

## CHAPTER 5 JUDICIAL BRANCH



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## 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 Jan. 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.



## Supreme Court of Missouri

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#### **History and Organization**

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

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

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

In 1890, the Supreme Court was divided into two divisions to permit it to handle and decide more cases in a shorter time. Under the present constitution, the court may sit *en banc* (all seven judges together) or in as many divisions as the court determines are needed. Today, 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, licensed to practice law in Missouri, U.S. citizens for 15 years and qualified Missouri voters for nine years. Supreme Court judges are retained for 12-year terms. They earn \$173,742 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 \$181,677 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 distributing opinions of the court. In all of these matters, the clerk reports directly to the chief justice.

#### Missouri Bar Responsibilities

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

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



BETSY AUBUCHON Supreme Court Clerk

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

#### Security Administration

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

#### Supreme Court Library

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



## Zel M. Fischer Chief Justice 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 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 1989–1992, he practiced law in the Law Offices of James D. Boggs in Kansas City. From 1992–2006, 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 was selected as an ASTAR Fellow by the board of directors of the Advanced



Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center for his knowledge and ability to preside over complex cases involving science or technology issues. The National Courts and Science Institute (NCSI) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to training judges in science. Recently, the NCSI board of directors selected him to be the vice president and chair of the executive committee.

Judge Fischer is an active member of his church and community.

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 Oct. 15, 2008, and was retained at the 2010 general election for a 12-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2022. He is serving as chief justice from July 2017–June 2019.



## Patricia Breckenridge Judge of the Supreme Court

PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE was born and raised in Nevada and was educated in the Nevada public schools. She attended the Univ. of Arkansas–Fayetteville and the Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, where she earned a B.S. and J.D. She was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1978. Following law school, she practiced law in the firm Russell, Brown, Bickel & Breckenridge. While practicing, she served as an assistant municipal judge for the City of Nevada.

In 1982, she was appointed associate circuitjudge of Vernon County. Breckenridge was elected to that position until 1990, when she was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. There, she authored more than 900 opinions and participated in more than 2,700 cases. Judge Breckenridge was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri, 2007.

She served as chair to the Supreme Court's Judicial Education Coordinating Commission for six years and served as a faculty member at the new judges' orientation for 12 years. She established the Judicial Education's Civic Education Committee in 2011, and served as chair for four years. She is a founding faculty member of Missouri's Court Management Institute program, receiving her certification in Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts from the National Center of State Courts, Williamsburg, Va. Judge Breckenridge also served as liaison to the Family Court Committee and liaison to the Joint Committee on Gender and Justice for six years.

Judge Breckenridge is an Elwood L. Thomas American Inn of Court Master, and also serves as a member of the Missouri Crossover Youth Policy team, American Bar Assoc., The Missouri Bar, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc., the National Assoc. of Women Judges, the Assoc. for Women Lawyers of Kansas City, and the Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. She was a member of the Casey Family Programs' National Impact Outcomes Committee, 2012–2013. She has served on the board of directors of Lawyers Encouraging Economic Performance and the Missouri Institute for Justice. Breckenridge was a member of the Missouri Task Force on Gender Fairness Implementation Joint Committee of the Supreme Court of Missouri and The Missouri Bar.

She 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, Council of State Government Toll Fellow, an American Bar Foundation Fellow, and a Fellow of the Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform.

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

She married Bryan C. Breckenridge on May 15, 1976. She and Bryan live in Nevada and maintain a home in Columbia. She was retained by Missouri voters at the November 2008 general election. She served as chief justice from July 2015–June 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020.



## George W. Draper III Judge of the Supreme Court

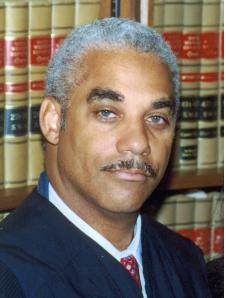
GEORGE W. DRAPER III was born Aug. 5, 1953, in St. Louis. He attended Hamilton Elementary School in north St. Louis City until his family moved to Silver Spring, Md., in 1964. In 1977, he graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., with a bachelor's degree in psychology. After earning his law degree 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 1984–1994. There he served as assistant prosecutor, then team leader and, finally, as first assistant, for which he handled numerous felony prosecutions.

In 1994, Draper was appointed associate circuit judge in St. Louis County by Governor Mel Carnahan. 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 appointed to circuit judge in St. Louis County by Governor Carnahan. He presided over the civil, criminal, family court and juvenile division throughout his time as a trial judge.

In 2000, Governor Carnahan appointed Judge Draper to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Draper served as that court's first African-American chief judge from July 2005–June 2006. While on that court, he also served by special assignment on the Appellate Apportionment Commission, а 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 by Governor Jeremiah Nixon 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.



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.



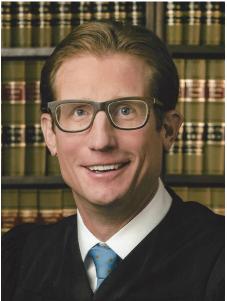
## **W. Brent Powell** Judge of the Supreme Court

W. BRENT POWELL was born in July 1970 in Springfield. He attended Springfield and Rogersville public schools but graduated from Greenwood High School on the campus of Missouri State University. He completed his undergraduate degree at William Jewell College in Liberty, receiving his bachelor of arts in political science in 1992.

Judge Powell graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law in 1996. During law school, he served as president of the Student Bar Association and member and case note editor for the *Missouri Law Review*. He also interned for Supreme Court of Missouri Judge Elwood Thomas.

Judge Powell was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1996. Following law school, he began his legal career at Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Missouri. In the fall of 1997, he took a position as an assistant prosecutor in the Platte County prosecutor's office in Platte City. In 2001, he began working as an assistant United States attorney for the United States attorney's office in Kansas City. During his tenure there, he served as the chief of the General Crimes Unit and executive assistant United States attorney.

In 2008, Judge Powell was appointed to the office of circuit judge in Jackson County by Governor Matt Blunt and served this office with distinction until his appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri in April 2017. As a trial judge,



he presided over hundreds of civil, criminal and family law cases. He also served on the Supreme Court of Missouri Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, the Committee on Access to Family Courts, the Trial Judge Education Committee and the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission. He was named "Judge of the Year" in 2009 by the Association of Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, and he received the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association President's Award in 2014 for outstanding service to the Bar.

Judge Powell and his wife Beth live in Kansas City and are both active members of their church community. Judge Powell is also an avid University of Missouri football fan, and you are likely to find him cheering on the Tigers at home games.

Judge Powell was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri by Governor Eric Greitens on April 25, 2017. He took the oath of office on May 2, 2017. He will stand for retention in Nov. 2018.



## Mary R. Russell Judge of the Supreme Court

MARY R. RUSSELL, a seventh-generation Missourian, was raised on a dairy farm in Ralls County, near Hannibal, where she learned the value of hard work. She graduated valedictorian from Hannibal High School and *summa cum laude* from Truman State University. She received her J.D. from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Russell clerked for the Honorable George Gunn of the Supreme Court of Missouri. She later 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.

Judge Russell is active in many professional and legal organizations around the state and country. Always promoting the administration of justice, Judge Russell is currently on the Board of Directors of the National Courts and Science Institute, and a member of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. She has served as second vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices; on the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges; Missouri Lawyers Trust Account Foundation; Young Lawyers Council of The Missouri Bar; numerous Missouri Bar committees; the Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee; and the 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 been a member on a variety of statewide boards and commissions, including the Board of Governors of Truman State Univ. (president, 1996), Missouri State Senate Reapportionment Commission in 1991, the Missouri Council on Women's Economic Development, the Missouri Job Development and Training Council and, in 2009, she was the president of the board of directors of Missouri's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Currently, she serves on the Missouri Press-Bar Commission and is a trustee of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Judge Russell is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Women's Justice Award, the Faculty/Alumni Award from the 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 Lasting Legacy award from Missouri CASA, the Soroptomist International Women Helping Women Award, the Jefferson City Rotarian of the Year, Zonta Woman of Achievement in Jefferson City, the Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award, a Henry Toll Fellow, the Kirkwood Citizen of the Year and she was named in 2015 to the Ingram's 50 Missouri Academy of Squires and the Rollins Society of the University of Missouri.

Active in many community organizations, Judge Russell is a member of the BackStoppers, Inc., Missouri Women's Forum, Jefferson City Rotary Club (past president), PEO, Grace Episcopal Church and The Tuesday Club. She 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 lives 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. She was elected chief justice by her colleagues for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2015.



## Laura Denvir Stith Judge of the Supreme Court

LAURA DENVIR STITH was born in St. Louis on Oct. 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 Fellow-ship Intern in Washington, DC, 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 Honorable 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 in 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 in the Nov. 2002 general election, and again at the 2014 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–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 Association for Women Lawyers (AWL) of Greater Kansas City, chair and



vice chair of the Missouri 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 Association (KCMBA) and is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA).

Judge Stith has served as a speaker on appellate practice at the annual conventions of the ABA, Missouri Bar, Missouri Association 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 University of Missouri-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.



## Paul C. Wilson Judge of the Supreme Court

PAUL C. WILSON was born in Jefferson City, and raised in a home dedicated to public service. His father, McCormick Wilson, served as a long-time municipal and associate circuit judge in Cole County. His mother, Lorna Wilson, served as director of the state health department's Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health, as well as the first executive director of the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Judge Wilson earned his undergraduate degree from Drury College in Springfield and graduated *cum laude* from the University of Missouri– Columbia School of Law, where he was named to both the Order of the Coif and the Order of the Barristers.

Judge Wilson interned for Judge Edward D. (Chip) Robertson on the Supreme Court of Missouri, and Judge Pasco Bowman on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, while in law school. Upon graduation, Judge Wilson served as a full-time law clerk for then-Chief Justice Robertson and Judge Richard F. Suhrheinrich on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judge Wilson then moved to New York City to join the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell as an associate in the firm's litigation practice.

In 1996, Judge Wilson returned to Missouri to work in the state attorney general's office. During his tenure there, he represented the State of Missouri in numerous criminal and civil matters in trial and appellate courts around the state and across the country. He argued dozens of cases in Missouri's Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, as well as in the United States Supreme Court. On Jan. 16, 2010, Judge Wilson was appointed circuit judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit (Cole County).



In 2012, while a member of the Columbia law firm of Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Taylor & Bacon, P.C., Judge Wilson was nominated by the Appellate Judicial Commission to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court of Missouri created by the retirement of his long-time friend and mentor Judge Ray Price. Pursuant to the Missouri Constitution's nonpartisan court plan, he was appointed by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon and subsequently retained for a full term by the voters in the 2014 general election.

Before becoming a member of the Supreme Court, Judge Wilson was a member of the board of directors for Legal Services of Mid-Missouri and counsel to the board of directors for a regional child advocacy center, and he remains an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City.

Judge Wilson is married to Laura O'Kelley Wilson, and they are the proud parents of daughters Meredith and Alice.

#### Office of State Courts Administrator

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

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

#### Office of the Administrator

The administrator is responsible for the overall management of OSCA and the services and support provided. The state courts administrator reports to the Supreme Court about administrative policy developments and initiatives.

#### **Administrative Services Division**

The administrative services division provides support in the areas of legal services, human resources, budget and fiscal services, sponsored programs and contracts, project management, legislative services, judicial transfers, facilities operations and publications services. The division provides legal advice and prepares legal documents; supports the office and circuit court personnel systems; provides technical assistance related to court security, foreign language court interpreters and the Americans with Disabilities Act; compiles and organizes the judiciary's annual state appropriation request; supports the circuit and appellate court budget committees; processes all monies appropriated to the office and to the circuit courts; manages fund balances; applies for and manages grant funds; prepares and administers contracts for goods and services; provides project management services to all interdivisional and interagency projects; prepares fiscal notes for proposed legislation that affects the judicial system; handles requests for information from the legislature, governor's office, other public officials and the public in general; manages the facilities and fleet; and provides mail and printing services.



KATHY S. LLOYD State Courts Administrator



RICK MORRISEY Director Court Business Services Division



EARL KRAUS Deputy State Courts Administrator



PAT BROOKS Director, Information Technology Services Division

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

The court business services division provides support to the courts in the areas of education, program development, research, statistical analysis and court procedures. The division provides program support to the family, juvenile and treatment court divisions; provides technical support to the courts in the areas of case processing, jury management, videoconferencing and financial management; designs statewide court forms; manages cost collection efforts; prepares transcripts from sound-recorded hearings submitted by the courts; compiles statistical caseload information; prepares workload estimates; provides technical assistance regarding research methods and program evaluations; compiles court performance measures; conducts evaluation and longitudinal studies of court programs and population behaviors; handles issues with criminal and traffic offenses and civil and probate cases and appeals; works with courts and state departments to electronically share juvenile justice information, criminal history, records of conviction and warrants; develops business specifications for, conducts testing of, and delivers training about automated programs and systems for use in the

courts; and develops and coordinates courses and certificate programs for judicial employees. The division also works closely with standing committees of the Supreme Court of Missouri and with statutory commissions.

## Information Technology Services Division

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

#### Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri: 1821–2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name	County	Years Served
David Wagner	Lewis	1865–1877
Walter L. Lovelace	Montgomery	1865–1866
Nathaniel Holmes	St. Louis	1865–1868
Thomas James Clark Fagg	Pike	1866–1868

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Name	County	Years Served
James Baker	Greene	1868
Philemon Bliss	Buchanan	1868–1872
Warren Currier	St. Louis	1868–1872
Washington Adams	Cooper	1871–1874
Henry M. Vories	Buchanan	1873–1876
Thomas Adiel Sherwood	Greene	1873–1902
Edward Augustus Lewis	St. Louis	1874
Warwick Hough	Jackson	1875–1884
Elijah Hise Norton	Platte	1877–1888
John Ward Henry	Macon	1876–1888
Robert D. Ray	Carroll	1881–1890
Francis Marion Black	Jackson	1885–1894
Theodore Brace	Monroe	1887–1907
Shephard Barclay	St. Louis	1889–1898
James Britton Gantt	Henry	1891–1910
John Lilburn Thomas	Jefferson	1890–1892
George Bennett MacFarlane	Audrain	1890–1898
Gavon Drummond Burgess	Linn	1893–1910
Waltour Moss Robinson	Jasper	1895–1904
William Muir Williams	Cooper	1898
William Champe Marshall	St. Louis	1899–1906
Leroy B. Valliant	St. Louis	1899–1912
James David Fox	Madison	1903–1910
Henry Lamm	Pettis	1905–1914
Waller Washington Graves	Bates	1906–1928
Archelaus Marius Woodson	Buchanan	1907–1925
Franklin Ferris	St. Louis	1910–1912
John Kennish	Holt	1910–1912
John Chilton Brown	Carter	1911–1915
Henry Whitelaw Bond	St. Louis	1913–1919
Charles Breckenridge Faris	Pemiscot	1913–1919
Robert Franklin Walker	Morgan	1913–1930
James Thomas Blair	DeKalb	1915–1924
Charles G. Revelle	St. Francois	1915–1924
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	1921–1922
William T. Ragland	Monroe	1921–1930
John Turner White	-	1923–1932
	Greene	1923–1932
Frank Ely Atwood Robert William Otto	Carroll Franklin	1925-1934
Ernest S. Gantt	Audrain	1925-1926
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

Name	County	Years Served
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
Laurence Mastick Hyde	Mercer	1943–1966; 1966–1976
Roscoe P. Conkling	Buchanan	1947–1954
Sidna Poage Dalton	Cape Girardeau	1950–1965
Frank Hollingsworth	Audrain	1950–1964
Henry J. Westhues	Howard	1954–1963
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Jackson	1954–1963
Henry I. Eager	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Clem F. Storckman	City of St. Louis	1955–1970
Lawrence Holman	Randolph	1963–1977
Fred L. Henley	Pemiscot	1964–1978
James A. Finch Jr.	Cape Girardeau	1965–1978
Robert True Donnelly	Laclede	1965–1988
Robert Eldridge Seiler	Jasper	1967–1982
June P. (J.P.) Morgan	Lincoln	1969–1982
John E. Bardgett	St. Louis	1970–1982
Albert L. Rendlen	Marion	1977–1992
Joseph J. Simeone	St. Louis	1978–1979
Warren Dee Welliver	Boone	1979–1989
Andrew Jackson Higgins	Platte	1979–1991
George F. Gunn Jr.	St. Louis	1982–1985
William Howard Billings	Dunklin	1982–1991
Charles Blakey Blackmar	St. Louis	1982–1992
Edward D. Robertson Jr.	Cole	1985–1998
Ann K. Covington	Boone	1989–2001
John C. Holstein	Howell	1989–2002
Duane Benton	Cole	1991–2004
Elwood L. Thomas	Clay	1991–1995
William Ray Price Jr.	Jackson	1992–2012
Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr.	Cape Girardeau	1992–2008
Ronnie L. White	St. Louis	1995–2007
Michael A. Wolff	St. Louis	1998–2011
Richard B. Teitelman	City of St. Louis	2002–2016
Laura Denvir Stith	Jackson	2001–Present
Mary R Russell	Marion	2004–Present
Patricia Breckenridge	Vernon	2007–Present
Zel M. Fischer	Atchison	2008–Present
George W. Draper III	St. Louis	2000–Present
Paul C. Wilson	Cole	2012–Present
W. Brent Powell	Jackson	2012–Present
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# of Appeals

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

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

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.

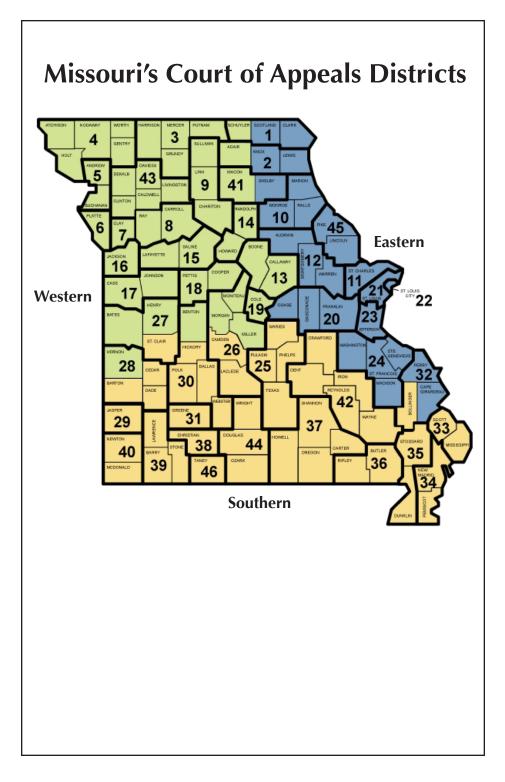
The Springfield Court of Appeals was organized in 1909. Missouri's current appellate structure—a single court of appeals consisting of three geographic districts—was established by a 1970 constitutional amendment. The Eastern District of the Court of Appeals sits in St. Louis and consists of 14 judges. Eleven judges preside over the Western District in Kansas City, and seven judges sit on the Southern District, meeting either in Springfield or Poplar Bluff. Trained law clerks, who are licensed attorneys, assist each appellate judge with legal research.

The Missouri 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 each district of the Missouri 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 judges in the Southern and Western districts serve for two years.

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

Missouri Court of Appeals judges must be at least 30 years of age, licensed to practice law in Missouri, 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 \$158,848 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 \$158,848. 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.



#### JAMES M. DOWD

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**Biography:** Chief judge, July 2017–June 2018. Born June 26, 1964 in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University–Madrid, Spain and St. Louis campuses, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married to Angeles Nieto. They have three children. Prior employment: Judicial clerk, Missouri Court of Appeals–Western District, Judge William E. Turnage (1990–1992); associate, Watson & Dameron (1992–1994); partner, Dowd & Dowd (1995–2009); principal, The James M. Dowd Law Firm (2009–2015). Member: The Missouri Bar; The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Backstoppers; Mock trial team coach, St. Louis U. High School (2012–2013); Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals on June 3, 2015. Retained in 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



#### **ROBERT M. CLAYTON III**

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Biography: Born Aug. 20, 1969, in Hannibal. Sixth-generation Missourian. Educated in Hannibal public schools; Southern Methodist University, Bachelor of Arts, history, 1991; and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1994. Joined family law firm and engaged in private practice as associate and partner, 1994–2003. Elected state representative, 1994–2002. Appointed to Public Service Commission, 2003-2011, chair, 2009-2011. Member: The Missouri Bar; the 10th Circuit Bar, president 2012-2013; the American Bar Association's Section on Public Utilities; Federal Communications Bar Association; BAMSL; St. Louis County Bar; Lawyer's Association of St. Louis; WLA and Mound City Bar. Serves as trustee of the State Historical Society; treasurer, Trinity Episcopal Church; and president of board of Affordable Community Education, Inc. Member: Hannibal YMCA Men's Club. Awards: Missouri Bar President's, 2001 and 2005, KCMBA YLS President's, 1994 and UMKC Law School's Decade, 2004. Married to Erin Lindsay Clayton with two children. Appointed July 18, 2011. Retained Nov. 2012. Chief judge 2013-2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.

