CHAPTER 5
Judicial Branch

Portrait of six young men, 1908
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Missouri’s Judicial System

From its inception in 1820, Missouri state government has been constitutionally divided into three separate branches—the legislative, executive and judicial departments. The judicial department’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 was officially 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 for a two-year term, has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel in the circuit. He or she may assign other judges throughout the circuit to relieve case load 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 1849 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.

However, 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 is to be in effect for the Supreme Court, the court of appeals, and the circuit courts within the City of St. Louis and Jackson County. In addition, voters in St. Louis, Clay and Platte 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 popularly elected, other judicial circuits may adopt the plan upon approval by a majority of the voters in the circuit.

Under the Missouri Court Plan, as it is often called, 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 judges 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 is again placed on the ballot for retention vote at certain intervals. The Missouri Court 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.
History and Organization

The Supreme Court has been the state's highest court since 1820, when the first Missouri Constitution was adopted. The earliest court, consisting of only three members, was required to hold sessions in four different judicial circuits in the state. At various times, the court sat in St. Louis, Jackson, Cape Girardeau, St. Charles, Boonville, Fayette, Hannibal, Lexington 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 in the past have heard cases along with the judges, and their written opinions, if approved by the court, were promulgated 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 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. Maintaining and updating the rules is a continuous process requiring substantial time. Each year, the Supreme Court, through the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA), transfers several hundred court personnel on a temporary basis to assist other courts. This is usually 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. Under the amendment, 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 in all cases where the punishment imposed is death.

Cases do not have to fall within this area of exclusive jurisdiction to reach the Supreme Court, however. 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 thinks the existing law should be reexamined, or for other reasons provided by rule of the court. The court of appeals also may order a case transferred to the Supreme Court either by order of the court of appeals itself or by the 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 the OSCA, 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.

Chief Justice

The seven judges of the Supreme Court select one of their number 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 court hears oral arguments each month from September through May. Court sessions are open to the public.

Supreme Court Building

The Supreme Court Building, a three-story, red brick structure of French Renaissance architecture, was built in 1907 and stands opposite the Capitol. 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 extensively refurbished and modernized with the use of moneys 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 Missouri Judicial Conference, the organization comprising all of the judges in the state.

Supreme Court Function

The day-to-day administrative duties, as they relate to the court, include handling all inquiries and procedural requests from attorneys throughout the state, arranging the docketing 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 the supervision of the admission of new attorneys.

Among the records required to be maintained by the clerk are the official and permanent roll of attorneys, which conducts bar examinations twice yearly. The clerk also supervises the semi-annual enrollment ceremonies and prepares all attorney licenses.

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

Security Administration

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

Supreme Court Library

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The Supreme Court Library, which is on the second floor of the Supreme Court Building, contains more than 110,000 volumes. These include the decisions of state and federal courts and federal administrative agencies, statutes of all states, 150 legal periodicals, legal textbooks, and many English decisions and statutes. 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 maintains daily hours throughout the year.

Supreme Court Publications

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There are three monthly publications available to the public on a subscription basis. Tomorrow’s Opinion Monitor (T.O.M.) allows electronic exploration of all cases in the appellate system with condensed legal arguments of pending cases, summaries of opinions and official citations. Infinite possibilities for searching include subject, statute, rule, keyword, attorney and judge name. The Opinion Summary provides subscribers with a brief digest of decisions from the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. The Pending Issues Digest provides a summary of the issues raised in legal briefs filed in the courts.

The Missouri Approved Instructions—Criminal and Missouri Approved Charges—Criminal also are published by the Supreme Court publications department.

To subscribe to any of these publications visit their website at www.courts.mo.gov.
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 Univ. in Boston, MA. While there, she was an Iglauer Fellowship Intern in Washington, D.C., for Sen. Thomas Eagleton, 1973. She studied at the Univ. 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 Univ. Law Center, distinguishing herself as an editor of the Law and Policy in International Business Journal. Judge Stith graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown in 1978.

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

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

Governor Bob Holden appointed Judge Stith to the Supreme Court of Missouri effective March 7, 2001, and she was retained at the Nov. 2002 general election. She is the second woman in Missouri history to serve on the state’s Supreme Court. She will serve 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 Jt. 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 Assn. for Women Lawyers (AWL) of Greater Kansas City; chair and vice-chair of the Mo. Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee; chair of the Appellate Practice Committee and vice-chair of the Tort Law Committee of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc. (KCMBA); and a member of the American Bar Assoc. (ABA).

