louis on May 7, 1971. Graduate of the University of Dayton, 1993, B.A. and St. Louis University School of Law, 1996, J.D.. Appointed associate circuit judge July 2009. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 21—Division 37

JOHN R. ESSNER

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1537.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born on March 12, 1951 in Southeast Missouri. Graduated from UCLA, 1973, political science; St. Louis University School of Law, *cum laude*, 1976. Married with two children. Clerked for the Honorable Theodore McMillian, worked for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, 1978 until being appointed to the bench in July 1999. Handled family court docket. Member Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; the St. Louis County Bar Association; The Lawyers' Association; The Women Lawyers' Association; the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 21—Division 38

#### LAWRENCE J. PERMUTTER

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1538.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born February 14, 1947 in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–St. Louis B.A., Washington University, J.D.. Married Darlene Permuter, February 28, 1982. Served in U.S. Army Reserve, 1968–1974. Member Missouri Bar; St. Louis County Bar Association; Rules Committee. Appointed to the associate circuit court 2009. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 21—Division 39
PATRICK CLIFFORD

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1539.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 1979. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 21—Division 40

**DENNIS SMITH** 

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1540.

County: St. Louis

**Biography:** Born April 19, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, with a B.S. in applied math and computer science, 1971; Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, 1974. Married, four children. Assistant public defender, St. Louis County, 1975–1977; assistant public defender, St. Charles County, 1977–1978. Private practice of law, 1977–1994. Mayor of Ellisville, 1992–1994. Appointed family court commissioner, St. Louis County, 1994. Co-chairperson Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts, 2008–2009. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1995. Retained in 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 21—Division 41 **JUDY P. DRAPER** 

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1541.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Graduate of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, B.S., labor relations (1977); Howard University Law School, *Law Journal* (1980). Former prosecutor for City of St. Louis (assistant circuit attorney); law clerk to Hon. Clyde S. Cahill, federal district court judge. First female general counsel for the Missouri Department of Corrections. Private practice (Criminal and Civil); adjunct professor of pre-trial practice at Washington University School of Law; served as municipals judge for the cities of Northwoods and Berkley. Member founding member of the Missouri Asian American Bar Association; the women Lawyer's Association; the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; National Bar Association. Appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to sit on the Education Committee for the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Former member of the Congressional Committee for Americans with Disabilities. Appointed associate circuit judge 2004. Retained 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 21—Division 42

SANDRA FARRAGUT-HEMPHILL

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1542.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born December 9, 1953, in Tampa, Florida. Graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, B.S. political science *cum laude*; University of Florida School of Law, J.D.. Served as associate at Bell, Harris Kirksey and Thomas; staff attorney at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri; assistant county counselor for St. Louis County and engaged in private practice until appointment to the bench, March 1991. Member of Missouri Bar; Mound City Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Women Lawyers Association; National Association of Women Judges and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Faculty member of the Trial Judges Education Committee since 2007. Retained 2008. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 43
JOSEPH S. DUEKER

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1543.

County: St. Louis

**Biography:** Born November 10, 1966, in St. Louis County. Educated at the University of Richmond, B.A., *cum laude*; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D.. Married to Jane E. Eilermann. They have two children. Engaged in private practice, 1992–1993. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1993–2010; associate chief trial attorney, St. Louis County, 2008–2010. Member Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, August 13, 2010. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 14

## THERESA COUNTS BURKE

Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3573.

St. Louis City.

Biography: Born October 11, 1965, in Granite City, Illinois. Graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois, B.A., 1985 in political science; St. Louis University School of Law, 1988, J.D.. Work history includes private practice for 20 years; provisional judge for the Municipal Court of St. Louis City, 2001–2008; adjunct professor for Fontbonne University OPTIONS program since 2007. Member Missouri Supreme Court's Committee on Access to Family Courts, 2011; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (MAPACJ); Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association (MMACJA); ex officio board member of Lawyers for Kids; Women Lawyers' Association. Appointed as an associate circuit judge, November 25, 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 22—Division 24

## PAULA P. BRYANT

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4086. St. Louis City.

Biography: Born December 2, 1956, in St. Louis. Graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S. 1981; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married and has two children. Adjunct professor for Webster University, St. Louis. Assistant circuit attorney, 1993–2004; assigned to the Specialized Homicide Unit, later a Team Leader, recipient of the Outstanding Trial Attorney award, 2004. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis, 1991–1993; public defender, 1987–1991; staff attorney for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court. Active with several bar associations, a member of the Catholic Church, and is affiliated with other community and educational organizations. Appointed associate circuit judge 2004. Elected in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 22—Division 25

BARBARA PEEBLES
Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St, St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 641-8320.

St. Louis City.

**Biography:** Born July 14, 1960, in St. Louis. Educated at Washington University, St. Louis, B.A, 1982; American University Washington College of Law, J.D, 1986. Previously an assistant city counselor, City of St. Louis; assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis; drug court commissioner, Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit. Member St. Alphonsus Liguori Rock Catholic Church; National Association of Women Judges; Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; Mound City Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, September 2000. Elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 22—Division 26 ELIZABETH B. HOGAN

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4786.

Home address: St. Louis City

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Biography: Born February 14, 1968 in St. Louis. Graduate of DePaul University, B.A. political science; Thomas Cooley Law School, J.D.. Married to Joseph Hogan, August 19, 1995 with two children, Hannah and James. Work history includes private practice; assistant prosecuting attorney, Jefferson County; assistant circuit attorney, city of St. Louis; and supervising attorney, Voices for Children. Member Missouri Bar Association; American Bar Association; Women Lawyer's Association; St. Louis Lawyer's Association; St. Roch Catholic church, St. Louis; president-elect of the Women of St. Roch; St. Louis Zoo; Forest Park Forever; Missouri Botanical Garden and Saint Louis Art Museum. Appointed by Governor Matt Blunt, April 13, 2005. Elected in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 22—Division 27 THOMAS C. CLARK II

Office address: Civil Courthouse, 10 N. Tucker St, St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4619.

St. Louis City.

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Biography: Born December 12, 1966 in Kansas City. Educated at University of Kansas, B.S. history and journalism, 1990; St. Louis University, M.A. public administration, 1993; J.D., 1998. Served as assistant circuit attorney, 1998–2006, City of St. Louis; elected to the young lawyers section of The Missouri Bar Association; participated in Leadership St. Louis/FOCUS. Member Missouri Bar Association; St. James the Greater Catholic Church, St. Louis; St. Louis Zoo; Boy Scouts of America merit badge counselor. Appointed associate circuit judge, January 17, 2006 to fill an unexpired term. Elected in 2008. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 28
CALEA STOVALL-REID

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market, St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4536.

St. Louis City

**Biography:** Born Springfield, Massachusetts. Married and has two children. Graduate of Howard University, Washington, D.C., B.A., 1982. Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1990. Corporate counsel to the St. Louis Housing Authority, 1997–2003; litigation associate with the law firm of Peoples and Hale, 1995–1997; assistant circuit attorney with the circuit attorney's office, city of St. Louis, 1993–1995 and an assistant public defender with the Missouri Public Defender's Office St. Louis City litigation office, 1991–1993. Member of Imani A.M.E. Church; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges; the Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis; Mound City Bar Association and the South City YMCA Volunteer Advisory Board. Teaches part-time at St. Louis Community College. Stovall-Reid has served as a volunteer judge with truancy court for St. Louis City Public Schools. Appointed to associate circuit bench, March 2003. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Circuit 22—Division 29 MICHAEL F. STELZER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St, St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4432.

St. Louis City.

**Biography:** Born February 11, 1964, St. Louis. Graduated from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, 1986. Graduated from St. Louis University School of Law, *cum laude*, 1992. Clerked for the Honorable Carl R. Gaertner, Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District. Assistant and associate city counselor, City of St.Louis, 1993–2004. General counsel to the Board of Police Commissioners, St. Louis City. Appointed to the associate circuit bench, January of 2004 by Governor Bob Holden. Elected in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 23—Division 10

DARRELL E. MISSEY

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5425.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born April 12, 1967 in St. Louis. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., political science in 1989; and St. Louis University, J.D., 1992. Married Andrea Schalk Missey on May 27, 1989; they have three daughters. Member of Delmar Baptist Church; Missouri Bar Association and Supreme Court Family Court Committee. Elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 23—Division 11 **RAY DICKHANER** 

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5365.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born March 4, 1950 in St. Louis. Graduate of Westminster College, B.A., Washington University Law School, J. D., L.L.M (taxation). Recipient Lon O. Hocker Trial Award. Jefferson County municipal court judge, 2005–2006. Elected to associate circuit court 2006. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 12 **STEPHEN BOUCHARD** 

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5443.

County: Jefferson

Biography: Born October 25, 1953, St. Louis. Educated at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., summa cum laude, 1976; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1978. Married to Deanne Narsh. Father of two daughters. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, Jefferson County, 1979–1986. Partner in Cunningham, Rayfield and Bouchard, Crystal City, 1986–2006. Served on Crystal City Board of Education seven years. Past president Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity. Recipient 1999 Commerce Bank Community Service Award. Member Missouri Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association; Hillsboro Rotary Club. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.

Circuit 23—Division 13

## PATRICIA RIEHL

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6020.

County: Jefferson.

