CHAPTER 5

JUDICIAL BRANCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

Selection of Judges

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

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

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

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

Every supreme, appellate, circuit and associate circuit court judge must be licensed to practice law in Missouri. By constitutional amendment and statute, all judges must retire by age 70.
The Supreme Court has been the state’s highest court since 1820, when the first Missouri Constitution was adopted. The earliest court, consisting of only three members, was required to hold sessions in four different judicial circuits in the state. At various times, the court sat in Boonville, Cape Girardeau, Fayette, Hannibal, Jackson, Lexington, St. Charles, St. Louis and other cities.

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

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

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

### Supreme Court Jurisdiction

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

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

Cases do not have to fall within this area of exclusive jurisdiction, however, to reach the Supreme Court. The court may order cases transferred to it from the court of appeals if the cases involve questions of general interest or importance, if the court believes the existing law should be re-examined or for other reasons provided by rule of the court. The court of appeals also may order a case transferred to the Supreme Court either by order of the court of appeals itself or by the dissent of a court of appeals judge, if that judge certifies the court of appeals opinion is contrary to previous decisions of the Supreme Court or of other districts of the court of appeals.

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

### Qualifications and Terms

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

### Chief Justice

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

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

### Supreme Court Building

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

### Clerk’s Office

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

### Supreme Court Function

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

Missouri Bar Responsibilities

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

Among the records required to be maintained by the clerk are the official and permanent roll of attorneys for the state of Missouri. The clerk’s office also prepares, on request, certificates evidencing admission to The Missouri Bar. By Supreme Court rule, the clerk is treasurer of the state board of law examiners, which
conducted bar examinations twice yearly. The clerk also supervises
the court’s semiannual enrollment ceremonies and prepares all
attorney licenses.

By Supreme Court rule, the clerk is ex officio treasurer of both
The Missouri Bar and the advisory committee and is responsible
for collecting the annual attorney enrollment fee and distribut-
ing 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.

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The Supreme Court Library, which is on the second floor of the
Supreme Court Building, contains more than 110,000 volumes.
These include decisions of state and federal courts as well as
state and federal administrative agencies, Missouri approved jury
instructions, state and federal statutes, legal periodicals and trea-
tises. In addition, the library contains computer research services
for the use of court personnel.

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

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Supreme Court, court of appeals and administrative hearing com-
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Richard B. Teitelman  
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other honors Judge Teitelman has received include The Missouri Bar Purcell Award for Professionalism; the American Jewish Congress Democracy in Action Award; the Lawyers Association of St. Louis Award of Honor; the St. Louis Society for the Blind Lifetime Achievement Award; the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award; the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division’s Hodson Award, ABA Legislative Advocacy Award and its Grassroots Legislative Advocacy Award; the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. State Celebration Committee Distinguished Statesman Award; the Ethical Humanist of the Year (St. Louis); the St. Louis University School of Law Clarence Darrow Award; The Missouri Bar Spurgeon Smithson Award; the Interfaith Legal Service for Immigrants (St. Louis) Lifetime Achievement Award; the BAMSL Access to Justice Award; and the Jews United For Justice Heschel-King Lifetime Achievement Award.
PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE was born October 14, 1953, in Nevada, Mo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

George W. Draper III
Judge of the Supreme Court

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Judge Fischer was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Matt Blunt on October 15, 2008, and was retained at the 2010 general election for a 12-year term expiring December 31, 2022.
WILLIAM RAY PRICE JR. was born January 30, 1952, in Fairfield, Iowa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Judge Russell is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Women’s Justice Award, the Jefferson City Rotarian of the Year, Zonta Woman of Achievement in Jefferson City, the Faculty/Alumni Award from University of Missouri–Columbia, the Citation of Merit Award from the University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, the Distinguished Alumni Award–Truman State University, the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award, the Soroptimist International Women Helping Women Award, the Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award and the Kirkwood Citizen of the Year. She is a Henry Toll Fellow, a member of the Missouri Academy of Squires and a member of the Rollins Society of the University of Missouri.

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

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

Judge Russell and her husband, Jim, live in Jefferson City. She was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2004 and was retained by the voters in November 2006 for a 12-year term, expiring on December 31, 2018.
LAURA DENVIR STITH was born in St. Louis on October 30, 1953. She was raised in St. Louis and graduated with honors from the John Burroughs School, 1971. She received a National Merit Scholarship to attend Tufts University in Boston, Mass. While there, she was an Iglauer Fellowship Intern in Washington, D.C., for Sen. Thomas Eagleton, 1973. She studied at the University of Madrid through a program administered by the Institute of European Studies. In 1975, she graduated magna cum laude from Tufts, receiving her B.A. in political science and social psychology. She then attended the Georgetown University Law Center, distinguishing herself as an editor of the Law and Policy in International Business Journal. Judge Stith graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown in 1978.

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

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

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

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

Judge Stith has served as a speaker on appellate practice at the annual conventions of the ABA, Missouri Bar, Missouri Assoc. of Trial Attorneys (MATA) and Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL). She has also served as a speaker or 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. She has authored many publications, including Stith, A Contrast of State and Federal Court Authority to Grant Habeas Relief, 38 Val. U.L. Rev. 421 (Spring 2004); Stith and Root, The Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan: The Least Political Method of Selecting High Quality Judges, 74 Mo. L. Rev. 711 (2009); and Stith, Just Because You Can Measure Something, Does it Really Count?, 58 Duke L.J. 1743 (2009).

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

Judge Stith is married to fellow attorney Donald G. Scott. Mr. Scott served as a law clerk for Judge Warren D. Welliver of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He is a shareholder in McDowell, Rice, Smith and Buchanan, P.C. in Kansas City. They have three daughters.
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The Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) is responsible for providing administrative, business and technology support services to the courts. The duties and responsibilities assigned to the state courts administrator’s office relate to all levels of the state court system. The first state courts administrator was appointed in 1970.

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

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

Administrative Services Division
The administrative services division provides support in the areas of budget and fiscal services, sponsored programs and contracts, project management, legislative services, judicial transfers, facilities operations and publications services. The division compiles and organizes the judiciary’s annual state appropriation requests; compiles court performance measures; compiles and organizes the judiciary’s annual state appropriation request; compiles and organizes the judiciary’s annual state appropriation request; processes all monies appropriated to the office and to the circuit courts; processes all cases submitted by the courts; compiles and organizes the judiciary’s annual state appropriation request; provides project management services to all interdivisional and interagency projects; prepares fiscal notes for proposed legislation that affects the judicial system; handles requests for information from the legislature, governor’s office, other public officials and the general public; compiles and organizes the judiciary’s annual state appropriation request; compiles and organizes the judiciary’s annual state appropriation request; handles issues with criminal and traffic offenses and civil and probate cases and appeals; works with courts and state departments to electronically share juvenile justice information, criminal history, records of conviction and warrants; develops business specifications for, conducts testing of, and delivers training about automated programs and systems for use in the courts; and develops and coordinates courses and certificate programs for judicial employees. The division also works closely with standing committees of the Supreme Court of Missouri and with statutory commissions.