Judge Stith has served as a speaker on appellate practice at the annual conventions of the ABA, Missouri Bar, Missouri Assoc. of Trial Attorneys (MATA), and Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL). She has also served as a speaker or moderator on civil procedure and evidence at The Missouri Bar, KCMBA, AWL, and Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City Continuing Legal Education programs; and as a speaker on gender bias at the Missouri New Judges School. She has authored many CLE publications, including a law review article, Stith, A Contrast of State and Federal Court Authority to Grant Habeas Relief, 38 Valparaiso Law Rev. 421 (Spring 2004).

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.
STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH JR., was born January 25, 1952, in Cape Girardeau.

Judge Limbaugh was educated in the Cape Girardeau public schools and later graduated from Southern Methodist University (Bachelor of Arts, 1973; Juris Doctor, 1976), and the University of Virginia (Master of Laws in Judicial Process, 1998).

Judge Limbaugh was admitted to the State Bar of Texas and The Missouri Bar in 1977. He was engaged in private practice with the Cape Girardeau law firm of Limbaugh, Limbaugh & Russell from 1977–1978. In November 1978, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Cape Girardeau County and served from 1979–1982. He then returned to private practice with the Limbaugh firm from 1983 until September 1987, when he was appointed Circuit Judge, 32nd Judicial Circuit, for a portion of an unexpired term. He was elected in 1988 for the remainder of the unexpired term and re-elected in 1990 for a full six-year term. While circuit judge, he served as Presiding Judge of the 32nd Judicial Circuit and as judge of the Juvenile Court.

Judge Limbaugh is a member of the American Bar Association and the American Judicature Society, and is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He has served on the governing boards of the State Historical Society of Missouri, Friends of the Missouri State Archives, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Southeast Missouri Council and Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Southeast Missouri Symphony, Cape Girardeau United Way, Cape Girardeau Civic Center, Cape Girardeau and Jefferson City Community Concert Associations, Cape Girardeau Jaycees, Greater Cape Girardeau Development Corporation, William Woods University, Southern Methodist University Law Alumni Association, and the Missouri Division of Youth Services Advisory Board. He is a member and past president of the Cape Girardeau Rotary Club and is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. He is a lifelong member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Judge Limbaugh is a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, the Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association, and the honorary degree of Legum Doctorem from William Woods University. He also is listed in The Lawdragon 500 Leading Judges in America.

Judge Limbaugh was married July 21, 1973, to the former Marsha D. Moore. They have two sons, Stephen III and Christopher. His father, Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr., is a senior United States District Judge in St. Louis.

Judge Limbaugh was appointed by Governor John Ashcroft to the Supreme Court in August 1992. He was retained at the November 1994 general election for a term expiring December 31, 2006, and retained again at the November 2006 general election for a term expiring December 31, 2018. He served as chief justice from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2003.
William Ray Price Jr.
Judge of the Supreme Court

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

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

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

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

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

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

Judge Price served as Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court from July 1, 1999, through July 1, 2001, and as vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices of the United States from August 1, 2000, through August 1, 2001. He is presently chairman of the Missouri Drug Court Commission.

Judge Price was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor John Ashcroft on April 7, 1992. He was retained in 1994 and 2006 for a term expiring December 31, 2018.
MARY R. RUSSELL was born July 28, 1958, in Hannibal. Judge Russell, a seventh-generation Missourian, was one of five children. She was raised on a dairy farm in Ralls County, near Hannibal, where she learned the value of hard work. She was educated in Hannibal public schools. She attended Truman State Univ., graduating summa cum laude with a B.S. and B.A. She graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law in 1983.

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

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

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

She has served on a variety of statewide boards and commissions including: the Board of Governors of Truman State Univ., president, 1996; Mo. State Senate Reapportionment Commission in 1991; and Mo. Council on Women’s Economic Development.

Judge Russell is the recipient of numerous awards including: Faculty/Alumni Award, Univ. of Mo.–Columbia; Citation of Merit Award, UMC Law School; Distinguished Alumni Award, Truman State Univ.; Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award; Soroptomist International Women Helping Women Award; Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award; Kirkwood Citizen of the Year in 2003; and Zonta's Woman of Achievement in 2007. She was named a Henry Toll Fellow in 1997 and a member of the Missouri Academy of Squires in 2002.

