Chapter 5

Judicial Branch

Angelina Danzero, third from right, and friends at the Fulbright Pumping Station, Springfield, Missouri, 1923

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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), county courts 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, Court of Appeals, and in a system of circuit courts that have original and appellate jurisdiction. The judicial branch's function is to interpret the state and federal constitutions, to make laws that are not in conflict with the constitution, to determine cases lawfully presented to the courts, and to perform the duties of the judicial branch as defined by the United States Constitution and Missouri law.

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 to 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. A judge 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.

Effective January 2, 1979, the circuit court system abolished 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, are heard in appropriate divisions of the circuit court system. 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 circuits. 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.

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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 signed opinions of the court.

Under terms of the 1970 constitutional amendment of article V, the ofices 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 one 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 reexamined, 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 discretion 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 Mis-
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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).

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 office 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 moneys appropriated by the General Assembly.

Clerk's Office

The clerk of the Supreme Court has a number of additional duties relating to the Missouri 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 Library

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

Missouri Bar Responsibilities

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

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 court's Web site at www.courts.mo.gov.

William Ray Price Jr.
Chief Justice 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, 1973–1975; 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 Truman 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 C.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, through July 1, 2001, and as vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices of the United States from August 1, 2000, through August 1, 2001. He is presently chairman of the Missouri Drug Court Commission and president of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Judge Price was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor John Ashcroft on April 7, 1992. He was retained in 1994 and 2006 for a term expiring December 31, 2018.
JUDGE PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE was born October 14, 1953, in Nevada, Missouri. 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.

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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; the Ozark Area Girl Scout Council Woman of Distinction; and 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.


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ZEL M. FISCHER was born in Hamburg, Iowa, on April 28, 1963, and grew up in Watson, Missouri. Judge Fischer was educated in Rock Port public schools. He attended William Jewell College, in Liberty, Missouri, 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, and the American Jurisprudence Award from the UMKC Law School, 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, Missouri. 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 4th Judicial Circuit, and served in that capacity until his appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri in October 2008.

Judge Fischer was selected as a 2008 program member of the Advanced Science and Technol-
Mary R. Russell
Judge of the Supreme Court

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

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Russell clerked for the Honorable 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.

Active in many professional organizations, Judge Russell is currently a member of the Missouri Bar Association; the American Bar Association; the National Association of Women Judges; the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; the Lawyers’ Association; 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 Lawyer’s Trust Account Foundation; 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; 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 has served on a variety of statewide boards and commissions including: the Board of Governors of Truman State University (President in 1996); Missouri State Senate Reapportionment Commission in 1991; the Missouri Council on Women’s Economic Development. Judge Russell is the recipient of numerous awards including the Women’s Justice Award in 2008, the Rotarian of the Year (2007); Zonta Woman of Achievement in Jefferson City (2007); the Faculty/Alumni Award from University of Missouri-Columbia; the Citation of Merit Award from the UMC Law School; the Distinguished Alumni Award-Truman State University; the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award; the Soroptimist International Women Helping Women Award; the Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award; and the Kirkwood Citizen of the Year in 2003. She was named a Henry Toll Fellow in 1997 and a member of the Missouri Academy of Squires in 2002.

Active in many community organizations, Judge Russell is a member of the Jefferson City Rotary Club, currently serving as its Vice-President; PEO, Zonta, Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court, the St. Louis Forum, the Missouri Women’s Forum, and Grace Episcopal Church. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Missouri 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. An easily approachable judge, she devotes much time to mentoring young women.

Judge Russell and her husband, Jim, a government consultant, 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 10, 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, MA. 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 Shoek, 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, Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Judge Stith to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. She was retained at 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.

Governor Bob Holden appointed Judge Stith to the Supreme Court of Missouri effective March 7, 2001, and she was retained at the Nov. 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-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 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 moderator 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.

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 C. 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.
Richard B. Teitelman  
Judge of the  
Supreme Court

RICHARD B. TEITELMAN was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from the Univ. of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Washington Univ. School of Law in St. Louis in 1973, he opened a solo law practice. In 1975, he joined Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, serving for 23 years, 18 of those as executive director and general counsel. His dedication to the Legal Services program, which provides a wide range of assistance for Missourians unable to pay for civil legal services, 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’s Legal Service Award, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSIL) Young Lawyers Section Award of Merit, the St. Louis Bar Foundation Award, and the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Make a Difference Award.

Judge Teitelman served as president of the Young Lawyers Section of the St. Louis Bar Association (SBA) and as the SBA’s president. He served as president of the St. Louis Bar Foundation. He serves as a board member, executive committee member, and past-president of BAMSIL. He served as a member of the Board of Governors, vice-president, and president-elect of the Mo. Bar. He served as trustee of the National Council of Bar Foundations of the ABA and is a lifetime member of the Fellows of the ABA. He was chair of the ABA’s Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law. He is a member of the American Judicature Society.

In his pursuit of equality and access to justice for all, Judge Teitelman is a member of the African-American Jewish Task Force. He served on the Midwest Board of the American Federation for the Blind, and the United Way Government Relations Committee. He was a board member of the St. Louis Public Library and is a lifetime member of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Other honors include: The Missouri Bar’s Purcell Award for Professionalism; American Jewish Community’s Democracy in Action Award; Lawyer’s Association of St. Louis Award of Honor; St. Louis Society for the Blind’s Lifetime Achievement Award; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law’s Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award and the American Bar Associations Legislative Advocacy Award in 2007; ABA Grassroots Legislative Advocacy Award 2007; Ethical Humanist of the Year 2008; St. Louis University School of Law’s Clarence Darrow Award, 2009; the Mo. Bar’s Spurgeon Smithson Award

He is an honorary dean of St. Louis University School of Law’s DuBourg Society, an honorary member of the Order of the Coif at Washington University School of Law and its Eliot Society, and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus at Washington University’s Founders Day Celebration in 2002. In 2003, he was a participant in the Toll Fellowship Program of the Council of State Governments.

Judge Teitelman served on the Missouri Court of Appeals, E.D., from 1998 to 2002, when he was appointed to the Supreme Court, becoming the first legally blind and first Jewish judge to serve on Missouri’s highest court. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Missouri Judicial Conference. He was reappointed at the 2004 general election.

Michael A. Wolff  
Judge of the  
Supreme Court

MICHAEL A. WOLFF was born April 1, 1945, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and was educated in Catholic grade schools and Lourdes High School in Rochester, Minnesota. He graduated in 1967 from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, where he was editor-in-chief and chairman of the board of The Dartmouth, the student daily newspaper. He received his law degree with honors from the University of Minnesota law school in 1970. During law school, he worked as a reporter and copy editor for The Minneapolis Star. His wife, Patricia B. Wolff, M.D., is a pediatrician in private practice in St. Louis who also directs Meds and Food for Kids, which operates a malnutrition program in northern Haiti. They have two grown sons, Andrew Barrett Wolff, born in 1974, and Benjamin Barrett Wolff, born in 1977.