Photo not Available **Biography:** Born August 29, 1957 in St. Louis. Attended Southeast Missouri State University, B.S. in education, and University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.. Engaged in private practice, 1982–2003. Served as municipal judge for DeSoto and Crystal City, board of directors; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judge's Association, past president; Jefferson County Bar Association, Disciplinary Hearing Officer; Circuit Bar Committee member; member Missouri Bar Association, Jefferson County Bar Association Appointed to the bench as drug court commissioner in 2003. Elected associate circuit judge division 13 in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 14 TIMOTHY S. MILLER

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6045.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born October 7, 1964, in Festus, MO. Festus High School; Southeast Missouri State University, B.S. in Education 1989; Washington University, St. Louis, J.D. 1993. Missouri Army National Guard, 1983–1991. Marrried to Christina (Jackson) Miller in 1986, with two children: Anna and Dylan, and two grandchildren: Emma (2006–2009) and Cameron. Private law practice 1993 to 2011. Member of Kiwanis, Elks, MMACJA, Jefferson County Bar Association, Missouri Bar Association. Elected Associate Circuit Judge 2010. Term expires 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 15
SHANNON DOUGHERTY

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6442.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born January 11, 1973 in St. Louis. Education Grandview R-2 High School, 1991; University of Missouri, B.A., psychology, 1995, *summa cum laude*; Universite Stendhal, France, summer 1992; and Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2002. Married to Christopher Moenster. Mother of one daughter. Probation and parole officer for the state of Missouri, 1995–2001; Jefferson County prosecuting attorney's office, 2001–2006 (assistant prosecuting attorney, 2002–2006). Elected associate circuit iudge 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 24 **ROBIN EDWARD FULTON** 

Office address: Madison County Courthouse, PO Box 470, Fredericktown 63645; phone (573) 783-3105.

County: Madison.

**Biography:** Born July 27, 1953, in Ft. Leonard Wood. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A. 1978; University of South Carolina, J.D., 1981. Research Editor South Carolina Law Review, 1980. Married Karen Sylvester, June 7, 1975. They had two children Jacob Fulton (deceased 1997) and Jennifer Detwiler, and one granddaughter Morgan Detwiler. Served in the private practice of law, 1981–2006. Member Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; Elks Club; 24th Circuit Bar Association; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected associate circuit judge 2006. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.

Circuit 24

WENDY L. WEXLER HORN

Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Ste. 300, Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-5755.

County: St. Francois

Biography: Not available. Appointed October 24, 2011.





Circuit 24
SHAWN R. McCARVER

Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Ste. 201, Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-6601.

County: St. Francois

**Biography:** Born May 12, 1960 in Bonne Terre. Graduated National Honor Society, Central R-3 High School, Park Hills, 1978. Bachelor of Science, *summa cum laude*, Central Missouri State University, 1981; Juris Doctor, Mo. Law Review, University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1984. Admitted to Missouri Bar, 1984. Married to Julie Huffman McCarver. They have one child, Dagny Elizabeth McCarver. Practiced law, 1984–2010. Was municipal judge for over 25 years, in Park Hills, Desloge, Bismarck, Bonne Terre and Leadwood. Member St. Joseph Catholic Church; 24th Circuit Bar Association; Missouri Bar; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges and Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association (past president). Serves on the Supreme Court Municipal Judge Education Committee. Served on the faculty of the Judicial College since 1988 and was on various other commissions and committees. Appointed and serves as tech. advisor to the Supreme Court's Commission on Children's Justice. Has authored numerous articles, books and given many presentations on juvenile, family law and adoptions. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 24

# TIMOTHY W. INMAN

Office Address: Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse, 55 S. Third St., Ste. Genevieve 63670; phone (573) 883-2705.

County: Ste. Genevieve.

**Biography:** Born October 7, 1964, in Vinita, Oklahoma. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S. in Business and Accounting, 1987; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1990. Private practice, 1990–2010; Ste. Genevieve County Prosecuting Attorney, 1997–2010. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 24
TROY HYDE

Office address: Washington County Courthouse, 102 N. Missouri St., Potosi 63664; phone (573) 438-6111.

County: Washington.

**Biography:** Born November 2, 1962, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.A., Political Science; Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Petit College of Law, J.D., 1990. Married Sonya Lawson, June 12, 1998. Member Ohio Northern Law Review, Lead Article Research Editor; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 2218. Served as assistant public defender, 24th Judicial Circuit, 1990–1992; assistant prosecuting attorney, Washington County, 1993–1995; private practice of law, 1993–1996. Elected associate circuit judge, 1997. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 25

# KERRY G. ROWDEN

Office address: Maries County Courthouse, PO Box 490, Vienna 65582; phone (573) 422-3303.

County: Maries

**Biography:** Born December 3, 1964. Graduate of Maries R-1 in Vienna, 1983; Lincoln University, 1985, B.A. History and University of Missouri–Columbia, 1989, J.D.. Elected prosecuting atttorney for Miller County, 1990 and served four years. Married to Wendy Hensley, December 29, 1984 and they have 6 children. Elected associate circuit judge, November 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 25

# WILLIAM E. HICKLE

Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6230.

County: Phelps

**Biography:** Born August 23, 1957 in Fort Worth, Texas. Graduate of Baylor University, B.A. Chemistry, 1979; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1982. Married to Debbie, November 26, 1982. Five children David, Mark, Nathan, Sarah and Rachel. Practiced law in Rolla 27 years. Served as Municipal Judge, City of Rolla, 1996–2010. Served as chairman, Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council to the Governor; president, Rolla Public Library Board of Trustees; president, Rolla Rotary Club. Elected associate circuit judge, Division II, 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 25

# RONALD D. WHITE

Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6233.

County: Phelp

**Biography:** Born September 10, 1954, at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Attended University of Missouri at Rolla (now Missouri S & T), B.S in economics, 1975; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1978. Married to Clarissa since April 7, 1979. Two sons Aaron and Adam. Was engaged in private practice in Rolla for 26 years. Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1979–1983. Assistant Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1983–1986. Member of Christ Episcopal Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, Probate Division, January 1, 2005 to fill an unexpired two-year term. Elected associate circuit judge, Probate Division, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 25
COLIN LONG

Office address: Pulaski County Courthouse, 301 Historic Rt. 66, Ste. 314, Waynesville 65583; phone (573) 774-4786.

County: Pulask

**Biography:** Born November 14, 1969 in Waynesville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Rolla; Oklahoma City University, J.D. Married to Courtney Lawson July 27, 2002. They have one child, Connor Patrick. Former partner with Smith, Turley, Long. Member of St. Robert Church of God; Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce; former vice chair Regional Commerce and Growth Association; Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 A.F. & A. M.; Abou Ben Adhem Shrine. Appointed November 2004. Elected November 2006. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 25

DAVID G. WARREN

Office address: Pulaski County Courthouse, 301 Historic Rt. 66, Ste. 316, Waynesville 65583; phone (573) 774-4784.

County: Pulaski.

**Biography:** Graduate of Richland High School, Univ. of Missouri-Columbia, B.S. English, and George Washington Univ. Washington D.C. J.D. *cum laude*. U.S. Army Reserve Signal Officer 1974-1980. Pulaski County prosecuting attorney 1981-1994. Daughter Ashley, 24 and son Brock, 22. Richland United Methodist Church, life member and certified lay speaker. Associate circuit judge 1994-present. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 25

**DOUGLAS D. GASTON** 

Office address: Texas County Courthouse, 519 N. Grand, Ste. 203, Houston 65483; phone (417) 967-3663.

County: Texas.

**Biography:** Born August 11, 1967 in Houston, Missouri. Graduate of Houston High School, Southwest Baptist University, B.S., and University of Arkansas at Little Rock, J.D. Private law practice 1995-2002; State representative, Mo. Dist 147, 1997-98. Texas County prosecuting attorney, 1999-2002. Special assistant U.S. attorney, 2003-2004. chief of staff/general counsel Missouri Senate President Pro Tem, 2004. Missouri deputy state treasurer, 2005-2008. Appointed to the circuit court, associate division 2009. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 26—Division 3

AARON G. KOEPPEN

Office Address: #1 Court Circle, Suite 9, Camdenton, MO 65020

County: Camden.

Biography: Born April 1, 1976 in Anchorage, Alaska, raised in Neosho. Graduate of Utah State University, B.A. 2000; J.D., Creighton University, 2004. Married to Nancy Tarbet, 1999. Missouri State Public Defender's Office, 2004–2006. Iberia City Prosecutor, 2006–2010. Special Prosecutor Village of Four Seasons, 2009–2010. Camden County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, 2006–2010. Adjunct Professor at Ozark Technical College. Member: of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Lake Ozark Rotary. Elected associate circuit judge 2014. Republican.



Circuit 26—Division 4

**BRUCE COLYER** 

Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-5160.

County: Camden.

**Biography:** Born May 27, 1948 in Kirksville, Mo. Graduate of Northeast Missouri State, (now Truman State University), B.S.E. University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Married Sally May 29, 1971. They have two children and three grandchildren. Served in private practice of law, 1976-2002. Camden County associate circuit judge elected 2002, re-elected 2006. Member of Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (board member), Camden County Bar, 26th Judicial Circuit Bar, Missouri Bar. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 26 **STEVEN JACKSON** 

Office address: Laclede County Courthouse, 200 N. Adams, Lebanon 65536; phone (417) 532-9196.

County: Laclede.

**Biography:** Born December 12, 1963. Graduate of Lebanon High School, Missouri State University, B.S. and University of Arkansas at Little Rock, J.D.. Served in private practice of law for over 19 years, 1991–2010. Past Laclede County Bar President, Began service in the judiciary January 1, 2011. Married Angie Wampler, August 16, 1994, has two daughters Pavin and Payne, born in 1995 and 2000. Primary passions include Laclede County, family and being outdoors. Attends First Baptist Church in Lebanon. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 26

LARRY WINFREY

Office address: Laclede County Courthouse, 200 N. Adams, Lebanon 65536; phone (417) 532-2471.

County: Laclede.

**Biography:** Born May 4, 1967 in Lebanon, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., B.A. 1989, J.D. 1992. Married Sharon Smith on June 21, 1986. Private Law Practice 1992-2002. President, Laclede County C-5 Board of Education, 1995-2002. Laclede Early Education Program Board of Directors 1994-2002. Past president of Laclede County Bar. Adjunct instructor at Ozark Technical Community College. Member of First Baptist Church, Rotary, Laclede Lodge #83 AF & AM, and Laclede County Shrine Club. Elected associate circuit judge for Laclede County in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires: December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 26 **KENNETH OSWALD** 

Office address: Miller County Courthouse, 2001 Hwy. 52, Tuscumbia 65082; phone (573) 369-1970.

County: Miller.