Active in many community organizations, Judge Russell is a member of the Jefferson City Rotary Club, PEO, Zonta, Elwood L. Thomas Inns of Court, the St. Louis Forum, and Grace Episcopal Church. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Missouri CASA. Judge Russell also volunteers at the Samaritan Center, and as a Truancy Court Judge at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City. She was active in many organizations in Hannibal and Kirkwood prior to her move to Jefferson City. An easily approachable judge, she devotes much time to mentoring young women.

Judge Russell and her husband, Jim, a governmental consultant, live in Jefferson City. She was retained in November 2006 for a 12 year term, expiring on December 31, 2018.
Richard B. Teitelman
Judge of the Supreme Court

RICHARD TEITELMAN was born in Philadelphia, PA. He received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis in 1973, he opened a solo law practice. In 1975, he joined Legal Services of Eastern Mo., serving for 23 years, 18 of those as exec. director and general counsel. His dedication to the Legal Services program, which provides a wide range of assistance for Missourians unable to pay for civil legal services, earned him many honors, including the prestigious Mo. Bar President’s Award, the American Council for the Blind’s Durward K. McDaniels Ambassador Award, the Women’s Legal Caucus Good Guy Award, the Mound City Bar Association’s Legal Service Award, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) Young Lawyers Section Award of Merit, the St. Louis Bar Foundation Award, and the American Bar Association’s Make a Difference Award.

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

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

He has received several honors, including: The Mo. Bar’s Purcell Award for Professionalism; American Jewish Congress’ Democracy in Action Award; Lawyer’s Association of St. Louis Lifetime Achievement Award; Univ. of Mo.–Columbia School of Law’s Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award and the American Bar Assn.’s Legislative Advocacy Award in 2007. He is a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono Public Service.

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

Judge Teitelman served on the Mo. Court of Appeals, E.D., from 1998 to 2002, when he was appointed to the Supreme Court, becoming the first legally blind and first Jewish judge to serve on Missouri’s highest court. He is a member of the Exec. Council of the Mo. Judicial Conference. He was retained at the 2004 general election.
RONNIE L. WHITE was born May 31, 1953, in St. Louis.

He attended elementary school in St. Louis and graduated from Beaumont High School in 1971. Judge White received an Associate of Arts degree from St. Louis Community College in 1977. Two years later he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from St. Louis University.

Judge White graduated from the University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School in 1983. During law school he served as a legal intern for the Jackson County prosecutor. He later worked as a legal assistant for the Department of Defense Mapping Agency. White served as a trial attorney for the public defender’s office in both the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. In 1987 Judge White entered private practice as a principal for the law firm of Cahill, White and Hemphill. While in private practice he was elected to serve three terms in the Missouri House of Representatives.

In 1993 Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr. appointed Judge White city counselor for the City of St. Louis. While serving as city counselor, Judge White argued his first case before the Missouri Supreme Court in April 1994. One month later, Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Judge White to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

In September 1995 he served as a special judge for the Missouri Supreme Court. During that same year he served as an adjunct faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

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

Judge Wolff was named “Lawyer of the Year” by The Missouri Lawyers’ Weekly in 2007. He received the Joseph E. Stevens Jr., “Aspire to Excellence” Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association in 2006, the President’s Award from the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges in 2006, and the Clarence Darrow Award from the St. Louis University School of Law Public Interest Law Group in 2004.

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

In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Wolff is a member of the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission.

During his time in St. Louis, Judge Wolff was active in trial practice and was co-author of Federal Jury Practice and Instructions, (4th edition), used by lawyers and judges throughout the country. As a law school teacher, he has taught Civil Procedure, Trial Advocacy, Health Law, Criminal Sentencing, Constitutional Law and Administrative Law, among other courses. He was a recipient of the law school’s teaching Excellence Award. Judge Wolff was on the faculty of the University’s School of Medicine and School of Public Health. He is a member of the American Law Institute.

In 1992, while on leave from the University, Judge Wolff was transition director for Governor-elect Mel Carnahan, served as chief counsel to the governor in 1993-1994, and was special counsel to the governor, 1994-1998, after returning to the law school. As special counsel, Wolff was active in seeking solutions, including legislation that passed in 1998, for dealing with the problems of urban schools after the end of court ordered desegregation.