Information Technology Services Division
The information technology services division supports court technology and communication services for the judicial branch. Services provided by the division include software applications development, maintenance of all existing applications, database administration, deployment and support of computer hardware to the courts, maintenance of the statewide judicial network and servers, system security and initial help desk support for judicial branch users and the general public. The division works with the committee that oversees the statewide court automation program and with metropolitan courts that have information technology staff on location.
Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri: 1821 to 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name | County | Years Served
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Henry Lamm | Pettis | 1905-1914
Waller Washington Graves | Bates | 1906-1928
Archelaus Marius Woodson | Buchanan | 1907-1925
Franklin Ferns | St. Louis | 1910-1912
John Kennish | Holt | 1910-1913
John Chilton Brown | Carter | 1911-1915
Henry Whitelaw Bond | St. Louis | 1913-1919
Charles Breckenridge Faris | Pemiscot | 1913-1919
Robert Franklin Walker | Morgan | 1913-1930
James Thomas Blair | DeKalb | 1915-1924
Charles G. Reveille | St. Francois | 1915-1916
Fred Lincoln Williams | Jasper | 1917-1920
John Isaac Williamson | Jackson | 1919-1920
Richard Livingston Goode | St. Louis | 1919-1922
Conway Elder | St. Louis | 1921-1922
Edward Higbee | Adair | 1921-1922
David Elmore Blair | Jasper | 1921-1930
William T. Ragland | Monroe | 1923-1932
John Turner White | Greene | 1923-1932
Frank Ely Atwood | Carroll | 1925-1934
Robert William Otto | Franklin | 1925-1926
Ernest S. Gant | Audrain | 1927-1946
North Todd Gentry | Boone | 1928
William Francis Frank | Adair | 1929-1938
Berryman Henwood | Marion | 1930-1932
George Robb Ellison | Nodaway | 1931-1955
Charles Thomas Hays | Marion | 1933-1942
Clarence Alexander Burney | Jackson | 1933
Ernest Moss Tipton | Jackson | 1933-1955
Charles A. Leedy Jr. | Jackson | 1933-1964
Walter D. Coles | St. Louis | 1935
John Caskie Collet | Chariton | 1935-1937
James Marsh Douglas | St. Louis | 1937-1949
Raymond B. Lucas | Scott | 1938
Albert M. Clark | Ray | 1939-1950
Roscoe P. Conkling | Buchanan | 1947-1954
Sidna Poage Dalton | Cape Girardeau | 1950-1965
Frank Hollingsworth | Audrain | 1950-1964
Henry J. Westhues | Howard | 1954-1963
Henry J. Eager | Jackson | 1955-1968
Clem F. Storckman | City of St. Louis | 1955-1970
Lawrence Holman | Randolph | 1956-1977
Fred L. Henley | Pemiscot | 1964-1978
James A. Finch Jr. | Cape Girardeau | 1965-1978
Robert True Donnelly | Laclede | 1965-1988
John E. Bardgett | St. Louis | 1970-1982
Albert L. Rendlen | Marion | 1977-1992
Joseph J. Simeone | St. Louis | 1978-1979
Warren Dee Welliver | Boone | 1979-1989
Andrew Jackson Higgins | Platte | 1979-1991
George F. Gunn Jr. | St. Louis | 1982-1985
William Howard Billings | Dunklin | 1982-1991
Charles Blakey Blackmar | St. Louis | 1982-1992
Joseph J. Simeone | St. Louis | 1997-2008
Ronnie L. White | St. Louis | 1995-2007
Michael A. Wolff | St. Louis | 1998-2011
Laura Denvir Stith | Jackson | 2001-Present
Richard B. Teitelman | City of St. Louis | 2002-Present
Mary R. Russell | Marion | 2004-Present
Patricia Breckenridge | Vernon | 2007-Present
Zel M. Fischer | Atchison | 2008-Present
George W. Draper III | St. Louis | 2011-Present
Missouri Court of Appeals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Courts of Appeals judges must be at least 30 years of age, residents of their district, U.S. citizens for 15 years and qualified Missouri voters for nine years before their selection. Appeals judges serve 12-year terms. They earn $128,207 annually. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).
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The Eastern District Court of Appeals sits in St. Louis. Judges serve 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the 14 judges earns an annual salary of $128,207. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.

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

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

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

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MISSOURI’S 45 JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Missouri Circuit Courts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Fine Collection Center

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

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

Policy and oversight of the center is provided by a committee consisting of at least seven associate circuit judges appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri. The committee establishes and maintains the uniform fine schedule in use by the center.
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Circuit 7—Division 4

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

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Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Circuit 13—Division 4

JODIE CAPSHAW ASEL
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Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Circuit 14

SCOTT HAYES
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Counties: Howard and Randolph.
Circuit 15
DENNIS A. ROLF
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 Counties: Lafayette and Saline.

Circuit 16—Division 1
SANDRA C. MIDKIFF
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 County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 2
MICHAEL W. MANNERS
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4402.
 Home address: Independence 64057.
 County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 3
DAVID M. BYRN
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3603.
 Home address: Independence 64057.

Circuit 16—Division 4
JUSTINE E. DEL MURO
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3604.
 Home address: Kansas City.
 County: Jackson.
Circuit 16—Division 5

JAMES F. KANATZAR
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3605.
County: Jackson.
Biography: Educated at Creighton University, B.A.; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson, County 1993 to 2000 and 2002 to 2007. During that time he was a trial team leader, chief trial assistant, chief deputy prosecutor and also served on the homicide committee for the Prosecutor’s Office. Associate for the firm of Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City 2000 to 2002. Jackson County Prosecutor 2007, elected in 2008. Serves on the Board of Governors and the Criminal Law Committee for The Missouri Bar. Member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Eastern Jackson County Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association and is a past member of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Recipient of the Louis Lombardo Prosecutor of the Year Award, Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from Jackson County, Missouri and was recognized by the U.S. Department of Defense with its Patriotic Employer Award for his support of the Guard and Reserve forces. Appointed to the Court by Governor Jay Nixon in 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012.

Circuit 16—Division 6

J. DALE YOUNGS
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 7

ANN MESLE
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 8

PEGGY STEVENS McGRAW
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 9

JOEL FAHNESTOCK MAY
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3609.
County: Jackson.
Circuit 16—Division 10

CHARLES E. ATWELL
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County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 11

WESLEY BRENT POWELL
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County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 12

EDITH LOUISE MESSINA
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County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 13

CHARLES (CHIP) MCKENZIE
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County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 14

JOHN M. TORRENCE
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County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 15

ROBERT M. SCHIEBER

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


Circuit 16—Division 16

MARCO ROLDAN

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

County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 17

JACK RICHARD GRATE

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

County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 18

BRIAN C. WIMES

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

County: Jackson.


Circuit 16—Division 19

KATHLEEN A. FORSYTH

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

County: Jackson.

Circuit 17—Division 1

JACQUELINE A. COOK
Office address: Cass County Juvenile Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8175.
Counties: Cass and Johnson.

Circuit 17—Division 2

R. MICHAEL WAGNER
Office address: Johnson County Justice Center, 101 W. Market, Warrensburg 64093; phone (660) 422-7407.
Counties: Cass and Johnson.

Circuit 18

ROBERT L. KOFFMAN
Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 827-0164.
Home address: Sedalia 65301.
Counties: Cooper and Pettis.

Circuit 19—Division 1

JOHN BEETEM
Office address: Cole County Courthouse, 301 E. High St., Rm. 201, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102-1870; phone (573) 634-9192.
County: Cole.

Circuit 19—Division 2

DANIEL R. GREEN
Office Address: Cole County Courthouse, 301 E. High St., Jefferson City 65101; phone (573) 634-9190.
County: Cole.
Circuit 19—Division 4

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

Circuit 20—Division 1

GAEL D. WOOD
Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Room 100C, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6306.
Home address: Washington 63090.
Counties: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

Circuit 20—Division 2

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

Circuit 21—Division 1

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

Circuit 21—Division 2

MAURA McSHANE
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1502.
County: St. Louis.
Circuit 21—Division 3

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

Circuit 21—Division 4

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

Circuit 21—Division 5

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

Circuit 21—Division 6

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

Circuit 21—Division 7

CAROLYN C. WHITTINGTON
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1507.
County: St. Louis.
Circuit 21—Division 8

TOMMY W. DEPRIEST JR.

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1508.
Home address: Oakville 63129.
County: St. Louis.


Circuit 21—Division 9

DAVID LEE VINCENT III

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


Circuit 21—Division 10

MICHAEL T. JAMISON

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


Circuit 21—Division 11

ELLEN LEVY SIWAK

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

Biography: Born August 3, 1963 in St. Louis. Educated at Washington University in St. Louis, A.B., 1985, J.D., 1988. Married to Jeffrey Siwak. They have two children. Prior to appointment to the bench, actively practiced law as a litigation partner at Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein & Zafft. Member: Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations; St. Louis County Bar Association; St. Louis Bar Foundation; United Hebrew Temple; Phi Delta Phi; Sigma Alpha Mu; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Grievance Committee, St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine Society; ad hoc committee to revise Supreme Court criminal rules, chair; Guest lecturer: Metropolitan Police Academy; St. Louis County Police Education Services; Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. Appointed circuit judge February 19, 1988. Retained in 1990, 1996, 2002 and 2008. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 21—Division 12

STEVEN H. GOLDMAN

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County: St. Louis.