#### COLLEEN DOLAN

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**Biography:** Educated at University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Private practice of law from 1985–1994. Municipal judge, City of Ellisville, 1992–1994. Appointed in 1994 as associate circuit judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit of Missouri, retained in 1966. Appointed in 1999 as circuit judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, retained in 2000, 2006 and 2012. Member: American Bar Association, Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis County Bar Association, and the Lawyers Association of St. Louis. ASTAR fellow, 2013. Appointed to Court of Appeals in April 2016.

#### ROBERT G. DOWD JR.

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

#### GARY M. GAERTNER JR.

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**Biography:** Born Dec. 17, 1964, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University School of Business, Honors Program, B.S., magna cum laude; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., cum laude. Married to Julie H. Sauer. They have seven children. Former associate of Bryan Cave; assistant state prosecutor, the Circuit Attorney's Office; assistant federal prosecutor, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri; and chair, U.S. Department of Justice Insurance Fraud Task Force for the Eastern District. Awarded: Adler-Rosecan, Childress and Thomas J. White Fellowships, Alpha Sigma Nu Honorary Scholastic Society and Law Review, St. Louis University School of Law. Received John C. Shepherd Professionalism Award, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Member: Catholic Church; Crusade Against Crime of America (Medal of Valor), board of directors and secretary; and Missouri History Museum, trustee. Appointed circuit judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, 2000; retained 2002 and 2008. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Nov. 2009; retained 2012. Chief judge, July 2012–June 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.







#### PHILIP M. HESS

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**Biography:** Born March 22, 1958. Served as United States Senate Page, summer 1975. Educated in Crystal City Public Schools; Rockhurst University, B.A., 1980 in economics and philosophy; and University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married to Teresa Mayhew Hess with three sons. Engaged in the private practice of law for 30 years, the last 15 as a partner in Larsen & Hess, P.C. Member: St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church; The Missouri Bar, past chair of its Workers' Compensation Committee; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, past chair of its Workers' Compensation. Past president, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (MATA). Received Outstanding Service Award, MATA, 2012; President's Award, MATA, 2003; elected Fellow, College of Workers' Compensation Attorneys, 2009. Appointed to the Court of Appeals Nov. 2013. Chief judge July 2016–June 2017. Retained in 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



#### MARY KATHRYN HOFF

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



#### LAWRENCE E. MOONEY

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**Biography:** Born Sept. 3, 1949 in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University, A.B., J.D. His husband is Dr. James D. Reid. Engaged in private law practice, 1974–1975; 1977–1978. Served in St. Louis County as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (1975–1977), First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, 1979–1990, and Executive Assistant to the County Executive, 1991–1998. Chief Judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals–Eastern District, July 2002–June 2003. Chair of the Judicial Finance Commission. Member: the Drug Court Coordinating Commission, the American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the St. Louis County Bar Association, the Lawyers Association of St. Louis, the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Judges and Lawyers for Equality. Appointed to the Court of Appeals Aug. 14, 1998. Retained in 2000 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.

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

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



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#### LISA PAGE

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**Biography:** Educated at Southeast Missouri State, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1988; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1997. In private practice from 1997–2005. Municipal judge for Crystal City and De Soto from 2003–2005. Family Court Commissioner, Jefferson County, from 2005–2007. Circuit judge for the 23rd Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, 2007–2016, presiding judge, 2011–2013. Administrative judge for the Jefferson County Family Court from 2007–2016. Member: American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Supreme Court Civic Education Committee, Missouri Court Management Institute. Richard B. Teitelman Distinguished Service Award, 2013. Judicial Excellence Award-Circit, 2014. Women's Justice Award for Public Service, 2015. Judicial Excellence Award–Civic Education 2015. Appointed to Court of Appeals in Dec. 2015.



#### ANGELA TURNER QUIGLESS

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**Biography:** Born Jan. 4, 1960. Married with one child. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A.; St. Louis University Law School, J.D. Previously employed at the Missouri Department of Revenue; Missouri Public Service Commission; St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office; St. Louis City Counselor's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office for Eastern District of Missouri. Member: Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, American Bar Association, National Bar Association of Women Judges, Lawyers Association of St. Louis and the Mound City Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, Feb. 1995 and circuit judge, Jan. 2003. Appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, April 2012. Chief Judge, 2014–2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.





#### **ROY L. RICHTER**

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



#### **SHERRI B. SULLIVAN**

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**Biography:** Born Sept. 20, 1953, in St. Louis. Undergraduate degree from University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., administration of justice; law degree, St. Louis University, J.D. Married with two children. Member: American Bar Association, Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association, Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, National Association of Women Judges. Appointed associate circuit judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, Feb. 27, 1989. Appointed circuit judge Oct. 17, 1994. Retained in 1996. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Aug. 5, 1999. Retained in 2000 and 2012. Chief judge 2003–2004. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



#### LISA VAN AMBERG

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**Biography**: Educated at Washington University, B.A. in political science; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Practiced law in St. Louis until appointed Circuit Judge. Member: Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Lawyers Association of St. Louis, Women Lawyers' Association; American Bar Association and American Judicature Society. Received President's Award from Women Lawyers' Association, the Robert Walston Chubb Award from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, the Horace Mann Award from MNEA and the Legal Services to Civil Liberties Award from the American Civil Liberties Union. Appointed circuit judge 2003. Appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, Aug. 2012. Retained in 2014. Chief judge July 2015–June 2016. Term expires 2026.



## **Appellate Judges, Southern District**

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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 \$158,848. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.

#### **Territorial jurisdiction:**

The counties of Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Butler, Camden, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford,

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**Biography:** Chief judge. Born in Spencer, Iowa. Educated at Iowa State University, B.S., history; Southwest Missouri State University, M.S., education; University of Arkansas, J.D. Was a clerk in the Federal District Court, 1987–1989; served as part-time municipal judge in Springfield, 1993–2001. Engaged in private law practice in Springfield. Member: Missouri and Springfield Bar Associations; *Arkansas Law Review.* Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Feb. 1, 2001. Retained in 2002 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Greene, Hickory, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Maries, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Clair, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster and Wright.

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



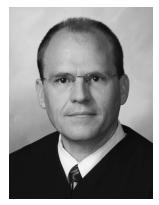
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**Biography:** Educated at Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., 1979; and the University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1984. Practiced law in Springfield for 19 years prior to being appointed to the bench. Member: Order of the Coif; Phi Delta Phi; Missouri Law Review; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar Associations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Nov. 14, 2003, for a term beginning on Dec. 1, 2003. Retained in 2006. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.





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**Biography:** Born Dec. 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 in 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, chair; Missouri Juvenile Court Improvement Project; Greene County Teen Court and Kids' Court; Victory Trade School Community Advisory Board. Elected circuit judge of the 31st judicial circuit in 1998. Re-elected in 2000 and 2006 (three years as presiding judge). Inaugural recipient of Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association's Judicial Excellence award in 2007. Appointed to the Court of Appeals Jan. 13, 2008. Chief judge, 2011–2013. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022.



#### WILLIAM W. FRANCIS JR.

Office phone: (417) 895-6820.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born in Springfield. Educated at Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., 1974; and the University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1977. Married Beverly A. Francis; they have three children. Practiced law with Miller, Fairman, Sanford & Carr as an associate, 1977-1982. Partner: Miller & Sanford, 1982-1989 and Placzek & Francis, 1989-2010. Judge Francis is the author of many publications. Member: First & Calvary Presbyterian Church, ordained deacon, elder and former trustee; Founders Club, Missouri State University; American Cancer Society; Missouri Bar, 1977-present; vice chair, Insurance Law Committee, 1979–1988; Workers' Compensation Committee, 1981-2010, chair, 1988-2000, vice chair, 1992-1997, Legislative Review Subcommittee, 2003–2005; Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, president, 1987; board of directors, 1985–1986, Library Committee, 1984; Charter & Bylaws Committee, 1986; Workers' Compensation Committee, chair, 1991; Medical/Legal Workers' Compensation Committee, 1990-1996 and Bench/ Bar Committee, 2007–2010. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, May 2010. Chief Judge, 2013-2015. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



#### GARY W. LYNCH

Office phone: (417) 895-6825.

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

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

#### **DANIEL E. SCOTT**

Office phone: (417) 895-6822.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

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



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#### MARY W. SHEFFIELD

Office phone: (417) 895-6818

Office address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806

Biography: Born in Durham, N.C. Educated at North Carolina State University, B.A., 1976; and the University of Miami, J.D., 1980. Editor: Lawyer of the Americas Journal of International Law. Married to Dr. W. Kent Wray. Has two daughters, Jennifer Sheffield and Katherine Sheffield; one son Christopher Sheffield. Former president of the National College of Probate Judges and past president of the Blue Ridge Institute for Juvenile and Family Law Judges. Appointed to serve as one of four U.S. International Liaison Network Judges for the Hague Convention on Child Abduction. Co-founded the Russell House in Phelps County and CASA of South Central Missouri. Appointed to the Missouri Task Force on Aging-Out. Appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to chair the Missouri Family Court Committee. Received the CASA HOPE Award in 2011. Recipient of the Missouri Lawyers Weekly's Women's Justice Awards honoree class of 2012. Involved in her Rotary Club, PEO, the First United Methodist Church and the board for the Community Partnership Program. Elected as associate circuit judge for Phelps County in 1983 and then as presiding circuit judge for the 25th Judicial Circuit in 2004 and 2010.



Appointed to the Court of Appeals in Dec. 2012. Chief judge July 2015–June 2017. Retained in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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#### **Territorial Jurisdiction:**

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



#### MARK D. PFEIFFER

Office phone: (816) 889-3614.

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

**Biography:** Chief judge. Born May 25, 1967. Married to Tracey Wright Pfeiffer; they have two sons, Wilson and Brady. Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College. Juris Doctor degree from University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law. Private law practice with Farrington & Curtis, 1992–1995, Springfield; and Bley & Pfeiffer, P.C., 1995–2009, Columbia. Member: The Missouri Bar; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Boone County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; National Board of Trial Advocacy, judicial fellow; The Crossing Evangelical Church. Appointed by Governor Jeremiah Nixon to the Court of Appeals, May 6, 2009. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022.



#### ALOK AHUJA

Office phone: (816) 889-3601.

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

**Biography:** Born in Raipur, India. Educated at the University of Kansas, B.A., philosophy and English literature; Yale Law School, J.D. Married to Nina J. Ahuja. They have two daughters. Following graduation from law school, Judge Ahuja served as a law clerk to Judge Richard D. Cudahy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago, 1988–1989 and engaged in private practice in Washington, DC, 1989–1992. He returned to Kansas City in 1992, where he practiced with the Lathrop & Gage law firm as an associate, 1992–1997 and member, 1997–2007. Appointed to the Court of Appeals Dec. 19, 2007. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022.

#### EDWARD R. ARDINI JR.

Office phone: (816) 889-3623.

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

**Biography:** Born April 26, 1966, in South Weymouth, Mass. Married to Sheri J. Ardini; they have three children, Chandler, Kayla and Kaitlyn. Educated at Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass., B.A.; and New England School of Law, Boston, Mass., J.D. Served as assistant attorney general, Office of the Missouri Attorney General, 1992–2009; counsel to the attorney general, 2003–2009; chief counsel, Public Safety Division, 1999–2003. Served as counsel to the governor of Missouri Bar; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Boone County Bar Association. Appointed by Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon to the Court of Appeals, July 15, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

#### ANTHONY REX GABBERT

Office phone: (816) 889-3605.

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

Biography: Born in Kansas City. Educated University of Missouri-Kansas City, B.A. 1980; Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., 1985. He has two daughters. Private practice, 1986, 1991-1994; assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 1987-91; prosecuting attorney, Gladstone, 1991-1993; municipal judge, North Kansas City, 1993-1994; associate circuit judge, circuit court, Clay County, 1994–2004; circuit judge, circuit court of Clay County, 2004– 2013 (served as presiding judge 2008-2010); Member: Missouri Bar, Kansas Bar Association; Clay County Bar Association, past secretary-treasurer), Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; American Judges Association. Past member: Circuit Judge, Executive Council of the Missouri Judiciary, board member of the Missouri Judicial Legislative Steering Committee; board member of the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges' Association; 6th Congressional District member of the 1993 U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshall nomination selection committee; board of trustees, Clay-Platte-Ray Mental Health Tax Levy committee; board of trustees of North Kansas City Hospital, past secretary; and adjunct faculty: Mid-American Nazarene University,

Ottawa University, Park University, Penn Valley Community College, Rockhurst University and William Jewell College. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, April 3, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

#### LISA WHITE HARDWICK

Office phone: (816) 889-3611.

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

**Biography:** Born Oct. 5, 1960, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.J., 1982; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1985. Practiced law with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City as associate, 1985–1991, and partner, 1992–2000. Elected to Jackson County Legislature, 1993–2000. Member: St. James United Methodist Church; Jackson County and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar associations; Niles Home for Children, board of directors; Center School District Education Foundation, board of directors; Swope Community Enterprises and Swope Health Services, board of directors; Supreme Court of Missouri Appellate Practice Committee, chair. Appointed circuit judge of Jackson County, 16th Judicial Circuit in 2000. Appointed to the Court of Appeals May 2, 2001. Chief judge, 2010–2012. Retained in 2002 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.







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#### VICTOR C. HOWARD

Office phone: (816) 889-3626.

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

**Biography:** Born July 9, 1952, in Kansas City. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1973; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1976. He has three sons. Served: North Kansas City Board of Education, 1977–1993, secretary; law clerk to Judge William Marsh, Jackson County Circuit Court, 1977; Clay County deputy county counselor, 1977–1991; Youth Friends Advisory Board, chair; Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee, board member. Member: Tri County Mental Health Supportive Employment Task Force; Domestic Violence Community Response Team, board; Kansas City Consensus Leadership Task Force; Kansas City Board of Zoning Adjustment, 1991–1993; Clay County Bar Association, president, 1992–1993. Practiced law until his appointment as a Clay County circuit judge in 1993. Retained in 1994. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Oct. 11, 1996. Retained in 1998 and 2010. Term expires by age on July 9, 2022.



#### CYNTHIA LYNETTE MARTIN

**Office phone:** (816) 889-3617.

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

Biography: Born July 1, 1959, in Clinton. Educated at Lee's Summit High School, 1977; William Jewell College, summa cum laude, B.A. in communication and B.A. in psychology, 1981; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Order of the Coif, J.D., 1984. Married to James D. Martin. She has two sons. Engaged in private practice for 25 years, the last 10 years as a solo practitioner. Member: National Conference of Bar Examiners, board of trustees, 2011; Missouri Board of Law Examiners, 2001–2011; KC Metropolitan Bar Foundation, president, 2002-2003; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, president, 1999; Young Lawyers Section of the KCMBA, president, 1990; 16th Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee, lawyer member, 2004-2009; Association for Women Lawyers; Lee's Summit Educational Foundation, board member, 2006–2009; Southeastern Jackson County Citizens Association, board member, 2002-2009; Lee's Summit North Music Parents Organization, president, 2005-2006. Listed Among the Best of the Bar by Missouri Lawyer's Weekly 2003, 2005-2009. Listed as Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyer, 2006-2009. Women's Justice Award, Public Official, 2010. Appointed to the Court of Appeals Oct. 13, 2009. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



#### KAREN KING MITCHELL

Office phone: (816) 889-3620.

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

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

#### THOMAS H. NEWTON

Office phone: (816) 889-3629.

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

**Biography:** Born April 23, 1952, in Washington, DC. Graduate of Howard University, Washington, DC, B.A., J.D. Married to Renee Pryor of Kanasa City. They have one daughter. Member: Swope Parkway United Christian Church. Former assistant prosecuting attorney, Jackson County, 1984–1987; former assistant United States attorney, Western District, 1987–1993. Appointed circuit judge on Sept. 7, 1993. Retained in 1994. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Nov. 1, 1999. Retained in 2000 and 2012. Chief judge, 2008–2010. Term expires by age April 23, 2022.



#### GARY D. WITT

Office phone: (816) 889-3608.

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

Biography: Born Feb. 2, 1965, in Smithville. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A., 1987; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1990. Married to Angie LaRose Witt, 1994. Practiced law, Witt, Hicklin and Witt, P.C. until his appointment as a Platte County associate circuit judge, 1998–2010. State representative 29th Dist., 1991-96 (chair, Judiciary and Ethics Committe and Special Committee on Impeachment); assistant city attorney and prosecutor for four cities; Governor's Commission on Driving While Intoxicated and Impaired Driving, 1991; Governor's Task Force on Urban Violence, 1993; Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past president; Interim Legislative Committee on Judicial Resources, 2003; Chief Justice Advisory Council, 2005-10. Member Platte County Bar Association, president, 2002-03; Eleemosynary Society; Mechanical and Agricultural Society, stockholder; Historical Society, life member. Member: Edward D. Ellison Inn, KCMBA Board of Directors, judicial liason; Judicial Conference Leg. Comm, chair; Walter Pope Binns Public Service Fellow; William Jewell College, Ten Outstanding Young Missourians, 1993; Missouri Jaycees, 1993. Voted Best Associate Circuit Judge; Missouri Lawyer's Weekly newspaper reader's poll 2009. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Feb. 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



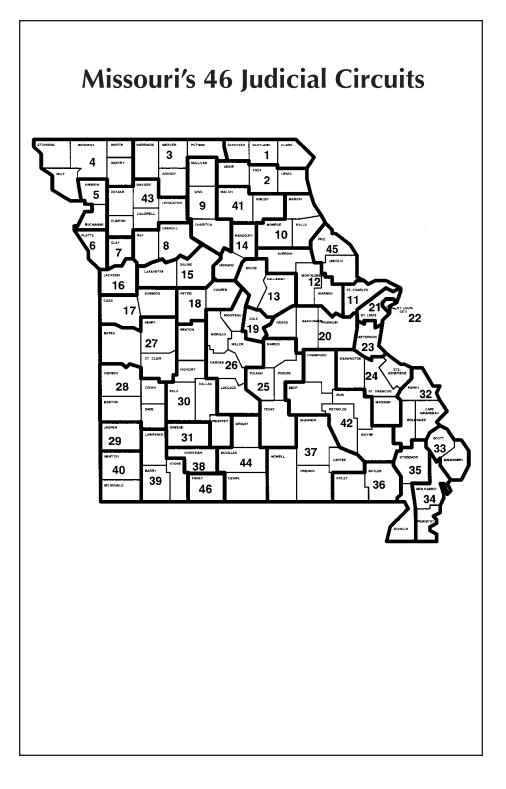
#### JAMES E. WELSH

Office phone: (816) 889-3632.

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

**Biography:** Born May 26, 1948, in Brookfield. Educated at Parks College of Aeronautical Technology; St. Louis University, B.S., aeronautics, 1969; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1975. Married Theresa M. Kaszko, 1968. They have two daughters. Worked for aeronautics company, 1969–1975; law clerk to Judge Turnage, Missouri Court of Appeals, 1975–1976; a law firm, 1976–1985; Liberty municipal judge, 1983–1985; associate circuit judge, 1985–1988; circuit court judge, 1988–2007. Adjunct professor, University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School. Member St. James Church; Missouri Clay County and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar associations. Served as vice president and president of Missouri Circuit Judges Association, and Clay and Platte Municipal and Associate Judges Association; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Court Association, treasurer and secretary. Appointed to the Court of Appeals Nov. 5, 2007. Chief judge, 2013–2014. Term expires by age on May 26, 2018.







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, 46 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 Jan. 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 46 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, there are 197 associate circuit judges. 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, licensed to practice law in Missouri, 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 and licensed to practice law in Missouri. Associate circuit judges serve four-year terms.

Circuit court judges each earn \$149,723 annually; associate circuit court judges earn \$137,745. 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. It 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 all courts now participate in the center's program.

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

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



## **Circuit Court Judges**



#### Circuit 1 GARY DIAL

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

Counties: Clark, Schuyler and Scotland.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Oct. 12, 1955, in Kirksville. Graduate of Truman State (formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University), B.A., political science, 1977; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Lana Porter July 29, 1978. They have two children, Lydia and Brian. Engaged in private practice in Memphis. Served as prosecuting attorney of Scotland County, 1981–1996; city attorney for Memphis. Member: Missouri and American Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 30, 1996. Elected: Nov. 1996, to fill an unexpired term. Retained: 1998, 2004–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Democrat.