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

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

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

Judge Wolff was born April 1, 1945, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and was educated in Catholic grade schools and Lourdes High School in Rochester, Minnesota. He graduated in 1967 from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, where he was editor-in-chief and chairman of the board of The Dartmouth, the student daily newspaper. He received his law degree with honors from the University of Minnesota law school in 1970. During law school, he worked as a reporter and copy editor for The Minneapolis Star. His wife, Patricia B. Wolff, M.D., is a pediatrician in private practice in St. Louis who also directs Meds and Food for Kids, which operates a malnutrition program in northern Haiti. They have two grown sons, Andrew Barrett Wolff, born in 1974, and Benjamin Barrett Wolff, born in 1977.
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Acting under the direction of the Missouri Supreme Court, the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) is responsible for providing administrative and technical support to the courts of Missouri as they pursue a judicial system that is accessible, equitable and swift. The duties and responsibilities assigned to the state courts administrator are broad in scope and relate to all levels of the state court system.

Since the appointment of the first state courts administrator in 1970, the office has been responsible for providing technical assistance, management services, education and training programs, data processing and systems analysis, administrative procedure evaluation, compilation of statistics, and case processing support to the courts. The office also assists courts in developing and implementing court improvement projects in such areas as child abuse and neglect, juvenile services, family preservation, criminal history reporting, debt collection and judgment enforcement, crime victims’ rights, mediation services, alcohol and drug abuse treatment and prevention, and the implementation of time standards for case disposition. With the passage of SB 420 in 1994, the office has worked with the Missouri Court Automation Committee to automate all the courts in the state and, through the use of advanced technologies, provide Missouri citizens with the most timely and responsive judicial system possible. The office is organized into five divisions and one office: administration and budget, court programs and research, court services, information technology, judicial education, and the office for project management.

Administration and Budget

The Division of Administration and Budget provides essential administrative services and maintains programs developed to assist the judiciary. Budget staff compiles and organizes the Judiciary’s annual state appropriation request. Fiscal notes are provided for proposed legislation that affects the judicial system and support is provided to the Supreme Court’s Circuit and Appellate Court Budget committees.

Personnel staff maintain the statewide court personnel system as well as the court personnel handbook. Payroll is processed for all court employees, and the payroll handbook is maintained for the payroll designees in each county. A wide range of technical assistance is also provided for court personnel.

Fiscal staff processes and accounts for all funds appropriated to the Supreme Court for those judicial operations paid by the state. In addition, staff handles payments for reimbursement to court personnel for incurred expenses and provides fiscal training as needed. Contract staff is responsible for administering contracts for the judiciary. The section also monitors and authorizes bill payment for all Missouri drug courts.

Sponsored program staff develops internal and external partnerships with national, state and local funding sources. Grant funds are managed for areas such as improving child abuse/neglect case management in juvenile courts, statewide juvenile court automation, automation of criminal history dispositions, electronic filing of adult protection orders, and improvement of mediation and other alternative dispute resolutions programs.

Finally, administration and budget staff provides legislative support to the judiciary, performs office management functions for OSCA, and handles a wide array of requests for information from the legislature, governor’s office, other public officials and the public in general.

Court Programs and Research

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

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

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

Security staff provides technical assistance related to security for courthouse design, perform security assessments of court facilities to ensure a safe environment for the resolution of disputes, assist in developing court security programs and policies, develop security and safety training for court employees, and provide assistance in developing emergency planning programs and procedures.

The research unit is developing new capacities to advance knowledge in the areas of juvenile and criminal justice, case processing, and other topics related to Missouri’s courts. The unit has responsibility for the following ongoing tasks: compilation of statistical caseload information from circuit, appellate, and municipal courts; estimation of workload impacts of various legislative initiatives as well as workload estimates for judicial resource management; technical assistance to court personnel regarding research methods; and utilization of the judicial information system to produce annual reports, summative analyses, and supplemental reports. The unit continues efforts to ensure that the quality of data is as accurate as possible.

The Research Unit is expanding the following capacities: design, implementation, and provision of technical assistance of program evaluations; forecasting future judicial resource needs; court performance measurement; longitudinal studies of court program and population behaviors; and dissemination of analyses in multiple media outlets including self-published reports, conference presentations, and peer-reviewed journals.

**Court Services**

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

Court services staff worked closely with a software provider and court staff from around the state to “customize” software and continually monitor changing practices and legal requirements over time so that the software is updated as necessary. Staff also design and test software to share automated court information electronically with other agencies. Some examples are criminal case dispositions provided to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for the criminal history repository, traffic case dispositions provided to the Department of Revenue and the Missouri State Highway Patrol, court hearings provided to the Missouri Office for Victims of Crime MOVANS program, ex parte adult abuse orders to the Missouri State Highway Patrol MULES.

Court services staff work with the courts prior to implementing automation by assisting the courts with preparation for computerized case management and financial accounting. OSCA staff provide on-site assistance several weeks after the court implements the automated system. After the court is automated, both financial specialists and court specialists provide telephone support and follow-up site visits.