**Biography:** Born January 28, 1947 in central Missouri; graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Bs.Ed. 1969; J.D. 1970. Served in United States Army Infantry and USAR 1971-1979. Prosecuting attorney, Miller County, 1976 to 1982. Member of the Catholic Church, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, American Legion. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 26
PEGGY RICHARDSON

Office address: Moniteau County Courthouse, 200 E. Main, California 65018; phone (573) 796-4671.

County: Moniteau.

**Biography:** Born October 8, 1957 in Versailles, Missouri. Graduate of State Fair Community College, A.S., University of Central Missouri, B.A., and University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Engaged in private law practice 1983-1998. Former assistant prosecuting attorney Morgan County. Member First Baptist Church Tipton. Municipal judge for Tipton, Clarksburg and Jamestown. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 26 **KEVIN SCHEHR** 

Office address: Morgan County Courthouse, 211 E. Newton, Versailles 65084; phone (573) 378-4235.

**County**: Morgar

**Biography:** Born August 22, 1954 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Undergraduate degree from Wabash College, B.A. 1976; Master's degree in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia, 1978 and J.D. in 1985. Engaged in private practice in Versailles, Missouri from 1985 to 2002. Elected associate circuit judge 2002, 2006, and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 27

# **DEBRA A. HOPKINS**

Office address: Bates County Courthouse, 1 N. Delaware, Butler 64730; phone (660) 679-3311.

County: Bates.

**Biography:** Born June 19, 1950 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Graduate UMKC, B.A. in History 1990. UMKC School of Law 1992, *Urban lawyer* publications editor 1991. Member St. Patrick Catholic Church; Bates County Bar Assoc.; ABA 1992-2000; Probation & Parole CAB 2000-2004. Married David Hopkins August 23, 1969, they have four children and ten grandchildren. Appointed April 2009. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 27

## WAYNE STOTHMANN

Office address: Henry County Courthouse, PO Box 487, Clinton 64735; phone (660) 885-7231.

County: Henry

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1954, Washington, Missouri. B.S.B.A., summa cum laude, 1976, University of Missouri-Columbia; J.D., 1979, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Married Denise Ann Soucie, June 10, 1973, they have three children and one grandchild. Practiced law in Clinton 1979-1994. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Henry County, 1979-1980, 1984-1986. Prosecuting Attorney, Henry County, 1987-1990. Member: Missouri and Henry County Bar Assns.; Missouri Assn. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Board of Directors 2007-2011; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges' Assn., Board of Directors, 2007-present; Missouri Commission on Judicial Resources 1998-2000; Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, past member Board of Directors; Clinton Mid-Day Optimist Club, past president and director. Elected 1994, reelected 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 27

# **MICHAEL DAWSON**

Office address: St. Clair County Courthouse, 655 Second St., Osceola 64776; phone (417) 646-2421.

County: St. Clair.

**Biography:** Born July 16, 1955, in St. Clair County. Educated at Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., University of Missouri, Columbia, M.P.A., Tulsa University J.D. Married to Debby. They have three children. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 28

# **CHARLES CURLESS**

Office address: Barton County Courthouse, 1007 Broadway, Lamar 64759; phone (417) 682-2444.

County: Barton.

**Biography:** Born August 30, 1951, in Lamar. Graduate of Mo. State Univ., 1973, B.S. finance/management; Okla. City Univ. School of Law, 1980, J.D. Married Nancy Nichols, 1972. They have three children and four grandchildren. Practiced at Woolsey, Fisher, et al, Springfield, Mo., 1981-1983, Nichols, Curless & Nichols, 1983-1994. Member of the Lamar United Methodist Church, Barton Co. Bar (past president), Mo. Bar, Mo. Bar Board of Governors, Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (past president), Mo. Assoc. of Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges, Rotary (Past President), Barton Co. Chamber of Commerce, Metro Club, Elks, Eagles, Phi Alpha Delta (Former District Justice), Lamar Masonic Lodge #292. Also a member of the Judicial Conference Legislative Committee, Circuit Court Budget Committee, Centralized Fine Collection Center Committee, Executive Council, Judge Transfer Workgroup, Court and Community Collaboration Commitee, et al. Elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 28

# **DENNIS D. REAVES**

Office address: Cedar County Courthouse, P.O. Box 665, Stockton, MO 65785; phone (417) 276-6700.

County: Ceda

**Biography:** Born December 4, 1949 in Kansas City. El Dorado Springs High School, 1967; U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam, 1968-1969; Missouri Southern State College, B.A. 1973; University of Missouri – Columbia, J.D. 1976. Married to Glenda E. (McCall) Reaves. Three sons, two grandchildren. Prosecuting Attorney Cedar County, 1976-1978. Associate Circuit Judge, Cedar County, 1979-1994. Practice law practice Stockton, Missouri, 1995-2010. Re-elected Associate Circuit Judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 28 **DAVID MUNTON** 

Office address: Dade County Courthouse, 300 W. Water, Greenfield 65661; phone (417) 637-2271.

County: Dade.

**Biography:** Born March 19, 1958 in Kirkwood. Educated at Southwest Baptist College, B.S. political science 1979; Univ. of Missouri – Columbia J.D. 1982. Married Jeanne Kingland, August 10, 1985. They have three sons and one daughter. Member Main Street Baptist Church. Clerked for the Honorable George Fannigan, Southern District 1982-1983. In private practice in Springfield and Bolivar, Missouri, 1983-1994. Elected associate circuit judge of Dade County November 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 28

NEAL R. QUITNO

Office address: Vernon County Courthouse, 100 W. Cherry, Ste. A, Nevada 64772; phone (417) 667-5016.

County: Vernon

**Biography:** Born January 19, 1957 in Houlton, Maine. Graduate of University of Kansas. Bachelor 1979, J.D. 1982. Married Nora Foster, April 17, 1993. Has four children. Prosecuting attorney Vernon County 1987-1998. Member: St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 29
JOSEPH SCHOEBERL

Office address: Jasper County Courthouse, 302 S. Main, Carthage 64836; phone (417) 358-0450.

County: Jasper.

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 1995. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 29 RICHARD D. COPELAND

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 601 S. Pearl, Rm. 211, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4316.

Home address: 726 W. Second, Webb City, Mo.

County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Born April 17, 1945 in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia B.A., University of Missouri J.D. Married Lucinda Copeland. Together they have four children: Erica Hayman, Joseph Hensley, Justin Hensley, and Joshua Hensley. In U.S. Army 1969-1971, Vietnam, received Bronze Star. Member of the American Legion, VFW, Joplin Humane Society (president), Kidney Foundation (past president). City attorney Webb City, Mo. 1972-1978. Appointed associate circuit judge January 16, 1981, re-elected 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 29 **STEPHEN P. CARLTON** 

Office address: Jasper County Courthouse., 302 S. Main, Carthage 64836; phone (417) 237-1096.

County: Jaspe

**Biography:** Graduate Missouri Southern State University, B.S. 1976; University of Arkansas, J.D., 1979. Married and has three children. Law clerk for the Honorable James Prewitt, Missouri Court of Appeals Southern District 1979, assistant public defender 1980-1986, private practice 1980-2002. Member of the Jasper County Bar Assoc. (past president and secretary), board of regents, Missouri Southern State University (past president and member) 1993-2003, board of directors for St. John's Regional Medical Center (past chairman and member) 1995-2004, board of directors at Arvest Bank 2000-present. Member Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 2007- present. Elected associate circuit Judge 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 30

## MARK B. PILLEY

Office address: Benton County Courthouse, PO Box 37, Warsaw 65355; phone (660) 438-7712.

County: Benton.

**Biography:** Born September 23, 1952 in Kansas City, Kansas. Graduate of the Univ. of Kansas, B.G.S.; Washburn Univ., J.D. 1978. Married Judy A. Jones on June 3, 1977, and they have three children. Private law practice 1979-2008. Member: Benton County and Missouri Bar Assoc., 1992-present, Kansas Bar Assoc. 1979-2008. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Benton County 1993-1994. Former city attorney and municipal judge. Former board member of the Warsaw Fire District, TLC Sheltered Workshop, Nelson Rolf Animal Shelter, Lions Club, Free Univ., Library Board. Real estate law and wills and estate planning instructor. Appointed associate circuit judge November 2008. Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.

## Circuit 30

## LISA HENDERSON

Office address: Dallas County Courthouse, PO Box 1910, Buffalo 65622; phone (417) 345-7641.

County: Dallas.

Photo not Available **Biography:** Born 1961 in Springfield, Missouri. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1989. Private law practice, 1989–2010. Member of the Dallas County Bar and Missouri Bar Association. Former Prosecuting Attorney for Hickory County. Former city attorney Buffalo. Elected in 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 30

# MICHAEL HENRICKSON

Office address: Hickory County Courthouse, PO Box 305, Hermitage 65668; phone (417) 745-6421.

County: Hickory.

Biography: Born September 25, 1963, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Married with three children. Graduated from University of Nebraska, B.A. 1986 and J.D. 1990. Served as Special Assist. U.S. Atty., Assist. Missouri Atty. General, Chief Assist. Taney Co. Pros., Assist. Jefferson Co. Pros. and a Private Practitioner. Member of Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and Springfield Metro. Bar Assoc.; Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Legislative and Membership Committees; Mo. Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges, Assoc. Selected as Special Judge, Southern District Court of Appeals 2009 and to Applied Science and Technology Adjudication Resource (ASTAR) program 2010. Member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church; Hermitage Lions Club; and Vice-Chair Community Improvement Coalition. Served on Pittsburg Community Center Board and Hermitage Visioning Committee. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.

## Circuit 30

## JOHN PORTER

Office address: Polk County Courthouse, 102 E. Broadway, Rm. 14, Bolivar 65613; phone (417) 326-4921.

County: Poll

Photo not Available **Biography:** Born March 21, 1969, in Nevada, Missouri. Graduate of Southwest Baptist University, B.S., English; Oklahoma City University, J.D. 1995. Married Jill Thomeczek December 31, 2007. Two daughters: Abbi and Alex. Prosecuting attorney of Polk County 1999-2006. Member: United Methodist Church of Bolivar; Polk County Bar Association. Appointed to the Associate Circuit Court 2006. Re-elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 30

# DONALD CHEEVER

Office address: Webster County Courthouse, PO Box B, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 326-2041.