#### Circuit 2

#### **RUSSELL E. STEELE**

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

Counties: Adair, Knox and Lewis.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Feb. 27, 1952, in Kirksville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., economics, 1974; J.D., 1977. In private law practice, 1977–1997. Member: Missouri, Adair County and American Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge, Dec. 1997. Elected: 1998. Retained: 2000–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



#### Circuit 3 JACK PEACE

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

Counties: Grundy, Harrison, Mercer and Putnam.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born July 20, 1951, in Princeton. Graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, B.S., business administration, 1973; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1976. Private practice of law, Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Widger, in Trenton, 1976–2006. Member: Missouri Bar Association Board of Governors and Third Judicial Bar Association. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 4 ROGER M. PROKES

Office address: 305 N. Main, Ste. 204, Maryville 64468; phone (660) 582-4231. Counties: Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Nov. 10, 1951, in Scottsbluff, Neb. Graduate of University of Nebraska–Lincoln, B.S., business administration, 1973; J.D., 1976. Married Julie A. Willson, June 2, 1975. They have five children. Engaged in general law practice in northwest Missouri for 24 years. Former assistant professor of business law and adjunct professor of education law at Northwest Missouri State University. ASTAR trained. Member: Presiding Judges Executive Committee. Elected circuit judge, 2000. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 5—Division 3

PATRICK ROBB

Office address: Buchanan County Courthouse, 411 Jules, St. Joseph 64501; phone (816) 271-1511.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., political science; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D.; Married Carol Ganter. They have two children, Nick and Andrea. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney in Buchanan County and engaged in practice of law for seven years. Elected associate circuit judge in 1986. Member: St. Joseph Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Missouri Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Natl. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and Presiding Judges' Executive Committee. chair, Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in

Criminal Cases. Elected circuit judge, 1988. Retained: 1994–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

#### Circuit 5—Division 1

#### **MELISSA M. LAWYER**

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

**Biography:** Judge Melissa M. Lawyer was born and raised in St. Joseph. She received her B.A.S. in business-finance and banking, her M.B.A. and J.D. from the University of Missouri–Columbia. After completing her formal study in 2006, Judge Lawyer was legal counsel for the Missouri Department of Revenue until Oct. 2008. She then served as a staff attorney for Legal Aid of Western Missouri until Nov. 2015. She most recently served as the deputy city attorney for the City of St. Joseph, until she was appointed by Governor Greitens as a circuit judge. She primarily presides over a variety of circuit court civil and

criminal cases. She currently lives in St. Joseph with her husband Jeff, who is a practicing attorney in the area, and their two children Alex and Isabella. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

#### Circuit 5—Division 2 DAVID L. BOLANDER

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

**Biography:** Judge David L. Bolander received his B.A. in history from Eastern University in 1992. He received his law degree from the University of Missouri–Kansas City in 1997. Upon graduation from Law School, Judge Bolander opened his own law office in St. Joseph serving clients in a variety of civil matters, but with a primary focus on legal issues affecting families and children. Judge Bolander served as a substitute municipal judge for the City of St. Joseph from 2011 until being elected circuit judge. Judge Bolander presides over a variety of cases in Andrew and Buchanan counties including custody, paternity,

divorce and probate matters, as well as other civil cases with claims of more than \$25,000, and occasional felony criminal matters. Judge Bolander and his wife, Sue, have two children, Matthew and Sarah. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022.







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

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 1, 1960, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Missouri Western State University, B.S., B.A. 1982; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1988. Married Jennifer Lang Dec. 30, 1988. They have four children: Xan, Joseph, Annaka and Jomel. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City, 1988–1990. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Buchanan County and practiced law from 1990–1995. Appointed associate circuit judge in 1995 by Governor Mel Carnahan and retained in 1996 and 1998. Member: Central Standard Chorus; Robidoux Resident Theatre; Audit Committee Chair, Natl. Assoc. of

Juvenile and Family Court Judges; American, Missouri and St. Joseph Bar associations; Missouri Association Orug Court Professionals; and Missouri Western Arts Society. Elected circuit judge, 2000. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



#### Circuit 6—Division 2 JAMES W. VAN AMBURG

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

County: Platte.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Oct. 23, 1951, in Dayton, Ohio. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, M.A.; Washburn University School of Law, J.D. Assistant Platte County prosecuting attorney, 1987–1993. Member West Platte R-II School Board, 1986–1992; Missouri Bar Association; Probate and Associate Judges Association; Municipal and Associate Judges Association and Platte County Bar Association. Appointed associate judge, 1993. Elected: 1994. Retained: 1998–2010. Appointed circuit judge, 2013. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



#### Circuit 6—Division 1 THOMAS C. FINCHAM

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

#### County: Platte.

**Biography:** Born August 21, 1956. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A. in economics, 1977; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J. D., 1981. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City area, 1981–2010. Served as City Attorney and City Prosecutor, Dearborn, 1997–2003. Municipal judge for the following jurisdictions: Oakview, 1995–2010; Richmond, 1999–2010; Ferrelview, 1998–2010; Riverside, 2006–2010; Platte Woods 2003–2010 and Lawson, 2001–2006. Member, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association 1995–present; president, 2011–2012, board mem-

ber 1999–present. Member, Missouri, Platte and Clay County Bar Associations. Member, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, board of directors, 2014–2017. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2010. Retained: 2012. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 2013. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



#### Circuit 7—Division 2 JANET SUTTON

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

County: Clay.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born August 1965, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, 1987, B.A., communication studies; J.D., 1990. Lives in Liberty with husband Tim Sutton and son Sam. Assistant prosecutor for Clay County, 1990–2003; chief assistant prosecutor, 2000–2003; municipal prosecutor for Excelsior Springs, May 1994–Dec. 2000. Municipal judge for Excelsior Springs, Jan. 2001–Dec. 2002. Legal counsel to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, 1993–1999. Member: Clay County Bar Association; Association of Women Lawyers of Kansas City, Missouri Associate and Probate

Judges Association, Missouri Municipal and Associate Judges Association and KCMBA. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 2003. Retained: 2004–2012. Appointed circuit judge, July 2013. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020.

## Circuit 7—Division 1

SHANE T. ALEXANDER

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

#### County: Clay.

Biography: Born May 8, 1968, in North Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, B.A., history, 1990. Surface Warfare Officer, U.S. Navy, 1990–1994. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1997. Married Amy Alexander in 1993; they have three children. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Buchanan County, 1997–1999; assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 1999–2004; chief assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 2004–2008; municipal judge, Excelsior Springs, 2004–2008 and municipal prosecutor, Smithville, 2006–2008. Appointed circuit judge, Aug. 6, 2008. Elected: 2010. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 7—Division 3

**K. ELIZABETH DAVIS** 

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

#### County: Clay.

**Biography:** Completed undergrad from University of Kansas. Graduated law school from University of Kansas, 1982. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Clay County Non-Support Division, 1982–1997. She is married and has one son. Appointed associate judge, Division 5, Feb. 1997. Appointed circuit judge, Division 3, Jan. 2007. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 7—Division 4

#### LARRY HARMAN

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

#### County: Clay.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 29, 1953, in St. Joseph. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1975. Married Debra A. (Perry) Harman. They have three children. Member of Liberty United Methodist Church. Engaged in private practice, 1978; assistant public defender, Clay County; Clay County prosecuting attorney; municipal judge, Claycomo; city attorney, Smithville and Lathrop; prosecuting attorney, Liberty and special assistant attorney general, 1986–1987. Active with various local service groups and charities. Member: Kansas City Federation of Musicians 34-627; past

member, Missouri Masonic Home Board. Appointed circuit judge, Aug. 26, 1992. Retained: 1994–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 8

#### **KEVIN L. WALDEN**

Office address: Ray County Courthouse, 100 W. Main, Ste. 38, Richmond 64085; phone (816) 776-3525.

Counties: Carroll and Ray.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Oct. 9, 1961, in Carrollton. Graduated Carrollton High School (1980); Northeast Missouri State University. B.S.E. in history (*cum laude*, 1984); University of Iowa College of Law, J.D. (with high distinction, 1989; Iowa Law Review; Order of the Coif). Married Linda Miller, Jan. 6, 1996. Taught high school social studies (1984–1985). Engaged in private practice of law (1989–2004). Served as Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney (1997–2004); City Attorney for Carrollton, Bogard, Bosworth, DeWitt, Hale & Tina; Special Assistant Attorney General. Member: First Christian Church

Clisiciples of Christy. The Missouri Bar, Carroll County Bar Association (president 1995–present), Wakanda Masonic Lodge #52, A.F. & A.M. (past master), Richmond Lodge #57, A.F. & A.M., Carrollton Lions Club (past president), Farm Bureau. Elected associate circuit judge, 2004–2014. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.











#### Circuit 9 **TERRY TSCHAN**

### TERRY TSCHANNEN

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

Counties: Chariton, Linn and Sullivan.

**Biography**: Presiding judge. Born June 14, 1963, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1985; University of South Carolina, J.D., 1988. Married to Barbara Tschannen with four children. Labor/employment law emphasis, 1988–1992; general practice, 1992–2012. Elected circuit judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



#### Circuit 10

#### **RACHEL BRINGER SHEPHERD**

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

Counties: Marion, Monroe and Ralls.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Sept. 19, 1971, in Marion County. Married Bobby Shepherd, July 21, 2012. Graduate of Palmyra High School; Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, B.A., honors, English, *summa cum laude* and J.D. Served as asst. prosecutor, 2000–02; Jaw clerk, 1995–97; state representative, 2002–10; private practice, 1997–2010. Member: Missouri Law Review; South Union Baptist Church, Maywood; Missouri Children's Justice Task Force; Mark Twain Home Foundation Board; Douglass Community Services Board; Palmyra Kiwanis; Hannibal Rotary; Palmyra Chamber of Commerce; PEO; King's Daughters; GFWC of Hannibal and Beth Haven Board. Former board member: Hannibal Pal Arts Council and American Red Crase. Honored by the Miscouri Ludicial Conference

LaGrange College, Hannibal Arts Council and American Red Cross. Honored by the Missouri Judicial Conference, NAACP, UMC School of Law, Missouri Bar, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Assoc. of School Administrators, Palmyra Chamber of Commerce, Hannibal Arts Council and Hannibal Parents as Teachers. Appointed circuit judge, Dec. 30, 2010. Elected: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



#### Circuit 11—Division 4 **RICHARD K. ZERR**

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

#### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Administrative judge of the Family Court. Born April 10, 1949. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., political science; University of Arkansas–Fayetteville, J.D. First lieutenant-retired U.S. Air Force. Served in St. Charles County: magistrate judge, 1975–1978; associate circuit judge, 1979–1982; and circuit judge 2007–present. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Charles County Bar Association, American Judges Association, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 2006. Elected presiding judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, 2011–2014 and

2017–2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



#### Circuit 11—Division 1 TED HOUSE

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 520, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3093.

#### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born in Kansas City; Fayette High School, 1977; Central Methodist University, B.A., 1981; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1984. Married Martha Smith in St. Charles. Children: Benjamin, Catherine and Daniel. Vice chair, Supreme Court Committee on Tivics Education. Member: Supreme Court Committee on Trial Judge Education and First United Methodist Church, St. Charles. Formerly: emergency medical technician; legal intern for Missouri attorney general; field representative for Congressman Ike Skelton: private law practice. St. Charles: asst. professor of business law and

man Ike Skelton; private law practice, St. Charles; asst. professor of business law and political science, Lindenwood University; presiding judge, 11th Circuit; president, Missouri Circuit Judge Association. Elected to Missouri House of Representatives, 1988–1992; Missouri Senate, 1994 and 1998. Elected associate circuit judge, 2002. Elected circuit judge, 2004. Retained: 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Democrat. Circuit 11—Division 2

#### DEBORAH J. ALESSI

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 420, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 5512.

#### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 26, 1964 in St. Louis. Judge Alessi has one son, Jonathan and is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., 1986 and University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1989. St. Charles County, assistant prosecuting attorney, 1989–1992. Practiced law in St. Charles County, Shea, Kohl, Alessi & Kuhl, L.C., 1992–2016; City of St. Charles, prosecuting attorney, 2008–2016; City of St. John, Municipal Judge, 2015–2016; Member: Missouri Bar Association and St. Charles County Bar Association. Awards: St. Charles County Prosecutor of the Year, 1992 and Lon O. Hocker Memorial Trial Lawyer, 1995. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.

### Circuit 11—Division 3

#### **JACK BANAS**

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

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 3, 1954, Lorain, Ohio. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., criminal justice, 1976; M.S., criminal justice administration, 1982; St. Louis University, J.D., 1991. Married Kathy Banas; they have two sons, John and Jacob. Employment: St. Charles City Police, 1977–1991, 1995–1998; Riezman and Blitz Law Firm, 1991–1992; St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, assistant prosecuting attorney, 1992–1994, 1994–1995 and Charlie James Law Firm, 1994–1995. Member: Sts. Joachim and Ann Church; Advisory Board, Crisis Nursery; former president and board member. The Child Center and St. Charles County Bar Association. Elected prosecuting

member, The Child Center and St. Charles County Bar Association. Elected prosecuting attorney for St. Charles County, 1998–2010. Elected circuit judge, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 11—Division 5

### JON A. CUNNINGHAM

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

#### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 8, 1955, in Louisiana. Graduate of Truman State University, B.S., education in history, *magna cum laude*, 1978; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1982. Married to Sally Cunningham; they have one son, Jonathan. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1982–1990. Past president, St. Charles County Bar Association; member, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1991–2011; and National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Elected associate circuit judge, 1990. Retained: 1994–2002. Elected circuit judge, 2006 and 2012. Elected presiding judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, 2009–2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 11—Division 7

#### DANIEL PELIKAN

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 333, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 3026.

#### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 11, 1958, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis Univ. H.S., 1976; Univ. of Missouri, B.J., 1980; St. Louis University Law School, J.D., 1984. Married to Lisa (White) Pelikan. They have two sons, Nicholas and Johnathan. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1985–1998; St. Charles County assistant county counselor, 1985–1986; and county counselor, 1986–1987. Member: Children's Trust Fund Board, 1988–1993, chair, 1991–1993; Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2001–2003; United Services for the Handicapped board, 1989–1999, chair, 1995–1996; St. Cletus Catholic Church; St. Charles Rotary Club;

Boys and Girls Club Board; and Eagle Scout Association. Appointed to Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Supreme Court Automation Committee. Fellow of the National Courts and Sciences Institute. Elected associate judge, 1998. Retained: 2002. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



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## Circuit 12 WESLEY DALTON

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

Counties: Audrain, Montgomery and Warren.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Oct. 10, 1958 in St. Charles. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 1982; J.D., 1988. Married. Has eight children: Nicole, Taylor, Michael, Ariel, Allison, Rilee, Madison and Mitchell. Operated solo practice in Warrenton, 1988–2000, and represented Warren County as special counsel. Served as primary Drug Court judge, Warren County, 2003–2007, and again in 2011–2013. Elected to the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, board of directors, 2005. Appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court as a board member of the Centralized Fine Collection Bureau Committee.

Warren County Rotary Club, asst. president; City of Warrenton Tourism Committe, past chair; Warrenton Rotary Club and the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, member/past president; Warrenton Boy Scout Troop 22 member and committee chair. Appointed to the Associate Circuit Court by Governor Wilson, 2001. Elected: 2002. Retained: 2006 and 2010. Elected presiding judge, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



#### Circuit 13—Division 3 KEVIN CRANE

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

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Dec. 29, 1961. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, 1984, speech/communications; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1987. Married Lesley Pugh, Sept. 16, 2010. They have six children. Missouri assistant attorney general, 1987–1990; assistant Boone County prosecuting attorney, 1990–1993 and Boone County prosecuting attorney, 1993–2006. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 13—Division 1 J. HASBROUCK JACOBS

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

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 1983, in Orlando, Fla. University of Florida, B.A., history, 2006; Florida A&M University, J.D., 2008. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Boone County and Saint Louis County. Engaged in private law practice in Pinehurst, N.C. Served as an assistant state attorney in Orlando, Fla. Evangelical Presbyterian. Married with three children. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 13—Division 2 IEFF HARRIS

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

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 7, 1964, in Columbia. Vanderbilt University, B.A., magna cum laude, 1987. Cornell Law School, J.D., 1991. Cornell Law Review, board of editors. Member: Missouri House of Representatives, 2003–2009 (Minority Leader, 2004–2007; Minority Whip, 2003–2004); policy director for Governor Jay Nixon, 2009–2016. Practiced law with Bryan Cave, Atwill & Montgomery and as Missouri assistant attorney general. Clerked for Hon. William H. Barbour Jr., chief judge, U.S. District Court for the Southerm District of Mississippi. Appointed circuit judge, 2016. Elected: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Democrat.

### Circuit 13—Division 4 **JODIE CAPSHAW ASEL**

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

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Born June 9, 1950, in Chaffee. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.-Columbia, B.S., 1972; J.D., 1975. Married to Donald B. Asel; three daughters: Ashley, Toby and Mackenzie. Boone Co. asst. prosecuting attorney, 1976–1978; asst. public defender, 1979–1980; and private practice, 1981–1991. Served on Exec. Council of the Judicial Conf., 1994–2006; board of directors, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1995-2002, president, 2000-2001. Supreme Court committees: Family Court, Case Management; Fine Collection; Legislative Steering; Trial Judge Education, vice chair; Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education; and Presiding Judges' Exec. Comm. Missouri Bar committees: Foresight

and the Division of Judicial Administration; Exec. Committee of the Boone Co. Bar, 2003–2006, pres., 2004–2005. Officer of the Mo. Circuit Judges Assoc., 2010–2013, president, 2012-2013. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1991. Elected: 1992–2006. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.

#### Circuit 14

### SCOTT HAYES

Office address: Randolph County Courthouse, 372 Hwy. JJ, Ste. 1C, Huntsville 65259; phone (844) 277-6555.

Counties: Howard and Randolph.

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. United States Air Force veteran. Served as Randolph County associate circuit judge, 2003-2006; assistant public defender, 1998-2002 and Randolph County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1994–1998. Member of Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and American Judicature Society. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 15 **DENNIS A. ROLF**

Office address: PO Box 10, Lexington 64067; phone (660) 463-5834. Counties: Lafayette and Saline.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Dec. 7, 1958, in Warrensburg. Graduate of Santa Fe High School, Alma, 1977; University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., agricultural economics, 1980; J.D., 1983. Married Rebecca S. Owens, 1981; they have three children. Practiced law in Carrollton, 1983-1984, and in Concordia, 1984-2000. Assistant prosecutor for Lafayette County; public defender for Lafayette and Saline counties; municipal prosecutor for Alma, Concordia, Corder, Higginsville, Napoleon and Wellington; municipal attorney for Alma, Concordia, Corder, Napoleon and Wellington; and municipal judge for Alma, Higginsville, Lexington, Napoleon, Waverly and Wellington. Member: Trinity Lutheran

Church, Alma; Santa Fe R-10 Foundation, Inc.; Missouri, Lafayette and Saline County Bar associations; The Missouri Bar Disciplinary Committee and active in youth activities. Elected circuit judge, 2000. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 16—Division 14

**IOHN M. TORRENCE** 

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

#### County: Jackson.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Dec. 7, 1957, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri-Columbia and St. Louis University, B.A., 1979; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1982. Married Julie Marie Hill, June 3, 1989; they have three children. Former assistant public defender, Jackson County, 1982-1988. Engaged in private practice and partner in law firm, 1988–2001. Member: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge, July 12, 2001. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.











# Circuit 16—Division 1 SANDRA C. MIDKIFF

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 29, 1950, in St. Louis. Graduate of Normandy High School, St. Louis, 1968; Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., B.A., political science, 1972; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1975, with honors. Engaged in private practice from 1975 until her appointment to the bench. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; founding member of Association of Women Lawyers; former board member, Legal Aid of Western Missouri (LAWMO); and former board member, Rose Brooks Center. 2008 Recipient of Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Benjamin Cardozo Award

for Judicial Courage and Excellence. Appointed circuit judge, Mar. 8, 2002. Retained: 2004–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 16—Division 2 KENNETH R. GARRETT III

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

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** From Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., political science; master's, public administration and J.D. Served as an instructor in strategic business planning and policy at Baker University, Overland Park, Kan. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, 2004–2010. Prior to joining the Jackson County prosecuting attorney's office, 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, Aug. 26, 2010. Retained: 2012. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Jay Nixon, Oct. 4, 2013. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 16—Division 3 DAVID M. BYRN

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

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born April 25, 1957 in Detroit, Mich. Educated at Kirtland High School, Kirtland, Ohio, 1975. Graduate of Graceland University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, economics and social studies, 1978; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1981. Married to Pamela, 1983; two children. Practiced law at Jeter, Rains & Byrn, L.C., with emphasis on business, real estate, construction and commercial litigation, 1981–2008. Certified mediator. Member: The Missouri Bar, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Eastern Jackson County Bar Association (recipient of Community Service Award). Member and

ordained minister, Community of Christ. Past or present board member and officer: Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts of America local council, Truman Neurological Center, Optimist Club and numerous city and church boards and commissions. Appointed circuit judge, Sept. 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 16—Division 4 JUSTINE E. DEL MURO

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

Home address: Kansas City.