Judge Wolff served on the faculty of St. Louis University School of Law for 23 years before being appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1998. He served a two-year term as Chief Justice from July 2005 to June 2007. His term as judge runs until 2012.

Judge Wolff was named “Lawyer of the Year” by The Missouri Lawyers’ Weekly in 2007. He received the Joseph E. Stevens, Jr., “Aspire to Excellence” Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association in 2006, the University of Missouri School of Law Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award, 2007, the James C. Kirkpatrick Award from the Northwest Missouri Press Association in 2007, the President’s Award from the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges in 2006, the Restorative Justice Award from Center for Women in Transition, 2005, and the Clarence Darrow Award from the St. Louis University School of Law Public Interest Law Group in 2004. He delivered the 2008 William J. Brennan Jr. Memorial Lecture at New York University School of Law.

During his service as chief justice, Judge Wolff wrote a monthly column for the state’s newspapers distributed by the Missouri Press Association. He regularly participates in civics education programs of the Missouri Bar.

In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Wolff is a member of the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission and has served as its chair since 2004.

During his time in St. Louis, Judge Wolff was active in trial practice and was co-author of Federal Jury Practice and Instructions, (4th edition) and numerous other publications. As a law school teacher, he has taught a variety of courses and was a recipient of the law school’s Teaching Excellence Award. Judge Wolff also was on the faculty of the University’s School of Medicine and School of Public Health. He is a member of the American Law Institute.

In 1992, Judge Wolff was Transition Director for Governor-elect Mel Carnahan, served as Chief Counsel to the governor in 1993-1994, and was Special Counsel to the governor 1994-1998 after returning to the law school.

Wolff also served from 1993-1998 as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, the health insurance program for public employees. Wolff was a candidate for attorney general in 1998 and 1992.

In addition to the Missouri Bar, Judge Wolff is a member of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. He also has served several charitable and educational organizations in various capacities.

In his early legal career, Wolff was a federal court law clerk in 1970-1971 and served in legal services programs in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Denver, Colorado, and was director of Black Hills Legal Services in Rapid City, South Dakota, from 1973 to 1975. He joined the St. Louis University faculty in 1975.
Office of State Courts Administrator

Acting under the direction of the Supreme Court of Missouri, the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) is responsible for providing technical assistance, management, and training to Missouri courts; developing court security and emergency plans; and identifying productivity improvements in court services. The office also assists courts in developing and implementing court improvement projects in such areas as child abuse and neglect, juvenile services, family preservation, criminal history reporting, debt collection and judgment enforcement, “crime victims’ rights,” mediation services, alcohol and drug abuse treatment and prevention, and the implementation of time standards for case disposition. With the passage of SB420 in 1994, the office has worked with the Missouri Court Automation Committee to automate all the courts in the state and, through the use of advanced technologies, provide Missouri citizens with the most timely and responsive judicial system possible. The office is organized into five divisions and one office: Administration and Budget, Court Programs and Research, Court Services, Information Technology, Judicial Education, and the Office for Project Management.

Administration and Budget

Administration and Budget provides essential administrative services and maintains programs developed to assist the judiciary. Budget staff compile and organize the judiciary’s annual state appropriation request, fiscal notes are provided for proposed legislation that would have an impact on the judicial system, and support is provided to the Circuit and Appellate Court Budget Committees.

Fiscal staff is responsible for processing and accounting for all funds appropriated to the Supreme Court of Missouri for those judicial operations paid by the state and contract staff is responsible for administering contracts to the judiciary. In addition, the section also monitors and authorizes bill payment for all Missouri drug courts.

Sponsored programs staff develop internal and external partnerships with national, state and local funding sources. Grant funds are managed for areas such as improving child abuse/ neglect, foster care and adoption, divorce education programs for parents and children, alternative dispute resolution such as mediation in child custody and visitation disputes, domestic violence, juvenile victim/offender situations, adult, juvenile, and family drug courts, and other specialized courts such as mental health and unified family courts to the public. Federally funded pilot projects to establish permanency planning for abused and neglected children placed in foster care are in progress as well.

Access to Justice staff provide technical assistance in dispute resolution related to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, certify foreign language court interpreters, and identify resources for the courts to provide services for both non-English speaking parties and those persons covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Security staff provide technical assistance related to security for courthouse design, perform security assessments of court facilities, assist in developing court security and emergency planning programs and policies and develop security and safety training for court employees.

The Research Unit is developing new capacity to advance knowledge in the areas of juvenile and criminal justice, case processing, and other topics related to Missouri courts. The unit manages the following ongoing tasks: compilation of statistical caseload information, estimation of workload impacts of various legislative initiatives as well as workload estimates for judicial resource management, technical assistance to court personnel regarding research methods and utilization of the Judicial Information System to produce reports.

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Court Programs and Research

Court Programs and Research provides critical support in statistical analysis and program evaluation. Additionally, this division assists courts in developing and managing a wide range of innovative programs designed to improve case outcomes.

Program staff work with issues involving child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption, divorce education programs for parents and children, alternative dispute resolution such as mediation in child custody and visitation disputes, domestic violence, juvenile victim/offender situations, adult, juvenile, and family drug courts, and other specialized courts such as mental health and unified family courts to the public. Federally funded pilot projects to establish permanency planning for abused and neglected children placed in foster care are in progress as well.

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Court Services

Court Services acts as a bureau for all court personnel statewide by: 1) developing procedures related to case processing and financial management; 2) preparing transcripts from sound recorded tapes submitted by the courts; 3) developing and updating procedural handbooks on case processing for court clerks; 4) providing on-site case processing reviews to make recommendations for improved efficiency; and 5) managing statewide debt collection efforts.

Court Services staff work closely with the software provider and court staff from around the state to customize software and continually monitor changing practices and legal requirements over time so that the software is updated as necessary. Staff also design and test software to share automated court information electronically with other agencies. Some examples are criminal case dispositions provided to Missouri State Highway Patrol for the criminal history repository, traffic case dispositions provided to Department of Revenue and Missouri State Testing Services; and court data provided to Missouri for Victims of Crime MOVANS program.

One of the key functions of Court Services staff is to assist the courts with case management and financial accounting systems. OSCA staff provides on-site assistance several weeks after the court implements the automated system. After the court is automated, both financial specialists and court specialists provide telephone support and follow-up site visits.