Home address: 5228 Turnbo Rd., P.O. Box 65, Marshfield 65706.

County: Webster.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 22, 1943 in Macon, Mo. B.S. in business education, Central Missouri State Univ. 1965; M.A. in business administration, Central Missouri State Univ. 1966; J.D. Univ. of Missouri 1972. Married Linda A. Cunningham December 15, 1962. Two children, Brian and Laura, and six grandchildren. Webster County prosecuting attorney 1975-2003. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 30 **KENNETH THOMPSON** 

Office address: Webster County Courthouse, PO Box B, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 859-2041.

County: Webster.

**Biography:** Born May 24, 1951, in Louisville, Kentucky. Graduate of Drury University, B.A., University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married to Joy Chapman on March 21, 1992. Served in private practice from 1976-2001. Municipal judge for Marshfield, Seymour, Rogersville, Fordland, and Niangua. Appointed associate circuit judge in 2001 and elected in 2002 and 2006. Member of the Marshfield United Methodist Church. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 31—Division 21 **DAN IMHOF** 

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4099.

County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born June 19, 1954, in St. Louis. Education: B.S. from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University); J.D. from University of Missouri-Kansas City. Married Virginia S. Ratliff May 26, 1991. They have two daughters, Nichole and Megan. Law Clerk for the Honorable Douglas Greene at Missouri Court of Appeals, S.D.; assistant Greene County prosecuting attorney; assistant public defender; 25 years in private practice. Member: Campbell United Methodist Church; Rotary; Solomon Lodge #271 AF and AM; Scottish Rite; and Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple; former Easter Seals and Friends of the Zoo board member, and chairman of Greene County Republican Central Committee. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006. Retained 2010. Term expires: December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 22

**JASON BROWN** 

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4097.

County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 11, 1963 in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., Phi Betta Kappa, 1985; Vanderbilt Univ., J.D., 1988. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City area and Springfield from 1988-2004. Volunteer Greene County teen court judge; Member: Mo. Bar professionalism committee, MAPACJ Board Member, Springfield. SE Rotary Club, past board member and current committee Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Term expires December 31, 2014. Appointed Jan. 1, 2005; Elected November 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 23

# MARK F. FITZSIMMONS

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4095.

County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born December 13, 1952 in St. Louis, Mo. Educated Illiois College, Jacksonville, II. B.A. economics, business administration and Spanish; Western Illinois University, Macomb, II. M.A. in economics. University of Missouri-Kansas City J.D. Married to Karenanne Miller. Elected November 1998. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 31—Division 24

**MARK POWELL** 

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6546.

County: Greene

**Biography:** Born May 10, 1960 in Springfield, Missouri. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.A., psychology, *cum laude*, 1982. Drake University, J.D. with honors 1985. Engaged in the practice of law with Miller and Sanford P.C., 1985-2000. Member First and Calvary Presbyterian Church. Established Truancy Court Program at Reed Middle School. Recipient Red Cross Everyday Hero Award; Council of Churches Gift of Time Award; O. Franklin Kenworthy Award for Outstanding Leadership. Circuit Court Budget Committee. Appointed associate circuit judge 2000. Elected: 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 32

## SCOTT E. THOMSEN

Office address: Bollinger County Courthouse, 204 High St., Ste. 4, Marble Hill 63764; phone (573) 238-2730.

County: Bollinger.

**Biography:** Born June 10, 1964, in Cumberland, Maryland. Graduate of Brigham Young University, B.S. accounting 1988; J.D. 1991. Married Joanna Chamberlain, March 28, 1992. They have six children. Worked as assistant public defender, 32nd District. Member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Missouri, Utah and Nevada Bar Assocs.; Bollinger County Chamber of Commerce, Bollinger County Optimist Club; The General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Elected associate circuit judge 1994, re-elected in 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014 Republican.



Circuit 32

GARY KAMP

Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 100 Court St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 243-8446.

County: Cape Girardeau.

**Biography:** Born April 9, 1952, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Graduated Jackson High School 1970, Southeast Missouri State University 1975, B.A., University of Missouri – Columbia 1978, J.D. Married Gail Friedrich September 21, 1985. Member of Missouri National Guard 1970-76. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Bollinger County 1978-89, Cape Girardeau County 1989. Member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 158–life member, Cape Girardeau County Bar Assoc., president, United States Jaycees, Cape Area Friends of the NRA, president, endowed life member NRA, Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Judge – past board of directors Member, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, Legislature Steering Committee Chairman. Elected as Judge, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Republican. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 32 SCOTT A. LIPKE

Office address: Common Pleas Courthouse, 44 N. Lorimier, Cape Girardeau 63701; phone (573) 334-6249.

County: Cape Girardeau.

**Biography:** Born March 28, 1969. Graduated from Murray State University with a B.S. in Political Science; Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D. Married to Ashley Hobbs. They have three children. Previously in private practice and also served as assistant prosecuting attorney, Cape Girardeau County. Elected State Representative, 2002–2008. Chairman, Crime Prevention. Elected Associate Circuit Judge 2010. Republican.



Circuit 32

#### MICHAEL J. BULLERDIECK

Office address: Perry County Courthouse, 15 W. Ste. Marie, Ste. 2, Perryville 63775; phone (573) 547-7861.

County: Perry.

**Biography:** Born June 12, 1949 in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri-St. Louis with a B.A. in political science; Graduate of St. Louis University Law School. Married K. Kelly McKerrow August 6, 1971. They have three daughters, Alexa, Erin, and Andrea. Member of Our Lady of Victory Church in Sereno, Missouri. Member of the Rotary Club of Perryville. Maintained a private practice in Perry County until 1986 when elected associate circuit judge; re-elected in 1990; 1994; 1998; 2002; 2006. Served for five years as secretary-treasurer of the Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; serving on the state fine collection committee. Term expires December 31, 2014, Republican.



Circuit 33

# T. LYNN BROWN

Office address: Mississippi County Courthouse, PO Box 369, Charleston 63834; phone (573) 638-2146.

County: Mississippi.

**Biography:** Born December 31, 1960, in Sikeston. Graduate of Univ. of Missouri-Columbia, (A.B., 1983, political science and history); Washington University in St. Louis (J.D., 1986). Member: United Methodist Church, Mississippi County Bar Assoc., Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Elected prosecuting attorney of Mississippi County, 1986-1990. Elected associate circuit judge in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 33 **SCOTT HORMAN** 

Office address: Scott County Judicial Bldg., PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3576.

County: Scott.

**Biography:** Born September 2, 1975, in Southeast Missouri. Graduate of Central Methodist University, B.S. *summa cum laude;* University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married Leslie Garner, June 7, 1997. They have two sons, Garner and Griffin. Engaged in private law practice in October 2000. Member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Chaffee Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Chaffee Youth League. Elected associate circuity judge: 2006, 2010. Term Expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 33
W.H. WINCHESTER III

Office address: Scott County Courthouse, 131 S. Winchester St., PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3511.

County: Scott

**Biography:** Born October 27, 1946. Educated at the University of Missouri, B.S.; University of Missouri Law School, J. D. Engaged in the private practice of law, 1973-1998. Member: Missouri and Scott County Bar Associations. Elected associate circuit judge 1998. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 34
CHARLES L. SPITLER

Office address: New Madrid County Courthouse, 450 Main St., New Madrid 63869; phone (573) 748-5556.

County: New Madrid.

**Biography:** Born May 3, 1944 in Cape Girardeau. Missouri University 1966-business administration. University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law 1969. Appointed 1989. Elected 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 34 W. KEITH CURRIE

Office address: Pemiscot County Courthouse, 610 Ward Ave., Ste. 2E, Caruthersville 63830; phone (573) 333-0152.

Home address: 2112 S. Ward, Caruthersville 63830

County: Pemiscot.

**Biography:** Born December 20, 1964 in Hayti, Missouri. Graduate of Caruthersville High School; Mississippi State University, B.B.A.; University of Missouri, J.D. Married Deborah Cybulski, May 9, 1992. They have two daughters, Anne Marie and Ellen. Engaged in the private practice of law in Jefferson City 1990-1992 and Hayti 1992-2003. Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Caruthersville. Member of The Missouri Bar, 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Assoc. and Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 34 **BYRON D. LUBER** 

Office address: Pemiscot County Justice Center, PO Box 228, Caruthersville 63830; phone (573) 333-2784.

County: Pemiscot.

**Biography:** Born August 14, 1944 in Cape Girardeau and raised in Sikeston. Graduate of Southeast Mo. State Univ., B.S.; Univ. of Memphis, J.D. Married Nancy Allen, 1969. Admitted to the Bar in 1970 in Mo. and Tenn. Associate and partner, Ward & Reeves, 1970-1985. Member: board of directors Young Lawyers Council Mo. Bar, 1971-1979; executive committee, 1973-1979; Distinguished Service Award, 1978; chairman, Practical Skills Committee, 1976-1979; Professional Liability Review Board, 1977-1979; Committee on Criminal Rules and Procedure 2003-2009; Legislative Steering Committee; Supreme Court Judicial Task Force; Cochair, Weighted Workload Committee 2006-2008; Transfer Committee; president, Mo. Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 2005; recipient of Theodore McMillian Award of Judicial Excellence, 2008. Appointed 1985. Elected 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.

Circuit 35

H. MARK PREYER

Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, PO Box 466, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3272.

Photo not Available County: Dunklin.

Biography: Elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 35

JOHN SPIELMAN

Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, Rm. 103, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3378.

County: Dunklin.

**Biography:** Born May 11, 1972 in Missouri. Graduate of Wichita State University, B.A. political science, 1990; St. Louis University, J.D. 1997. Married Julie Bartlett, April 28, 2001. They have two children, Barbara "Ara" Gray and Meagan Grace. Member of First United Methodist Church of Kennett, Kiwanis Club of Kennett, Farmers & Merchants Club of Holcomb, and Masonic Lodge, AF & AM of Kennett. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 35
JOE Z. SATTERFIELD

Office address: Stoddard County Courthouse, 403 S. Prarie St., Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568-4640.

County: Stoddard.