#### County: Jackson.

Biography: Born July 15, 1955, in Chicago, Ill. Graduate of the University of Missouri– Kansas City, B.A., speech and hearing sciences/psychology; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1981–1984. Practiced law at Legal Aid, the Jackson County public defender's office and the Popham Law Firm. Adjunct professor at Rockhurst College, 1990–1991. Member: Association of Women Lawyers; Missouri, Hispanic and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar associations. Recipient of the David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award,

1990. Appointed circuit judge, July 30, 1993. Retained: 1994–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 16—Division 5

### JAMES F. KANATZAR

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-4405.

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Graduate of Creighton Univ., B.A.; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, J.D. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, 1993–2000 and 2002–2007. During that time, he was a trial team leader, chief trial asst., chief deputy pros. and also served on the homicide committee for the prosecutor's office. Associate for Armstrong Teasdale, Kansas City, 2000–2002. Jackson County prosecutor, 2007, elected 2008. Serves on the Board of Governors and the Criminal Law Committee for The Missouri Bar. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Eastern Jackson County Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association and past member, of Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Recipient of Louis Lombardo Prosecutor of

the Year Award, Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from Jackson County and recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Defense with Patriotic Employer Award for support of Guard and Reserve forces. Appointed to the court by Governor Jay Nixon, 2011. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 16—Division 6

### J. DALE YOUNGS

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 14, 1964, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, B.J.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Married with two children. Engaged in private practice of law from 1989–1996 and again from 2002–2009. Served as assistant Missouri attorney general from 1996–2002. Served on Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association board of directors and as president of Missouri–Kansas City Metropolitan Bar devocacy, University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law. Member of board of directors, Sherwood Center. Appointed circuit judge, April 30, 2009. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 16—Division 7

### S. MARGENE BURNETT

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 20, 1961, in Warrensburg. Graduate of the Univ. of Mo.–Columbia; B.J. in journalism and B.A. in political science; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Prior to her appointment as a circuit judge, Judge Burnett served for ten years as deputy probate commissioner in Division 19 and was in private practice from 1987– 2003. She is a past president of the following boards: The Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, The Alumni Assoc. for the Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City School of Law, and Sheffield Place, a transitional residential facility for homeless women and chil-

dren. Member: Joint Commission on Women in the Profession, Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City Alumni Assoc. Governing Board, Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City Law Foundation, Sheffield Place Counsel of Advisors, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc. and the Assoc. of Women Lawyers. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 2013. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 16—Division 8

#### **BRYAN E. ROUND**

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Graduate of Rockhurst H.S., Kansas City, 1979; Univ. of Kansas, B.A., 1984; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1987. Served as assistant Jackson County prosecutor from 1988–1997. Appointed to serve as secretary/attorney and later as business manager for the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners, 1997–2005. Counsel to the Jackson County Combat Commission. Served as municipal judge, City of Peculiar, 2004–2014. Served as Workers' Compensation Panel attorney for the Kansas City area after appointment by the National Football League Players Association. At the time of his

appointment, he was an attorney in private practice with the law firm of Mitchell, Kristl & Lieber specializing in workers' compensation, criminal law and business litigation matters. Appointed to the Court by Governor Jay Nixon, Feb. 18, 2014. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.











# Circuit 16—Division 9 JOEL P. FAHNESTOCK

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born March 1, 1969, in Marshall. Graduate of William Woods College, B.S., English communications; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1994. Prior to appointment, practiced at the United States Attorney's Office–civil division. Served as law clerk to the Hon. Scott O. Wright, 1994–1996. Appointed circuit judge, Dec. 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



#### Circuit 16—Division 10 PATRICK W. CAMPBELL

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

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 7, 1961, in Kansas City. Lifelong resident of Jackson County. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., administration of justice and political science, 1984; J.D., 1990. In private practice prior to appointment by the 16th Circuit Court as a Family Court Commissioner in December 2006. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Jay Nixon, May 6, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 16—Division 11 GEORGE EDGAR WOLF III

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born June 29, 1961, in Columbia. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., *cum laude*, civil engineering, 1983; Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1986. Married to Deena Wolf; they have two children. Practiced law at Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.P., 1986–2017, where he served on the Executive Committee and as chair of the General Litigation and Business Services Division. Served as chair of the Port KC Board of Commissioners, the Downtown Council of Kansas City Executive Committee and on the Kansas City Streetcar Transportation Development District Board

of Directors. Member: Second Presbyterian Church, Board of Elders. Named as one of the "50 Missourians You Should Know" by *Ingram's Magazine* in 2015. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Eric Greitens, Aug. 16, 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 16—Division 12 JENNIFER M. PHILLIPS

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Graduate of Milan C-2 High School, Milan, 1993; University of Missouri– Columbia, B.A., speech communication, 1997; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2001. Practiced at Missouri Department of Revenue General Counsel's Office, 2001–2002; assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, 2002–2014. During that time, she was an assistant prosecutor in the Community Justice Unit and Major Crimes Unit. She became a trial team leader in the Street Crimes Unit and a chief trial assistant in the Violent Crimes Unit. Member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and

Association of Women Lawyers. Recipient of Lon O. Hocker Award from Missouri Bar, 2011. Appointed to the court by Governor Jay Nixon, 2014. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 16—Division 13 CHARLES H. McKENZIE

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born April 17, 1963, in Indianapolis, Ind. Graduate of Cardinal Newman College, B.A., business administration; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1988. He is married to Jennifer McKenzie; they have four children. He served as assistant prosecuting attorney in the Jackson County prosecutor's office from 1988–1993, and was in private practice from 1993–2011. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Appointed circuit court judge, June 2011. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 16—Division 15 JALILAH OTTO

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3686.

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born in Kansas City. Graduate of Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, Kansas City; Tulane Univ., New Orleans, La., B.A., communication and political science; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Served as a law clerk to the Hon. Lisa White Hardwick, Missouri Court of Appeals, 2002–2005; assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, 2005-2010; and special assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri, 2010–2013. Simultaneously served as pecial assistant U.S. attorney and chief trial assistant for Jackson County, 2013. Recipient of the Louis Lombardo Prosecutor of the Year Award. Member: the Missouri Bar, Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Court Judge Assoc., Jackson County and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc. and Assoc. of Women Lawyers. Appointed by the Missouri

Supreme Court to serve on the Joint Commission on Women in the Profession, Joint Task Force on the Future of the Profession and the Racial and Ethnic Fairness Commission. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 7, 2014. Retained: 2016. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 16—Division 16

#### MARCO A. ROLDAN

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-4416.

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born June 13, 1957, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1979; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married with three children. Appointed circuit judge, Sept. 28, 1999. Retained: 2000–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 16—Division 17

JACK R. GRATE

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-4417.

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 7, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1972; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1976. Married to Joan Canoy; they have four children. Member: Catholic Church. In private practice, 1976–2004; former board member of Legal Aid of Western Missouri, 1987–1996, president, 1994–1995; Eastern Jackson County Bar Association, president, 1999–2000 and member of The Missouri Bar. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Bob Holden, April 2004. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.











### Circuit 16—Division 18 KEVIN D. HARRELL

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born April 4, 1970, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., administration of justice, 1993; J.D., 1998. Appointed by Governor Jay Nixon, July 24, 2012. At the time of his appointment, he was the chief deputy prosecuting attorney for the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office. During his 15-year tenure, he was honored three times by his colleagues as Victim Champion of the Year in 2001 and 2003, and as Trial Attorney of the Year in 2005. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 16—Division 19 MARK A. STYLES JR.

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

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Judge Styles was first appointed to the bench as deputy probate commissioner on Oct. 3, 2014, by Circuit Judge Kathleen A. Forsyth of the Probate Division. At the time of his appointment, Commissioner Styles was a senior associate attorney with the Hardwick Law Firm. His practice included handling decedents' and guardianship and conservatorship estates. He was appointed by the court to serve as counsel for respondents and other parties to matters pending before the court. His background also includes working for the Public Administrator's Office of Jackson County where he handled conservatorship

and decedent estates dealing with complex real property, probate, Medicare/Medicaid compliance, and constitutional and contractual issues. Judge Styles received a J.D. from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern Univ. in Houston, Texas in 2004. He obtained a B.S. degree in finance from the Univ. of Mo.–Columbia in 2001. Appointed circuit judge, July 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



# Circuit 17—Division 1 WILLIAM B. COLLINS

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic St., Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8181.

#### Counties: Cass and Johnson.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Dec. 1, 1956, in Kansas City. Graduate of Rockhurst University, 1979, B.S., B.A., accounting; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1982. Member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association; and The Missouri Bar. Resides in Harrisonville. Elected associate circuit judge, 1994. Retained: 1998–2010. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 6, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 17—Division 2 **R. MICHAEL WAGNER**

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic St., Harrisonville 64701; phone (660) 380-8175.

#### Counties: Cass and Johnson.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 24, 1963. Graduate of Rockhurst University, B.A., 1986; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1990. Married Aug. 7, 1998, to his wife, Melody. Engaged in private law practice, 1990–2008. Raymore and Garden City municipal judge, 2006–2008. Board of directors of Casco. Member of Bel-Ray Lions Club and National Rifle Association. Attends Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Elected circuit judge, 2008. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.

### Circuit 18 ROBERT L. KOFFMAN

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 826-5000, ext. 465.

Counties: Cooper and Pettis.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Dec. 24, 1953, in Maryville. Educated at Moberly public schools. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1977; St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, J.D., 1980. Married Doris Fry, 1981. Two children, John and Kathryn. Associate circuit judge, Pettis County, 1981–2005. Member: Wesley United Methodist Church; Missouri and Pettis County Bar associations; Sedalia School Foundation; AF & AM Lodge No. 272; Legislative Steering Committee and Executive Council, Missouri Judicial Conference; Sedalia Jaycees, past vice president; Circuit Court Budget

Missouri Judicial Conference; Sedalia Jaycees, past vice president; Circuit Court Budget Committee member; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, past president; Sedalia Symphony Society; Central Missouri State University Alumni Band and Sedalia Rotary Club. Appointed circuit judge, 2005. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 19—Division 4 PATRICIA IOYCE

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

#### County: Cole.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Sept. 6, 1955, in Cape Girardeau. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., law enforcement, *summa cum laude*, 1976; St. Louis University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1979. Married to Dan Joyce. They have five children. Staff attorney, Mid-Missouri Legal Services, 1980–1983; assistant prosecuting attorney, Cole County, 1983–1994. Member: St. Joseph Cathedral; Chief Justice Advisory Council; State Judicial Records Committee; Circuit Court Budget Committee and Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals. Elected associate circuit judge, 1994–1998. Elected circuit judge, 2002. Retained: 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Democrat.

#### Circuit 19—Division 1

#### JON E. 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.

**Biography:** Born May 1, 1959. Graduate of University of Kentucky, B.S., pharmacy; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. He is married and has two children. Engaged in the private practice of law, 1992–2006. Member: First Presbyterian Church; Missouri Bar and Cole County Bar associations, past president. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 19—Division 2

### DANIEL R. GREEN

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

#### County: Cole.

**Biography:** Born March 9, 1963. Graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University, B.A., history; Vanderbilt University, M.A. candidate, religion; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D. Married to Samantha Green, with four children. Private practice of law, 1990–2010. Jefferson City prosecuting attorney, 1997–2010. Elected circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.









Circuit 20—Division 1 VACANCY



# Circuit 20—Division 2

## I.I. LAMKE

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Rm. 100B, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-7329.

Counties: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 20, 1951, in Washington. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A., 1974; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1977. Married Susan J. Schweitzer, Nov. 27, 1983. In private practice in Union and Washington, 1977–2010. Elected circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.



### Circuit 21—Division 6 DOUGLAS R. BEACH

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1506.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Sept. 20, 1948, Kittery, Maine. Undergraduate degree, Central Connecticut State Univ.; New England School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*. Member: Mo. Bar; Mass. Bar; St. Louis County Bar; St. Louis Metropolitan Bar Assoc.; past pres., St. Louis County Bar; chair, Family Law Section, Mo. Bar and Metropolitan Bar Assoc.; past pres., American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Mo. Chapter; fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; Children's Home Society; Kids in the Middle Programs; certified Matrimonial Arbitrator; Outstanding Young Lawyer, St. Louis County Bar. Listed in "The

Matrimonial Arbitrator; Outstanding Young Lawyer, St. Louis County Bar. Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America," 1991–2005, and St. Louis "Top Lawyers," by *St. Louis Magazine*. Author: "Trial Practice in Domestic Relations and Division of Marital Property in Missouri" Citty attorney for city of Chesterfield, 1988–2005. Lt. Col., U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, retired. Recipient of Champion of Kids Award, 2011. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2005. Retained 2008. Appointed circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 1 BRIAN H. MAY

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1501.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 22, 1962, in St. Louis. Graduate of Harris–Stowe State College, B.S. in education, *summa cum laude*, 1986; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1989. Married with three children. Engaged in private practice, 1989–2010. Served in the Missouri General Assembly, 1993–2001; Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, 1997–2001. Deputy director, Missouri Department of Labor, 2010–2011. Acting director, Division of Workers' Compensation, 2010–2011. Regional director, Eastern Region, Office of Governor Jay Nixon, 2011–2016. Member: Catholic Church and Missouri Bar.

Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 21—Division 2

### MAURA McSHANE

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1502.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in San Antonio, Texas. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.S.; South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, J.D. Private practice, 1982–1984. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1984–1994. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations and Women Lawyers Association. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 17, 1994. Retained: 1996–2014. Presiding judge, 2011–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

## Circuit 21—Division 3 SANDRA FARRAGUT-HEMPHILL

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1503.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 9, 1953, in Tampa, Fla. Graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., 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 in March 1991. Member: Missouri Bar, Mound City Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers Association, National Bar Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Inc. Fac-

ulty member of the Trial Judges Education Committee since 2007. Served as associate circuit judge, 1991–2015. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 2015, by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 4

#### **JOSEPH S. DUEKER**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1504.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 10, 1966, in St. Louis County. Graduate of University of Richmond, B.A., *cum laude*, 1989; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1992. Married with two children. Engaged in private practice, 1992–1993. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1993–2010; associate chief trial attorney, St. Louis County, 2008–2010. Member: Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; St. Louis County Bar Association and Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, Aug. 2010. Retained: 2012. Appointed circuit judge, May 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 5

#### THEA A. SHERRY

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone: (314) 615-1505.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in London, England. Graduate of University of California–Riverside, B.A.; Washington University in St. Louis, J.D. Married in 1978 and has two children. Law clerk for Honorable Gerald Smith, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District; served as assistant public defender in St. Louis County; and engaged in private practice until appointment to the bench in 1998. Member of Missouri Bar, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations, Lawyers Association and Women Lawyers Association. Adjunct professor of law at Washington University School of Law. Appointed associate

circuit judge by Governor Mel Carnahan, July 1998. Retained: 2000–2008. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, Feb. 2011. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.









# Circuit 21—Division 7 CAROLYN C. WHITTINGTON

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1507.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in Chicago, Ill. Graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., B.S., journalism; St. Louis University, J.D. Married Joseph M. Whittington, Aug. 12, 1972. They have two children. Served as assistant county counselor, 1980–1987. Engaged in private law practice from 1987 until appointment to the bench. Member: Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, president, 2002. Received the Dudley C. Dunlop Distinguished Service Award in 2017. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 1992, by Governor John Ashcroft.

Retained: 1994 and 1998. Appointed circuit judge, Dec. 2001, by Governor Bob Holden. Retained: 2004–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 8 **DEAN P. WALDEMER**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1508.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 12, 1957, in St. Louis. Married with two children. Graduate of St. Louis University Business School, 1980; St. Louis University School of Law, 1983. Law clerk for the Hon. Joseph G. Stewart, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1984–1990; chief trial attorney, 1991–2017. Member: Episcopal Church. Appointed circuit judge, June 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 9 DAVID L. VINCENT III

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105 ; phone (314) 615-1509.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born July 15, 1958, in Dayton, Ohio. Educated at Tennessee State University– Nashville (B.S.E.E.), and University of Wisconsin–Madison Law School (J.D.). Married with two children. Assistant circuit attorney, 1988–1993, homicide unit and felony staff supervisor. Actively practiced law until appointment to the bench. St. Louis Internship Program. High school mock trial coach–BAMSL, Normandy High School Advisory Committee, 2008. Member: Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Mound City Bar Association. Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2008–2010.

Appointed to Supreme Court Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Previous appointments: Supreme Court Judicial Finance Commission, Supreme Court special judge, 2005. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 14, 1997. Retained: 2000–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 10 MICHAEL T. JAMISON

**Office address:** St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1510.

#### County: St. Louis.

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

Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 6, 2005. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 21—Division 11 **ELLEN SUE LEVY**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1511.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 3, 1963, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, A.B., 1985; J.D., 1988. She has two children. Prior to appointment to the bench, actively practiced law as a litigation partner at Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein & Zafft. Member: Mo. and Metro. St. Louis Bar Assoc.; St. Louis County Bar Assoc., pres., 2005; Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, pres., 2006–2007; Mo. Circuit Judges Assoc., vice pres., 2016–2017; Mo. Circuit Judges Assoc., pres. 2017–2018; Natl. Assoc. of Women Judges, board of dir., 2006–2008, 2014–2016 and Women's Lawyer's Bar Assoc. Serves on the Mo. Supreme Court Judicial Education and Civic Education Committees. Elected a Fellow in the Advanced

Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR), Washington, DC, 2013. Appointed Family Court commissioner, June 9, 1999. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 22, 2002. Retained: 2004. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 24, 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 21—Division 12

#### **STANLEY J. WALLACH**

Office address: St. Louis County Courts Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1512.

#### County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born August 24, 1965, Boone County. Graduate of Duke University B.A., cum laude, 1987; University of Chicago Law, J.D., 1992. Married with two children. Engaged in private practice, 1992-2016. Member: Episcopal Church, Missouri Bar, St. Louis County Bar Association, The Lawyers Association of St. Louis, The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the State Bar of California. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 13

#### **BRUCE F. HILTON**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1513.

#### County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Nov. 12, 1957, in Detroit, Mich. Graduate of St. Louis Univ., B.A., history, 1980; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1986. Married with four children. Engaged in private practice: Leritz, Reinert & Duree P.S., 1984–1989; Charles P. Todt & Assoc., 1989–1991; Eisen, Gillespie, Brown & Hilton, L.L.C., 1991–1995; Hilton, Gillespie & Kiesewetter, L.L.C., 1995–2001; Hilton & Kiesewetter, L.L.C., 2001–2005; Hilton & Har-ford, L.L.C., 2005–2011; Hilton Family Law Group, L.L.C., 2011–2017. Board Member: Meacham Park Neighborhood Improvement Assoc., Kirkwood Library; Member: St. Peters Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar

Assoc. (past president); Lawyers Assoc.; Mound City Bar Assoc.; chair, 21st Judicial Circuit Judicial Evaluation Com-mittee (2008–2013). Recipient of Good Citizens Award from Grand Jurors Assoc. (1992). Appointed circuit judge, June 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 21—Division 14

#### **KRISTINE ALLEN KERR**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1514.

#### County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born 1959, in Philadelphia, PA. Graduate of Brown University, B.A., economics, 1982; Boston University, J.D., 1985. Clerkship: Missouri Court of Appeals (ED), 1986-87. Engaged in private law practice, 1987-88. Assistant public defender, St. Louis City Trial Office, 1988-99; Capital Division, 1990-93; first assistant public defender, St. Louis City, 1993-2003; and assistant public defender, St. Louis County, 2003-2004. Member: St. Louis County Bar Association, the Women Lawyer's Association (President's Award, 2011), the Lawyer's Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Mound City Bar Association. Elected a Fellow in the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR), Washington, DC, 2009. Appointed Family Court Commissioner (Juvenile Division), 2004; retained 2008. Appointed circuit court judge, 2012. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.