Circuit 21—Division 13

**BARBARA W. WALLACE**

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**County:** St. Louis.


Circuit 21—Division 14

**VACANCY**

Circuit 21—Division 15

**VACANCY**

Circuit 21—Division 16

**MICHAEL D. BURTON**

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**County:** St. Louis.


Circuit 21—Division 17

**JOSEPH L. WALSH III**

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**County:** St. Louis.

Circuit 21—Division 18
RICHARD C. BRESNAHAN
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County: St. Louis.

Circuit 21—Division 19
GLORIA CLARK RENO
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1519.
County: St. Louis.

Circuit 21—Division 20
COLLEEN DOLAN
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1520.
County: St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 1
STEVEN R. OHMER
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 2
DAVID L. DOWD
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City of St. Louis.
Circuit 22—Division 3
ROBIN VANNOY
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 4
JULIAN L. BUSH
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 5
MARK H. NEILL
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 6
MICHAEL P. DAVID
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 7
JOHN J. RILEY
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City of St. Louis.
Circuit 22—Division 8

ANGELA T. QUIGLESS

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

City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 9

MARGARET M. NEILL

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

City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 10

PHILIP D. HEAGNEY

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

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

City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 11

BRYAN L. HETTENBACH

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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 13

EDWARD SWEENEY

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City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 15

MICHAEL K. MULLEN

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


Circuit 22—Division 16

JOHN F. GARVEY

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

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

Circuit 22—Division 17

DAVID C. MASON

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City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 18

ROBERT H. DIERKER

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Home address: St. Louis.

City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 19

LISA VAN AMBERG

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Circuit 22—Division 20

REX M. BURLISON

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Circuit 22—Division 21

THOMAS C. GRADY

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

City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 22

THOMAS J. FRAWLEY

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

City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 23

TIMOTHY J. WILSON

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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 23—Division 1

**ROBERT WILKINS**

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

**County:** Jefferson.


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Circuit 23—Division 2

**GARY P. KRAMER**

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

**Home address:** 14 Evergreen Ln., Festus 63028.

**County:** Jefferson.


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Circuit 23—Division 3

**NATHAN STEWART**

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

**County:** Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 4

MARK T. STOLL
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County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 5

LISA K. PAGE
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County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 6

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

Circuit 24—Division 1

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

Circuit 24—Division 2

KENNETH W. PRATTE
Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Second Fl., Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-5144.
Home address: 809 Janey Dr., Farmington 63640.
Biography: Presiding Judge. Born May 2, 1945, in Bonne Terre. Educated at Mineral Area College; University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., political science, J.D. Served in United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. Employed as management trainee with an electric company; loan officer with a savings and loan association; parole officer for state of Missouri; assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Francois and Madison counties; practiced law in Farmington and Park Hills; first elected city attorney for city of Farmington. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri and Judicial Circuit Bar associations; Knights of Columbus; VFW; American Legion; Elks. Elected circuit judge: 1982–2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.
Circuit 25—Division 1

TRACY L. STORIE
Office address: 301 Historic Hwy. 66 E., Ste. 318, Waynesville 65583; phone (573) 774-4789.
Home address: 24970 Republic Rd., Waynesville 65583.
Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

Circuit 25—Division 2

MARY SHEFFIELD
Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main St., Ste. 211, Rolla 65401; (573) 458-6222.
Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.
Biography: Born July 26, 1955, in Durham, N.C. Educated at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, B.A.; University of Miami Law School, Coral Gables, J.D. She has three children. Engaged in private practice in Rolla and Salem. Since 1982, served as associate circuit judge. Member: First United Methodist Church; National College of Probate Judges; Blue Ridge Institute for Juvenile and Family Law Judges; National Association of Women Judges; National Guardianship Association; Supreme Court Judicial Education Committee; Family Court Committee, chair; American, Missouri and Phelps County Bar associations; Rotary Club; PEO; and Phelps County Community Partnership. Elected circuit judge: November 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Democrat.

Circuit 26—Division 1

STANLEY MOORE
Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-5160.
Home address: 23598 Falcon Rd., Lebanon 65536.
Counties: Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan.

Circuit 26—Division 2

KENNETH M. HAYDEN
Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-5160.
Home address: 24970 Republic Rd., Waynesville 65583.
Counties: Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan.

Circuit 27

JAMES K. JOURNEY
Office address: PO Box 487, Clinton 64735; phone (660) 885-7242.
Counties: Bates, Henry and St. Clair.
Circuit 28

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

Circuit 29—Division 1

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

Circuit 29—Division 2

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

Circuit 29—Division 3

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

Circuit 30

JOHN W. SIMS
Office address: PO Box 679, Buffalo 65622; phone (417) 345-6822.
Counties: Benton, Dallas, Hickory, Polk and Vernon.
Circuit 31—Division 1

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

Circuit 31—Division 2

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

Circuit 31—Division 3

J. DAN CONKLIN
Office address: Greene County Circuit Court, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65002; phone (417)-868-4080.
County: Greene.
Biography: Education: Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colo., B.S. in marketing, summa cum laude; University of Arkansas, J.D., 1978. Prior to law school, he was with Litton Industries in management and marketing. He was engaged in private practice with the firm of Conklin, Holden and Wagner. Served as city attorney for the city of Republic. Former instructor of marketing and business law at Southwest Missouri State University. Was an associate circuit judge, then circuit judge of Circuit 31 since being elected in 1986. Elected circuit judge 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 31—Division 4

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

Circuit 31—Division 5

CALVIN HOLDEN
Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4838.
County: Greene.
Circuit 32—Division 1

WILLIAM L. SYLER

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

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

**Counties:** Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.


Circuit 32—Division 2

BENJAMIN F. LEWIS

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

**Counties:** Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.


Circuit 33

DAVID DOLAN

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

**Counties:** Mississippi and Scott.


Circuit 34

FRED COPELAND

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

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

**Counties:** New Madrid and Pemiscot.


Circuit 35

STEPHEN R. SHARP

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

**Counties:** Dunklin and Stoddard.

Circuit 36

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

Circuit 37

DAVID EVANS
Office address: 225 Courthouse, West Plains 65775; phone (417) 256-4383.
Counties: Carter, Howell, Oregon and Shannon.
Biography: Born April 26, 1960, in West Plains. Educated at Southern Methodist University, summa cum laude, B.S., political science, B.B.A., business; Southern Methodist University, J.D., Chief Counsel Legal Clinic. Married Saundra Kay Hardin August 11, 1979. They have four children. Served in the private practice of law, 1985–1991 (received Missouri Pro Bono Award); City attorney for Thayer; municipal judge for West Plains, Willow Springs and Mountain View; associate circuit judge, 1991–2005; and elected presiding circuit judge, 2006. Member of United Methodist Church, President’s Volunteer Service Award; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past president. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.

Circuit 38

MARK E. ORR
Office address: 110 W. Elm, Rm. 205, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-2727.
Counties: Christian and Taney.

Circuit 39

ROBERT S. WILEY
Office address: PO Box 50, Crane 65633; phone (417) 723-0243.
Counties: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.

Circuit 40

TIMOTHY W. PERIGO
Counties: McDonald and Newton.
Circuit 41
FREDERICK (RICK) TUCKER
Office address: Macon Co. Courthouse, PO Box 368, Macon 63552; phone (660) 385-3713.
Counties: Macon and Shelby.