In 2000, a statewide jury management automated system was purchased for implementation
in the courts. Court services coordinates the court training, assists the courts with forms design and procedural changes, and provides telephone and on-site support to the courts.

**Information Technology**

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

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

The Missouri Court Automation Program is building an integrated justice system by using a family of standard automated systems that allow courts to increase their efficiency and provide increased service, fair and equitable justice and increased public access to public information. The ongoing effort will provide a modern justice system with reduced costs to the litigant and taxpayer due to the economies of scale, greater accountability, timely justice, and improved public safety through information exchange with state, federal, and local authorities.

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

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

**Judicial Education**

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

The Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education provides strategic direction for a comprehensive statewide education program. Commission members are appointed by the Supreme Court and represent various levels of courts and regions of the state to ensure that the educational needs of all court personnel are fairly represented. The commission has built a comprehensive education program that affords opportunities to acquire and enhance technical knowledge and skills, and supervisory and leadership skills and abilities.

The division is responsible for implementing the policies and programs established by the Coordinating Commission and its committees. The Education Division consists of two service delivery areas: continuing education and education technology. The continuing education section offers a broad range of courses and certificate programs for court personnel. Education specialists, working with education committees and court personnel, design and coordinate the delivery of courses tailored to meet the unique needs of appellate, trial and municipal court personnel, including judges, clerks, juvenile officers, and court reporters. All courses are designed to provide court personnel with the knowledge and skills essential to discharging their judicial and administrative responsibilities.

The education technology section is responsible for developing and implementing alternative delivery methods of educational programming through the use of technology. Education technology also supports the continuing education section through education services including web-based learning, computer-based learning, videoconferencing and satellite broadcasts. Education technology also supports Missouri's automated court system through live and e-training support of software used in our Missouri courts.
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The first general intermediate courts in Missouri were provided for in the 1865 Constitution and were known as district courts. There were district courts in Jefferson City, Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Macon, St. Joseph and St. Charles. Each district was composed of three circuits. Appeals were taken from the circuit court to the district court, and then to the Supreme Court. However, the district courts 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. Thus was created the St. Louis Court of Appeals consisting of three judges who heard appeals from St. Louis, St. Charles, Lincoln 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 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. However, as previously mentioned, cases not within the Supreme Court’s exclusive jurisdiction may be transferred from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court when it is determined that a case involves 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. In the Western District, the chief judge serves a two-year term by rotation according to seniority.

The courts are authorized to sit in divisions 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.
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**Territorial Jurisdiction:**  
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The Southern District Court of Appeals meets in Springfield and in Poplar Bluff. Judges are named to 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the district's seven judges earns an annual salary of $115,000. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.

Territorial jurisdiction:

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

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The Western District Court of Appeals sits in Kansas City. Judges are named to 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the district's 11 judges earns an annual salary of $115,000. The chief judge serves a two-year term by rotation according to seniority.

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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. However, the life term of the judges and their method of appointment proved unpopular; in 1849, the Constitution was amended to provide for popular election. Most circuit judges are elected today, although judges in some circuits 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 on January 2, 1979.

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

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

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

The Constitution requires at least one resident associate circuit judge in each county. The statutes authorize additional associate circuit judges depending on county populations. Presently, 187 associate circuit judges are required by statute.

Municipalities with 400,000 or more people must establish a municipal division over which a municipal judge presides. Communities of less than 400,000 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 judges must be at least 25 years old, Missouri voters and residents of the counties they serve. Associate judges serve four-year terms.

Circuit court judges each earn $108,000 annually; associate circuit court judges earn $96,000. Compensation is determined by statute (RSMo 476.405).

The Fine Collection Center

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

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

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

When an offender pays a citation to the FCC, the Center is legally authorized to issue a record of conviction. Records of conviction for traffic offenses are prepared the same business day that the FCC receives the offender’s guilty plea and payment of the fine and costs. The FCC electronically transmits these records of conviction each day to the Missouri Department of Revenue for entry on the offender’s driving records and to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The FCC sends payments of fines and court costs to member county treasurers at the first of each month. The FCC keeps no part of the fine or costs. The county where the offense occurred receives all the fine money and the entire county’s share of court costs on each case. The FCC sends courts costs and fees designated for state agencies directly to those agencies.