### Circuit 21—Division 15 JOHN D. WARNER JR.

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1515.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born 1951, in St. Louis. Graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.A. 1979; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1982. Married Pamela L. Hill, June 1982, and has two children. Engaged in private practice, 1982–2012. Member: Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association; Lawyers Association of St. Louis and Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. Licensed to practice law in Missouri and Illinois, U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit and Supreme Court of the United States. Appointed circuit judge, April 2012. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 16 MICHAEL D. BURTON

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1516.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born June 20, 1960, in Philadelphia, Pa. Graduate of Univ. of Notre Dame, B.A. in government; Washington Univ., J.D. Married to Sheila A. Shunick. They have three children. Asst. special public defender for St. Louis, 1985–1989. Trial attorney with Margulis, Grant, Burton and Margulis, P.C., 1989–1999. St. Louis County Alternative Treatment court judge, 2016–pres.; chair of the Missouri Supreme Court's Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission, 2016–pres.; chair of the St. Louis County Domestic and Family Violence Council, 2008–2012, 2014–pres.; admin. (presid-

ing) judge of the Family Court, 2008–2012; adjunct professor of law at St. Louis Univ. and Washington Univ. law schools; president of Join Hands ESL, Inc. (mentoring program in East St. Louis), 1991–pres.; member of St. Vincent DePaul Parish. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 20, 1999. Retained: 2000. Appointed circuit judge, Feb. 16, 2004. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 17 JOSEPH L. WALSH III

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1517.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 7, 1954, in St. Louis. Graduate of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, B.S., *cum laude*, 1977; St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas, J.D., 1984; senior associate editor of *Law Review and Order of Barristers*. Married with five children. Private practice, 1984–2010, handling general civil trials and appeals. Served as municipal judge in the City of Creve Coeur, 2003–2010, and the City of Frontenac, 2000–2001. Member: Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; Texas Bar; American Board of Trial Advocates and St. Louis Lawyer's Association. Lectured in the

areas of civil trial practice and insurance law. Co-authored *MOBar CLE Tort Law Handbook*, Second Edition, Chap. 1, Intro and Overview; authored *Demonstrative Evidence*, St. Louis Lawyer, Nov. 1992. Appointed circuit judge, May 14, 2010, by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 21—Division 18 ELLEN (NELLIE) HANNIGAN RIBAUDO

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1518.

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County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in St. Louis on May 7, 1971. Graduate of the University of Dayton, B.A., 1993; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1996. Appointed associate circuit judge, July 2009. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 5, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 21—Division 19 **GLORIA CLARK RENO**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1519.

#### County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri-St. Louis, B.A., English; St. Louis University, J.D. Has one son through marriage. Previously an assistant public defender, 1988–1992; engaged in the private practice of law, 1992–2002; and served as municipal judge for the City of Northwoods, 1994-2002. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis County and Mound City Bar Associations; Supreme Court Committee on Procedures in Criminal Cases and Judicial Finance Commission and Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, board member. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 8, 2002. Retained: 2004 and 2008. Appointed circuit judge, April 3, 2009. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 21—Division 20

#### MARGARET DONNELLY

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1520.

#### County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in Alton, Ill.; Graduate: St. Louis University, B.S., M.S.W.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1988. Married, with two children. Engaged in private practice, 1988–2009; Missouri State Representative, District 73, 2003–2009; director, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, 2009-2012. Member: Missouri Bar; St. Louis County Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Women Lawyers' Association and Mound City Bar Association. Awards: Missouri Judicial Conference; Legal Services of Eastern Missouri; Women's Justice Citizenship Award; St.

Louis Children's Hospital Advocate of the Year; Paraquad Disability Rights Legislative Leadership Award; Women Lawyers Association President's Award. Appointed Family Court Commissioner, Dec. 2013. Appointed circuit judge, Aug. 2016. Term expires Dec. 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 21—Division 21

# NANCY WATKINS MCLAUGHLIN

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1521.

#### County: St. Louis.

Biography: Lifelong resident of St. Louis County. Graduate of Washington University, B.A. history, 1978; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1981. Served as law clerk to the Hon. David J. Dixon, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, 1981–1982; served on Missouri Public Defender Commission and Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission and engaged in private practice prior to appointment to the bench. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2014. Appointed circuit court judge, Jan. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 22—Division 1 MICHAEL K. MULLEN

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4311. City of St. Louis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born May 8, 1964, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia, A.B.; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married Joan Heilweck. They have four children: Mary Katherine, Mark, James and Phillip. Law clerk to James A. Pudlowski, Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District, 1989–1990; assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis, 1990–1995; associate, Charles M. Shaw Law Firm, 1995–1996; Partner, Mullen and Fernandez, 1996–2000 and solo practitioner, 2000–2001. Member: St. Gabriel Catholic Church; Bar Association of Missouri, St. Louis and Lawyers Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2001. Retained: 2002 and 2006. Appointed circuit judge, July 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.











# Circuit 22—Division 2

# DAVID L. DOWD

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4372. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 18, 1953, in St. Louis. Gradute of Quincy College, B.A.; St. Mary's University, J.D. Engaged in private law practice with Dowd and Dowd, P.C., 1983–1984; assistant county counselor, 1984–1988; administrative law judge, 1988–1993 and chief administrative law judge, 1993–2000. Member: St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Commissioner of the Judge Dowd Soccer League. Appointed circuit judge, Dec. 13, 2000, by Governor Roger B. Wilson. Retained: 2002–2014. Presiding judge, 2009–2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 22—Division 3 ELIZABETH B. HOGAN

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4869. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in St. Louis. Graduate of the Academy of the Visitation,1986; DePauw University, B.A., political science, 1990; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D. Employed as assistant prosecuting attorney in Jefferson County; assistant circuit attorney in City of St. Louis; in private practice; and as an attorney supervisor at St. Louis City CASA from 1996–2005. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Women Lawyers Association, St. Louis Lawyer's Association and St. Roch Catholic Church. Appointed asociate circuit judge, 2005, by Governor Matt Blunt, Retained: 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge, 2012, by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Retained: 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020.



# Circuit 22—Division 4 MICHAEL W. NOBLE

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4691. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born May 21, 1966. Graduate of United States Military Academy, B.S., 1988; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2004. Field artillery officer, patent attorney at Armstrong Teasdale and assistant public defender before becoming Drug Court commissioner in 2007; reappointed by court *en banc* 2011. Married and has two children. Member: The Church of St. Michael and St. George. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2013. Retained: 2014. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 17, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



## Circuit 22—Division 5 MARK H. NEILL

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

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A., history, 1971; J.D., 1974. Married Catherine Kelly Cross, Dec. 28, 1973. They have four adult children: Thomas, John, Kevin and Katie. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis. Former attorney for the St. Louis Police Department. Member: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed circuit judge, Feb. 15, 2002. Retained: 2004–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 22—Division 6

JASON M. SENGHEISER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4798. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born May 5, 1977, in St. Louis County. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A. environmental science and B.A. German, 2000; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2003; Columbia Law School, ILL.M., 2006. Member: American Bar Association, The Missouri Bar; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Mound City Bar Association and Women's Lawyers Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 2016. Appointed circuit judge, Sept. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

# Circuit 22—Division 7

THOMAS C. CLARK II

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3720. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 12, 1966, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Kansas, B.A., history, and B.S., journalism, 1990; St. Louis University, M.A. public administration, 1993; J.D., 1998. Served as assistant circuit attorney, 1998–2006, City of St. Louis; elected to the young lawyers section of The Missouri Bar Association; participated in Leadership St. Louis/FOCUS. Member Missouri Bar Association; St. James the Greater Catholic Church, St. Louis; St. Louis Zoo; Boy Scouts of America merit badge counselor. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 17, 2006. Retained: 2008–2016. Appointed circuit judge, March 29, 2017, to fill an unexpired term. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 22—Division 8

### PHILIP D. HEAGNEY

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

**Biography:** Born Nov. 24, 1947, in Spokane, Wash. Graduate of Johns Hopkins University, B.A., 1970; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1976. Married Barbara Lynn Prosser, Oct. 12, 1991. They have two children, Nathaniel Owen (23) and Samuel Joseph (19). Engaged in private law practice, 1976–1996; general law practice in St. Louis. Member: St. Cronan Catholic Church; Forest Park Southeast Neighborhood Association. Appointed circuit judge, Feb. 28, 1996. Presiding judge, 2013–2014. Retained: 1998–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 22—Division 9

#### PAULA P. BRYANT

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-3258. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Native St. Louisan. Graduate of the Univ. of Missouri–St. Louis and St. Louis Univ. School of Law. Presides over both civil and criminal matters. Adjunct professor for Webster University, 2005–present. Assistant circuit attorney, 1993–2004; and was assigned to the Specialized Homicide Unit, later promoted to a team leader position and received the Outstanding Trial Attorney award in 2004. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis; assistant public defender; staff attorney for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court. Participant in the St. Louis Univ. School of Law Judicial Process Clinic Externship Program and the Webster Univ. Internship Program. Active with several Bar Assoc., a member of

the Catholic Church, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and affiliated with other community and educational organizations. Married with two children. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2004. Retained: 2006–2014. Appointed circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.











# Circuit 22—Division 10

#### REX M. BURLISON

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; Phone: (314) 622-4819. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born June 3, 1954, in St. Louis. Graduate of Northeast Missouri State Univ. (now Truman State Univ.), B.A. political science/law enforcement, *cum laude*, 1976; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1980. Engaged in the private practice of law, 1980–2000. Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy, 1998. Appointed as Disciplinary Hearings Officer by Missouri Supreme Court. Member of 11th Judicial Circuit Bar Disciplinary Committee. Five term Alderman for Cottleville. Frequent speaker and contributor to education programs for Missouri and national legal organizations. Member: Historic Trinity Lutheran Church; Missouri Bar Assoc.; BAMSL; Lawyer Assoc. of St. Louis.

Appointed as associate circuit judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, 2000. Appointed as chief counsel, Office of Mo. Attorney General, Jan. 2001–March 2009. Appointed as director of the Eastern Region, Office of the Governor of Mo., March 2009–Aug. 2011. Appointed circuit judge, 4ug. 9, 2011. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 22—Division 11 BRYAN L. HETTENBACH

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

**Biography:** Born Feb. 10, 1955, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A.; University of Michigan, M.A.; and University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Engaged in private practice of law for 23 years. Former staff attorney for Missouri Supreme Court. Former news editor of "Missouri Lawyers Weekly." Former adjunct professor of legal studies at William Woods College. Recurring service as guardian *ad litem* in family and juvenile law cases. Certified civil law and family court mediator. Frequent speaker and contributor to continuing legal education programs and publications for The Missouri Bar and other legal organizations. Appointed circuit judge, April 2, 2008. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 22—Division 12 DENNIS M. SCHAUMANN

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

**Biography:** Born Jan. 7, 1948, in the city of St. Louis. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Married Patricia Ann Singrun, Aug. 23, 1969. Two children, Michael and Marissa. Two grandsons, Preston and Landon. Legal officer for the Juvenile Division, Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, 1973–1975. Private practice of law, 1975–1994. Appointed Municipal Judge for the City of St. Louis, 1981; reappointed 1985, 1989 and 1993. Served as presiding judge for the St. Louis Metropolitan Bar Association and Missouri Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, Dec. 16,

1994. Retained: 1996. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 16, 1997. Retained: 1998–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 22—Division 13 STEVEN R. OHMER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4411. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born April 18, 1954, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis Univ. High, 1972; Florida State Univ., B.S., 1975; Creighton Univ., J.D., 1979. Married Roberta Marie Cassulo in 1976; two children: Rachel Caroline and Rebecca Anne and two grandchildren: Caroline Donovan and Gabriel Leonardo. Assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis, 1979–1983, and 1987–1994; in private practice, 1983–1987, with Ohmer & Ohmer, P.C; chief warrant officer for the circuit attorney, 1992–1994. Member: the Missouri Supreme Court Circuit Court Budget Committee, chair; Missouri Supreme Court Family Court Committee; Bar Assoc. of Metro. St. Louis; Missouri and Illinois Bar. Former athletic dir. St. Pius V Catholic Church;

chair/member of St. Pius V Parish Council; and Parents Council of Truman State Univ. Volunteer judge for Stand Down Project for homeless veterans and Washington Univ. School of Law Moot Court. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1994. Retained: 1996. Appointed circuit judge, 2000. Presiding judge, 2011–2012. Retained: 2002–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 22—Division 15 THERESA COUNTS BURKE

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 613-3185.

#### City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 11, 1965, in Granite City, III. Graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, III., B.A., political science, 1985; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1988. Engaged in private practice for 20 years; provisional judge for the Municipal Court of St. Louis City, 2001–2008; and adjunct professor for Fontbonne University OPTIONS program, 2007–2012. Member: Missouri Supreme Court's Committee; Missouri Supreme Court's Centralized Fine Collection Bureau Committee; Combatting

Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission; Mound City Bar Association and Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Appointed circuit judge, July 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 22—Division 16 MICHAEL F. STELZER

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4461. City of St. Louis

#### City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 11, 1964, St. Louis. Graduate of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., 1986; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1992. Clerked for the Hon. Carl R. Gaertner, Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District. Assistant and associate city counselor, City of St. Louis, 1993–2004. General counsel to the Board of Police Commissioners, St. Louis City. Appointed to the associate circuit bench, Jan. 2004, by Governor Bob Holden. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010. Appointed circuit judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020.

### Circuit 22—Division 17

### DAVID C. MASON

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4841. City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born March 12, 1956, in Nashville, Tenn. Graduate of Austin Peay State Univ., B.S.; Washington Univ., J.D. Married Taunia L. Allen, June 3, 1995. They have two children, William R. and Harrison M. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri, Metro and Mound City Bar assocs.; American Law Institute, elected 1996; St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority, vice chair, 1990–1991. Boards: American Judicature Society, 1998–2002; RISE (Housing and Community Development Alliance) 1995–present; Order of the Coif, honorary member; American Bd. of Trial Advocates; 1991 Missouri Bar Thomas D. Cochran for Community Service.; 1990 Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis Merit; 1992 Austin Peay State Univ. Outstanding Alumnus; 1999 Washington Univ. School

Merit; 1992 Austin Peay State Univ. Outstanding Alumnus; 1999 Washington Univ. School of Law Outstanding Young Alumnus; "Missouri Lawyers Weekly"; 2009 reader's poll "Best Circuit Judge, Eastern District"; and 16-time recipient of American College of Trial Lawyers Award of Merit. Appointed circuit judge, Aug. 1991. Retained: 1992–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 22—Division 18

#### **ROBERT H. DIERKER**

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

**Biography:** Born Feb. 24, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, A.B.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. and Harvard University, LL.M. Married Dorothy Dreyer, July 3, 1982; they have three children. Law clerk to Joseph J. Simeone, Missouri Court of Appeals, summers 1973, 1974; associate with a St. Louis law firm, 1975–1978; and assistant and associate city counselor, City of St. Louis, 1979–1986. Candidate for Missouri House of Representatives, 1978; campaign treasurer for Paul Kiel, Missouri Senate candidate, 1978. Member: Catholic Church; Circuit Bar Committee, Division 1, 22nd Circuit, 1985–1986; Missouri Bar, U.S. Supreme Court Bar, Federalist Society and

other legal and fraternal organizations. Appointed circuit judge, Feb. 1986. Retained: 1988–2006. Presiding judge, 1997–1998. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.







Circuit 22—Division 19 VACANCY



# Circuit 22—Division 20 KATHERINE FOWLER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Graduate of University of Dayton, B.A.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Officer, Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C.; director of the Let's Start Legal Clinic. Member: American Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Defense Research Institute; Mound City Bar Association; The Lawyers Association of St. Louis; The Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; St. Francis Xavier College Church. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 22—Division 21 CHRISTOPHER E. McGRAUGH

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4374. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 18, 1960 in St. Louis. Graduate of DeSmet Jesuit High School, 1979; St. Louis University, B.A., history, 1983; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1987. Married to Susan Woods; two children. Admitted to Missouri Bar Association, 1987. Assistant public defender, St. Louis County Trial Division, 1987–1990, Lead Counsel for Capital Litigation Unit, Missouri Public Defender Office the Eastern District, 1990–1992. From 1992 to appointment, principal in the law firm of Leritz, Plunkert and Bruning, P.C. Adjunct Professor of Law at St. Louis University School of Law and Washington University School of Law. Member of Missouri Bar Association, Bar Association of

Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis Lawyer Association. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, Nov. 2012. Retained: 2014. Appointed circuit judge, April 2015. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 22—Division 22 JAMES E. SULLIVAN

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4827. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 11, 1952, in Watseka, Ill. Education: Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, B.A; St Louis University, J.D. Since receiving his law degree, Sullivan has served as an assistant public defender, prosecuting attorney and circuit attorney; St. Louis Municipal Court Judge and Drug Court Commissioner for the 22nd Circuit Court. Prior to joining the bench, he was in private law practice for 20 years. His wife is Sherri Berkbigler Sullivan, and they have two children. Appointed circuit judge, Feb. 10, 2015. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022.

#### Circuit 22—Division 23 TIMOTHY J. WILSON

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

**Biography:** Born Dec. 2, 1947, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University College of Arts and Science; St. Louis University Law School, A.B., *cum laude*; J.D. Married Carol A. Newcombe, Aug. 24, 1973, in St. Louis. Participated in the United States Department of Justice honors program, trial attorney in Washington, DC, 1973–1978; assistant United States attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, 1978–1989. Member: Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge, May 15, 1989. Retained: 1990–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 22—Division 30 ROBIN RANSOM VANNOY

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

**Biography:** Born July 21, 1967, in St. Louis. Graduate of Douglass College–Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., B.A., political science and sociology; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Served as an assistant public defender in St. Louis County, 1992–1995, and also as an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County, 1995–1996. Joined the legal department of the St. Louis County Family Court–Juvenile Division in 1996 and remained until Dec. 2002, when appointed as family court commissioner for the 22nd Judicial Circuit. Appointed circuit judge, Sept. 11, 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 22—Division 31

## JOAN L. MORIARTY

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

**Biography:** Born in Brookings, S.D. Graduate of Creighton University School of Pharmacy, Omaha, Neb.; St. Louis School of Law. Law clerk for the Hon. Robert G. Dowd Sr., Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County. Member: Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis Lawyer's Association and St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Married with one child. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 1, 1998. Retained: 2000–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 23—Division 2

DARRELL E. MISSEY

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

#### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born April 12, 1967, in St. Louis. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., political science, 1989; St. Louis University, J.D., 1992. Married Andrea Schalk Missey on May 27, 1989; they have three daughters. Member: Missouri Bar Association; Supreme Court Family Court Committee. Elected associate circuit judge, 2003–2013. Elected circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.











### Circuit 23—Division 1 CARL W. (WES) YATES III

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

#### County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born Aug. 15, 1958 in Sedalia. Graduate of Central Missouri State University (now University of Central Missouri) in 1990 with a B.S. in aviation, summa cum laude; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. in 1994. Married to Bridget R. Yates, they have one daughter. Former owner/operator of KSIS/KCBW Radio Stations in Sedalia; former private practice Law Offices of James B. Rice, Sedalia 1994–1996; assistant and associate city counselor–City of St. Louis, 1996–2011 with emphasis in Section 1983 Federal Litigation, Bankruptcy, Real Estate, Equity and Municipal Tax; county counselor–Jefferson County,

Bankruptcy, Real Estate, Equity and Municipal Tax; county counselor–Jefferson County, 2011–2016. Adjunct professor at Webster University and former adjunct at Parks College St. Louis University and Sanford-Brown College. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 23—Division 3

### **DIANNA L. BARTELS**

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5430.

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 24, 1966, in St. Louis. Graduate of Webster University B.A., St. Louis University School of Law, 2001. Married Jule D. Bartels, 1998, they have two children. Desert Storm Veteran, U.S. Coast Guard, 1987–1992. Retired from Federal service in 2002. Missouri assistant attorney general, 2002–2005; Federal contracts attorney at Graybar Electric, 2005–2007; general counsel at MorrowGroupUSA, 2007–2010; director contracts and quality at Triumph Group, 2010–2013; self-employed, 2013–2016. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.



### Circuit 23—Division 4 MARK T. STOLL

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

#### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born April 11, 1952, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1974; J.D., 1977. Married Tanya L. Brotherton, 1992. They have two sons. Partner in Wegmann, Gasaway, Stewart, Schneider, Dieffenbach, Tesreau, Stoll & Sherman, Hillsboro, 1977–1997. Served as mediator, Missouri Bar Dispute Resolution Committee. Associate circuit judge, 1997–2006. Secretary-treasurer, Mo. Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges, 2002–2006. Board of Directors, Mo. Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association, 1998–2007, President's Advisory Committee, 2007–2017. Legislative Steering Committee.