Circuit 42—Division 1
SANBORN N. BALL
Office address: Dent County Judicial Bldg., PO Box 551, Salem 65560; phone (573) 729-6816; FAX (573) 729-5146.
Counties: Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne.
Biography: Born May 14, 1948, in St. Louis. Educated at Westminster College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1970; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., cum laude, 1973. Married Geriann Canella January 8, 1972. They have two children and four grandchildren. Order of the Coif; Missouri Law Review (associate editor-in-chief); Phi Delta Phi; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and University; U.S. Army Reserve (eight years); city attorney of Salem (three years); assistant prosecuting attorney of Dent County (five years); private law practice (11 years); bank president (12 years); Salem R-80 School Board (six years; president, two years). Member: The Missouri Bar; American Bar Association; Salem Christian Church; American Legion; Eagles. Elected associate circuit judge: 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge effective January 1, 2011. Term expires December 31, 2012. Democrat.

Circuit 42—Division 2
KELLY PARKER
Office address: Dent County Judicial Bldg., PO Box 551, Salem 65560; phone (573) 729-6816.
Counties: Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne.

Circuit 43—Division 1
THOMAS N. CHAPMAN
Office address: 700 Webster, Chillicothe 64601.
Home address: 702 Dickinson, Chillicothe 64601.
Counties: Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Livingston.

Circuit 43—Division 2
R. BRENT ELLIOTT
Office address: Clinton County Courthouse, Box 275, Plattsburg 64477; phone (816) 539-3732.
Counties: Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Livingston.
Circuit courts by county

Adair .......................... Circuit No. 2
Andrew .......................... Circuit No. 5
Atchison ........................ Circuit No. 4
Audrain .......................... Circuit No. 12
Barry ............................. Circuit No. 39
Barton ............................. Circuit No. 28
Bates .............................. Circuit No. 27
Benton ............................. Circuit No. 30
Boilinger .......................... Circuit No. 32
Boone .............................. Circuit No. 13
Buchanan .......................... Circuit No. 5
Butler .............................. Circuit No. 36
Caldwell .......................... Circuit No. 43
Callaway ........................... Circuit No. 13
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Worth ................................. Circuit No. 4
Wright ............................... Circuit No. 44
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Circuit 44

JOHN MOODY
Office address: PO Box 439, Mansfield 65704; phone (417) 924-3246.
Counties: Douglas, Ozark and Wright.

Circuit 45

DAN DILDINE
Office address: Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Business Park Dr., Troy 63379; phone (636) 528-6300.
Counties: Lincoln and Pike.
Circuit 1

RICKEY R. ROBERTS
Office address: 114 W. Court St., Kahoka 63445; phone (660) 727-2133.
Home address: Rt. 1, Box 106, Luray 63453.
County: Clark.

Circuit 1

KELLY L. LOVEKAMP
Office address: Schuyler County Courthouse, PO Box 417, Lancaster 63548; phone (660) 457-3755.
Home address: RR 1, Box 37, Queen City 63561.
County: Schuyler County.

Circuit 1

KARL A.W. DEMARCE
Office address: Scotland County Courthouse, 117 S. Market, Rm. 200, Memphis 63555; phone (660) 465-2404.
Home address: 743 N. Clay St., Memphis 63555.
County: Scotland.

Circuit 2

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

Circuit 2

WILLIAM E. ALBERTY
Office address: Knox County Courthouse, PO Box 116, Edina 63537; phone (660) 397-3146.
County: Knox.
Circuit 2

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

Circuit 3

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

Circuit 3

THOMAS R. ALLEY
Office address: Harrison County Courthouse, 1501 Central, PO Box 189, Bethany 64424; phone (660) 425-6432.
County: Harrison.
Biography: Born in Harrison County. Graduate of Missouri Western State Univ., B.S., business administration, accounting, summa cum laude; Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.; certified public accountant. Wife Carla and son Willoughby. Employment Missouri State Auditor's Office; Tax Division of Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst & Young); private practice in Clay County; municipal judge, Kearney; adjunct professor, William Jewell College; city prosecutor, Bethany. Member Methodist Church; Bethany Rotary Club (past president); Masonic Lodge; Missouri Bar and Third Circuit Bar. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.

Circuit 3

J. BRAD FUNK
Office address: Mercer County Courthouse, 802 E. Main St., Princeton 64673; phone (660) 748-4232.
Home address: RR 2, Box 214, Princeton 64673.
County: Mercer.

Circuit 3

SAMUEL D. FRANK
Office address: Putnam County Courthouse, 1601 W. Main, Rm. 204, Unionville 63565; phone (660) 947-2117.
County: Putnam.
Home Address: Unionville 63565
Circuit 4

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

Circuit 4

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

Circuit 4

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

Circuit 4

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

Circuit 4

**JOEL MILLER**
Office address: Worth County Courthouse, PO Box 350, Grant City 64456; phone (660) 564-2152.
County: Worth.
Biography: Born August 22, 1970 in Albany, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. in political science, Missouri State University, M.A. in public administration, and Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa, J.D.. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Gentry County. Private practice in the law office of Edward M. Mannring, P.C. Member of Missouri Supreme Court’s State Judicial Records Committee; 4th Circuit Bar Assoc.; First Christian Church of Grant City; Worth County Education Foundation; Allensville and Grant City lodges; and Allendale Fourth of July Breakfast Club. Appointed September 1, 2006. Elected November 7, 2006. Re-elected 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.
Circuit 5

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

Circuit 5

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

Circuit 5

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

Circuit 6—Division 3

THOMAS C. FINCHAM
Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St.-Suite 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-3434.
Home address: 5227 Bluffview, Parkville 64152.
County: Platte.

Circuit 6—Division 4

JAMES W. VAN AMBURG
Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-1977.
County: Platte.
Circuit 6—Division 5
DENNIS C. ECKOLD
Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Ste. 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-1925
County: Platte.

Circuit 7—Division 5
DAVID CHAMBERLAIN
Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3950.
County: Clay.

Circuit 7—Division 6
VACANCY

Circuit 7—Division 7
JANET SUTTON
Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3970.
County: Clay.

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

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

Circuit 9

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

Circuit 9

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

Circuit 9

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

Circuit 10

JOHN J. JACKSON
Office address: Marion County Courthouse, 906 Broadway, Hannibal 63401; phone (573) 221-0288.
County: Marion.
Circuit 10

MICHAEL P. WILSON

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

County: Monroe.


Circuit 10

DAVID MOBLEY

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

County: Ralls.


Circuit 11—Division 6

TERRY R. CUNDIFF

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

County: St. Charles County.


Circuit 11—Division 8

TIM LOHMAR

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

County: St. Charles.


Circuit 11—Division 9

ELIZABETH SWANN

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in Magnolia, Arkansas on October 16, 1956. She received a B.S. in education from Southeast Missouri State Univ. in 1978. She obtained her law degree from Univ. of Missouri–Columbia and was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1982. Served as a Family court commissioner in St. Charles County, 1997–2006 and has served as an associate circuit judge, 2007–present. A member of the Family Court Committee and is currently serving as co-chairman of a sub-committee reviewing guardian ad litem standards. She recently completed service on the Ad Hoc Committee for Videoconferencing. She is a member of the St. Charles County and Missouri Bars. Judge Swann resides in Lake St. Louis with her husband and son. Term expires December 31, 2014.
Circuit 11—Division 10
NORMAN C. STEIMEL II
Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 3083.
County: St. Charles.

Circuit 11—Division 11
PHILLIP OHLMS
Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 429, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7458.
County: St. Charles.

Circuit 11—Division 12
MATTHEW E.P. THORNHILL
Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 429, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7458.
County: St. Charles.

Circuit 12
LINDA R. HAMLETT
Office address: Audrain County Courthouse, 101 N. Jefferson., Rm. 205, Mexico 65265; phone (573) 473-5850.
County: Audrain.

Circuit 12
KELLY C. BRONIEC
Office address: Montgomery County Courthouse, 211 E. Third St., Ste. 301, Montgomery City 63361; phone (573) 564-3348.
County: Montgomery.
Circuit 13

**LARRY BRYSON**

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

**Home address:** 530 Orchard St., Centralia 65240.

**County:** Boone.


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Circuit 13

**LESLIE SCHNEIDER**

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

**County:** Boone.


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Circuit 13

**MICHAEL W. BRADLEY**

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

**County:** Boone.


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Circuit 13

**DEBORAH DANIELS**

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

**County:** Boone.

Circuit 13
CAROL ENGLAND
Office address: Callaway County Courthouse, 10 E. Fifth St., Fulton 65251; phone (573) 642-0777.
County: Callaway.
Biography: Born in Kewanee, Illinois. Graduated from Columbia College, B.A.; Lincoln University, M.A.; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D. Employed as a police officer before and while attending law school, then worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Callaway County prosecutor's office immediately after law school. Member Missouri Bar Association; Callaway County Bar Association (treasurer); Ebenezer Baptist Church in Fulton; Fulton Rotary Club and Callaway County Chapter of the American Red Cross (board member). Elected associate circuit judge in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.