**Biography:** Born November 15, 1956, in Dexter. Educated at Southeast Missouri State Univ. *summa cum laude*, B.S. business administration; Univ. of Missouri-Columbia J.D. Married Cindy Jaeger, September 10, 1984. Two children: Drew and Jessica. Engaged in private law practice in Dexter at Parsons, Mitchell, Wilson and Satterfield from 1982-1995. Appointed associate circuit judge 1995. Elected 1996, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 35 STEPHEN R. MITCHELL

Office address: Stoddard County Justice Center, PO Box 30, Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568 4640 ext. 3.

County: Stoddard.

**Biography:** Born in Poplar Bluff. Undergraduate and law degree from University of Missouri-Columbia. Practiced law in Dexter. Former director Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Judicial Conference Executive Council 2002 to present. Missouri Supreme Court Trial Judge Education Committee 1999 to present. Elected associate circuit judge in Stoddard County serving from 1995 to present. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 36

JOHN BLOODWORTH

Office address: Butler County Courthouse, 100 S. Main, Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-8092.

County: Butle

**Biography:** Born May 29, 1954 in Poplar Bluff. Recipient of B.S.E. in social studies from Arkansas State Univ. - Jonesboro in 1976 and J.D. from Univ. of Arkansas - Fayetteville in 1980. Married Dr. Dorothy M. Munch in 1993 with one child born of the marriage. Practiced law for 17 years prior to being elected as an associate circuit judge in 1998. Past/present member of the Commerce Bank Board of Directors; Kenny Roger's Children's Foundation; Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Bar Association; Member and past president of the Butler County Bar Association; board member of the Claudia Foundation; Academic Assistance Group and Veteran's Tour. Awarded Elk's Officer of the Year 2008 for the Butler/Ripley County Drug Court Programs. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 36

WILLIAM J. CLARKSON

Office address: Butler County Courthouse, 100 N. Main, Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-8073.

County: Butler.

**Biography:** Born August 24, 1948 in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of Louisiana State University, B.S., 1970, and J.D., 1974. Married to Karen Shelton and has four children. Engaged in private law practice, 1974-1982. Served as Butler County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1978-1980. Member: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus; Lions Club; Elks Lodge; Chamber of Commerce; American, Missouri and Butler County Bar Assocs.; Municipal Judge Education Committee, 2005-2008; and Missouri Assoc of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected associate circuit judge in 1982 and re-elected in 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 36

THOMAS SWINDLE

Office address: Ripley County Courthouse, 100 Court Sq., Doniphan 63935; phone (573) 996-2013.

Home address: Rt. 5, Doniphan 63935

County: Ripley.

**Biography:** Born in Wood River, Illinois, August 12, 1956. Admitted to the bar in 1983. Southeast Missouri State Univ., B.A. 1978, legal education, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, J.D. 1981. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Ripley County, 1983-1984. Elected associate circuit judge November 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.

Circuit 37

MICHAEL LIGONS

Office address: PO Box 328, Van Buren 63965; phone (573) 323-4344.

County: Carter.

Photo not Available Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 2007. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 37 **DON M. HENRY** 

Office address: Howell County Courthouse, 222 Courthouse, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-4050.

County: Howell

**Biography:** Born October 28, 1949 in Springfield, Missouri. Graduated from the Univ. of Missouri in 1971, B.S., and Univ. of Arkansas in December 1973, J.D. Married with two children. Member: First United Methodist Church, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, 37th Judicial Circuit Bar Assoc. (former president), Missouri Bar Assoc. Former member of Pro Se Commission, Missouri Assoc. of Trial Attorneys and American Trial Lawyers Assoc. Associate circuit judge since June 2002. Current term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 37

TRUMAN WILES

Office address: Howell County Courthouse, 222 Courthouse, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-4050.

County: Howel

**Biography:** Born June 18, 1958 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Educated at Univ. of Missouri- Columbia, B.S. with honors; Univ. of Illinois-Champaign Urbana, J.D., 1983. Married Pamela Lynne Reagan, May 17, 1980. They have one daughter. Member of Pomona Christian Church and Rotary Club. City attorney for West Plains 1985-1987. Elected associate circuit judge on November 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.

Circuit 37

## HARVEY S. ALLEN

Office address: Oregon County Courthouse, P.O. Box 406, Alton 65606; phone (417) 778-7461.

County: Oregon.

Photo not Available **Biography:** Born December 20, 1960 in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas. Southwest Missouri State Univ., B.S. 1983; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. 1985. Married Marcia Cozort in 1982. Thayer Church of Christ deacon. Member: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Thayer Area Chamber of Commerce, Thayer-Mammoth Spring Rotary Club. Thayer City Attorney 1991-2003. Elected associate circuit judge November 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 37 **SANDRA WEST** 

Office address: Shannon County Courthouse, PO Box 148, Eminence 65466; phone (573) 226-3315.

County: Shannon

**Biography:** Born March 6, 1974. Graduate of Drury University, Springfield, Mo., B.A.; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married to Vance West. Engaged in private practice in Eminence, 2000-2006. Served as prosecuting attorney of Shannon County, 2004-2006. City attorney for Eminence, Winona and Birch Tree. Member of Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 38 LARRY LUNA

Office address: Christian County Judicial Center, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 203, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-2425.

**County**: Christian

**Biography:** Born June 28, 1948 in Gainesville, Missouri. Graduate of Univ. of Missouri-Columbia in 1970, B.S. University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. 1973. Married to Laurie M. Dale. They have 3 children and reside in Christian County, Missouri. Prosecuting attorney of Ozark County, Missouri, 1974-1980. General law practice and worked in private sector in Southwest Missouri from 1980-2006. Recognition from Legal Services of Southwest Missouri for his volunteer work. Member of the Missouri Assoc. of Associate and Probate Judges, Juvenile Courts & Laws Committee and the Family Law Section of The Missouri Bar. Elected associate circuit judge November 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 38

# JOHN S. WATERS

Office address: Christian County Courthouse, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 105, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-4523.

Home address: 1313 Buzzard Rd., Ozark 65721

County: Christian.

**Biography:** Born September 8, 1946 in Iowa. Graduated Iowa State University with B.S. in psychology (1965) and Drake University Law School (1973). International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award. Private practice in Springfield, Mo. 25 years. Springfield municipal prosecuting attorney. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 38
TONY WILLIAMS

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7212.

County: Tane

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 2001. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 38

## **JAMES K. JUSTUS**

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7206.

County: Taney.

**Biography:** Born April 26, 1951, in Branson. Graduate of University of Missouri-Kansas City, B.A. political science in 1973 and J.D. in 1976. Married Jennifer Carty, November 7, 1970. They have three children: Jolie, Jaime and James. Taney County prosecuting attorney 1977-1990; general trial practice 1991-1996; chief trial attorney for prosecuting attorney's office 1996-2002; Additional private practice with domestic concentration. Member, elder and deacon of First Presbyterian Church, Branson; member and past president of Branson-Hollister Rotary Club. Elected associate circuit judge, 2002. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 39 VICTOR HEAD

Office address: Barry County Judicial Center, 102 W. St., Ste. 1, Cassville 65625; phone (417) 847-3133 ext. 2222.

County: Barry

**Biography:** Born April 10, 1948 in Sherman, Texas. Graduate of Mississippi State Univ.; Univ. of Mississippi (Ole Miss), J.D. Married Rebecca Davis, May 6, 1972. USAF-Captain, SJA, Area Defense Counsel. Garrett & Woods Law Office, 1984-1989. Public Defender Office – area 39 district defender, 1989-2006. Member: First United Methodist Church; Kiwanis Club of Monett, past president. Barry County drug court, established May 2008. Elected 2006. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 39

**ROBERT J. FOULKE** 

Office address: 102 West St. Suite 2, Cassville, Missouri 65625; Phone (417) 847-3133

County: Barry

**Biography:** Born October 14, 1966 in Winnebago, MN. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) - B.S. 1990. University of Missouri - Kansas City - J.D. 1999. Married Nancy Lawrence, March 3, 1998. One son - Evan. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Barry County. Private practice of law - Cassville, MO. Current 39th Circuit Bar Association President and 2002 39th Circuit Bar Association President. Served YMCA board. First Baptist Church Cassville, MO. Elected Associate Circuit Judge of Barry County 2010. Term Expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 39

# SCOTT S. SIFFERMAN

Office address: Lawrence County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Sq., Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 466-2463.

County: Lawrence

**Biography:** Graduated from the Univ. of Missouri – Columbia with his B.S. and M.S. degrees, and the Univ. of Missouri – Kansas City with his J.D.. Prosecuting attorney for Lawrence County from 1982 to 1989, and in the private practice of law from 1980 to 1989. Past president of the 39th Judicial Circuit and a past board member of the Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Associate circuit judge for Lawrence County since 1989. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 39

# SAMUEL C. JONES

Office address: Lawrence County Justice Center, 240 N. Main St., Suite 110, Mount Vernon 65712; phone 417-466-2471 ext. 120 County: Lawrence

**Biography:** Born November 17, 1944, Phoenix, Arizona. Missouri State University, 1966, B.A. Political Science. University of Missouri–Columbia, 1971, J.D. Married to Janice and they have three daughters; Caroline Bogema, Christine Cole, and Sarah Jones. U.S. Army in the Far East 1966-68. Prosecuting Attorney, 1973-1980. Chairman, Missouri State Tax Commission, 1981-1985. Senior Manager, Arthur Andersen & Co., 1988-1990. Coordinator, Oklahoma Ad Valorem Task Force, 1990-1991. Associate Circuit Judge, 1991-1998. Republican Candidate for Attorney General, 2000. Regional Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, 2001-2009. Elected 2010. Term Expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 39

# **ALAN BLANKENSHIP**

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, 110 S. Maple, Ste. F, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6114.