Committee, 2007–2017. Legislative Steering Committee, Missouri Judicial Conference, 1998–2006. Member and past president, DeSoto Rotary Club. Member, Festus-Crystal City Elks. Served as treasurer, asst. scoutmaster, troop committee chair and unit commissioner for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2012. Presiding judge, 2009–2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 23—Division 5

# VICTOR J. MELENBRINK

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

#### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born April 15, 1981. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. Political Science, 2002, University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2005. Married to Andrea (Timken) Melenbrink. They have three children. Practiced law from 2005–2016 with a an emphasis in criminal law, working for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office, as a prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County and Jefferson County, and in private practice with a Hillsboro firm. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 23—Division 6 **TROY CARDONA**

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

#### County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born Feb. 16, 1963, in St. Louis. Educated at Windsor High School, Imperial, 1981; Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan, 1983; Jefferson College; Truman State (formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University), Kirksville, B.A., 1984, summa cum laude, co-salutatorian, third in graduating class; Northeastern University Law School, Boston, Mass., J.D., 1988; Kansai University of Foreign Studies, Osaka, Japan, 1989. Experience: U.S attorney's office-Hawaii, law clerk 1987; Missouri public defender, four years; private practice, three years (Honolulu, Hawaii and St. Louis-Imperial-Hillsboro); chief warrant

attorney and chief trial attorney, Jefferson County; assistant prosecutor, 11 years; and general counsel Union Pacific Railroad, one year. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

#### Circuit 24—Division 1

SANDY MARTINEZ

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born June 14, 1963. Graduate of University of Texas at El Paso, B.A.; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Served as assistant public defender, assistant prosecuting attorney and prosecuting attorney for St. Francois County. Elected circuit judge, 2000. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 24—Division 2 WENDY L. WEXLER HORN

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

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

Biography: Born May 1, 1967. Bachelor of Science, Graduate of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S., May 1989; St. Louis University, J.D., 1992. Former prosecuting attorney, St. Francois County, 2001–2011. Private law practice, 1995–2000. Assistant public defender; 1993–1995. Married to Phillip Horn; one son, Jacob. Former president, Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri board of directors; 2005 St. Francois County Citizen of the Year Award and 2009 St. Francois County Democrat of the Year. Appointed: Oct. 24, 2011. Elected: 2012, to fill an unexpired term. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

Circuit 25—Division 2

#### **IOHN D. BEGER**

Office address: 200 N. Main St., Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6232.

Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born St. Charles, 1954. Attended Orchard Farm High School; University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Business, B.S., B.A., 1976; and Law School, J.D., 1978, Class of 1979). Married Cynthia Morris, 1981; they have two daughters and one grandson. Phelps County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1979-1982; elected Prosecutor, 1991-1994, 2011-2014. Private practice, 1979-2010, including Price & Beger, Salem, Beger & Bushie, Rolla, 1997-2010; City Counsellor, Rolla, 1995-2010. Certified Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy, civil, 1998, criminal, 1999. Board of Triustees, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, 2002–2012, chair, 2011–2012. Mem-

ber, elder and trustee Ózark Highlands Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Elected: 2015. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.









# Circuit 25—Division 1 WILLIAM E. HICKLE

Office address: 200 N. Main St., Ste. 201, Rolla, 65401; phone (573) 458-6232. Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 23, 1957, in Fort Worth, Texas. Graduate of Baylor University, B.A., chemistry, 1979; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1982. Married to Debbie, Nov. 26, 1982. Five children: David, Mark, Nathan, Sarah and Rachel. Practiced law in Rolla 27 years. Served as municipal judge, City of Rolla, 1996–2010. Served as chair of Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council to the Governor; Rolla Public Library Board of Trustees, president and Rolla Rotary Club, president. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Elected circuit judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 26—Division 2 KENNETH M. HAYDEN

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

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

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born March 23, 1962. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1984; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1987; admitted to Missouri Bar, 1987. Married to Deborah; they have two children, a daughter and a son. Formerly engaged in private law practice, 1987–2008. Member: The Missouri Bar; the 26th Judicial Circuit Bar Association; Versailles United Methodist Church; and Versailles Lions Club. Appointed circuit judge, Sept. 11, 2008, to fill an unexpired term. Elected circuit judge, 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.



# Circuit 26—Division 1 MATTHEW P. HAMNER

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

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

**Biography:** Born Nov. 18, 1976, in Chesterfield. Graduate of Camdenton High School, 1994; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., communications, *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, 1998; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2001, Order of the Coif and Order of the Barristers. Law clerk for the Hon. William Ray Price Jr., Missouri Supreme Court, 2001–2002. Associate with the firm of Rouse, Hendricks, German, May P.C., Kansas City, 2002–2007. Associate and shareholder with the firm of Phillips, McElyea, Carpenter & Welch, P.C., Camdenton, 2007–2014, until election to the bench. Member:

Missouri Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association; 26th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, president; Camdenton Rotary Club, board member; Camdenton R-III Education Foundation, board member and Harper Chapel United Methodist Church in Osage Beach. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Appointed circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 26—Division 3 PEGGY D. RICHARDSON

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

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

**Biography:** Born Oct. 8, 1957, in Versailles. Graduate of State Fair Community College, A.S.; University of Central Missouri, B.A.; and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Engaged in private law practice from 1983–1998. Member: First Baptist Church, Tipton. Elected associate circuit judge for Moniteau County, 1998. Retained: 2002–2014. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Nixon, Nov. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.

### Circuit 27 JAMES K. JOURNEY

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

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Aug. 23, 1951, in Kansas City. Graduate of Clinton High School, 1969; Central Missouri State University, B.A., political science, 1973 and University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, J.D., 1975. Married Rachelle E. Wilkins, Nov. 6, 1993. They have three children. Served as law clerk in the Jackson County Circuit Court–Division 10, 1976–1977. Practiced law in Clinton, 1979–2006. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 28

DAVID R. MUNTON

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

Counties: Barton, Cedar, Dade and Vernon.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Graduated Southwest Baptist University B.S. political science, 1979; University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, J.D., 1982. Married Jeanne Kingsland, 1985, they have four children. Served as law clerk to the Honorable George Flanigan, 1982–1983. Practiced law in Greene County then Polk County, 1983–1994. Elected associate circuit judge, 1994. Retained: 1998–2014. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 29—Division 3

### DAVID B. MOUTON

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

### County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born March 5, 1958, in Joplin. Graduated from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., J.D. Married Beverly Edwards, June 28, 1980. They have two children. Engaged in the private practice of law in Carthage, 1986–2006; City Attorney of Carthage, 1999-2006. Member: Fairview Christian Church; Missouri and Jasper County Bar Associations. Former president of Jasper County Bar Association; former member of Salvation Army Advisory Board, Carthage Parks and Recreation Board, and of Board of Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 29—Division 1

#### GAYLE L. CRANE

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 601 S. Pearl, Rm. 316, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4318.

#### County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 10, 1958, in Neosho. Graduate of KU, B.S.W.; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married John Podleski. She has three children. Partner in a law firm, 1985–2006. Member: St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.









# Circuit 29—Division 2

### DEAN G. DANKELSON

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

County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 10, 1964 in Sandusky, Ohio. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S.B.A., economics, 1986; University of North Carolina, J.D., 1989. Married Debbie Immesote, June 17, 1995. They have three children. Elected prosecuting attorney of Jasper County, 1998–2014. President of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, 2010 and 2011. Served on the board of the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri, Carl Junction Education Foundation and Joplin Sports Authority. Member: Grace Episcopal Church of Carthage. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022.



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#### Circuit 30

### MICHAEL O. HENDRICKSON

Office address: 101 S. Crittenden, Box 4, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 468-2105.

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

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Sept. 25, 1963, in Lincoln, Neb. Married with three children. Graduate of University of Nebraska, B.A., 1986; J.D., 1990. Previously served as Special Assist. U.S. Attorney, Assist. Missouri Attorney General, Chief Assist. Taney Co. Pros., Assist. Jefferson Co. Pros. and a private practitioner. Member of Mo., Neb., Kan. and Springfield Metro Bar Assoc.; Mo. Circuit Judges Assoc.; Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Mo. Assoc. of Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed member of Supreme Court Institute Subcommittee of Civic Education, 2012. Elected fellow

as Applied Science and Technology Adjudication Resource (ASTAR) (now National Courts and Sciences Institute), 2012. Served as special judge, Southern District Court of Appeals, 2009. Member of Marshfield Lions Club, Fellowship Bible Church and Board of Community Foundation of Rogersville. Previously served on Pittsburg Community Center Board, Hermitage Visioning Committee and Community Improvement Coalition. Elected Hickory County associate judge, 2006 and 2010. Elected circuit judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 31—Division 4 THOMAS MOUNTJOY

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

County: Greene.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born 1953 in Stockton, Calif. Graduate of Central Missouri State Univ., B.S. Criminal Justice Administration. University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Married Donna Newman; they have three daughters. Served as assistant professor, Criminal Justice Administration and Greene County prosecuting attorney. Presiding judge 2009–2017. Chair, Presiding Judges' Committee for State of Missouri, appointed by Missouri Supreme Court, 2014–2017. Member: Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, board of directors; Missouri Supreme Court Commission to Combat Domestic Violence

and Human Trafficking, co-chair of Human Trafficking Committee; faculty member, Missouri Trial Judges College and New Judge Orientation. Awards: David B. Woodruff Memorial Community Justice; Humanitarian of the Year, Child Advocacy Center John P. Ferguson Award; CASA State Juvenile Judge of the Year. Appointed circuit judge, Feb. 9, 1996. Elected: 1996, 2000 and 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 31—Division 1 MICHAEL J. CORDONNIER

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

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 6, 1957, in St. Louis and raised in Springfield. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.S., business administration, 1979; University of Tulsa, College of Law, J.D., 1982. Engaged in private practice as a partner in the firm of Cunningham, Harpool & Cordonnier L.C. until merger and became partner with Lathrop & Gage, L.C., in 2004. Married Martha Love; they have two sons. Member: Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield; included as one of the "Best Lawyers in America," 2007; and named as 417 Top Attorneys 2007. Author, Automobile Torts, supplement Mo. Bar CLE. Member of American Bar,

Missouri Bar and Springfield Metropolitan Bar associations. Past and present board member of several non profit organizations. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 2008. Elected circuit judge, 2008, to fill unexpired term. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

#### Circuit 31—Division 2 DAVID IONES

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

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born 1953 in Springfield. Graduate of Albright College, 1975; Delaware Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1978. Married to Ginger Wagner, with one child. Served as an assistant United States attorney, United States Department of Justice, from 1979–2006. Engaged in private practice and professor at Drury University and Ozark Technical College, 2006–2008. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 2008. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 31—Division 3

**JASON BROWN** 

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4080.

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 1963, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 1985; Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1988. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City area and Springfield, 1988–2004. Member, Trial Judge Education and Civic Education committees; Member, Springfield SE Rotary Club; board member, Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2005. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Appointed circuit judge, July 2015. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 31—Division 5

#### **CALVIN HOLDEN**

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4837.

#### County: Greene.

Biography: Born Sept. 28, 1953, in Mountain View. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., *cum laude*; Drake University, J.D., 1980. He has four children: Chrysa, Calie, Alexander and Zoe. Engaged in the practice of law, 1980–1996. Administrative law judge, Division of Employment Security, 1980–1981; Greene County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1983. Served in the U.S. Navy, 1972–1974. Member: Phi Kappa Phi; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar associations. Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar. Missouri Drug Court Commission, commissioner. David B. Woodruff Memorial Community Justice

Service Award recipient, 2000; NAMI of Southwest Missouri Governmental Award for Excellence, 2001; and Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals President's Award, 2002. Appointed circuit judge, 1996. Elected: 1996, 2002 and 2006. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 32—Division 1

#### MICHAEL E. GARDNER

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

Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born in 1979, St. Louis, and raised in Kelso. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 2001; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2004. Order of the Coif. Lead Articles Editor, "Missouri Law Review." Law Clerk to Hon. Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr., Supreme Court of Missouri, 2004–2005. Private practice, 2005–2014. Missouri Board of Law Examiners, 2013-present. Board of Trustees of The Missouri Bar Courdation, 2017–present. Board of Governors of The Missouri Bar, 2012–2014. Young Lawyers' Section Council, 2010–2014. Assistant District Governor, Rotary District 6060. Member and past president, Cape West Rotary Club. Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree.

Membership chair, Shawnee District of the Boy Scouts of America. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Cape Girardeau. Married with four children. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 4, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.











### Circuit 32—Division 2 **BENJAMIN F. LEWIS**

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

Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

Biography: Born March 17, 1955 in Cape Girardeau. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., 1977; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Debra K. Scholl July 5, 1986. Law clerk, Hon. Timothy D. O'Leary, 16th Circuit, 1980–1981. Private practice, 1981–1990. Associate Circuit Judge, 1991–1994. Member, Layton & Lewis, L.L.C., 1995–2004. Trustee, SoutheastHEALTH, 1992 to present. Hanover Lutheran Church, past president; 32nd Circuit Bar Association, past president; Cape Girardeau

Noon Lions Club, past president; Shawnee District, BSA past chair. BSA Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award. Elected circuit judge, 2004. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 33

# DAVID DOLAN

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

Counties: Mississippi and Scott.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born June 19, 1954, in Memphis, Tenn. Graduate of Univ. of Memphis, B.B.A.; J.D. Married Julie Crader, Aug. 2, 1980. Two children, Win and Claire. Member: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; Mo.

Member: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; Mo. and Tenn. Bar assocs.; Natl. Assoc. of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Mo. Juvenile Justice Assoc.; Natl. (sec.) and Mo. Assocs. of Drug Court Professionals; Sikeston Youth Soccer, pres.; Sikeston Little League, coach; Rotary Club; Sikeston Jaycees; SMC Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; ODK; Bar Governor Univ. of Memphis School of Law. ASTAR Fellow, 2009; Presiding Judges Exec. Comm., 2006–present; Mo. Supreme Court Leg. Comm., 2008–present; Circuit Judges Leg. Comm., 2008–present; and Mo. Sentencing and Corrections Oversight Comm., 2013–17. Private practice, Crader, Crader, Dolan and Dolan, 1982–90. Asst. pros. atty. Scott Co., 1986–90; pros. atty., 1991–93. Elected asso-ciate circuit judge, 1992 and 1994. Appointed circuit judge, March 1998. Elected: 1998 and 2000. Retained: 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



### Circuit 34 FRED COPELAND

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

Counties: New Madrid and Pemiscot.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Nov. 13, 1954, in Coronado, Calif. Graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., public administration; J.D. Engaged in private law practice in New Madrid. Appointed associate circuit judge, New Madrid County, for a term beginning Jan. 15, 1982. Elected 1982 and 1986. Member: United Methodist Church; Optimist; Eagles and Phi Delta Phi. Elected circuit judge, 1988–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 35 **ROBERT N. MAYER**

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Feb. 25, 1957, in Cape Girardeau. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., political science, University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Married Nancy Tuley, July 29, 1978. Three sons: Jason, Dustin and Daniel. Member of First Baptist Church, Dexter. Practiced law in Dexter. Elected to the House of Representatives, 2000–2002. Served as chair of Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee, 2003-2004. Elected to the Senate, 2004-2008. Served as Education Committee chair, 2008–2009. Served as Appropriations Committee chair, 2010. Served as Senate *president pro tem*, 2011–2012. Elected presiding judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 36 MICHAEL PRITCHETT

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

Counties: Butler and Ripley.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Nov. 17, 1953, in Des Moines, Iowa. Graduate of Drury University, B.M.E., *summa cum laude*, 1976; University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, J.D., 1980. Married Nell Hearne Pritchett, July 30, 1977. Former Poplar Bluff city attorney and city prosecuting attorney; former Butler County assistant prosecuting attorney; engaged in private practice of law, 1981–2010; former board member of Poplar Bluff Transit Authority; ADAPT; Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce; and Poplar Bluff Industries. Member: First Baptist Church. Elected circuit judge, 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.

### Circuit 37

DAVID P. EVANS

Office address: 225 Courthouse Sq., West Plains 65775; phone (417) 256-4383. Counties: Carter, Howell, Oregon and Shannon.

**Biography:** Presiding Judge. Born April 26, 1960, in West Plains. Graduate of Southern Methodist University, B.S., political science, *summa cum laude*, B.B.A., business; Southern Methodist University, J.D., chief counsel Legal Clinic. Married Saundra Kay Hardin, Aug. 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: United Methodist Church; President's Volunteer Service Award; and past president Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit

Judges Association; Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, Supreme Court Judicial Finance Commission, Future of the Profession Joint Task Force. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 38—Division 1

### LAURA J. JOHNSON

Office address: 110 W. Elm, Rm. 205, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-5162. Counties: Christian.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Graduate of Missouri University, B.S., finance, magna cum laude, 1985, National Merit Scholar; Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D. cum laude, 1988; Order of the Coif; and Leading Articles Editor for the Journal of Air Law & Commerce. Married to Todd, 1987; two children. Clerked from 1988–1990 for the Hon. Elmo B. Hunter, federal district judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Associate for the firm of Stinson, Mag & Fizzell, Kansas City, 1990–1991. Attorney with the firm Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C., Springfield, 1991–2015. Member of the Missouri Bar Association, the Springfield Metropolitan Asso-

ciation and the Christian and Taney County Bar Associations. Past or present board member and officer of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Least of These Food Pantry, Board of Education for the Ozark School District and member of Rotary. Elected: Nov. 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 38—Division 2 JENNIFER R. GROWCOCK

Office address: 100 W. Church St., Rm. 203, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-4375. Counties: Christian.

**Biography:** Born April 26, 1979, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Graduate of University of Iowa, B.A., English, 2001; University of Nebraska Law School, J.D., 2004, with distinction. Married Matthew J. Growcock, Sept. 25, 2004; they have three children. Served in the private sector, 2004–2016. Received "Missouri Lawyers Weekly" Up & Coming Lawyer and 2015 Attorneys awards for securing one of the largest reported settlements in the state. Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2014–2016. Associate with Husch Blackwell in Springfield, 2004–2010. Shareholder with Polsinelli, PC, in Springfield and Kansas City, 2010–2016. Member of Missouri Bar Association, Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, and Christian County Bar Association. Past president and board member of CASA of Southwest Mo. Current board

member and member of the Junior League of Springfield. Past advisory board member of Kingswood Preschool at her church, Kings Way United Methodist Church. Current treasurer and executive board member of Ozark West PTA. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.









### Circuit 39 JACK A. L. GOODMAN

Office address: PO Box 364, Monett 65708; phone (417) 235-8500; FAX (417) 235-8502. Counties: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born 1973, in Aurora. Graduate of Pierce City High School, 1991; University of Mo.–Columbia, bachelor's degree, 1995; and University of Mo.–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1998. Elected presiding judge, 39th Circuit, 2012. Served in Missouri Senate, 2005–2012; Senate asst. majority leader, 2007–2012; Chair of Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence; Senate Committee on General Laws, & Senate Committee on Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight. Served in Missouri House of Representatives, 2003–2005; House asst. majority leader, 2004–2005. Attorney in private practice, 1998–2012; assistant prosecuting attorney, 1997–2002. Former

member: Missouri Tourism Commission, Children's Services Commission, Missouri Rural Economic Development Council, Southwest Center Advisory Council and American Lung Association Government Relations Committee. Married to Laura with two sons, Jack and William. Member: Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in Freistatt. Various civic organizations. Elected: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 40

# TIMOTHY W. PERIGO

Office address: 123 E. Main St., Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8234. Counties: McDonald and Newton.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. A native of Tulsa, Okla. Graduate of University of Tulsa, B.S., 1975; J.D., 1977. Married with three children. Engaged in private practice until June 1, 1985, when appointed as prosecuting attorney. Elected prosecutor for a full term in 1986. Elected associate circuit judge, 1990. Elected circuit judge, 1992. Retained: 1994–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 41 FREDERICK (RICK) TUCKER

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

#### Counties: Macon and Shelby.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born Jan. 24, 1961, Independence. Graduate of William Chrisman High School, 1979; Park College, B.A., 1983, Five years carpet cleaner and welder. Married to Karma L. Swoffer, 1987. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1991 Public Defender, 1991–2004. Four children. Private law practice, 2004–2011. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2011. Elected circuit judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 42—Division 1 SIDNEY T. PEARSON III

**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:** Presiding judge. Born Oct. 17, 1952, in Pleasant Plains, Ark. Graduate of Missouri S&T, B.A., psychology, 1978; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1981. Married Naomi Haacke, 1975. Two children and four grandchildren. U.S. Air Force, 1971–1974, 366 Tactical Fighter Wing RVN service, 1972–1973; private practice, 1982–1990; assistant prosecuting attorney of Crawford County, 1990–1995; executive director Meramec Legal Aid Corporation, 1995–1998; prosecuting attorney of Crawford County, 2011–2012. Elected circuit judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 42—Division 2

#### KELLY PARKER

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

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

**Biography:** Born Feb. 28, 1966, in Rolla. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. He has three children: Braxton, Kennison and Slayton. Retired from the Missouri Army National Guard, rank of major, Judge Advocate General's Corps. Served as Trial Counsel for the 35th Engineer Brigade, Senior Defense Counsel for the 429th Trial Defense Team (Missouri and Nebraska Army National Guard), and Chief of Military Justice for the Missouri Army National Guard. Dent County prosecuting attorney, 1995–1997; assistant prosecutor, 1991–1995. State

representative, 150th District, 1997–2001. Appointed Iron County associate circuit judge, 2001. Elected Iron County associate circuit judge, 2002. Elected circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Democrat.