Circuit 13
ROBERT STERNER
Office address: Callaway County Courthouse, 10 E. Fifth St., Fulton 65251; phone (573) 642-0780.
County: Callaway.

Circuit 14
MASON R. GEBHARDT
Office address: Howard County Courthouse, PO Box 370, Fayette 65248; phone (660) 248-3326.
County: Howard.

Circuit 14
CINDY SUTER
Office address: Randolph County Justice Center, 372 HWY JJ, Ste. D., Huntsville 65259; phone (660) 277-4601.
County: Randolph.
Biography: Born December 17, 1947 in Ft. Madison, Iowa. Graduated from Columbia College, B.A.; Lincoln University, M.A.; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D. Employed as a police officer before and while attending law school, then worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Callaway County prosecutor's office immediately after law school. Member Missouri Bar Association; Callaway County Bar Association (treasurer); Ebenezer Baptist Church in Fulton; Fulton Rotary Club and Callaway County Chapter of the American Red Cross (board member). Elected associate circuit judge in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014. Democrat.

Circuit 15
RANDALL SHACKELFORD
Office address: Lafayette County Courthouse - Lafayette Hall, 116 S. 10th St., PO Box 10, Lexington 64067; phone (660) 259-6101.
County: Lafayette.
Circuit 15

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

Circuit 15

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

Circuit 15

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

Circuit 16—Division 25

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

Circuit 16—Division 26

KENNETH R. GARRETT III
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3678.
County: Jackson.
Biography: Judge Garrett is from Kansas City. He earned his law degree, from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law; Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Master’s Degree in Public Administration from UMKC. Has served as an instructor in strategic business planning and policy at Baker University, Overland Park, Kansas. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County since 2004. Prior to joining the Jackson County prosecuting attorney’s office, Judge Garrett worked as an assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri, representing various state agencies in civil matters. Member of The Missouri Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association; American Bar Association; Jackson County Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jay Nixon in August 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.
Circuit 16—Division 27
GREGORY B. GILLIS
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Seventh Fl., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3678.
County: Jackson.
Biography: Life-long resident of Kansas City. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, 1981 and the University of Mis-
souri–Columbia School of Law, 1984. Married to Joyce Gillis since 1985. Served as the drug court commissioner and as assistant
prosecuting attorney for 12 years in Jackson County. Member KC Metropolitan Bar Assoc. and the Jackson County Bar Association.
Serves as historian and board member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and served on the

Circuit 16—Division 28
VERNON E. SCOVILLE III
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4606.
County: Jackson.
and has two children. Served U.S. Army, 1971–1974, U.S. Army Reserves Major; assistant prosecuting attorney Jackson County,
1978–1981; L.P.N. (Mo. 2005); Member St. John LaLande Catholic Church; VFW; American Legion; Young Lawyers Section Coun-
cil; Mo. Bar, 1978–1981; Legislative Committee, Mo. Judicial Conference; president, Missouri Assoc. of Probate & Associate Circuit

Circuit 16—Division 29
MARGARET L. SAUER
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3734.
County: Jackson.
Biography: Born in New York, New York. Graduate of Southwest High School; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., special
education; University of Kansas, M.S., special education; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.. Legal counsel for the Jackson
2005–2007; executive council, Missouri Judicial Conference; board of Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance; officer Lyric
Opera Guild. Member Mo. and Kansas City Bar Assocs.; Assoc. for Women Lawyers. Awards University of Missouri Law Foundation
Public Service Award, 1994; Association for Women Lawyers Judicial Recognition Award, 2000. Appointed judge May 2000. Elected

Circuit 16—Division 30
TWILA K. RIGBY
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4506.
County: Jackson.
Biography: Born in Urbana, Mo. Graduate of Missouri State University, magna cum laude, B.S. in education, 1975 and Master
three children Rhett, Trey and Regan. Member Faith United Methodist Church, Grain Valley. Jackson County prosecutor's office,

Circuit 16—Division 31
CHRISTINE T. SILL-ROGERS
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3542.
County: Jackson.
Biography: Born in Oakland, California. Educated at Penn Valley Community College, A.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City,
B.S.; and the George Washington University, J.D. Married Charlie Rogers, 1984. Served as the drug court commissioner and as assistant
prosecuting attorney for 12 years in Jackson County. Member KC Metropolitan Bar Assoc. and the Jackson County Bar Association.
Serves as historian and board member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and served on the
Circuit 16—Division 32
ROBERT L. TROUT
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4518.
County: Jackson.

Circuit 16—Division 33
JEFFREY L. BUSHUR
Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-1783.
County: Jackson.

Circuit 17
J. MICHAEL RUMLEY
Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8216.
County: Cass.

Circuit 17
WILLIAM B. COLLINS
Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Wall St., Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8200.
County: Cass.

Circuit 17
DAN OLSEN
Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Wall St., Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8704.
County: Cass.
Circuit 17

**GARRETT R. CROUCH II**

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

**County:** Johnson.


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Circuit 17

**SUE DODSON**

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

**County:** Johnson.


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Circuit 18

**KEITH M. BAIL**

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

**County:** Cooper.


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Circuit 18

**ROBERT M. LISTON**

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

**County:** Pettis.


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Circuit 18

**R. PAUL BEARD**

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

**County:** Pettis.

Circuit 19

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

Circuit 20

DAVID TOBBEN
Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main, Union 63090; phone (636) 583-6312.
Home address: 415 Elm St., Washington 63090
County: Franklin.

Circuit 20

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

Circuit 20

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

Circuit 20

JOHN B. BERKEMEYER
Office address: Gasconade County Courthouse, 119 E. First St., Rm. 3, Hermann 65041; phone (573) 486-2321.
County: Gasconade.
Circuit 20

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

Circuit 21—Division 31

MARY E. OTT
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1531.
County: St. Louis.

Circuit 21—Division 32

MARY BRUNTRAGER SCHROEDER
Office address: Clayton Courthouse, 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1532.
County: St. Louis.
Biography: Received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. Louis University and her Juris Doctorate degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Resides in St. Louis County with her family. She was circuit attorney for the City of St. Louis, 1980–1982. Engaged in private law practice, 1983–1999, when she was appointed to the bench. Judge Schroeder is involved with the St. Louis County Truancy Court Program in the Valley Park School District. She is active in community and youth activities, including UMSL Community Chorus and church groups. Member Missouri Bar; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association and the Women Lawyers Association; past president of the Missouri Association of Associate Circuit and Probate Judges. Judge Schroeder was appointed associate circuit judge on May 11, 1999. Term expires December 31, 2012.

Circuit 21—Division 33

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

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

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

Circuit 21—Division 36

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

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.

Circuit 21—Division 38

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

Circuit 21—Division 39

PATRICK CLIFFORD
Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 7900 Carondelet, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1539.
County: St. Louis.
Circuit 21—Division 40

DENNIS SMITH

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

County: St. Louis.


Circuit 21—Division 41

JUDY P. DRAPER

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

County: St. Louis.

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

Circuit 21—Division 42

SANDRA FARRAGUT-HEMPHILL

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

County: St. Louis.

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

Circuit 21—Division 43

JOSEPH S. DUERER

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

County: St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 14

THERESA COUNTS BURKE

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

St. Louis City.