In addition, a statewide court jury management automated system is maintained for use throughout the courts. Court Services coordinates court training, assists courts with forms design and procedural changes, and provides telephone and on-site support to the courts.

Information Technology

Information Technology (OSCA-IT) provides information technology management support for all Missouri courts and OSCA. The division is responsible for technical analysis, design, development, implementation, maintenance, quality assurance, and technical support for the systems that Missouri courts require. OSCA-IT provides this support exclusively to most courts, but also improves in conjunction with the few court or state courts that have information technology staff on-location.

In 1994, Missouri Revised Statutes section 476.055 established a statewide court automation program and some offset funding with a $7 per-case court fee. The program oversight was given to the Missouri Court Automation Committee, under the Supreme Court of Missouri. OSCA-IT has been actively involved with the Court Automation Committee, which was recognized internationally in 2003 with a Gold Medal of Achievement from the Computerworld Honors Program.

In April 2008, Missouri completed its eleven-year project of implementing its statewide case
management system, allowing for the electronic exchange of data between all Missouri state courts and several government agencies as well. The completion of this work has resulted in great benefits to the citizens of Missouri, and the Information Technology staff now retain responsibility for keeping this system operational for the long term.

One of the most relevant examples of this electronic exchange has been the ability of courts using the statewide case management system to electronically transfer ex parte orders for protection to the law enforcement system, providing immediate information to law enforcement officers and rapid protection for victims of domestic violence.

OSCA-IT also provides additional technical support for the office in the areas of judicial transfer, fiscal notes and inventory control. The staff develops special reports to assist in workload analysis, judicial research and special legislative requests.

Judicial Education

Judicial Education is responsible for coordinating education services for state court employees and judges. These services are designed to ensure the courts have access to a highly skilled, professional workforce that is technologically literate, conversant with practices that aid in the internal management of the courts, and oriented towards a high level of customer service.

The Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education provides strategic direction for a comprehensive statewide education program. The Commission has built a comprehensive education program that affords opportunities to acquire and enhance technical knowledge and skills, and supervisory and leadership skills and abilities.

Judicial Education is responsible for implementing the policies and programs established by the Commission and its committees. Judicial Education offers a broad range of courses and certificate programs for court personnel. Education specialists, working with education committees and court personnel, design and coordinate the delivery of courses tailored to meet the unique needs of appellate, trial and municipal court personnel, including judges, clerks, justice officers, and court reporters. All courses are designed to provide court personnel with the knowledge and skills essential to discharging their judicial and administrative responsibilities. In addition, Judicial Education is responsible for developing and implementing alternative delivery methods of educational programming through the use of technology, which includes: web-based and computer-based learning, videoconferencing, and satellite broadcasts.

Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri: 1821 to 2009

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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 removing from the bench for failure to take the new loyalty oath, called the "oathletal." See 35 Mo. iii, at iv-vi (1865).

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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 who 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

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 $115,000. 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.

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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.

Territorial jurisdiction:
The counties of Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Butler,

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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 $115,000. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.
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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 $128,151. The chief judge serves a two-year term by rotation, generally according to seniority.

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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, although 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, 187 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 (FCC) pursuant to section 476.385, RSMo. The FCC is a central bureau authorized by statute to process certain traffic, conservation and watercraft violations for the courts of counties that voluntarily join the center’s program. The center began operation July 1, 1999, and 90 Missouri counties were members of the program as of July 1, 2007. Offenders who receive citations in participating counties have the option of pleading guilty by paying their fine and costs directly to the FCC or pleading not guilty and having their citations sent to the county prosecutor for processing in the court system.

The Supreme Court appoints the director of the FCC. Since April 2004, the ACS Corporation has performed most fine collection citation processing services under a contract with the state courts. The director of the center oversees the operation of the center by ACS. The Supreme Court also appoints a FCC Committee of at least seven associate circuit court judges. This committee provides oversight and policy guidance for the FCC program and establishes and maintains a uniform fine schedule to be used by the FCC. Counties that voluntarily join the program must agree to use the uniform fine schedule. This fine schedule contains all traffic, conservation and watercraft offenses that the FCC is authorized to process.

The FCC fine schedule sets uniform fines for the same offenses in all counties participating in the FCC program, resulting in a more equitable system for offenders. Benefits of participating in the FCC include better accountability, improved collection rates and a reduction in clerical workload associated with processing citations that allows court staff to redirect their efforts to other areas. The FCC also provides user-friendly customer service at a toll free number (877-866-3926) that offenders can call from anywhere within the United States. The FCC accepts payment by check, money order or credit cards.
making payment more convenient for offenders. The FCC also has an automated system that allows payment 24 hours a day by phone at a toll-free number or over the Internet.

When an offender pays a citation to the FCC, the center legally is authorized to issue a record of conviction. Records of conviction for traffic offenses are prepared the same business day that the FCC receives the offender's guilty plea and payment of the fine and costs. The FCC sends payments of fines and court costs to member county treasurers at the first of each month. The FCC keeps no part of the fine or costs. The county where the offense occurred receives all the fine money and the entire county's share of court costs for each case. The FCC sends court costs and fees designated for state agencies directly to those agencies.

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Circuit 2

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Circuit 3

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JUDICIAL BRANCH — CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

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 Counties: Chariton, Linn and Sullivan.


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 Counties: Monroe, Monroe and Ralls.


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 County: St. Charles.


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 County: St. Charles.


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 County: St. Charles.

Circuit 12
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Circuit 13—Division 1
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Circuit 16—Division 13

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Circuit 16—Division 14

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Circuit 16—Division 18

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Circuit 16—Division 19

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Circuit 17—Division 1

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Counties: Cass and Johnson.

Circuit 17—Division 2

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Circuit 18

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Circuit 20—Division 2

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County: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.
Biography: Born September 9, 1949 in Franklin County. Educated at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., A.B.; University of Missouri-Columbia, M. Ed.; Washington University, St. Louis, J.D. Married to Terry Withaus. Served on Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District (Judge Weier); associate with Armstrong, Teasdale, Kramer & Vaughn; staff attorney with ITT Diversified Credit Co. and ITT Commercial Finance Co.; engaged in private practice in Union. Member: National Association of Women Judges; American Bar Association; St. Louis County Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Board of directors, Boys’ and Girls’ Town of Missouri and the crusade against crime, and former member, Young Lawyers’ Section of Missouri Bar. Appointed circuit judge June 10, 2009. Term expires December 31, 2010. Republican.