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Circuit 16—Division 1
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Circuit 16—Division 18

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Circuit 17—Division 2

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Circuit 21—Division 1

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Circuit 21—Division 6

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Biography: Born in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University School of Business, B.S., magna cum laude; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., cum laude. Married to Julie H. Sauer; four children. Former associate of Bryan Cave; assistant circuit attorney for St. Louis; assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri; United States Department of Justice Insurance Fraud Task Force for the E.D. of Missouri, chair. Member: Catholic Church. Awarded: Adler-Rosecan; Childress; and Thomas J. White Fellowship; Alpha Sigma Nu Honorary Scholastic Society and Law Review, St. Louis University School of Law. Received: John C. Shepherd Professionalism Award; BAMSL. Board of directors, Boys’ and Girls’ Town of Missouri and former council member, Young Lawyers’ Section of Missouri Bar. Appointed circuit judge: July 14, 2000. Retained in 2002. Term expires December 31, 2008. Nonpartisan.

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Circuit 21—Division 11

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County: St. Louis.


Circuit 21—Division 16

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County: St. Louis.


Circuit 21—Division 17

LARRY L. KENDRICK

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County: St. Louis.

Circuit 21—Division 18

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Circuit 21—Division 19

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Circuit 21—Division 20

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**County:** St. Louis.  
Circuit 22—Division 1

THOMAS C. GRADY

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City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 2

DONALD L. MCCULLIN

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City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 3

JOHN F. GARVEY JR.

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 Ses- tric and Garvey and of Counsel in the law firm of Laritz, Plunkert & Bruning. Judge Garvey is a member of the Family Law as well as a member of the pro Se Committee. He is currently assigned to the 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: 2004. Retained in 2006. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.
Circuit 22—Division 4

JULIAN L. BUSH

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City of St. Louis.


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City of St. Louis.


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City of St. Louis.

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City of St. Louis.

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City of St. Louis.

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City of St. Louis.
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City of St. Louis.

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City of St. Louis.

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City of St. Louis.

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City of St. Louis.
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 18
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Circuit 22—Division 19
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Circuit 22—Division 20

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City of St. Louis.


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City of St. Louis.


Circuit 22—Division 22

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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 23
TIMOTHY JOSEPH WILSON
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 30 (Juvenile)
JIMMIE M. EDWARDS
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City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 31
DAVID L. DOWD
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City of St. Louis.
Circuit 23—Division 3

M. EDWARD WILLIAMS
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County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 1

ROBERT G. WILKINS
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County: Jefferson.

Circuit 23—Division 2

GARY P. KRAMER
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County: Jefferson

Circuit 23—Division 5

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County: Jefferson

Circuit 23—Division 6

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County: Jefferson
Circuit 24—Division 2
KENNETH W. PRATTE
Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Third 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 24—Division 1
SANDY MARTINEZ
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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: Presiding Judge. Born July 26, 1955, in Durham, North Carolina. 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 Caring Communities. Elected circuit judge: November 2, 2004. Term expires December 31, 2010. Democrat.
Circuit 25—Division 1

TRACY L. STORIE

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Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.


Circuit 26—Division 2

GREG KAYS

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Home address: Lebanon.

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


Circuit 26—Division 1

GEORGE STANLEY MOORE

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

Circuit 27

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Counties: Bates, Henry and St. Clair.

Circuit 28

JAMES R. BICKEL
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Circuit 29—Division 2

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County: Jasper.
Circuit 29—Division 1

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County: Jasper.

Circuit 29—Division 3

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County: Jasper.

Circuit 30

JOHN W. (BILL) SIMS
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Counties: Benton, Dallas, Hickory, Polk and Webster.
Circuit 31—Division 1

DON E. BURRELL JR.

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County: Greene.


Circuit 31—Division 2

J. MILES SWEENEY

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: November, 2004. Term expires December 31, 2010. Republican.
Circuit 31—Division 4

THOMAS E. MOUNTJOY

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Home address: Springfield.

County: Greene.


Circuit 31—Division 5

CALVIN R. HOLDEN

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County: Greene.


Circuit 32—Division 2

BEN LEWIS

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Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

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 33

DAVID A. DOLAN
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Home address: 103 Goldbrier, Sikeston 63801.
Counties: Mississippi and Scott.

Circuit 34

FRED W. COPELAND
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Counties: New Madrid and Pemiscot.
Circuit 35

**STEPHEN R. SHARP**

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**Counties:** Dunklin and Stoddard.


Circuit 36

**MARK L. RICHARDSO N**

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**Counties:** Butler and Ripley.