Circuit 22—Division 24

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

Circuit 22—Division 25

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

Circuit 22—Division 26

ELIZABETH B. HOGAN
Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4786.
Home address: St. Louis City
St. Louis City.
Biography: Born February 14, 1968 in St. Louis. Graduate of DePaul University, B.A. political science; Thomas Cooley Law School, J.D.; Married to Joseph Hogan, August 19, 1995 with two children, Hannah and James. Work history includes private practice; assistant prosecuting attorney, Jefferson County; assistant circuit attorney, city of St. Louis; and supervising attorney, Voices for Children. Member Missouri Bar Association; American Bar Association; Women Lawyer’s Association; St. Louis Lawyer’s Association; St. Roch Catholic Church, St. Louis; president-elect of the Women of St. Roch; St. Louis Zoo; Forest Park Forever; Missouri Botanical Garden and Saint Louis Art Museum. Appointed by Governor Matt Blunt, April 13, 2005. Elected in 2006 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2014.

Circuit 22—Division 27

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

Circuit 22—Division 28

CALEA STOVALL-REID
Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market, St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4536.
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 14
TIMOTHY S. MILLER
Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6045.
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 EDWARD FULTON
Office address: Madison County Courthouse, PO Box 470, Fredericktown 63645; phone (573) 783-3105.
County: Madison.

Circuit 24
WENDY L. WEXLER HORN
Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Ste. 300, Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-5755.
County: St. Francois.

Circuit 24
SHAWN R. McCARVER
Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Ste. 201, Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-6601.
County: St. Francois.
Circuit 25

TIMOTHY W. INMAN
County: Ste. Genevieve.

Circuit 25

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

Circuit 24

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

Circuit 24

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

Circuit 24

RONALD D. WHITE
Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6233.
County: Phelps.
Circuit 25

**COLIN LONG**

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

**County:** Pulaski.


Circuit 25

**DAVID G. WARREN**

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

**County:** Pulaski.


Circuit 25

**DOUGLAS D. GASTON**

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

**County:** Texas.


Circuit 26—Division 3

**AARON G. KOEPPEN**

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

**County:** Camden.


Circuit 26—Division 4

**BRUCE COLYER**

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

**County:** Camden.

Circuit 26

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

Circuit 26

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

Circuit 26

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

Circuit 26

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

Circuit 26

KEVIN SCHEHR
Office address: Morgan County Courthouse, 211 E. Newton, Versailles 65084; phone (573) 378-4235.
County: Morgan.
Circuit 27

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

Circuit 27

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

Circuit 27

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

Circuit 28

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

Circuit 28

DENNIS D. REAVES
Office address: Cedar County Courthouse, P.O. Box 665, Stockton, MO 65785; phone (417) 276-6700.
County: Cedar.
Circuit 28

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

Circuit 28

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

Circuit 29

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

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

STEPHEN P. CARLTON
Office address: Jasper County Courthouse, 302 S. Main, Carthage 64836; phone (417) 237-1096.
County: Jasper.
Circuit 30

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

Circuit 30

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

Circuit 30

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

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 CHEEVER
Office address: Webster County Courthouse, PO Box B, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 326-2041.
Home address: 5228 Turner Rd., P.O. Box 65, Marshfield 65706.
County: Webster.
Circuit 30
KENNETH 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) 868-4099.
County: Greene.
Biography: Born June 19, 1954, in St. Louis. Education: B.S. from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University); J.D. from University of Missouri-Kansas City. Married Virginia S. Ratliff May 26, 1991. They have two daughters, Nichole and Megan. Law Clerk for the Honorable Douglas Greene at Missouri Court of Appeals, S.D.; assistant Greene County prosecuting attorney; assistant public defender; 25 years in private practice. Member: Campbell United Methodist Church; Rotary; Solomon Lodge #271 AF and AM; Scottish Rite; and Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple; former Easter Seals and Friends of the Zoo board member, and chairman of Greene County Republican Central Committee. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006. Retained 2010. Term expires: December 31, 2014. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 31—Division 22
JASON BROWN
Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4097.
County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 23
MARK F. FITZSIMMONS
Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4095.
County: Greene.

Circuit 31—Division 24
MARK POWELL
Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6546.
County: Greene.
Circuit 32

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

Circuit 32

GARY KAMP
Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 100 Court St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 243-8446.
County: Cape Girardeau.

Circuit 32

SCOTT A. LIPKE
Office address: Common Pleas Courthouse, 44 N. Lorimier, Cape Girardeau 63701; phone (573) 334-6249.
County: Cape Girardeau.

Circuit 32

MICHAEL J. BULLERDIECK
Office address: Perry County Courthouse, 15 W. Ste. Marie, Ste. 2, Perryville 63775; phone (573) 547-7861.
County: Perry.
Biography: Born June 12, 1949 in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri-St. Louis with a B.S. in Political Science; Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D. Married to Ashley Hobbs. They have three children. Previously in private practice and also served as assistant prosecuting attorney, Cape Girardeau County. Elected State Representative, 2002–2008. Chairman, Crime Prevention. Elected Associate Circuit Judge 2010. Republican.

Circuit 32

GARY KAMP
Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 100 Court St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 243-8446.
County: Cape Girardeau.

Circuit 33

T. LYNN BROWN
Office address: Mississippi County Courthouse, PO Box 369, Charleston 63834; phone (573) 638-2146.
County: Mississippi.
Circuit 33

SCOTT HORMAN
Office address: Scott County Judicial Bldg., PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3576.
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 34

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. KEITH CURRIE
Office address: Pemiscot County Courthouse, 610 Ward Ave., Ste. 2E, Caruthersville 63830; phone (573) 333-0152.
Home address: 2112 S. Ward, Caruthersville 63830
County: Pemiscot.

Circuit 34

BYRON D. LUBER
Office address: Pemiscot County Justice Center, PO Box 228, Caruthersville 63830; phone (573) 333-2784.
County: Pemiscot.
Circuit 35

H. MARK PREYER
Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, PO Box 466, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3272.
County: Dunklin.

Circuit 35

JOHN SPIELMAN
Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, Rm. 103, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3378.
County: Dunklin.

Circuit 35

JOE Z. SATTERFIELD
Office address: Stoddard County Courthouse, 403 S. Prairie St., Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568-4640.
County: Stoddard.

Circuit 35

STEPHEN R. MITCHELL
Office address: Stoddard County Justice Center, PO Box 30, Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568 4640 ext. 3.
County: Stoddard.

Circuit 36

JOHN BLOODWORTH
Office address: Butler County Courthouse, 100 S. Main, Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-8092.
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 1993 with one child born of the marriage. Practiced law for 17 years prior to being elected as an associate circuit judge in 1998. Past/present member of the Commerce Bank Board of Directors; Kenny Roger's Children's Foundation; Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Bar Association; Member and past president of the Butler County Bar Association; board member of the Claudia Foundation; Academic Assistance Group and Veteran's Tour. Awarded Elk’s Officer of the Year 2008 for the Butler/Ripley County Drug Court Programs. Term expires December 31, 2014.
Circuit 37

WILLIAM J. CLARKSON
Office address: Howell County Courthouse, 222 Courthouse, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-8073.
County: Howell.

Circuit 36

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

Circuit 37

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

Circuit 36

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

Circuit 37

TRUMAN WILES
Office address: Howell County Courthouse, 222 Courthouse, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-4050.
County: Howell.
Circuit 38  
**SANDRA WEST**  
**Office address:** Shannon County Courthouse, PO Box 148, Eminence 65466; phone (573) 226-3315.  
**County:** Shannon.  

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Circuit 38  
**LARRY LUNA**  
**Office address:** Christian County Judicial Center, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 203, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-2425.  
**County:** Christian.  

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Circuit 38  
**JOHN S. WATERS**  
**Office address:** Christian County Courthouse, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 105, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 581-4523.  
**Home address:** 1313 Buzzard Rd., Ozark 65721  
**County:** Christian.  

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Circuit 38  
**TONY WILLIAMS**  
**Office address:** Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7212.  
**County:** Taney.  
Circuit 39

**SAMUEL C. JONES**

*Office address:* Lawrence County Justice Center, 240 N. Main St., Suite 110, Mount Vernon 65712; phone 417-466-2471 ext. 120

*County:* Lawrence


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Circuit 39

**ROBERT J. FOULKE**

*Office address:* 102 West St. Suite 2, Cassville, Missouri 65625; Phone (417) 847-3133

*County:* Barry.