Circuit 21—Division 1

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County: St. Louis.
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Circuit 21—Division 11

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Circuit 21—Division 13

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Circuit 22—Division 1

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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 Lantiz, Plunkett & 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 in St. Louis. Appointed circuit judge: 1998. Appointed circuit judge: 2004. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.

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Circuit 26—Division 2

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Circuit 28

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County: Jasper.


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County: Jasper.


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County: Jasper.


Circuit 30

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

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County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 2

DAVID JONES
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County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 3

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County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 4

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County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 5

CALVIN R. HOLDEN
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County: Greene.

Circuit 32—Division 1

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Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

Circuit 32—Division 2

BEN LEWIS
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Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

Circuit 33

DAVID A. DOLAN
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Counties: Mississippi and Scott.
Circuit 34
FRED W. COPELAND
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Home address: 390 St. Paul, New Madrid 63869.
Counties: New Madrid and Pemiscot.

Circuit 35
STEPHEN R. SHARP
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Counties: Dunklin and Stoddard.

Circuit 36
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Counties: Butler and Ripley.

Circuit 37
DAVID P. EVANS
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Home address: West Plains.
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 Sandra 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, Will-ow Springs and Mountain View; associate circuit judge, 1991–2005; and elected presid-ing circuit judge, 2006. Member of United Methodist Church; Boy Scouts-Silver Beaver Award; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past president. Term expires: December 31, 2012. Republican.

Circuit 38
MARK ORR
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Counties: Christian and Taney.

Circuit 39
ROBERT S. WILEY
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Counties: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.

Circuit 40
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Counties: McDonald and Newton.

Circuit 41
HADLEY E. GRIMM
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Counties: Macon and Shelby.
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Counties: Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne.

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

Circuit 43—Division 1

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Circuit 43—Division 2

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Circuit 44

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Circuit 45

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Counties: Lincoln and Pike.
Circuit courts by county

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Audrain .................................................... Circuit No. 5
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Bates ..................................................... Circuit No. 8
Benton ..................................................... Circuit No. 9
Bollinger .................................................. Circuit No. 10
Boone .................................................... Circuit No. 11
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Circuit 1

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County: Clark.

Circuit 2

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County: Schuyler.
Circuit 2

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County: Knox.

Circuit 2

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County: Lewis.

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County: Grundy.

Circuit 3

THOMAS R. ALLEY
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Home address: 17715 W. Hwy. P, Bethany 64424
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 & Whitney (now Ernst & Young); private practice in Clay County; municipal judge, Kearney Missouri; adjunct professor, William Jewell College; city prosecutor, Bethany, Missouri. Member: Methodist Church; Bethany Rotary Club; past president; Masonic Lodge; Missouri Bar; Third Circuit Bar. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006. Term expires December 31, 2010. Republican.

Circuit 3

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County: Mercer.

Circuit 3

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County: Putnam.

Circuit 4

COREY K. HERRON
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County: Atchison.

Circuit 4

EDWARD M. MANNING
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County: Gentry.
Circuit 4

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County: Holt.

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County: Nodaway.

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County: Buchanan.

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County: Buchanan.

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County: Platte.

Circuit 6—Division 4

JAMES W. VAN AMBURG
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County: Platte.
Circuit 6—Division 5
GARY D. WITT
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County: Platte.

Circuit 7—Division 5
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County: Clay.

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County: Clay.

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County: Clay.

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County: Carroll.

Circuit 8
DAVID L. BUSCH
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County: Ray.

Circuit 9
MICHAEL L. MIDYETT
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County: Chariton.

Circuit 9
JAMES P. WILLIAMS
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County: Linn.
Circuit 9
JAMES G. SPENCER
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Circuit 10
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County: Monroe.

Circuit 10
DAVID C. MOBLEY
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County: Ralls.

Circuit 11—Division 6
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County: St. Charles.

Circuit 11—Division 8
WILLIAM T. LOHMAR JR.
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St. Charles County.

Circuit 11—Division 9
ELIZABETH W. SWANN
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Home address: 14 Hastings Ct., St. Charles 63301.
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.

Circuit 11—Division 10
NORMAN C. STEIMEL III
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County: St. Charles.
Circuit 11—Division 11

PHILIP J. OHLM

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County: St. Charles.


Circuit 11—Division 12

MATTHEW E.P. THORNHILL

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County: St. Charles.


Circuit 12

WESLEY C. DALTON

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County: Warren.


Circuit 12

LINDA R. HAMLETT

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County: Audrain.


Circuit 13

DEBORAH DANIELS

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County: Boone.


Circuit 13

CHRISTINE CARPENTER

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County: Boone. Callaway.

Circuit 13

LESLEY SCHNEIDER
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County: Boone.

Circuit 13

CARY AUGUSTINE
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County: Calloway.

Circuit 13

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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 of Missouri Bar Assoc., Callaway County Bar Assoc. (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. Term expires December 31, 2010. Democrat.

Circuit 14

GARY G. SPRICK
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County: Howard.

Circuit 14

CYNTHIA A. SUTER
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County: Randolph.
Biography: Born December 17, 1947 in Ft. Madison, Iowa. Graduate of Moberly Area Junior College, Truman State University and University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law. Member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Rotary Club and VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Appointed to Supreme Court Intervention Committee. Former Board Member of NCEAC, Community Day Care, Mo. State Board of Nursing, Mo. Lawyers Trust Fund, MO Legal Services, Safe Passage, and Mo. Bar Lawyers Assistance Committee. Elected 2006. Term expires December 31, 2010. Democrat.

Circuit 15—Division 2

JOHN E. FRERKING
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County: Lafayette.

Circuit 15—Division 3

RANDALL W. SHACKELFORD
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County: Lafayette.

Circuit 15

JAMES T. BELLAMY
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County: Saline.
Circuit 15

HUGH C. HARVEY
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County: Saline.

Circuit 16—Division 25

RICHARD T. STANDRIDGE
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 26

ROBERT BEAIRD
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 27

GREGORY B. GILLIS
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., 7th Floor, Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3678.
County: Jackson.
Biography: Life-long resident of Kansas City, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1981 and the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1984. Married to Joyce Gillis since 1985. Served as the drug court commissioner for Jackson County, Missouri for twelve years. Member of the KC Metropolitan Bar Assc., the Jackson County Bar Assc. and serves as historian and board member of the Missouri Assc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and on the advisory board of Operation Breakthrough. Appointed by Governor Bob Holden in April of 2001.

Circuit 16—Division 28

VERNON E. SCOVILLE III
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 29

MARGARET L. SAUER
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 30

TWILA KAY RIGBY
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County: Jackson.
Circuit 16—Division 32

ROBERT L. TROUT
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County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 33

JEFFREY L. BUSHUR
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County: Jackson.