Circuit 37

**DAVID P. EVANS**

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**Home address:** West Plains

**Counties:** Carter, Howell, Oregon and Shannon

**Biography:** Born April 26, 1960, in West Plains. Educated at Southern Methodist University, summa cum laude, B.S., political science, B.B.A., business; Southern Methodist University, J.D., Chief Counsel Legal Clinic. Married 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; Rotary Club; Boy Scouts-Silver Beaver Award; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past president. Term expires December 31, 2012. Republican.
Circuit 38

MARK O R R

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Counties: Christian and Taney.


Circuit 39

ROBERT S. WILEY

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Counties: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.


Circuit 40

TIMOTHY W. PERIGO


Counties: McDonald and Newton.

Circuit 41

HADLEY E. GRIMM
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Counties: Macon and Shelby.

Circuit 42—Division 1

WILLIAM CAMM SEAY
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Counties: Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne.

Circuit 42—Division 2

KELLY W. PARKER
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Circuit 43—Division 2

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

Circuit 43—Division 1

WARREN L. McELWAIN
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Counties: Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Livingston.

Circuit 44

JOHN GARNER MOODY
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Counties: Douglas, Ozark and Wright.
Circuit 45

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Counties: Lincoln and Pike.

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The Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges was created by a constitutional amendment in 1970. It began operating on 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 July 1, 2005, were: Gary M. Gaertner, appellate judge, Eastern District, Court of Appeals, chair; Thomas J. Plunkert, attorney, St. Louis, secretary; Barbara Bennett, St. Louis; Richard P. Bruening, attorney, Kansas City; Robert M. Clayton II, circuit judge, Hannibal; Adrienne B. Morgan, St. Louis.

Upon receiving a proper complaint against a judge or other judicial officer, the commission conducts an informal 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 investigation 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 other discipline). 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.

In order to protect the public from persons unqualified or unauthorized to practice law, the Missouri Supreme Court has established an attorney discipline system. A chief disciplinary counsel is appointed by the Supreme Court to investigate allegations of professional misconduct, incompetence and incapacity of lawyers. Regional Disciplinary Committees throughout the state, composed of at least four lawyers and two lay persons, may investigate complaints referred to them by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel or the Advisory Committee. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Regional Disciplinary Committees are empowered to institute formal proceedings against lawyers accused of misconduct. 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 prepare information making specific allegations of violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The lawyer may request a hearing to be held before a Disciplinary Hearing Panel selected by the Advisory Committee from a panel of disciplinary hearing officers appointed by the Supreme Court. The panel is made up of two lawyers and one lay person. If the Disciplinary Hearing Panel finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the lawyer is guilty of misconduct, it makes findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations for discipline, which are then filed in the Supreme Court. It is the responsibility of the Supreme Court to impose any warranted discipline. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel is also charged with the duty of investigating the unauthorized practice of law and instituting suits and other actions to stop such practices. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel conducts investigations of applications made by lawyers seeking reinstatement after they have been suspended or disbarred. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel is Alan Pratzel.

The Advisory Committee may give formal opinions and the Legal Ethics Counsel may give nonbinding informal advisory opinions, interpreting Supreme Court Rules 4, 5 and 6, to members of the Bar. The Advisory Committee
also oversees the hearing process and reviews complaint files that have been closed after investigation, at the request of the complainant. The Legal Ethics Counsel serves as counsel and staff for the Advisory Committee. Members of the Advisory Committee, appointed by the Supreme Court are: John C. Dods, chair, Kansas City; Jennifer Gille Bacon, Kansas City; Al Brooks, Kansas City; Doreen D. Dodson, St. Louis; Sidney Dulle, Jefferson City; Hon. John C. Holstein, Springfield; David P. Macoubrie, Chillicothe; Christina R. Neff, Jefferson City; Richard N. Priest, St. Louis; Luther J. Rollins, Jr., St. Louis; Sherry A. Rozell, Springfield; Richard G. Steele, Cape Girardeau. The Legal Ethics Counsel is Sara Rittman.

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Standards for admission to the bar, set out in Supreme Court Rule 8, are administered by the State Board of Law Examiners. Its six lawyer members are appointed by the Supreme Court for one six-year term. It conducts bar examinations for new lawyers each year on subject matters of the law of general application. The two-day exam is given in February and July in Jefferson City. One day of the examination consists of essay questions and the second day is devoted to the multistate bar examination, a multiple choice test that is administered in 48 other states. Admission information and application forms are available on the web at www.mble.org.