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Circuit 39

**SCOTT S. SIFFERMAN**

*Office address:* Lawrence County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Sq., Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 466-2463.

*County:* Lawrence.

*Biography:* Graduated from the Univ. of Missouri – Columbia with his B.S. and M.S. degrees, and the Univ. of Missouri – Kansas City with his J.D. Prosecuting attorney for Lawrence County from 1982 to 1989, and in the private practice of law from 1980 to 1989. Past president of the 39th Judicial Circuit and a past board member of the Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Associate circuit judge for Lawrence County since 1989. Term expires December 31, 2014. Republican.

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Circuit 39

**JAMES K. JUSTUS**

*Office address:* Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7206.

*County:* Taney.


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Circuit 39

**VICTOR HEAD**

*Office address:* Barry County Judicial Center, 102 W. St., Ste. 1, Cassville 65625; phone (417) 847-3133 ext. 2222.

*County:* Barry.

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 A. 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.  
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

GERGORY N. STREMEL  
Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8211.  
County: Newton.  
Circuit 41

PHILLIP E. PREWITT
Office address: Macon County Courthouse, 100 East Washington Street, Macon 63552; phone (660) 385-4631.
County: Macon

Circuit 41

MIKE GREENWELL
Office address: Shelby County Courthouse, PO Box 206, Shelbyville 63469; phone (573) 633-2251.
County: Shelby.

Circuit 42

SCOTT BERNSTEIN
Office address: Crawford County Courthouse, PO Box 1550, Steelville 65565; phone (573) 775-2149.
County: Crawford.

Circuit 42

BRANDI L. BAIRD
Office address: Dent County Judicial Building, 112 East Fifth Street, Salem 65560; phone (573)729-3134.
County: Dent.

Circuit 42

RANDALL 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.
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

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

DAREN L. ADKINS
Office address: Daviess County Courthouse, PO Box 233, Gallatin 64640; phone (660) 663-2532.
County: Daviess.
Circuit 44

BART SPEAR
Office address: DeKalb County Courthouse, 109 West Main Street, P.O. Box 248, Maysville, 64469; phone (816)449-2602
County: DeKalb.

Circuit 43

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

Circuit 44

R. CRAIG 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

LYNETTE B. VEENSTRA
Office address: Wright County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Sq., PO Box 58, Hartville 65667; phone (417) 741-6505.
County: Wright.
Alphabetical list of Missouri judges

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Alexander, Shane T. ........ Circuit .......... 7
Allen, Harvey S. .......... Associate .......... 37
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Clark, Thomas C. II .......... Associate .......... 22
Clarkson, William J. .......... Associate .......... 36
Clayton, Robert M. III .......... Appellate .... Eastern
Clifford, Patrick .......... Associate .......... 21
Cohen, Patricia L. .......... Appellate .... Eastern
Cohen, Robert S. .......... Circuit .......... 21
Collins, William B. .......... Associate .......... 17
Conklin, J. Dan .......... Circuit .......... 31
Cook, Jacqueline A. .......... Circuit .......... 17
Copeland, Fred .......... Circuit .......... 34
Copeland, Richard D. .......... Associate .......... 29
Cordonnier, Michael J. .......... Circuit .......... 31
Coyler, Bruce .......... Associate .......... 26
Crane, Gayle .......... Circuit .......... 29
Crane, Kathleen Knaup .......... Appellate .... Eastern
Crane, Kevin .......... Circuit .......... 12
Croud, Garrett R. II .......... Associate .......... 17
Cundiff, Terry R. .......... Associate .......... 11
Cunningham, Jon A. .......... Circuit .......... 11
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Elliott, R. Brent .......... Circuit .......... 43
Ellis, Joseph M. .......... Appellate .... Western
England, Carol .......... Associate .......... 13
Essner, John R. .......... Associate .......... 21
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The Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of judges was created by a constitutional amendment in 1970. It began operating January 1, 1972, and is governed by Supreme Court Rule 12.

The commission is responsible for receiving and investigating all requests and suggestions for the retirement of judges because of disability and all complaints concerning the alleged misconduct of judges and members of judicial commissions. It is composed of six members who serve six-year terms. Two non-lawyers are appointed by the governor, two lawyers are appointed by the Missouri Bar’s governing body, one court of appeals judge is selected by court of appeals judges and one circuit judge is selected by the state’s circuit judges.

The members as of January 1, 2012, were: Chairman David L. Dowd, circuit judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit (City of St. Louis); Joseph M. Ellis, appellate judge, Court of Appeals, Western District; Arthur S. Margulis, attorney, St. Louis County; Barry Aycock, lay member, Parma; Adrienne B. Morgan, lay member, Chesterfield; and Skip Walther, attorney, Columbia.

On receiving a complaint against a judge or member of a judicial commission, the commission conducts an investigation. If at least four members of the commission find there is probable cause to believe the person may be guilty of misconduct, incompetency or other action constituting grounds for discipline as listed in Rule 12.08, a formal hearing is conducted. If at least four members find the person investigated should be disciplined, a report containing findings of fact and conclusions of law is made to the Supreme Court with recommendations for discipline (removal from office, suspension or reprimand). The court then makes a final ruling based on the commission's record and transcript.

A similar procedure is followed in cases involving retirements because of disability.

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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 located in Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis—composed of at least four lawyers and two lay persons, also may investigate complaints referred to them by the chief disciplinary counsel or the Advisory Committee.

If the chief disciplinary counsel or a majority of a regional disciplinary committee finds that there is probable cause to believe that a lawyer is guilty of professional misconduct, they may issue a written admonition to the attorney or file an information making specific allegations of the lawyer’s violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The lawyer may request a hearing to be held before a disciplinary hearing panel composed of two lawyers and one lay person, all of whom are appointed as disciplinary hearing officers by the Supreme Court. If the disciplinary hearing panel finds by a preponderance of the evidence, that the lawyer is guilty of misconduct, it makes findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations for discipline, which then are filed in the Supreme Court. It is the Supreme Court’s responsibility to impose any warranted discipline. If a lawyer who has been suspended or disbarred later seeks reinstatement, the chief disciplinary counsel investigates the application. The chief disciplinary counsel also investigates the unauthorized practice of law and takes appropriate action to stop such practices. The chief disciplinary counsel is Alan Pratzel.

In addition to providing oversight of the disciplinary hearing process, the Advisory Committee reviews complaint files that have been closed after investigation, at the request of the complainant. It also may issue formal ethics opinions, interpreting Supreme Court Rules 4, 5 and 6. Members of the Advisory Committee, appointed by the Supreme Court are: Jennifer Gille Bacon, Kansas City, chair; Doreen D. Dodson, St. Louis, vice-chair; Susan Appelquist, Springfield; Richard E. Banks, St. Louis; John Briscoe, New London; Al Brooks, Kansas City; Sidney Dulle, Jefferson City; Hon. John C. Holstein, Springfield; David P. Macoubrie, Chillicothe; Christina R. Neff, Jefferson City; Richard N. Priest, St. Louis; and Dorothy White-Coleman, St. Louis.

The legal ethics counsel, who serves as counsel to the Advisory Committee, may give nonbinding 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 eligibility of applicants for admission to the Missouri Bar. Application forms and information about the bar examination, the character and fitness process, and the requirements for admission are available on the Web at www.mble.org. In addition, pass/fail statistics for the bar examination are published on the Web site.

The State Board of Law Examiners is comprised of six members who are lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to serve a nine-year term. The current members of the board are: Jeffrey P. Hine, President, Cape Girardeau; Patricia Sexton, Vice President, Kansas City; Clifford S. Brown, Springfield; James G. Nowogrocki, St. Louis; Karen M. Jordon, St. Louis; and Sandra L. Schmerhorn, Kansas City.

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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 every lawyer who practices in Missouri and of every judge of a state court. To qualify for membership, a person must have completed an approved law school leading to a juris doctor degree. Those seeking membership in the Missouri Bar also must pass a comprehensive bar examination and character and fitness investigation and make application for admission to the bar with the Supreme Court of Missouri.