Circuit 17

THOMAS CAMPBELL
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County: Cass.


Circuit 17

W. SUE DODSON
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County: Johnson.


Circuit 17

GARRETT R. CROUCH II
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County: Johnson.


Circuit 17

WILLIAM B. COLLINS
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County: Cass.


Circuit 17

WILLIAM B. COLLINS
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County: Cass.

Circuit 18

RICHARD PAUL BEARD, II
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County: Pettis.

Circuit 18

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Circuit 19

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Circuit 20

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Circuit 20

STANLEY D. WILLIAMS
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County: Franklin.

Circuit 20

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County: Gasconade.

Circuit 20

ROBERT D. SCHOLLMEYER
Office address: Osage County Courthouse, PO Box 825, Linn 65051; phone (573) 897-3114.
Home address: 4970 Hwy. 100, Chamois 65024
County: Osage.
Circuit 21—Division 31
MARY ELIZABETH OTT
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1533.
County: St. Louis.
Biography: Born September 25, 1960 in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of St. Mary’s College, 1982, B.A.; and St. Louis University School of Law, 1985, J.D.

Circuit 21—Division 32
MARY BRUNTRAGER SCHROEDER
Office address: Clayton Courthouse, 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1532.
County: St. Louis.

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.

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.

Circuit 21—Division 35
THEA A. SHERRY
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1536.
County: St. Louis.

Circuit 21—Division 36
VACANT
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1537.
County: St. Louis.

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 in 1973 with a degree in political science; St. Louis University School of Law cum laude in 1976. Married with two children. Clerked for the Honorable Theodore McLimnian, worked for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri from 1978 until being appointed to the bench in July 1999. Handled family court docket. Member of Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis, the St. Louis County Bar Assoc., The Lawyers’ Assoc., The Women Lawyers’ Assoc., the Assoc. of Family and Conciliation Courts; and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Circuit 21—Division 38
LAWRENCE PERMUTER
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1538.
County: St. Louis.
Circuit 21—Division 39

PATRICK CLIFFORD

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

County: St. Louis.


Circuit 21—Division 40

DENNIS SMITH

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, B.S., labor relations (1977); Howard Univ. 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 Mo. Dept. of Corrections. Private practice (Criminal and Civil); adjunct professor of pre-trial practice at Washington Univ. School of Law; served as municipal judge for the cities of Northwoods and Berkeley. Member: founding member of the Missouri Asian American Bar Assoc., the women Lawyer’s Assoc., the Bar Assoc. of Metro-st. Louis, Missouri; president-elect of the Women of St. Roch, St. Louis Zoo, Forest Park and supervising attorney, Voices for Children. Member of Missouri Bar Assoc., American Bar Assoc., Women Lawyer’s Assoc., St. Louis Lawyer’s Assoc., St. Roch Catholic church, St. Louis, Missouri; president-elect of the Women of St. Roch, St. Louis Zoo, Forest Park, Missouri Botanical Garden and Saint Louis Art Museum. Appointed by Governor Matt Blunt April 13, 2005, retained in 2006 for a term to expire December 31, 2010.

Circuit 21—Division 41

JUDY PREDDY DRAPER

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-4744.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of DePauw University, B.S., political science cum laude; University of Florida School of Law, J.D. Served as associate at Bell, Harris Kirsiey & 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 Assoc.; Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers Assoc.; National Assoc. 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 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 Kirsiey & 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 Assoc.; Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers Assoc.; National Assoc. 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

DOUGLAS R. BEACH

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

Home address: Chesterfield

County: St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 14

THOMAS C. CLARK II

Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4276.


Circuit 22—Division 24

ELIZABETH B. HOGAN

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

Home address: St. Louis City

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born February 14, 1968 in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of DePauw 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 of Missouri Bar Assoc., American Bar Assoc., Women Lawyer’s Assoc., St. Louis Lawyer’s Assoc., St. Roch Catholic church, St. Louis, Missouri; president-elect of the Women of St. Roch, St. Louis Zoo, Forest Park, Missouri Botanical Garden and Saint Louis Art Museum. Appointed by Governor Matt Blunt April 13, 2005, retained in 2006 for a term to expire December 31, 2010.

Circuit 22—Division 25

PAULA PERKINS BRYANT

Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4006.

Home address: St. Louis City

Circuit 22—Division 26
CALEA STOVALL-REID
Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market, St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4536. St. Louis City.

Circuit 22—Division 27
THERESA COUNTS BURKE
Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3571. St. Louis City.
Biography: Born October 11, 1965, in Granite City, Illinois. Attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois, graduated in 1985 with a B.A. in political science; Attended St. Louis University School of Law, graduated in 1988 with a J.D. Work history includes private practice for 20 years, provisional judge for the Municipal Court of St. Louis City from 2001 until 2008, and adjunct professor for Fontbonne University OPPIONS program since 2007. Member of Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit judges (MAPACJ); Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Assoc. (MMACJA); Ex Officio Board Member of Lawyers for Kids; Women Lawyers' Assoc. Appointed as an associate circuit judge by Governor Matt Blunt, November 25, 2008.

Circuit 22—Division 28
BARBARA T. PEEBLES
Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St, St Louis 63101; phone (314) 641-8320. St. Louis City.

Circuit 22—Division 29
MICHAEL F. STELZER
Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St, St Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4412. St. Louis City.

Circuit 23—Division 10
DARRELL E. MISSEY
Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5425. County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 11
RAY DICKHANER
Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5365. Home address: Arnold, MO.
County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 12
STEPHEN BOUCHARD
Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 641-8320. County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 13
PATRICIA A. RIEHL
Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6620. County: Jefferson.
Circuit 23—Division 14
NATHAN B. STEWART
Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6404.
County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 15
SHANNON DOUGHERTY
Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6442.
County: Jefferson.

Circuit 24
ROBIN E. FULTON
Office address: Madison County Courthouse, PO Box 470, Fredericktown 63645; phone (573) 783-3105.
County: Madison.

Circuit 24
TROY HYDE
Office address: Washington County Courthouse, 102 N. Missouri St., Potosi 63664; phone (573) 438-6111.
Home address: Potosi
County: Washington.

Circuit 24
JAMES HARRISON KELLY
Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Farmington 63640; phone (573) 736-6601.
County: St. Francois.
Circuit 25
RALPH J. HASLAG
Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Rolla 65582; phone (573) 458-6210.
County: Phelps.
County: Phelps.

Circuit 25
DOUGLAS D. GASTON
Office address: Texas County Courthouse, 519 N. Grand, Ste. 203, Houston 65483; phone (417) 967-3663.
County: Texas.