### Circuit 43—Division 1

#### THOMAS N. CHAPMAN

Office address: 700 Webster, Ste. 11, Chillicothe 64601; phone (660) 646-8000; FAX (660) 646-2734.

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

**Biography:** Presiding judge 2012–present. Born March 23, 1966; lifelong resident of Chillicothe. Graduate of Westminster College, B.S., political science, *summa cum laude*, 1988; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1991 and University of Missouri–Kansas City, LLM tax law, 1995. Elected circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 43—Division 2

#### **R. BRENT ELLIOTT**

Office address: Clinton County Courthouse, PO Box 275, Plattsburg 64477; phone (816) 539-3732; FAX (816) 539-3893.

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

**Biography:** Born Aug. 8, 1955, Eagleville. Graduate of North Harrison High School , 1973; Graceland College, B.A., 1977; and University of Missouri, J.D., 1980. Son, Connor MacLeod Elliott, D.V.M., University of Missouri Veterinary Medicine, 2013. Elected prosecuting attorney Livingston County, 1982 and 1986, and maintained private law practice in Chillicothe for 19 years, trying dozens of jury trials without a loss. Appointed DeKalb County associate circuit judge, Jan. 1, 2001. Elected: 2002 and 2006. Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon's first judicial appointment as circuit judge, Feb. 1, 2009. Elected: 2010 and 2012. Presiding circuit judge, 2010–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 44

R. CRAIG CARTER

Office address: 1402 Haden St., PO Box 489, Ava 65608; phone (417) 683-5556; FAX (417) 683-5557.

County: Douglas, Wright and Ozark.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born April 16, 1969, in Springfield. United States Army, second Ranger Battalion, 1989–1991 (Panama, Operation Just Cause 1989); 10th, 12th, 20th Special Forces Groups, 1993–2002. Military decorations include: Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Wings with Combat Jump Device, Expeditionary Badge, Kosovo Service Ribbon and Army Commendation Medal. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S., accounting, 1997; University of Arkansas, J.D., 2000. Private practice of law, 2000–2005. Member: Missouri Bar; Ava and Mansfield Lodges A.F. & A.M.; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Ava. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Matt Blunt, 2005. Elected: 2006 and 2010. Elected circuit judge, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.











### Circuit 45

### CHRIS KUNZA MENNEMEYER

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

County: Lincoln and Pike.

**Biography:** Presiding judge. Born in Troy. Valedictorian of Troy Buchanan High School, 1990; Bright Flight Scholar and attended University of Missouri–Columbia and earned B.S.Ed in mathematics and science education with certificate to teach K–12, *magna cum laude*, 1993; earned J.D. from University of Missouri–Columbia, 1997. Employment history includes: CB Richard Ellis Commercial Real Estate Corporate Advisory Group; Gray-Bar Electric Company, Legal/Real Estate Department; Earthgrains/Sara Lee Corporate, Real Estate Department; Lincoln County

assistant prosecuting attorney; and operated sole private practice for more than 10 years, representing clients in civil, criminal, family, juvenile, drug court, administrative, probate, landlord/tenant and estate-planning matters. Successfully ran contested campaign and was elected presiding circuit court judge, Nov. 6, 2012, for the 45th Judicial Circuit. Took office Jan. 1, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 46

#### TONY W. WILLIAMS

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7230.

County: Taney.

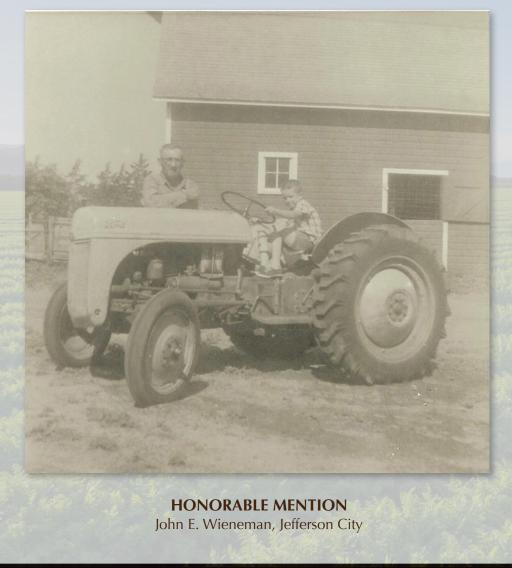
**Biography:** Presiding judge. Elected associate judge, 2000. Retained: 2002–2014. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022. Republican.

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# Circuit 1 **RICKEY R. ROBERTS**

Office address: 111 E. Court St., Ste. 210, Kahoka 63445; phone (660) 727-1233. County: Clark.

**Biography:** Born April 17, 1955, in Keokuk, Iowa. United States Air Force, 1973–1977. Graduate of Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University), B.A. public administration and history, summa cum laude, 1980; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1983. Married Diana Hart, Nov. 26, 1986. Engaged in private practice in Kahoka, 1983–2010. Served as city attorney for the cities of Kahoka, Wayland and Alexandria; general counsel for the Second Judicial Circuit Juvenile Division, 1997–2010. Elected associate circuit judge for Clark County, Nov. 2010. Appointed by democratic Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon to fill unexpired term, Dec. 2010. Elected: Nov. 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 1

### **KELLY L. LOVEKAMP**

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

#### County: Schuyler.

**Biography:** Born in Kirksville. Graduate of Truman State University (Northeast Missouri State University), B.S., 1983, business administration and psychology major (minor in personnel management); graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1990. Engaged in private practice, 1990–2010. Served as city attorney for Lancaster, Greentop and Glenwood. Recipient of MSTA Friend of Education Award. Elected board member, Missouri Judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 1

### KARL A.W. DeMARCE

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

#### County: Scotland.

Biography: Born Aug. 18, 1968, in Maryville. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, B.S. in agriculture, 1989; M.S., 1992 and J.D., 1997. Married Brenda Annette Russell, 1992. Five children. State Judicial Records Committee, 2003–present; Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference, 2008–present; Trial Judge Education Committee, 2013–present. State Representative District 1, 1997–1998. Community Development Specialist, University of Missouri Extension, Scotland County, 1991–1994. Member: Grace Evangelical Lutheran

Church; Missouri Bar; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (president, 2012–2013); Scotland County Rotary Club; Scotland County Community Fitness Center, board of directors; Scotland County Assoc. of Music Parents; Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce. Editor-in-Chief, Missouri Law Review, 1996–1997. Elected associate circuit judge, 1998. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

#### Circuit 2

#### **KRISTIE J. SWAIM**

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

#### County: Adair.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 27, 1967. Graduate of University of Iowa, B.A., political science, 1990; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1993. Board of Advocates, writing director, 1992–1993; University of Missouri-Columbia, teaching assistant in legal research, writing and advocacy, 1992–1993; Order of Barristers, 1993; Missouri Supreme Court Publications, assistant editor, 1991–1993; private law practice, 1993–2002; Kirksville City Council, 1999–2002. Received West Publishing Award for Excellence in Research and Writing 1900; Richard L Chamier Award in Public Sneaking 1991–Fred L Howard

and Writing, 1990; Richard J. Chamier Award in Public Speaking, 1991; Fred L. Howard Prize for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy, 1992–1993. Service on Civic Education Committee; Student Subcommittee on Civic Education; Task Force on Future of the Profession; Trial Judge Focus Group; numerous community groups and organizations. Elected Adair County associate circuit judge, 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.











# Circuit 2

# THOMAS P. REDINGTON

Office address: Knox County Courthouse, 107 N. Fourth St., Ste. I, Edina 63537; phone (660) 397-3146.

#### County: Knox.

**Biography:** Graduate of Quincy University, B.A., 1979; Seattle University, J.D., 1983. Marion County prosecuting attorney, 1996–2013; adjunct faculty of the National College of District Attorneys (NDAA), 2008–2013; and board of governors, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, member, 1984–1999. Faculty of the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Trial School, 2010–2013; Board of Directors of the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, member, 2011–2013. Previously the President of the Holy Family School Board in Hannibal and served as president of the board of directors of the

Hannibal Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 2

# FRED WESTHOFF

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

County: Lewis.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 23, 1952, in Quincy, III. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1975; University of Missouri Law School, J.D. 1978. Married Reggie DeVerger, June 11, 1983; four children. Prosecuting attorney Lewis County, 1981–1986. Member of Missouri Bar; Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association and Heart-land Resources, Inc. Elected associate circuit judge for Lewis County, 1986. Retained: 1990–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 3 STEVEN D. HUDSON

Office address: Grundy County Courthouse, 700 Main St., Ste 6, Trenton 64683; phone (660) 359-4040.

#### County: Grundy.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 7, 1961, in Trenton. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.S., business administration, magna cum laude, 1983; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1986. Married to Lora Barnett, with two children. Member: Wesley United Methodist Church; NCMO Fair Board; Trenton High School Vocational Agriculture Advisory Board; and Missouri Sheep Merchandising Council. Served as Grundy County prosecutor, Sept. 1993–Dec. 1998. Elected Grundy County associate circuit judge, Nov. 1998. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 3 THOMAS R. ALLEY

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

#### County: Harrison.

**Biography:** Born in Harrison County. Graduate of Missouri Western State Univ., B.S., business administration, accounting, *summa cum laude*; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D.; and certified public accountant (active). 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 and city prosecutor, Bethany. Member: Methodist Church, past president; Bethany Rotary Club; Masonic Lodge; Missouri Bar and Third Circuit Bar.

Elected associate circuit judge, 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 3 MATTHEW M. KROHN

Office address: Mercer County Courthouse, 802 E. Main St., Princeton 64673; phone (660) 748-4335.

#### County: Mercer.

**Biography:** Born 1971. Graduated Princeton High School, 1990. Graduated Benedictine College, B.S., political science/pre-law, minor in business administration, magna cum laude, 1994; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1997; trial advocacy team. Married to Kelly Coon, three children. Member: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Princeton; Missouri Bar; Third Circuit Bar Association; Third Circuit Drug Court Judge and Team; Princeton Rotary Club, past president; PHS Alumni Association, past president; PHS Endowment, board member; Princeton Ball Association. Employment: private prac-

tice in Trenton with the Andereck, Evans, Widger, Johnson & Lewis Law Firm, 1997–2014, partner for 10 years; city attorney for Princeton and Mercer. Elected associate circuit judge, Nov. 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 3

### SAMUEL D. FRANK

Office address: Putnam County Courthouse, 601 W. Main, Rm. 204, Unionville 63565; phone (660) 947-2117.

#### County: Putnam.

**Biography:** Born 1961, in Centerville, Iowa. Graduate of Truman State University, Kirksville, B.A., political science, 1984; M.A., history, 1986; and Oklahoma City University, J.D., 1989. Married Mary Helmken, June 12, 1998. Solo practitioner for 20 years. Served as city prosecutor, Unionville, for 10 years. Member: Missouri Bar and American Bar associations since 1990. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 4

### **COREY K. HERRON**

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

### County: Atchison.

Biography: Born Aug. 16, 1969, in Fairfax. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, B.S.B.A. 1992, J.D. 1996. Married Kristina Kelsall, Nov. 24, 2001. They have one son. Engaged in private law practice in northern Mo., with Andereck, Evans, Milne, Widger & Johnson, L.L.C. in Trenton, 1996–2008. Also admitted to U.S. District Court, Western District of Mo., and U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit. Past president of Third Circuit Bar Assoc. and Fourth Circuit Bar Assoc., Member of: Phi Alpha Delta; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, board member, legislative committee, secretary/treasurer, 2014–17, vice president, 2017–present; Circuit Court Budget Committee; Judicial Transfer Workgroup;

Judicial Conference of Mo. Executive Council; Rock Port Rotary (past president); St. John's Lutheran Church; Community Hospital–Fairfax Board of Directors. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Matt Blunt, 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 4

#### EDWARD MANRING

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

#### County: Gentry.

**Biography:** Born July 23, 1950, in northwest Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.S., 1972; J.D., 1975. Married Nancy Stout, July 14, 1978. Private practice in Albany, 1975–2006. Worth County prosecuting attorney, 1989–1990. Gentry County prosecuting attorney, 1995–2006. Member: Albany United Methodist Church, Rotary Club and volunteer firemen. Elected associate judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.











# Circuit 4

# WILLIAM S. RICHARDS

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

#### County: Holt.

**Biography:** Born June 11, 1952, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Loyola University–New Orleans, B.A., philosophy, 1974; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1977. Married Katherine Weber, August 10, 1996. They have two children. General practice of law from 1977–1990. Elected: 1990. Retained: 1994–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 4

# W. DOUGLAS THOMSON

Office address: Nodaway County Courthouse, 305 N. Main St., Ste. 104, Maryville 64468; phone (660) 582-2047.

County: Nodaway.

**Biography:** Born in Kansas City. Graduate of Maryville High School, 1981; Missouri State University, B.S., finance, 1985; University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1989. Assoc. with Krebbs & Holdsworth, Liberty, 1989–1993; assoc. and then partner with Zahnd, Ross & Thomson and it's successors, Maryville, 1995–2013; and solo practice in Maryville, 2014. Board of Governors of the Missouri Bar, 2011–present. Past president and current member of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Bar Assoc. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



# Circuit 4 JOEL MILLER

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

#### County: Worth.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 22, 1970, in Albany. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science; Missouri State University, M.A., 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. Marring, P.C. Member: Missouri Supreme Court's State Judicial Records Committee; Fourth Circuit Bar Association; First Christian Church of Grant City; Worth County Education Foundation; Allensville and Grant City lodges and Allendale Fourth of July Breakfast Club. Appointed: Sept. 1,

2006. Elected: Nov. 7, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 5 MICHAEL J. ORDNUNG

Office address: Andrew County Courthouse, PO Box 318, Savannah 64485; phone (816) 324-3921.

#### County: Andrew.

**Biography:** Graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, B.S., double major in business management and marketing, 1977: masters of business administration, 1980: University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1986. Joined the Firm of Morton Reed and Counts in St Joseph, 1986, later became a partner. Elected associate circuit judge, 1998. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 5 **KEITH MARQUART**

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

#### County: Buchanan.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 6, 1954, in Washington, Mo. Graduated from Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan., B.A. in political science; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married to Corky and has two children, Blake and Brooke. Appointed to fill an unexpired term, 1988. Elected: 1990. Retained: 1994–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 5

# **REBECCA L. SPENCER**

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

#### County: Buchanan.

**Biography:** Graduate of University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, B.A., English and political science, 1996; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1999. Assistant prosecuting attorney in Buchanan County until May of 2001. Prosecuting attorney for the City of St. Joseph until Dec. of 2014. Served as the municipal judge for the City of Easton for seven years. Served as the president of the St. Joseph Bar Association, 2012. Judge Spencer presides over a variety of civil cases, including cases where the amount of controversy is \$25,000 or less, small claims actions and landlord tenant cases. In addition, she presides over felony and misdemeanor charges of non-support and misdemeanor criminal cases in

Buchanan County. She also presides over preliminary hearings in Buchanan County on criminal felony complaints. She currently resides in St. Joseph, with her three children. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 6—Division 3 ABE (QUINT) SHAFER V

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

**Biography:** Born Oct. 19, 1968, in Kansas City. Education: West Platte R-II School District (Weston), 1987; University of Colorado, B.A., 1991; Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., 1995; Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2013. Formerly: member/manager of Shafer Law Office, LC (later, Shafer & Welch, LC); city attorney–City of Weston; school board member–West Platte R-II; general counsel, Bank of Weston; special prosecutor, Platte County; adjunct professor, Benedictine College; attorney for numerous boards and political subdivisions; and served as director/officer/ attorney for numerous philanthropic and charitable organizations. Member: Missouri Bar,

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc., Platte County Bar Assoc. and Weston Christian Church. Married to Christy Shafer (1995) with two children. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, April 1, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 6—Division 4

W. ANN HANSBROUGH

Office address: 415 Third St., Ste. 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-1977. County: Platte.

**Biography:** Born July 7, 1960, in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of Poplar Bluff High School, 1978; Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, bachelor's in journalism, 1982; Univ. of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1985. Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers (Peer Review selected Top 5% of Women Lawyers: 2011–2013); selected as "Super Lawyer" for Mo., 2008–2011; selected as "Super Lawyer" for Kan., 2008–2011; and Board Member for "Meritas Law Firms Worldwide," 2000–2003. Practiced at Swanson, Midgley LLC, from 1985–2004; selected as the firm's first woman partner in firm's 112 year history; Management Committee, 1999–2003; founder and director of firm's Volunteer Attorney Project;

awarded Volunteer Service Award from Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc. Member: Platte County Bar Assoc., Assoc. of Women Lawyers, Missouri Bar Assoc. and board of directors member of Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Married to David Stout, 1987; two children: Courtney and Mackenzie Stout. Appointed: Jan. 21, 2014. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.











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

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

#### County: Platte.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 8, 1956. Graduate of the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, B.A. psychology, 1979, with distinction; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married to Lisa D. Eckold. They have four children. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City, 1983–2010 and as a mediator and arbitrator, 1999–2010. Served as a member of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners (former board president), 1998–2003. Member: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; Platte County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Received Outstanding Public Official award from

Tri-County Mental Health Services in 2013. Serves as a board member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges and the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2010. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 7—Division 5 DAVID CHAMBERLAIN

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

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#### County: Clay.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 13, 1962, in Cambridge, Neb. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State University), 1985, B.S., economics; University of Missouri– Kansas City School of Law, 1989. Married Roberta L. Block, Jan. 4, 1986; they have two children, Amanda and Hannah. Member: Missouri Bar, Clay County Bar and Kansas City Missouri Bar associations. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 10, 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 7—Division 6 KAREN L. KRAUSER

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3960.

#### County: Clay.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 10, 1976, in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Graduate of Park College (now Park University), 1999, B.A., criminal justice and psychology; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 2002. Lives in Kansas City with her husband, Tim West, and her daughter, Alexandria. Assistant prosecutor for Clay County, 2002–2012; deputy chief prosecutor, 2008–2012; municipal judge for Excelsior Springs, 2008–2012 and municipal judge for Platte Woods, 2010–2012. Member: Missociation; Kansas City More Lawyers

of Kansas City; Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association and American Judges Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 10, 2012. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 7—Division 7 LOUIS ANGLES

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

#### County: Clay.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 18, 1957, in Havana, Cuba. Graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., 1976; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Pharmacy, B.S., pharmacy, 1983 and Washburn University School of Law, J.D, 1988. Engaged in private law practice, 1988 until appointment to the bench in 2013. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Clay County Bar Association, Missouri Bar, Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association, and Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Former member: Missouri Association of Trial Attor-

neys. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 18, 2013. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 7—Division 9 TIMOTHY J. FLOOK

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3990.

#### County: Clay.

**Biography:** Born in 1967, Clay County. Resides in Kansas City with his wife Elizabeth Serpa-Flook and two daughters. William Jewell College, B.A., 1989; honors study, St. Peters College; Oxford University, 1989; UMKC, J.D., 1992. Flook & Graham, P.C., 1997–2015; asst. Clay County counselor, 1993–2001, 2013–2015; Mo. Attorney General Criminal Div., 1991–1992. Elected Mo. House of Rep., 2004–2010; Economic Development Committee, chair; Judiciary Committee, vice chair. Member: Clay County Bar Assoc.; Hispanic Bar Assoc. of Kansas City, past pres.; St Andrews Catholic Church. Awards from: Mo. Bar Assoc.; Judicial Conference; Assoc. of Probate & Assoc. Circuit Judges; St Louis Hispanic Leaders "Esperanza"; St. Louis RCGA; Lewis & Clark Statesman; St Louis Business Journal.