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. Each year, the CLE Department organizes and presents a number of programs—live, taped, webinars and by telephone—to keep lawyers abreast of changes in state and federal laws. These sessions are regularly accompanied by detailed course materials designed to supplement the programs themselves. In addition, the department’s renowned deskbook series (the "black books"), supplements and Guidebooks provide attorneys with valuable reference materials they can make use of in their own law libraries.

Publications/Public Information
The Journal of the Missouri Bar, offering valuable perspectives on the law from its lawyer-authors, is published six times per year as the official publication of the legal profession in Missouri. Also available to members are the Legislative Digest, published during and after each year’s session of the General Assembly; Precedent, a quarterly publication featuring practice-oriented articles and columns; and The Courts Bulletin, a monthly update on recent court decisions in pertinent areas of the law.

For more than 50 years, The Missouri Bar has conducted a broad program of public information and education. Thousands of informative pamphlets and other educational materials about the law are distributed annually, including materials from an extensive law-related education audio-visual lending library. Copies of the bar’s brochures are also available on the Internet at www.mobar.org. The growth of the bar’s public information programs has been aided by cooperative ventures with the Extension Division of the University of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri Press Association, the Missouri Broadcasters Association, various state colleges, and other groups and associations.

Other Activities
Other prominent programs and services offered by The Missouri Bar include: a Client Security Fund that considers partial financial reimbursement to eligible clients who have been harmed by the unethical conduct of a lawyer; a Lawyer Referral Service that links attorneys with Missourians in need of legal assistance; a Lawyers Assistance Program that offers help to lawyers hindered by impairment issues; a complaint resolution program that offers an alternative to the formal lawyer disciplinary system for matters considered to be less serious in nature; a fee-dispute resolution program that works to resolve disputes between a lawyer and a client over fees charged for services; and many more.

Through the years, the Missouri Bar has gained recognition on the national and international level. It has been cited many times by the American Bar Association as the outstanding bar organization in the nation. Its programs have won Freedom Foundation awards, the American Bar Association Award of Merit and the American Judicature Society’s Justice Award. Similarly, staff members and officers serve on many important national committees and work with various national groups on problems of national scope.

Officers, The Missouri Bar, 2011–2012
Vogel, Lynn Whaley, St. Louis, president; Starke, Patrick, Blue Springs, president-elect; Brady, P. John, Kansas City, vice president.

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In 1943, the General Assembly established the Judicial Conference of Missouri, which is composed of all state judges. The conference is charged by statute (section 476.350, RSMo) with studying the organization and administration of the state’s judicial system, compiling data about the work of various courts and making biennial reports to the General Assembly, including any recommendations the conference may have for improving the laws. Since 1974, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, who is the conference’s presiding officer, has presented an annual State of the Judiciary address to a joint session of the General Assembly, reviewing the problems, needs and goals of the judicial branch.

The statute also requires the conference to hold an annual meeting to be attended by all judges. At this meeting, the judges discuss the problems of court administration and invite experts in various fields to speak about matters of particular concern.

The clerk of the Supreme Court provides administrative and staff assistance and also serves as secretary to the executive council and the conference.

Nonpartisan Judicial Nominating Commissions
Under provisions of article V of the Missouri Constitution, any vacancy occurring in the office of judge of the Supreme Court, the court of appeals or the circuit courts within St. Louis City or Jackson County is filled through the "Nonpartisan Selection of Judges Court Plan," adopted through initiative petition at the November 1940 general election, which provides for the governor to appoint one of three qualified persons nominated by a nonpartisan judicial commission. This method of selecting judges was adopted by the voters of the 21st Judicial Circuit (St. Louis County) in 1970; by the voters of the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Platte County) and the Seventh Judicial Circuit (Clay County) in 1973; and by the voters of the 31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County) in November 2008.

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

Appellate Judicial Commission
Nominations for judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals are made by a seven-member Appellate Judicial Commission. It consists of a judge of the Supreme Court selected by the members of the Court and two resident citizens from each of the three court of appeals districts. One lawyer is elected from each
district by members of the Missouri Bar residing in that district, and one non-lawyer is appointed from each district by the governor. The judge member serves a two-year term, while the other members serve staggered terms of six years each.

**Members:** Richard B. Teitelman, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Missouri, chair.

**From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District:**
Thomas M. Burke, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Donald L. Ross, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012.

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

**From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District:**

### Circuit Judicial Commissions

Nominations for judges of circuit courts are made by a five-member circuit judicial commission consisting of the chief judge of the district of the Court of Appeals in which the circuit or the major portion of its population lies, two lawyers elected by other members of The Missouri Bar residing in the circuit and two non-lawyer residents of the circuit appointed by the governor.

**Sixth Circuit (Platte County) Judicial Commission:**
Chair: Lisa White Hardwick, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: David Barth, Parkville, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Scott L. Campbell, Platte City, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2013; Keith Hicklin, Platte, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Judy P. Stokes, lay member, term expires December 31, 2013.

**Seventh Circuit (Clay County) Judicial Commission:**

**Sixteenth Circuit (Jackson County) Judicial Commission:**
Chair: Lisa White Hardwick, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: Scott Bethune, Kansas City, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2015; James C. Morrow, Kansas City, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Byron G. Thompson, Kansas City, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Rev. Eric D. Williams, Kansas City, lay member, term expires December 31, 2016.

**Twenty-first Circuit (St. Louis County) Judicial Commission:**

**Twenty-second Circuit (St. Louis) Judicial Commission:**
Chair: Kurt S. Odenwald, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, term expires June 30, 2012. Members: June Bosley Dabney, Gray, St. Louis, lay member, term expires December 31, 2010; Michael Calvin, St. Louis, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2017; Stephen F. Doss, St. Louis, lay member, term expires December 31, 2012; Steven L. Groves, St. Louis, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2015.

**Thirty-first Circuit (Greene County) Judicial Commission:**

### Office of State Public Defender

The Office of State Public Defender is created by Section 600.019.1., RSMo as an independent department within the judicial branch of state government.

The Missouri State Public Defender System (MSPD) is the state agency created to fulfill the state’s constitutional obligation to ensure that all persons facing criminal prosecution in its courts have the assistance of counsel in their defense. MSPD’s lawyers provide legal representation to persons who are charged with or challenging convictions for state criminal offenses but do not have the means available to hire defense counsel.

### Public Defender Commission

State law (Chapter 600, RSMo) provides for a seven-member Public Defender Commission to oversee the State Public Defender System. The members of the commission are appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate and serve without compensation for six-year terms. Four members must be lawyers, and no more than four members may be of the same political party.
Members, Public Defender Commission

Copeland, Douglas, chair; 
Barnhart, Eric, commissioner; 
Brison, Muriel, commissioner; 
Ellis, Willie J. Jr., commissioner; 
Leonard, Miller, commissioner; 
Watkins, Nancy, commissioner.

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

**Trial Division**

The Trial Division employs close to 300 full-time attorneys as well as investigators, paralegals and legal assistants. Trial Division attorneys represent both adult and juvenile indigent clients charged with crimes at the state trial court level throughout Missouri.

The Commitment Defense Unit represents indigent people throughout the State of Missouri against whom the government has initiated civil commitment proceedings based on the allegation that the citizen is a "sexually violent predator" (SVP). The unit was created in 1999 in response to Missouri's sexually violent predator legislation. This legislation enables the state to incarcerate individuals after they have completed their sentences for eligible sex offenses, and allows for indefinite civil commitment upon a jury finding that an individual meets the legislative criteria of a SVP.

**Capital Division**

The Capital Division of MSPD was established in 1989 to handle the complex litigation involved when the state seeks the death penalty. The purpose of this division is to provide the highest-quality representation to individuals against whom the state of Missouri is seeking the death penalty in the State Trial Court, the State Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

The division employs experienced attorneys who excel as litigators to handle the initial trial of the case. The division also employs experienced attorneys with exceptional appellate advocacy skills to handle the direct appeal of cases following a trial and sentence of death.

There are three Capital Division districts 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.