County: Stone

**Biography:** Born June 14, 1961, in Neosho. Graduate University of Arkansas and Missouri Southern State University, B.S., B.A., accounting; University of Missouri, J.D., became a certified public accountant in 1987. Married Dee Ann Casey, June 27, 1987. They have three children. Served on the professional audit staff with the Missouri State Auditor's Office 1984 – 1987. Served in private law practice 1991 – 2002; served as municipal judge for Kimberling City and Branson West. Member of the Judicial Weighted Workload Steering Committee, and serves on the Trial Judge Education Committee, Living Word Church, American Legion Missouri Boys State Executive Committee. Elected associate circuit judge 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 39

## MARK A. STEPHENS

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, PO Box 18, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6114.

County: Stone

**Biography:** Born October 29, 1956, Wichita, Kansas. U.S. Army Military Police Corps, 1978-1985; B.S. administration of justice, *cum laude*, WSU; Univ. of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. 1994. Married to Monica H. Stephens, four children, five grandchildren. Lives in the Ozarks, near Crane, Missouri. Member, Hurley Community Baptist Church; Missouri Bar Assoc.; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Judges; Southern Gospel Music Assoc.; private practice, Van Matre & Harrison, Columbia, MO, 1994-1999; solo general practice, Aurora, MO, 1999 - 2009. Elected as associate circuit judge, Stone County, Missouri, 39th Judicial Circuit 2009. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican



Circuit 40

JOHN LEPAGE

Office address: McDonald County Courthouse, PO Box 157, Pineville 64856; phone (417) 223-4717.

County: McDonald.

**Biography:** Born in Jefferson City, October 3, 1957. Graduate of Bemidji State University with B.A. in 1980 and University of Missouri-Columbia J.D. 1983. Married to Marci G. McNeill, they have two children, Melodi Gerstner and Trista LePage, and two grandchildren. Member Anderson United Methodist Church. Former board member and past president of Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Judges. Judicial Records Committee 2005-present. Elected 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 40
KEVIN SELBY

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood St., Ste. 204, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8210 ext. 116.

Counties: Newton and McDonald.

**Biography:** Born June 10, 1965, in Joplin, Mo. Graduate of Webb City High School, 1983. Graduate of University of Kansas, 1988. Graduate of McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California, 1992. Elected associate circuit judge Division III, January 1, 2003, 2006, 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 40

## **GERGORY N. STREMEL**

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8211.

County: Newtor

**Biography:** Born July 1, 1954 in Joplin. Graduate of McAuley High School in Joplin; Missouri Southern State College in 1980 with an A.S. in Computer Programming and B.S., B.A. in general business; Univ. of Missouri – Columbia in 1983 J.D. Engaged in private practice from 1983 to 1992. Appointed by then Governor Ashcroft to associate circuit judge, December 8, 1992. Elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 41
PHILLIP E. PREWITT

Office address: Macon County Courthouse, 100 East Washington Street, Macon 63552; phone (660) 385-4631.

County: Macon

**Biography:** Born August 24, 1967, in Moberly, Missouri. Graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, B.A., 1989, and J.D., 1992; U.S. Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1993; and U.S. Army Transportation School, Ft. Eustis, Virginia, 1995. Married with two children. In private practice 1993-2010. Also served as city attorney for Atlanta and Bevier. Awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal by the State of Missouri in 2005 for pro bono legal work on behalf of military service members and their families. Former Commissioner, Missouri Veterans Commission. Elected Associate Circuit Judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.Republican.



Circuit 41
MIKE GREENWELL

Office address: Shelby County Courthouse, PO Box 206, Shelbyville 63469; phone (573) 633-2251.

County: Shelby

**Biography:** Born November 8, 1959 in Hannibal. Graduated 1978 South Shelby High School; 1983 Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) B.S. in Agriculture; 1986 University of Dayton J.D.; Married Marcia Love August 4, 1984. Engaged in the private practice of law in Shelbina Missouri 1986-2010. Member Missouri Ethics Commission 1998-2002 (chairman 2001-2002); Missouri Bar Association Board of Governors 2001-2008; Truman State University Board of Governors 2008-2011; American Bar Assn; Missouri Bar Assn; 41st Circuit Bar Assn; Shelbina Lions Club; Knights of Columbus; St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elected Associate Circuit Judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 42 **SCOTT BERNSTEIN** 

Office address: Crawford County Courthouse, PO Box 1550, Steelville 65565; phone (573) 775-2149.

County: Crawford.

**Biography:** Born May 15, 1961, in St. Louis. Graduate 1979 Clayton High School; 1984 Univ. of Missouri-Columbia, B.S. Honors College; 1988 College of William & Mary, M.B.A.; 1992 St. Louis Univ., J.D. *cum laude, Pubic Law Review.* Judicial clerkships at Mo. App. E.D. for Albert Stephen, Jr. & Clifford Ahrens, and U.S. District Court Clyde Cahill. Associate with Brown & James, P.C. Sole practitioner and 1998 – 2006 assistant prosecutor for Crawford and Dent Counties. Member: A & A Free Mason and Scottish Rite, Quad County Volunteer Firefighter & EMT. Elected associate circuit judge 2006. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 42
BRANDI L. BAIRD

Office address: Dent County Judicial Building, 112 East Fifth Street, Salem 65560; phone (573)729-3134.

County: Den

**Biography:** Born October 26, 1972, in Rolla. Graduate John F. Hodge High School, St. James (1990); Central Missouri State University, B.S. (1996); University of Missouri—Kansas City, J.D. (2000). Married Brandon D. Schloemer, they have one son, Maxton. Legislative & Constituent Director to the Missouri Speaker of the House (2001-2003). Private practice (2004-2010). Dent County Prosecuting Attorney (2010-2011). Lifetime Member of the NRA and member of Salem Lutheran Church. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.



Circuit 42

RANDALL HEAD

Office address: Iron County Courthouse, Ste. 220, Ironton 63650; phone (573) 546-2511.

County: Iron

**Biography:** Born September 24, 1951 in Clayton, MO. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State Univ., B.A.; Univ. of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married to Paula Head. Member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Ironton. Served in United States Marine Corps, 1969-1971, Vietnam Veteran, Veterans of Foreign Wars-Life Member. Prosecuting attorney of Iron County 1981-1990. Member of Life Endowment-NRA, NRA basic handgun instructor, P.O.S.T. certified law enforcement handgun and shotgun instructor, Missouri concealed carry Instructor. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 42

# **EDITH R. RUTTER**

Office address: Reynolds County Courthouse, PO Box 39, Centerville 63633; phone (573) 648-2494.

County: Reynolds.

**Biography:** Born August 18, 1953, in Leitchfield, Kentucky. Graduate of Western Kentucky University, B.S. accounting; University of Louisville, J.D. Clerked for Kentucky Supreme Court 1989-1990. Elected associate circuit judge in Reynolds County 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 42

**RANDY P. SCHULLER** 

Office address: Wayne County Courthouse, PO Box 78, Greenville 63944; phone (573) 224-5600.

Home address: PO Box 131, Piedmont 63957

County: Wavne.

**Biography:** Born May 23, 1955, in St. Louis, Mo. Graduate of Drake University, B.S. business administration, *cum laude*, 1977; University of Missouri, J.D., 1980. Prosecuting attorney, Wayne County 1983-1986. Member Trinity United Methodist Church, Piedmont Rotary Club, 42nd Circuit Bar Assoc., Mo. Bar, Eastern and Western Districts of U.S. District Court of Missouri. Elected Wayne County associate circuit judge 1990. Re-elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 43

JASON KANOY

Office address: Caldwell County Courthouse, PO Box 68, Kingston 64650; phone (816) 586-2771.

County: Caldwell.

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 2007. Term expires December 31, 2014.



Circuit 43

#### PAUL T. LUCKENBILL JR.

Office address: Clinton County Courthouse, PO Box 275, Plattsburg 64477; phone (816) 539-3755.

County: Clinton

**Biography:** Graduate of University of Kansas, B.A.; University of Missouri at Columbia, J.D. 1974, *cum laude*, Phi Kappa Phi; admitted to Order of the Coif, Note and Comment Editor for *Missouri Law Review*; general practice of law with Griffin, Luckenbill & Griffin from 1974 through 1982. Elected Clinton County associate circuit judge November 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 43

# DAREN L. ADKINS

Office address: Daviess County Courthouse, PO Box 233, Gallatin 64640; phone (660) 663-2532.

County: Daviess

**Biography:** Born November 13, 1967 in Bethany. Graduate of Baylor Univ. B.A., 1990; Univ. of Tulsa School of Law; Univ. of Missouri – Kansas City, Juris Doctor. Miller, Seidel, & Havens Associate 1994 – 1997. Miller, Seidel, Havens, & Adkins, LLP 1997 – 1999. Member: Gallatin Rotary Club - past president, Gallatin Area Revitalization Alliance – vice president, Daviess County Fair Board, Gallatin United Methodist Church. Gallatin R-V School Board 1996 – 1999, Daviess County Library Board, vice president 2000-present. Associate circuit judge, Daviess County, Mo. 1999- present.



Circuit 43 **BART SPEAR** 

Office address: DeKalb County Courthouse, 109 West Main Street, P.O. Box 248, Maysville, 64469; phone (816)449-2602

County: DeKalb.

**Biography:** Born December 18, 1958. Educated at Central Methodist College, B.A. 1981; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D. 1984. Engaged in private practice in Cameron 1984-2009; assistant prosecuting attorney, DeKalb County, 1990-1994; appointed DeKalb County prosecuting attorney by Governor Mel Carnahan, 1994; assistant child support enforcement prosecuting attorney, 43rd Judicial Circuit, 1995; elected DeKalb County prosecuting attorney, 1998, 2002, and 2006. Serves on Clinco Sheltered Industries board of directors. Member: Cameron Elks Lodge No. 2615; Cameron United Methodist Church; Maysville Area Chamber of Commerce, Fairport Lions Club. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jay Nixon, 2009. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.



Circuit 43

JAMES P. VALBRACHT

Office address: Livingston County Courthouse, 700 Webster, Chillicothe 64601; phone (660) 646-8000.

County: Livingston.