Circuit 25
RONALD D. WHITE
Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Ste. 201, Rolla 65581; phone (573) 458-6230.
County: Phelps.

Circuit 26
BRUCE E. COLEY
Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camden 65020;
County: Camden.

Circuit 25
COLIN LONG
Office address: Pulaski County Courthouse, 301 Historic Rr. 66, Ste. 314, Waynesville 65583; phone (573) 774-4786.
County: Pulaski.

Circuit 26
JACK A. BENNETT
Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camden 65020;
County: Camden.

Circuit 25
DAVID G. WARREN
Office address: Pulaski County Courthouse, 301 Historic Rr. 66, Ste. 316, Waynesville 65583; phone (573) 774-4784.
County: Pulaski.

Circuit 26
CHRISTINE HUTSON
Office address: Laclede County Courthouse, 200 N. Adams, Lebanon 65536; phone (417) 532-9196.
County: Laclede.
Biography: Born April 23, 1966 in Sikeston, MO. Graduated Drury College, Springfield, Mo., 1988, B.A. political science and chemistry. Graduated Washburn University School of Law, 1991. J.D. Missouri state public defender in the 26th Judicial Circuit from 1992-1995. Engaged in private practice in Lebanon, MO. Her judicial service began in 2001 when she was appointed to fill a judgeship created in Laclede County due to population increase. She served until 2003 when she reentered private practice. In 2005 she was again appointed by the governor to serve as an associate circuit judge in Laclede County. In 2006 she was elected to a four year term. Member: Mo. Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Laclede County, 26th Circuit and Missouri Bar Associations, Phi Alpha Delta, Rotary Club, P.E.O., First United Methodist Church. She lives in Lebanon with her husband, Eric and their son. Term expires December 31, 2010. Democrat.
Circuit 26 — Division 4

**LARRY WINFREY**

Office address: Laclede County Courthouse, 200 N. Adams, Lebanon 65536; phone (417) 532-7451.

County: Laclede.


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Circuit 26

**KENNETH L. OSWALD**

Office address: Miller County Courthouse, 201 Hwy. 52, Tuscumbia 65082; phone (573) 369-1970.

Home address: Miller County.

County: Miller.


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Circuit 26

**PEGGY RICHARDSON**

Office address: Moniteau County Courthouse, 200 E. Main, California 65018; phone (573) 268-4671.

County: Moniteau.


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Circuit 26

**KEVIN SCHEHR**

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

County: Morgan.


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Circuit 27

**DEBRA ANN HOPKINS**

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

Home address: 201 Colonial Dr., Butler 64730.

County: Bates.


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Circuit 27

**WAYNE STROTHMANN**

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

Home address: Clinton 64735.

County: Henry.


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Circuit 27

**MICHAEL DAWSON**

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

County: St. Clair.


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Circuit 28

**CHARLES CURLESS**

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

County: Barton.

Circuit 28

JOSEPH B. PHILLIPS
Office address: Cedar County Courthouse, PO Box 665, Stockton 65785; phone (417) 276-6700.
County: Cedar.

Circuit 28

DAVID MUNTON
Office address: Dade County Courthouse, 300 W. Water, Greenfield 65651; phone (417) 667-2271.
County: Dade.

Circuit 28

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

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.

Circuit 29

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

Circuit 30

MARK B. PILLEY
Office address: Benton County Courthouse, PO Box 37, Warsaw 65355; phone (660) 418-7712.
County: Benton.

Circuit 30

CODY A. HANNA
Office address: Dallas County Courthouse, PO Box 1150, Buffalo 65622; phone (417) 345-7762.
Home address: PO Box 590, Buffalo 65622
County: Dallas.
Circuit 30

MICHAEL O. HENDRICKSON
Office address: Hickory County Courthouse, PO Box 305, Hermitage 65668; phone (417) 745-6412.
County: Hickory.
Biography: Born September 25, 1963, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Graduate of University of Nebraska, 1986, B.A. speech communication and Nebraska College of Law, 1990. J.D. Served as special assistant U.S. attorney, assistant Missouri attorney general, chief assistant Taney County prosecutor, assistant Jefferson County prosecutor, and private practitioner. Member of Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas Bar Assocs. and Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church. He and his wife Laura have three children. Term expires December 31, 2010. Republican.

Circuit 30

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

Circuit 30

DONALD G. CHEEVER
Office address: Webster County Courthouse, PO Box B, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 326-4921.
Home address: 5228 Turnbo Rd., P.O. Box 65, Marshfield 65706.
County: Webster.

Circuit 30

KENNETH F. THOMPSON
Office address: Webster County Courthouse, PO Box B, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 859-2041.
County: Webster.

Circuit 31—Division 21

DAN IMHOF
Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4097.
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 4271 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. Term expires: December 31, 2010. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 31—Division 22

JASON R. BROWN
Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4097.
County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 23

MARK FITZSIMMONS
Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4095.
County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 23

MARK A. POWELL
Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6546.
County: Greene.
Circuit 32

SCOTT THOMSEN
Office address: Bollinger County Courthouse, 204 High St., Ste. 4, Marble Hill 63764; phone (573) 238-2730.
Home address: Rt. 4, Box 60, Marble Hill 63764.
County: Bollinger.

Circuit 32

GARY KAMP
Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 100 Court St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 241-6446.
Home address: 583 State Hwy. U, Burfordville 63739.
County: Cape Girardeau.

Circuit 32

PETER STATLER
Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 100 Court St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 314-6249.
Home address: 2 Lakeside Dr., Perryville 63775.
County: Cape Girardeau.

Circuit 32

MICHAEL BULLERDIECK
Office address: Perry County Courthouse, 15 W. Ste. Marie, Ste. 2, Perryville 63775; phone (573) 547-7861.
Home address: 2 Lakeside Dr., Perryville 63775.
County: Perry.

Circuit 33

T. LYNN BROWN
Office address: Mississippi County Courthouse, PO Box 369, Charleston 63834; phone (573) 638-2146.
Home address: Charleston 63834.
County: Mississippi.

Circuit 33

SCOTT T. HORMAN
Office address: Scott County Judicial Bldg., PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3576.
Home address: 991 Co. Hwy. 216, Chaffee 63740.
County: Scott.

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.

Circuit 33

CHARLES L. SPITLER
Office address: New Madrid County Courthouse, 450 Main St., New Madrid 63869; phone (573) 748-5556.
County: New Madrid.
Circuit 34

W. K E I T H C U R R I E

Office address: Pemiscot County Courthouse, PO Box 228, Caruthersville 63630; phone (573) 331-2764.