Members, State Board of Law Examiners
Weaver, Thomas B., president, St. Louis;
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Robertson, Susan Ford, member, Columbia.

Summary of examinations
February 1999: number taking, 313; number passing, 234.
July 1999: number taking, 770; number passing, 581.
February 2000: number taking, 335; number passing, 205.
July 2000: number taking, 814; number passing, 634.
February 2001: number taking, 360; number passing, 238.
July 2001: number taking, 780; number passing, 609.
February 2002: number taking, 370; number passing, 239.
July 2002: number taking, 792; number passing, 607.
February 2003: number taking, 388; number passing, 251.
July 2003: number taking, 821; number passing, 631.
The Missouri Bar

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 must also pass a comprehensive bar examination and character 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, videotaped, 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") and supplements 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 carried on a broad program of public information and education. Thousands of informative pamphlets and other educational materials on 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 and 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 mentoring program that matches older, more experienced attorneys with younger colleagues; a complaint resolution program that offers an alternative to the formal lawyer disciplinary system for matters considered to be less serious in nature; a fee dispute resolution 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, 2007-2008**
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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) with studying the organization and administration of the state's judicial system, compiling data on 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 department.

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 on 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 the Missouri Constitution, Article V, 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 by the governor, who appoints one of three qualified persons nominated by a nonpartisan judicial commission. This method of selecting circuit judges was adopted by the voters of the 21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, at the general election in 1970, and by the voters of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County and the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Clay County, in 1972. This method of selecting judges was extended to associate circuit judges in these jurisdictions in 1979.

**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.

**Members:** Laura Denvir Stith, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, chair.

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

**From Western District, Missouri Court of Appeals:** Richard E. McLeod, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2009; Jill Shurin, lay member, term expires December 31, 2010.

**From Southern District, Missouri Court of Appeals:** Steve Garner, lawyer member, term expires December 31, 2007; Bill Burch, lay member, term expires December 31, 2008.

**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 within which the circuit or the major portion of its population lies, two lawyers elected from their number by the members of The Missouri Bar residing in the judicial circuit and two non-lawyer residents of the circuit appointed by the governor.

**Sixth Circuit (Platte County) Judicial Commission:** Chair: Victor C. Howard, chief judge, Missouri Court of appeals, Western District. Members: James D. Boggs, Kansas City, lawyer member; Victor B. Peters, Kansas City, lawyer member; David B. Barth, Parkville, lay member; Pauli A. Kendrick, Weatherby Lake, lay member.

**Seventh Circuit (Clay County) Judicial Commission:** Chair: Victor C. Howard, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. Members: Thomas K. Thompson, Liberty, lawyer member; Floyd A. (Al) White Jr., Kansas City, lawyer member; Melissa (Lisa) Essig, Kearney, lay member; Susan Rose, Kansas City, lay member.

**Sixteenth Circuit (Jackson County) Judicial Commission:** Chair: Victor C. Howard, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. Members: Cindy Reams Martin, Lee's Summit, lawyer member; Tim E. Dollar, Kansas City,
Twenty-first Circuit (St. Louis County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Booker T. Shaw, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Members: Deborah Champion, St. Louis, lawyer member; Gerard T. Noce, St. Louis, lawyer member; Robert P. Dudley, Eureka, lay member; Lori L. Westfall, Des Peres, lay member.

Twenty-second Circuit (St. Louis) Judicial Commission: Chair: Booker T. Shaw, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Members: Mary Anne Sedley, St. Louis, lawyer member; Thomas Schwartz, St. Louis, lawyer member; June Bosley Dabney-Gray, St. Louis, lay member; Laura T. Cohen, St. Louis, lay member.

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

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

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.

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

Members, Public Defender Commission

Shurtleff, Loramel P., chair; Barnhardt, Eric, commissioner; Brison, Muriel, commissioner; Ellis, Willie J. Jr., commissioner; Hensley, Kenneth, commissioner; Leonard, Miller, commissioner; Stith, Rebecca, commissioner.

Trial Division

The Trial Division employs close to 300 full-time attorneys as well as investigators, paralegals, legal assistant, and sentencing specialists who evaluate client treatment needs and locate available resources to reduce client recidivism. Trial Division attorneys represent both adult and juvenile indigent clients charged with crimes at the State Trial Court level throughout Missouri.

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

Capital Division

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

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

There are three Capital Division district offices within the state, located in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia. Trial attorneys in the division have the opportunity to try cases in both the urban and rural areas of Missouri.

Division of Appellate/Post-Conviction Relief

This division is to ensure 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.