**Biography:** Born September 23, 1953 in Carrollton. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S. 1977; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. 1977. Member of Missouri Bar, Livingston County Bar, private practice of law 1978-2006. United Methodist Church, Chillicothe Elks Lodge 656. Elected associate circuit judge 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



Circuit 44

R. CRAIG CARTER

Office address: Douglas County Courthouse, PO Box 276, Ava 65608; phone (417) 683-2114.

County: Douglas

**Biography:** Born April 16, 1969 in Springfield, Mo. United States Army, 2nd Ranger Battalion, 1989-1991 (Panama, Operation Just Cause 1989); 10th, 12th, 20th Special Forces Groups, 1993-2002. Military Decorations include Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Wings with Combat Jump Device, Expeditionary Badge, Kosovo Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal. Graduated Missouri State University, 1997 B.S. in accounting. Graduated 2000 Juris Doctorate, University of Arkansas. Private practice of law, 2000-2005. Member Missouri Bar, Ava and Mansfield Lodges A.F. & A.M., Trinity Lutheran Church, Ava, Mo. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Matt Blunt 2005. Elected 2006 and 2010. Term Expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



#### **JOHN JACOBS**

Office address: Ozark County Courthouse, PO Box 278, Gainesville 65655; phone (417) 679-4611.

County: Ozark.

Biography: Not available. Took office January 1, 1987. Term expires December 31, 2014.

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Circuit 44 **LYNETTE B. VEENSTRA** 

Office address: Wright County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Sq., PO Box 58, Hartville 65667; phone (417) 741-6505.

County: Wright

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1968 in Luverne, Minnesota. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State Univ., B.S., economics, 1990, summa cum laude; Vanderbilt Univ., J.D., 1993, Order of the Coif. Married Leon Veenstra, December 19, 1992. They have three children. Member: Mansfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Served in private practice from 1993 to 2002. Licensed in Missouri and California. Elected associate circuit judge in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.



# Circuit 45 JAMES D. BECK

Office address: Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Business Park Drive, Troy, 63379; phone (636) 528-6300

Biography: Born Sept. 3, 1968 in Troy, MO. Graduate of Lindenwood College, B.S., 1990; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1993. Married to Kendra Beck July 17, 1999, and has three children. Missouri Assistant Public Defender 1993-94; Missouri District Public Defender for the 45th Judicial Circuit, 1994-1997; began private practice in 1997 with Mueller & Suddarth and continued in private practice with Mueller, Beck & Meyer until taking the bench on January 1, 2011. Member: Missouri Bar; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges; Troy Bible Holiness Church; Troy Area Chamber of Commerce (past president); Troy Kiwanis Club (past president); Troy Elks County Habitat For Humanity (hast president); Troy Chamber Lodge; Lincoln County Bar Association (past president); Lincoln County Habitat for Humanity (board member); Elsberry Chamber of Commerce; Moscow Mills Chamber of Commerce. Elected 2010; term expires Dec. 31, 2014; Republican.



# Circuit 45 T. BENNETT BURKEMPER

Office address: Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Business Park Dr., Troy 63379; phone (636) 528-6438.

Home address: PO Box 209, Troy 63379

**Biography:** Born August 30, 1966 in St. Louis. Graduate of Saint Louis University, B.A., M.B.A., Gonzaga University, J.D. *cum laude*, London School of Economics and Political Science, LL.M. Married Sarah Hartmann on October 7, 1995 and they have three children. Member of the Lincoln County Bar Assoc., Kiwanis Club, Lincoln County Historical Society, Sacred Heart Church. Appointed to the Associate Circuit Court in 2001. Elected: 2002, 2006. Term expires December 31, 2010. Democrat.



## Circuit 45—Division 4

# **DAVID ASH**

Office address: Pike County Courthouse, 115 W. Main, Rm. 24, Bowling Green 63334; phone (573) 324-5582.

Biography: Born June 13, 1950 in Boston, MA. Attended Columbia, Mo. public schools until ninth grade, graduated from University City High School, 1968. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, 1972, B.A. Political Science; UMC Law School, J.D., 1976. Married to Denise M. Jansen, Sept. 3, 1977, they have two children. Employed in private practice of law with, McIlroy and Millan, Bowling Green, 1976–2003. While in the practice he served as asst. prosecutor for Pike Co., 1976–1981. Was city attorney for Wellsville, Farber and Laddonia and prosecutor for the City of New Florence. Served on the following, board of directors for Legal Services of Northeast Missouril and as Drug Court Judge for the 45th Circuit, 2004–2009. Prior to taking the bench he served as Municipal Judge for Louisiana, Clarksville and Eolia. Currently is Municipal Judge for the City of Bowling Green. Member Bowling Green Lions Club; St. Clement Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus Council 1928; St. Isidore 4th Degree Assembly; board of directors of Twin Pike YMCA. Past member Bowling Green R-1 School Board, 1999–2005 and Twin Pike Family YMCA, board of directors, 2004–2010. Elected 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 2014. Democrat

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The Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of judges was created by a constitutional amendment in 1970. It began operating January 1, 1972, and is governed by Supreme Court Rule 12.

The commission is responsible for receiving and investigating all requests and suggestions for the retirement of judges because of disability and all complaints concerning the alleged misconduct of judges and members of judicial commissions. It is composed of six members who serve six-year terms. Two non-lawyers are appointed by the governor, two lawyers are appointed by the Missouri Bar's governing body, one court of appeals judge is selected by court of appeals judges and one circuit judge is selected by the state's circuit judges.

The members as of January 1, 2012, were: Chairman David L. Dowd, circuit judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit (City of St. Louis); Joseph M. Ellis, appellate judge, Court of Appeals, Western District; Arthur S. Margulis, attorney, St. Louis County; Barry Aycock, lay member, Parma; Adrienne B. Morgan, lay member, Chesterfield; and Skip Walther, attorney, Columbia.

On receiving a complaint against a judge or member of a judicial commission, the commission conducts an investigation. If at least four members of the commission find there is probable cause to believe the person may be guilty of misconduct, incompetency or other action constituting grounds for discipline as listed in Rule 12.08, a formal hearing is conducted. If at least four members find the person investigated should be disciplined, a report containing findings of fact and conclusions of law is made to the Supreme Court with recommendations for discipline (removal from office, suspension or reprimand). The court then makes a final ruling based on the commission's record and transcript.

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disciplinary committees located in Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis—composed of at least four lawyers and two lay persons, also may investigate complaints referred to them by the chief disciplinary counsel or the Advisory Committee.

If the chief disciplinary counsel or a majority of a regional disciplinary committee finds that there is probable cause to believe that a lawyer is guilty of professional misconduct, they may issue a written admonition to the attorney or file an information making specific allegations of the lawyer's violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The lawyer may request a hearing to be held before a disciplinary hearing panel composed of two lawyers and one lay person, all of whom are appointed as disciplinary hearing officers by the Supreme Court. If the disciplinary hearing panel finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the lawyer is guilty of misconduct, it makes findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations for discipline, which then are filed in the Supreme Court. It is the Supreme Court's responsibility to impose any warranted discipline. If a lawyer who has been suspended or disbarred later seeks reinstatement, the chief disciplinary counsel investigates the application. The chief disciplinary counsel also investigates the unauthorized practice of law and takes appropriate action to stop such practices. The chief disciplinary counsel is Alan Pratzel.

In addition to providing oversight of the disciplinary hearing process, the Advisory Committee reviews complaint files that have been closed after investigation, at the request of the complainant. It also may issue formal ethics opinions, interpreting Supreme Court Rules 4, 5 and 6. Members of the Advisory Committee, appointed by the Supreme Court are: Jennifer Gille Bacon, Kansas City, chair; Doreen D. Dodson, St. Louis, vicechair; Susan Appelquist, Springfield; Richard E. Banks, St. Louis; John Briscoe, New London; Al Brooks, Kansas City; Sidney Dulle, Jefferson City; Hon. John C. Holstein, Springfield; David P. Macoubrie, Chillicothe; Christina R. Neff, Jefferson City; Richard N. Priest, St. Louis; and Dorothy White-Coleman, St. Louis.

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Membership in the Missouri Bar is required of every lawyer who practices in Missouri and of every judge of a state court. To qualify for membership, a person must have completed an approved law school leading to a juris doctor degree. Those seeking membership in the Missouri Bar also must pass a comprehensive bar examination and character and fitness investigation and make application for admission to the bar with the Supreme Court of Missouri.

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There are numerous standing committees of the Missouri Bar plus a number of special project committees. Committees of the Missouri Bar meet at least twice each year to discuss particular areas of the law and, in some cases, draft potential legislation in those areas. Committee members, as well as officers and other members of The Missouri Bar, are available to testify before the General Assembly in support of those bills. In addition, the bar's Board of Governors often votes to support or oppose other bills pending before the legislature and the bar's legislative services are directed accordingly. Because of its status as a mandatory organization for those practicing law in Missouri, the bar's legislative efforts are confined to bills affecting the administration of justice.

#### **Education**

The Missouri Bar's Continuing Legal Education Department (MoBarCLE) has taken the lead in keeping bar members informed of the latest developments in the law. Each year, the CLE Department organizes and presents a number of programs—live, videotaped, webinars and by telephone—to keep lawyers abreast of changes in state and federal laws. These sessions are regularly accompanied by detailed course materials designed to supplement the programs themselves. In addition, the department's renowned deskbook series (the "black books"), supplements and Guidebooks provide attorneys with valuable reference materials they can make use of in their own law libraries.

## **Publications/Public Information**

The Journal of the Missouri Bar, offering valuable perspectives on the law from its lawyer-authors, is published six times per year as the official publication of the legal profession in Missouri. Also available to members are the Legislative Digest, published during and after each year's session of the General Assembly; Precedent, a quarterly publication featuring practice-oriented articles and columns; and The Courts Bulletin, a monthly update on recent court decisions in pertinent areas of the law.

For more than 50 years, The Missouri Bar has conducted a broad program of public information and education. Thousands of informative pamphlets and other educational materials about the law are distributed annually, including materials from an extensive law-related education audio-visual lending library. Copies of the bar's brochures are also available on the Internet at www. mobar.org. The growth of the bar's public information programs has been aided by cooperative ventures with the Extension Division of the University of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri Press Association, the Missouri Broadcasters Association, various state colleges, and other groups and associations.