County: Pemiscot.


Circuit 34

B Y R O N D . L U E B E R

Office address: Pemiscot County Justice Center, PO Box 466, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3272.

County: Pemiscot.


Circuit 35

J O E Z . S A T T E R F I E L D

Office address: Stoddard County Courthouse, 403 S. Prairie St., Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 368-4640.

County: Stoddard.


Circuit 35

S T E P H E N R . M I T C H E L L

Office address: Stoddard County Justice Center, PO Box 30, Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 686-8073 ext. 3.

County: Stoddard.


Circuit 36

J O H N B L O O D W O R T H

Office address: Butler County Courthouse, 100 S. Main, Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-3272.

County: Butler.

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 1991 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 Claflia 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, 2010.

Circuit 36

W I L L I A M J. C L A R K S O N

Office address: Butler County Courthouse, 100 N. Main, Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-8073.

County: Butler.

Circuit 36

**THOMAS DAVID SWINDLE**
Office address: Ripley County Courthouse, 100 Court Sq., Doniphan 63935; phone (573) 996-2013.
Home address: Rt. 5, Doniphan 63935
County: Ripley.

Circuit 37

**MICHAEL LIGONS**
Office address: PO Box 328, Van Buren 63965; phone (573) 323-4344.
County: Carter.

Circuit 37

**TRUMAN L. WILES**
Office address: Howell County Courthouse, 222 Courthouse, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-4050.
County: Howell.

Circuit 37

**JO BETH PREWITT**
Office address: Oregon County Courthouse, PO Box 148, Eminence 65646; phone (573) 581-2425.
County: Oregon.

Circuit 37

**DONALD M. HENRY**
Office address: Howell County Courthouse, 222 Courthouse, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-4050.
County: Howell.

Circuit 38

**LARRY LUNA**
Office address: Christian County Judicial Center, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 203, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-2425.
County: Christian.

Circuit 38

**JOHN S. WATERS**
Office address: Christian County Judicial Center, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 105, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-4523.
County: Christian.
Circuit 38

TONY WILLIAMS
Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 847-7212.
County: Taney.

Circuit 38—Division 2

JAMES JUSTUS
Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 847-7212.
County: Taney.

Circuit 38

CARR WOODS
Office address: Barry County Judicial Center, 102 W. St., Ste. 2, Cassville 65625; phone (417) 846-3133.
County: Barry.

Circuit 39

LARRY W. MEYER
Office address: Lawrence County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Sq., Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 666-2463.
County: Lawrence.

Circuit 39

SCOTT S. SIFFERMAN
Office address: Lawrence County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Sq., Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 666-2463.
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 Mis- souri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Associate circuit judge for Lawrence County since 1989. Term expires December 31, 2010. Republican.

Circuit 39

ALAN BLANKENSHIP
Office address: Stone County Courthouse, 110 S. Maple, Ste. F, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6114.
County: Stone.

Circuit 39

MARK STEPHENS
Office address: Stone County Courthouse, PO Box 18, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6114.
County: Stone.
Circuit 40
JOHN LEPAGE
Office address: McDonald County Courthouse, PO Box 157, Pineville 64856; phone (417) 223-4717
Home address: 107 Soyer Dr., Anderson 64831
County: McDonald.

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.

Circuit 40
GREGORY STREMEL
Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8211.
County: Newton.

Circuit 41
GARY G. WALLACE
Office address: Shelby County Courthouse, PO Box 206, Shelbyville 63469; phone (573) 631-2251.
County: Shelby.

Circuit 41
SCOTT BERNSTEIN
Office address: Crawford County Courthouse, PO Box 1550, Ste. 65656; phone (573) 725-2149.
Home address: 60 Setzer Rd. Dillard 65456
County: Crawford.

Circuit 41
SANBORN N. BALL
Office address: Dent County Judicial Bldg., 112 E. Fifth St., Salem 65560; phone (573) 729-3134.
County: Dent.
Biography: Born May 14, 1948 in St. Louis. Educated: Westminster College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1970; Univ. of Missouri, J.D., cum laude, 1973. Married Geriann Canella, January 8, 1972. They have two children and three grandchildren. Order of the Coel; Missouri Law Review (assoc. editor in chief); Phi Delta Phi; Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Univ.; U.S. Army Reserve (8 years); city attorney of Salem (3 years); assistant prosecuting attorney of Dent County (5 years); private law practice (14 years); bank president (12 years); former president, Salem school board. Member: Mo. Bar, American Bar Assoc., Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Mo. Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Assoc.; National Conference of State Trial Judges; Salem Christian Church; American Legion; Eagles. Elected associate circuit judge: 2000, 2002 and 2006. Term expires December 31, 2010. Democrat.

Circuit 41
RANDALL L. HEAD
Office address: Iron County Courthouse, Ste. 220, Ironton 63650; phone (573) 546-2511.
County: Iron.
Circuit 42
EDITH R. RUTTER
Office address: Reynolds County Courthouse, PO Box 39, Centerville 63633; phone (573) 648-2494.
Home address: 9910 County Rd. 442, Redford 63665
County: Reynolds.

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: Wayne.

Circuit 43
DAREN LEE ADKINS
Office address: Daviess County Courthouse, PO Box 233, Gallatin 64640; phone (660) 663-2322.
Home address: Gallatin 64640
County: Daviess.

Circuit 43
JASON KANOY
Office address: Caldwell County Courthouse, PO Box 68, Kingston 64650; phone (816) 586-2771.
County: Caldwell.

Circuit 43
PAUL T. LUCKENBILL JR.
Office address: Clinton County Courthouse, PO Box 275, Plattsburg 64477; phone (816) 539-3755.
County: Clinton.

Circuit 43
JIM VALBRACHT
Office address: Livingston County Courthouse, 700 Webster, Chillicothe 64601; phone (660) 646-8000.
County: Livingston.

Circuit 44
ROBERT C. CARTER
Office address: Douglas County Courthouse, PO Box 276, Ava 65608; phone (417) 683-2114.
County: Douglas.
Circuit 44

JOHN JACOBS
Office address: Ozark County Courthouse, PO Box 278, Gainesville 65655; phone (417) 679-4611.
County: Ozark.

Circuit 44

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To protect the public from persons unqualified or unauthorized to practice law, the Supreme Court of Missouri has established an attorney discipline system. The Supreme Court appoints a chief disciplinary counsel to investigate allegations of professional misconduct, incompetence and incapacity of lawyers. The Court also has established an Advisory Committee, which oversees the disciplinary hearings process. Complaints filed against attorneys are reviewed by the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel. Regional disciplinary committees throughout the state, 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 are then 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 institutes proceedings before the Supreme Court for disciplinary violations.

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 or otherwise not investigated or referred to the Supreme Court. The Committee 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; Susan Appelquist, Springfield; Richard E. Banks, St. Louis; Al Brooks, Kansas City; Doreen D. Dodson, St. Louis; Sidney Dulle, Jefferson City; John C. Holstein, Springfield; David P. Macoumbie, Chillicothe; Christina R. Neff, Jefferson City; Richard N. Priest, St. Louis; Richard G. Steele, Cape Girardeau; and Dorothy White-Coleman, St. Louis.

The legal ethics counsel, who serves as counsel to the Advisory Committee, may give non-binding informal advisory opinions, interpreting Supreme Court Rules 4, 5 and 6, to members of the Bar. The legal ethics counsel is Sara Rittman.

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The Supreme Court of Missouri regulates admission to the bar. The State Board of Law Examiners is authorized by Supreme Court Rule 8 to conduct the bar examination and to determine the character and fitness and eligibility of applicants for admission to the Missouri Bar. After investigation, at the request of the complainant, the hearing panel finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the lawyer is guilty of misconduct, incompetence or other violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, it makes findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations for discipline as it deems appropriate. The hearing panel finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the lawyer is guilty of misconduct, incompetence or other violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, it makes findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations for discipline as it deems appropriate. The hearing panel finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the lawyer is guilty of misconduct, incompetence or other violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, it makes findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations for discipline as it deems appropriate.

The State Board of Law Examiners is comprised of six members who are lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to serve a six-year term. The current members of the board are: Clifford S. Brown, president, Springfield; Cindy Reams Martin, vice president, Lee’s Summit; Jefrey P. Hine, Cape Girardeau; Connie McFarland-Buller, St. Louis; Patricia Sexton, Kansas City; and Thomas B. Weaver, St. Louis.

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The Missouri Bar is the official organization of all Missouri lawyers and judges. Established by rule of the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1944, it is the successor of the original Missouri Bar Association, a voluntary organization of lawyers founded in 1880.

Membership in the Missouri Bar is required of all lawyers in Missouri suit or other actions 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 must also pass a comprehensive bar examination and character and fitness investigation and make application for admission to the bar with the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Committees
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. MoBarCLE, in cooperation with the ABA, organizes and provides programs designed to supplement the programs themselves. In addition, the department’s renowned deskbook series (the “black books”) and supplements provided to 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. It also contains Missouri Bar news. The Missouri Bar’s general practice is to publish a 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 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, courts, colleges, and other groups and associations.

Other Activities

Prominent programs and services offered by the Missouri Bar include: a Client Securit Fund that provides financial reimbursement to eligible clients who have been harmed by the unethical conduct of a lawyer; a Client 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 mentoring program that matches older, more experienced attorneys with younger colleagues; 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, 2009-2010


Judicial Conference of Missouri

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In 1943, the General Assembly established the Judicial Conference of Missouri, which is composed of all judges of the state. 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. In addition, 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 conference sometimes is requested 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 a lawyer.

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) in 1971; by the voters of the Tenth 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 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: William Ray Price Jr., Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Missouri, chair.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District: Nancy Mogab, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2011; Donald L. Ross, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District: John Wooddell, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2013; John Gentry, lay member, term expires December 31, 2014.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District: David E. McLeod, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2009; 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: Thomas H. Newton, chief judge, Missouri Supreme Court, Western District. Members: David Barth, Parkville, lay member; James D. Boggs, Kansas City, lawyer member; Scott L. Campbell, Platte City, lawyer member; Judy P. Stokes, lay member.

Seventh Circuit (Clay County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Thomas H. Newton, chief judge, Missouri Supreme Court, Western District. Members: Melissa (Lisi) Essig, Kearney, lay member; Dr. Lancer G. Gates, Kansas City, lay member; Michael S. Shipley, Liberty, lawyer member; Thomas K. Thompson, Liberty, lawyer member.

Sixteenth Circuit (Jackson County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Thomas H. Newton, chief judge, Missouri Supreme Court, Western District. Members: Tim E. Dollar, Kansas City, lawyer member; Cynthia Reams Martin, Lee’s Summit, lawyer member; Anita L. Russell, Kansas City, lay member; Byron G. Thompson, Kansas City, lay member.

Twenty-first Circuit (St. Louis County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Kenneth M. Romines, chief judge, Missouri Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Members: Debbie S. Champion, St. Louis, lawyer member; Robert P. Dudley, Eureka, lay member; Gerard T. Noce, St. Louis, lawyer member; Lori L. Westfall, Des Peres, lay member.

Twenty-second Circuit (St. Louis) Judicial Commission: Chair: Kenneth M. Romines, chief judge, Missouri Supreme Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Members: June Bosley Dabney-Gray, St. Louis, lay member; Stephen F. Doss, St. Louis, lay member; Thomas E. Schurtz, St. Louis, lawyer member; Mary Anne O. Sedlcy, St. Louis, lawyer member; Dr. Lancer G. Gates, Kansas City, lay member; Byron G. Thompson, Kansas City, lay member; Judy P. Stokes, lay member.

Thirty-first Circuit (Greene County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Daniel E. Scott, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District. Members: Linda F. Fowler, Springfield, lay member; Brent D. Green, Springfield, lawyer member; Sally Hargis, Springfield, lay member; Clif Smart, Springfield, lawyer member.

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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 Public Defender System (MSPD) is the state agency created to fulfill the state’s constitutional obligation to ensure that all persons accused of crime in its courts have the assistance of counsel in their defense. MSPD’s lawyers provide legal representation to persons who are charged with or convicted of 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.

MSPD is a statewide department primarily comprised of three legal service divisions: the Trial Appuision, the Appellate Attorneys, and the Post-Conviction Division. Attorneys in district offices within each division provide direct representation to indigent clients.

Their practice includes: meeting with clients, investigating cases, drafting motions, briefs, and memoranda, trying cases before both judges and juries in jurisdictions throughout Missouri, litigating cases before Missouri Appellate Courts, the Missouri Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

Members, Public Defender Commission

Barnhardt, Eric, chair; Brison, Muriel, commissioner; Copeland, Douglas, commissioner; Ellis, Willie J. Jr., commissioner; Leonard, Miller, commissioner; Stith, Rebecca, commissioner.
Trial Division

The Trial Division employs close to 300 full-time attorneys as well as investigators, paralegals, legal assistants, and sentencing specialists who evaluate client treatment needs and locate available resources to reduce client recidivism. 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.
Fishing on the White River, from left: Bridget, Angelina and Domino Danzero, 1904

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