## Other Activities

Other prominent programs and services offered by The Missouri Bar include: a Client Security Fund that considers partial financial reimbursement to eligible clients who have been harmed by the unethical conduct of a lawyer; a Lawyer Referral Service that links attorneys with Missourians in need of legal assistance; a Lawyers Assistance Program that offers help to lawyers hindered by impairment issues; a complaint resolution program that offers an alternative to the formal lawyer disciplinary system for matters considered to be less serious in nature; a fee-dispute resolution program that works to resolve disputes between a lawyer and a client over fees charged for services; and many more.

Through the years, the Missouri Bar has gained recognition on the national and international level. It has been cited many times by the American Bar Association as the outstanding bar organization in the nation. Its programs have won Freedom Foundation awards, the American Bar Association Award of Merit and the American Judicature Society's Justice Award. Similarly, staff members and officers serve on many important national committees and work with various national groups on problems of national scope.

## Officers, The Missouri Bar, 2011-2012

Vogel, Lynn Whaley, St. Louis, president; Starke, Patrick, Blue Springs, president-elect; Brady, P. John, Kansas City, vice president.

# Judicial Conference of Missouri

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In 1943, the General Assembly established the Judicial Conference of Missouri, which is composed of all state judges. The conference is charged by statute (section 476.350, RSMo) with studying the organization and administration of the state's judicial system, compiling data about the work of various courts and making biennial reports to the General Assembly, including any recommendations the conference may have for improving the laws. Since 1974, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, who is the conference's presiding officer, has presented an annual State of the Judiciary address to a joint session of the General Assembly, reviewing the problems, needs and goals of the judicial branch.

The statute also requires the conference to hold an annual meeting to be attended by all judges. At this meeting, the judges discuss the problems of court administration and invite experts in various fields to speak about matters of particular concern.

The clerk of the Supreme Court provides administrative and staff assistance and also serves as secretary to the executive council and the conference.

#### Nonpartisan Judicial Nominating Commissions

Under provisions of article V of the Missouri Constitution, any vacancy occurring in the office of judge of the Supreme Court, the court of appeals or the circuit courts within St. Louis City or Jackson County is filled through the "Nonpartisan Selection of Judges Court Plan," adopted through initiative petition at the November 1940 general election, which provides for the governor to appoint one of three qualified persons nominated by a nonpartisan judicial commission. This method of selecting judges was adopted by the voters of the 21st Judicial Circuit (St. Louis County) in 1970; by the voters of the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Platte County) and the Seventh Judicial Circuit (Clay County) in 1973; and by the voters of the 31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County) in November 2008.

Under the Missouri Plan, as it often is called nationally, a vacancy on a court to which the plan applies is filled in the following way. A nonpartisan judicial commission of lay persons, lawyers and a judge selects three persons from those who apply, based on merit. The governor appoints one of the three. A judge appointed in this way must stand for retention in office at the first general election occurring after the judge has been in office for 12 months. The judge's name is placed on a separate judicial ballot, without political party designation, and the voters must vote either for or against retention in office. The judge's name again is placed on the ballot for a retention vote at certain intervals if the judge wishes to serve subsequent terms. The Missouri Plan has served as a national model for the selection of judges and has been adopted by a number of other states.

## **Appellate Judicial Commission**

Nominations for judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals are made by a seven-member Appellate Judicial Commission. It consists of a judge of the Supreme Court selected by the members of the Court and two resident citizens from each of the three court of appeals districts. One lawyer is elected from each

district by members of the Missouri Bar residing in that district, and one non-lawyer is appointed from each district by the governor. The judge member serves a two-year term, while the other members serve staggered terms of six years each.

**Members:** Richard B. Teitelman, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Missouri, chair.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District: Thomas M. Burke, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Donald L. Ross, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District: John Gentry, lay member, term expires December 31, 2014; John Wooddell, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2013.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District: J.R. Hobbs, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2015; Jill Shurin, lay member, term expires December 31, 2010.

# **Circuit Judicial Commissions**

Nominations for judges of circuit courts are made by a five-member circuit judicial commission consisting of the chief judge of the district of the Court of Appeals in which the circuit or the major portion of its population lies, two lawyers elected by other members of The Missouri Bar residing in the circuit and two non-lawyer residents of the circuit appointed by the governor.

Sixth Circuit (Platte County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Lisa White Hardwick, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: David Barth, Parkville, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Scott L. Campbell, Platte City, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2013; Keith Hicklin, Platte, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Judy P. Stokes, lay member, term expires December 31, 2013.

Seventh Circuit (Clay County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Lisa White Hardwick, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: Melissa (Lisa) Essig, Kearney, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Dr. Lancer G. Gates, Kansas City, lay member, term expires December 31, 2013; Michael S. Shipley, Liberty, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2013; James H. Thompson Jr., Kansas City, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017.

Sixteenth Circuit (Jackson County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Lisa White Hardwick, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: Scott Bethune, Kansas City, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2015; James C. Morrow, Kansas City, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Byron G. Thompson, Kansas City, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Rev. Eric D. Williams, Kansas City, lay member, term expires December 31, 2016.

Twenty-first Circuit (St. Louis County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Kurt S. Odenwald, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: Robert P. Dudley, Eureka, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Matthew Rossiter, St. Louis, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Anthony Witherspoon, Florissant, lay member, term expires December 31, 2016; Richard Wuestling IV, St. Louis, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2015.

Twenty-second Circuit (St. Louis) Judicial Commission: Chair: Kurt S. Odenwald, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: June Bosley Dabney-Gray, St. Louis, lay member, term expires December 31, 2010; Michael Calvin, St. Louis, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Stephen F. Doss, St. Louis, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Steven L. Groves, St. Louis, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2015.

Thirty-first Circuit (Greene County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Don E. Burrell Jr., chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, term expires June 30, 2013. Members: Andy Bennett, Springfield, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Linda F. Fowler, Springfield, lay member, term expires December 31, 2014; Sally Hargis, Springfield, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Clif Smart, Springfield, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2013.



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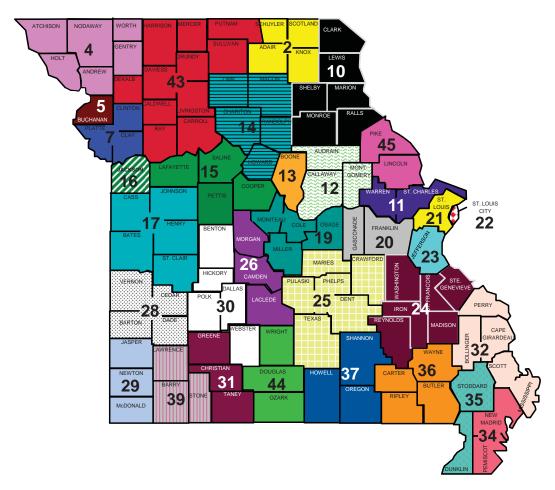
The Office of State Public Defender is created by Section 600.019.1., RSMo as an independent department within the judicial branch of state government.

The Missouri State Public Defender System (MSPD) is the state agency created to fulfill the state's constitutional obligation to ensure that all persons facing criminal prosecution in its courts have the assistance of counsel in their defense. MSPD's lawyers provide legal representation to persons who are charged with or challenging convictions for state criminal offenses but do not have the means available to hire defense counsel.

# **Public Defender Commission**

State law (Chapter 600, RSMo) provides for a seven-member Public Defender Commission to oversee the State Public Defender System. The members of the commission are appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate and serve without compensation for six-year terms. Four members must be lawyers, and no more than four members may be of the same political party.

# Missouri State Public Defender Trial Division District Map



## Members, Public Defender Commission

Copeland, Douglas, chair; Barnhart, Eric, commissioner; Brison, Muriel, commissioner; Ellis, Willie J. Jr., commissioner; Leonard, Miller, commissioner; Watkins, Nancy, commissioner.

MSPD is a statewide department primarily comprised of three legal service divisions: the Trial Division, the Capital Division, and the Appellate/Post-Conviction Division. Attorneys in district offices within each division provide direct representation to indigent clients.

#### **Trial Division**

The Trial Division employs close to 300 full-time attorneys as well as investigators, paralegals and legal assistants. Trial Division attorneys represent both adult and juvenile indigent clients charged with crimes at the state trial court level throughout Missouri.

The **Commitment Defense Unit** represents indigent people throughout the State of Missouri against whom the government has initiated civil commitment proceedings based on the allegation that the citizen is a "sexually violent predator" (SVP). The unit was created in 1999 in response to Missouri's sexually violent predator legislation. This legislation enables the state to incarcerate individuals after they have completed their sentences for eligible sex offenses, and allows for indefinite civil commitment upon a jury finding that an individual meets the legislative criteria of a SVP.

## **Capital Division**

The Capital Division of MSPD was established in 1989 to handle the complex litigation involved when the state seeks the death penalty. The purpose of this division is to provide the highest-quality representation to individuals against whom the state of Missouri is seeking the death penalty in the State Trial Court, the State Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

The division employs experienced attorneys who excel as litigators to handle the initial trial of the case. The division also employs experienced attorneys with exceptional appellate advocacy skills to handle the direct appeal of cases following a trial and sentence of death.

There are three Capital Division district offices within the state, located in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia. Trial attorneys in the division have the opportunity to try cases in both the urban and rural areas of Missouri.

## Division of Appellate/Post-Conviction Relief

This division ensures that the constitutional rights of citizens are preserved and protected, and that the trial or guilty-plea process was fair and legal. In essence, the division monitors and provides quality-control for the criminal judicial process.

There are six district offices in this division. The offices are located in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia in close proximity to most of Missouri's appellate courts.

Attorneys in this division provide representation to indigent citizens who have been convicted of felony offenses, after either a trial or a guilty plea. These attorneys handle direct appeals from non-capital felony convictions, post-conviction trial court challenges and appeals from post-conviction proceedings. The post-conviction practice includes providing aggressive representation to death-row clients at the trial-court level, and in the Supreme Courts of Missouri and the United States.