Governor's Commissions Tax Credit Reform; Hispanic Business, Culture & Trade, chair. Mayor's Commission on Local Control of Kansas City Police Dept. President's advisory council William Jewell College. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 8

### LORI J. BASKINS

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

#### County: Ray.

**Biography:** Born in 1964, in Windsor. Graduate of Fort Osage High School, Independence, 1983; Southwest Missouri State University, B.A., economics and mathematics, *summa cum laude*, 1987; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1990 and Order of the Coif. Engaged in private practice, Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum, St. Louis, 1990–1997; deputy state supervisor, Missouri Department of Public Safety, Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Control, 1997–2005 and private practice, 2005–2014, Richmond. Elected: Nov. 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 8

### JOE DON McGAUGH

Office address: Ray County Courthouse, 100 W. Main St., Second Fl., Richmond 64085. County: Ray.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 29, 1983, in Carrollton. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, 2006, B.A. in agricultural economics and minor in political science; University of Missouri–Kansas City, 2010, J.D. Member: Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Cattleman's Association, NRA, Wakanda Lodge #52 AF & AM, Carrollton Lions Club and Carroll County University of Missouri, Extension Council. Attends Carrollton United Methodist Church. Served as counselor and city attorney for the Town of Carrollton. Attorney at McGaugh Law Offices. He resides in Carrollton with his wife, Kassie and their three daughters, Nora Kate, Vivian and Gemma. Elected to the Missouri

House of Representatives, 2012–2016. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 9

# ANDREA RAVENS VANDELOECHT

Office address: Chariton County Courthouse, 306 S. Cherry, Keytesville 65261; phone (660) 288-3602.

#### County: Chariton.

**Biography:** Graduate of Westminster College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. General practice with Chapman, Cowherd, Turner and Tschannen, P.C., 2001–2010. Elected associate circuit judge, Nov. 2010. Retained: in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.









### Circuit 9 SCOT T. OTHIC

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

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 County: Linn.

 Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. and M.S.; University of Missouri Columbia School of Law, LD, Served as city attemps and city prospective for the

Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Served as city attorney and city prosecutor for the City of Marceline for a period of 20 years. Private practice, 1994–2014. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



### Circuit 9

# TRACEY A. MASON-WHITE

Office address: Sullivan County Courthouse, 109 N. Main, Ste. 20, Milan, 63556; phone (660) 265-3303.

County: Sullivan.

**Biography:** Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.S., business administration, 1999; University of Denver College of Law, J.D., 2004. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 10 JOHN J. JACKSON

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

### County: Marion.

**Biography:** Born March 16, 1960. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., 1982; J.D., 1985. Member and past president, 10th Circuit Bar Association. Elected Marion County prosecuting attorney, 1990 and 1994. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1996. Elected: 1998. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 10 MICHAEL P. WILSON

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

#### County: Monroe.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 18, 1951, in Tucson, Ariz. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, A.B., B.J., 1973; J.D., 1980. Married Kathleen Roegge, August 19, 1973. Commissioned U.S. Air Force, 1973, became JAG in 1980. Retired as Lieutenant colonel, 1993. Recipient of five meritorious service medals. Prosecuting attorney, Monroe County, 1995–2004. Kansas City Arson Task Force Prosecutor of Year, 2000. Member: Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Rotary and American Legion. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2004. Elected 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 10 DAVID MOBLEY

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

#### County: Ralls.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 25, 1961. Graduate of Culver-Stockton College, B.A; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married Sherre Lubker, June 16, 1984; they have three children. Served in private practice of law, 1986–2001. Appointed by Supreme Court to Family Court Committee and reappointed in 2009. Member: First Christian Church; Rotary Club; Mark Twain Home Foundation board; Culver-Stockton College board of trustees; Great River Honor Flight board of directors and Hannibal Pirate Family Foundation board of directors. Past president and campaign chair of Mark Twain Area United Way. Past district

chair of Mark Twain District Great Rivers Council, B.S.A. Received District Award of Merit, Great Rivers Counsel, B.S.A. Former member: Missouri Bar Complaint Resolution program. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 11—Division 6

**TERRY R. CUNDIFF** 

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 436, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3096.

County: St. Charles County.

Biography: Not available. Took office Jan. 1, 1995. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 11—Division 8

### **ERIN S. BURLISON**

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 431, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7496.

### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born in St. Charles. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., psychology, 2004; St. Louis University, J.D., 2007. Resides in St. Charles. Member: Missouri Bar Association; St. Charles County Bar Association and Young Lawyers Association of St. Charles County, past president. Boards: Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, 2011– 2013; St. Charles County Boys and Girls Club, 2010–present and Enterprise Bank and Trust, 2012–present. Practiced family law and general areas of litigation prior to taking the bench. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican. Photo not available

# 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, Ark., on Oct. 16, 1956. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., education; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Admitted to the Missouri Bar, 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-chair of a sub-committee reviewing guardian *ad litem* standards. Recently completed service on the Ad Hoc Committee for Videoconferencing. Member: St. Charles County and Missouri Bar associations. Resides in Lake St. Louis with her husband and son. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.







# Circuit 11—Division 10 NORMAN C. STEIMEL III

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 335, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 3064.

#### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 30, 1953, in Spokane, Wash. Graduate of Washington University, A.B., 1975; J.D., 1978. Appellate law clerk for the Hon. Douglas W. Greene, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, 1979–1980. Married Libby C. Toney, June 17, 1978. They have nine children. Member: Christ Presbyterian Church; The Missouri Bar; Illinois State Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Charles County Bar Association; Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Missouri Chapter president, 2008. 2010. and Christian Lorge Society. Appointed family. court comprise new 1995.

2008–2010 and Christian Legal Society. Appointed family court commissioner, 1995. Re-appointed: 1999 and 2003. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 11—Division 11 PHILLIP OHLMS

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 429, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7462.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 12, 1955, in St. Charles County. Graduate of St. Mary's Junior College, A.A., 1975; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., B.A., 1977; J.D., 1980. Married Diana Mueller, March 24, 1984. They have four children: Grant, Mark, Paul and Abigail. Attends Assumption BVM Church in O'Fallon. Appointed drug court commissioner, 2000. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 11—Division 12 MATTHEW E.P. THORNHILL

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7486.

County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born May 20, 1968, in St. Charles. Married Heather Thornhill in 1997. They have seven children: Martha, Sophia, Lolo, Rosalinda, Calvin, Phoebe and Zera. Graduate of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, B.S., B.A., 1990; Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Ind., J.D., 1993. Served as an assistant prosecutor for St. Charles County, 1993–2006. Member of Harvester Christian Church, St. Charles. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 11—Division 13 REBECA NAVARRO-MCKELVEY

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 550, St. Charles 63301; phone: (636) 949-7411.

#### County: St. Charles.

**Biography:** Born in Managua, Nicaragua in 1974. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, B.A., political science and Spanish, 1997; J.D. 2000. 2000–2004, served as an associate in the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale in the Litigation and Immigration Departments. 2005–2009, served as an assistant circuit attorney in the City of St. Louis in the White Collar Crime Unit. 2009–2013, served as chief legal counsel of the St. Charles County Juvenile Office. 2013–2016, served as assistant prosecuting attorney for the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit of the St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

2003–present, serves as president and founder of Garden of Innocents, a not-for-profit charity providing burials for abandoned infants and children. Resides in St. Charles County with her husband and her three children. Elected associate circuit judge, 2017. Term expires Dec 31, 2020. Republican.

# Circuit 12 LINDA R. HAMLETT

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

#### County: Audrain.

Biography: Not available. Took office Jan. 1, 1991. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 12

**KELLY C. BRONIEC** 

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

#### County: Montgomery.

**Biography:** Graduate of William Woods College, *summa cum laude*, B.A., business administration, University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on its Trial Judge Education Committee (2011–present), Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education (2017–present), Civic Education Committee (2015-present), Committee on Access to Family Courts (2010–2016) and as a co-chair of the Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission (2016–present), and liaison to the Task Force on Criminal Justice (2017–present), Served as President of the Missouri Assoc.

of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (2016–2017). Member of Grace Lutheran Church, Montgomery City Kiwanis Club (past president), Montgomery County Rotary Club, GFWC–Montgomery Study Club, Montgomery City Chamber of Commerce. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 12

### **RICHARD L. SCHEIBE**

Office address: Warren County Courthouse, 104 W. Main St., Warrenton 63383; phone (636) 456-3375.

### County: Warren.

**Biography:** Born July 28, 1970. Served in the U.S. Army Infantry during Desert Storm. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.G.S.; J.D., 1997; and M.A., 2006. Public defender, 1997–2013. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

## Circuit 12 MICHAEL S. WRIGHT

Office address: Warren County Courthouse, 104 W. Main St., Warrenton 63383; phone (636) 456-3375.

#### County: Warren.

**Biography**: Born in Columbia. Graduate University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1982; Washburn School of Law, J.D., Topeka, Kan., 1985. Assistant prosecuting attorney Clay County, 1985–1986. Elected Prosecuting Attorney Warren County, 1991–2014. President Missouri Prosecutor's Association, 2001; President National District Attorney's Association, 2012–2013. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Nixon, Feb. 2014. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec 31, 2018. Republican.









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### Circuit 13—Division 5 **KIMBERLY J. SHAW**

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

#### County: Boone.

Biography: Born Nov. 24, 1960, in Louisiana, Mo. Graduate of David H. Hickman High School; Columbia College B.A., Business Administration, 1986; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1989. Began her legal career at Cape Girardeau County Public Defender Trial Office. Returned to Columbia with the Central Capital Division where she was the District Defender prior to leaving in 2000 to go into private practice. The five years prior to taking the bench she worked at the Boone County Public Defender's Trial Office. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Boone County Bar Association, Missouri

Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Married to Charles (Chuck) Brown (2009) and we have a blended family of four children. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 13—Division 9 MICHAEL W. BRADLEY

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

#### County: Boone

**Biography:** Born March 11, 1952, George Air Force Base, Victorville, Calif. Graduate of the Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, B.A., 1974; J.D., 1978. Appellate Law Clerk to Hon. George Flanigan, Mo. Court of Appeals–Southern District, 1978–79. Assistant City Attorney, City of Kansas City, 1979–84. Private law practice, 1984–95. Prosecuting Attorney Carroll County, 1991–94. Associate Circuit Judge, Carroll County, 2004. Assistant Attorney General, 1995– 2004, 2005–2008. Counsel to the Mo. Dept. of Public Safety and the Mo. State Highway Patrol,

2009-10. Chief Counsel to the Mo. Gaming Commission, 2010-11. Appointed to State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, 2014. Member: Roman Catholic Church, Boone County Bar Assoc., Mizzou Alumni Assoc., Jefferson Club and Columbia Chamber of Commerce. He lives in Columbia with his wife Katie. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 2011. Elected: 2012 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 13—Division 10 LESLIE SCHNEIDER

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

County: Boone.

Biography: Born in 1955 in Ames, Iowa. Graduated from Kirksville High School, 1973; University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., 1976; and J.D., 1979. Married Thomas Schneider, 1979, and they have two children, Julia and Scott. Assistant attorney general, 1979–1983; municipal judge, City of Columbia, 1987–1996, private practice, 1983–2006. Supreme Court Access to Family Courts Committee. Member: Family Court committee. Adjunct professor, University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 2008–2013. Elected 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



### Circuit 13-Division 11 **DEBORAH DANIELS**

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

#### County: Boone.

**Biography:** Born June 14, 1950, Fayette. Univ. of Mo.–Columbia (UMC), B.A., B.S., 1972; and J.D., 1977. Honorary Order of the Coif, 2004, Fellow of the American Bar Assoc. Three children: Ian, Sydney Brette and Paige Harrison. Law clerk on the Missouri Supreme Court, 1977–78 for Hon. Fred Henley; director of Missouri Supreme Court research staff, 1979–82; adjunct professor of law at UMC, 1984–2011; reporter for the Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 1982–2007; assistant prosecuting attorney, Boone County, 1999–2004; chief counsel Criminal Division, Mo. Attorney General's Office, 2004–06.

Autority General Souri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 2007–present; and Court's Automation Committee, 2011–present. Appointed Mo. Bar Special Task Force Committee on the Public Defender's Office, 2004–06; ASTAR Fellow, 2009–present; National Courts and Sciences Institute Board of Directors, 2014–present. Faculty Mo. Judicial College, 2005–12, Planning Committee for the Mo. Bar Meeting, 2010, 2013. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 13–Division 6 CAROL ENGLAND

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

#### County: Callaway.

**Biography**: Born in Kewanee, Ill. Graduate of Columbia College, B.A.; Lincoln University, M.A.; and 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, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 13–Division 7

**SUE M. CRANE** 

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

#### County: Callaway.

**Biography**: Graduate of Rock Bridge High School, Columbia; University of Missouri, B.S., animal science; and University of Missouri, J.D., 1989. Assistant public defender, 1989–1993. Engaged in private practice from 1993 until elected. Partner in Brady & Crane LLC. During that time, served on the Callaway County Drug Court Team, Certified Mediator. Founder and director of CrossWind Ranch, a non-profit organization for kids. Past member of various boards. Past president of the Callaway County Bar Association. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 14

### MASON R. GEBHARDT

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

### County: Howard.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 12, 1969, at Keller Hospital, Fayette. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, bachelor's degree, 1992; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1996. Married Lisa Kauffman on Nov. 25, 2000. They have three daughters: Kaleigh, Kassidy and Olivia. Private practice in Fayette, 1997–2010. Howard County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2010. Elected associate circuit judge in Howard County, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 14 CYNTHIA A. SUTER

Office address: Randolph County Justice Center, 372 Hwy. JJ, Ste. D., Huntsville 65259; phone (660) 277-6555.

### County: Randolph.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 17, 1947, in Ft. Madison, Iowa. Graduate of Moberly Senior High School; Moberly Area Junior College; Truman State University and University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law. Engaged in private practice from 1971–2006. Member: Trinity United Methodist Church, Rotary Club and VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Appointed to Supreme Court Intervention Committee. Former board member of the Missouri State Board of Nursing, NECAC, Community Day Care, Safe Passage, Missouri Lawyers Trust Fund, Missouri Bar Lawyers Assistance Committee and Mid-Mo Legal Services. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.









# Circuit 15 **KELLY HALFORD ROSE**

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

#### County: Lafavette.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri-Kansas City, administration of justice, 1984; J.D., 1987. Associate attorney in Kansas City firm practicing in products liability defense. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Lafayette County, 1991–1993. Private practicecivil and criminal, 1991-2014. Municipal and prosecuting attorney for several municipalities in Lafayette County, 1993-2011. Judge for several municipalities in Jackson, Lafayette and Saline Counties, 2000–2014. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 15

# **RUSSELL J. KRUSE**

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

County: Lafayette.

Biography: Born 1962, Iowa. Education: St. Paul's College, Concordia, A.A. degree, 1981; Univ. Biography: Born 1962, Iowa. Education: St. Paul's College, Concordia, A.A. degree, 1981; Univ. of Mo.–Col., B.A., pol. science, 1983, J.D., 1986. Law prac., 1986–2014; Broker-Partner, Show-Me Realty, 1992–2008; Tile Ins. Co., 1992–08. Member: Lafayette Co. Bar, 2004–pres., sec., 2015; 10th Jud. Cir. Bar, 1986–pres., past pres., 2006; Mo. Bar, 1986–pres., JII. Bar, 1987–2014 (inactive 2015–pres.); Mo. U.S. Dist. Crts & bankruptcy crts., 1986–2014; Central U.S. Dist. Crt. & bankruptcy crt., 198, 1991–2014; W.S. Dist. Crt. & bankruptcy crts., 1986–2014; U.S. Dist. Crt. & bankruptcy crts., 1987–8014; U.S. Dist. Crt. & bankruptcy crts., 1987–8014; U.S. Dist. Crt. & bankruptcy crt., 101, 1987–89. MATA, 1988–93. LCMS Mo. Dist. bd., 2012–pres.; St. Paul Lutheran High bd., 2013–pres.; Cancordia Lion's Club, 2004–pres.; Lafayette Children's Svcs. bd., 2004–2016; LCE Inc. bd., 2002–04, Nutrition Center bd., 1987–89; Kiwanis, 1988–93. Civics teacher, 1987–2014. Member, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mo. Synod. Mo. S. Ct. Committee on Access to Family Courts, 2016–pres. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 15 HUCH C. HARVEY

Office address: Saline County Courthouse, 19 E. Arrow, Rm. 302, Marshall 65340; phone (660) 886-8808.

#### County: Saline.

Biography: Graduate of Oral Roberts University, B.S., in business management, 1977-1981; Drake University, 1982-1985, J.D./MBA. Saline County prosecuting attorney, 1987-1998. Saline County associate circuit judge, 2000-present. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 15 WM. PAGE BELLAMY

Office address: Saline County Courthouse, 19 E. Arrow, Rm. 303, Marshall 65340; phone (660) 886-6988.

County: Saline.

Biography: Graduate of Westminster College, B.A. in economics, 1981–1985; University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1985–1988, J.D. Assistant public defender, 1989–1994. Lafayette County prosecuting attorney, 1995–2009. Chief counsel, Public Safety Division, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2009-2012. Chief deputy prosecutor, Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 2012–2015. Saline County associate circuit judge, 2016–present. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 16—Division 25 RICHARD T. STANDRIDGE

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 28, 1953, at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, 1976, B.S. political science and the University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married to Melissa T. Standridge; they have six children. Member: Congregation Beth Torah. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Mel Carnahan, 1993. Retained: 1994–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 16—Division 26 VACANCY

### Circuit 16—Division 27

# **GREGORY B. GILLIS**

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3691.

### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born and raised in Kansas City. Graduate of Bishop Hogan High School; University of Missouri–Columbia, 1981 and University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1984. He is married with two children. St. Thomas More Parish. He served as assistant prosecutor in Jackson County for 12 years. Thereafter, he served as drug court commissioner until appointment to Division 27. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Jackson County Bar Association; and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, where he is currently serving as a board member and membership chair.

Previously he served as historian for the Association. Appointed by Governor Bob Holden, April 2001. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 16—Division 28 JEFFREY C. KEAL

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born/raised in Independence. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, B.A., bus. admin., 1982; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, J.D., 1986. Solo practitioner, 1986–1988. Associate with Crews, Smart, Whitehead & Waits, 1988–1991. Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, 1991–2013; chief warrant officer, trial team leader and handled wide variety of cases within office including assaults, robberies, white collar and property crimes. Warrant officer of the year and received certificate of appreciation from U.S. Secret Service for collaborative work in white collar crime prosecutions. Member: Missouri Bar, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar and Eastern Jackson County Bar associations; Association for Women Lawyers. Involved with the

community and spent many years coaching youth sports, including softball, basketball and baseball. Member of Firefighters Local Number 42 and the Kansas City Curling Club. Proud graduate of Van Horn High School in Independence and a lifetime member of BCAS. Appointed: 2013. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020.









# Circuit 16—Division 29 JANETTE K. RODECAP

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3735.

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 24, 1974, in Decorah, Iowa. Graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, III., B.A.; University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., 2001. Served as a law clerk for the Hon. Nanette K, Laughrey, U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of Missouri, 2001–2003. Court Counsel for the Palau Supreme Court in Koror, Palau, 2003–2004. Assistant state attorney in Fort Myers, Fla., 2005–2006. Assistant prosecuting attorney in Jackson County, 2006–2014. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Association of Women Lawyers. Married with two chil-

dren. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 28, 2014. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 16—Division 30

# TWILA K. RIGBY

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

County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born in Urbana. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S., education, *magna cum laude*, 1975; M.Ed.; and University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1988. Jackson County prosecutor's office, 1987–1997. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1997. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



### Circuit 16—Division 31 MARY F. WEIR

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 30, 1961, in Buffalo, N.Y. Graduate of Mount Mercy Academy, Buffalo, N.Y., 1979; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, B.A., pol. science, 1991; Washburn School of Law, Topeka, Kan., J.D., 1995. Worked as a law clerk, div. 31 of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court for the Hon. Christine Sill-Rogers, Sept. 1995–April 1998. Asistant Missouri state public defender, Kansas City office, 1998–2001. Began working as a contract attorney in 2001 with Hope House, Inc., providing representation to victims of domestic violence and their children until her appointment to the bench. Also represented juveniles and par-

ents in the Jackson County Family Court through her work as of counsel with the Raith Law Firm until her appointment. Adjunct professor of law at the Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City School of Law since 2004. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2013. Retained: 2014. Term expires in Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 16—Division 32 ROBERT L. TROUT

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

#### County: Jackson.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 4, 1949, in Clarinda, Iowa. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A., 1971; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1975. Married with two children. Practiced law in Blue Springs and Odessa. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 5, 1987. Retained: 1988–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 16—Division 33 **JEFFREY L. BUSHUR**

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

#### County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., philosophy and communication students, 1983; J.D., 1986. U.S. Army, 1975-1978. Married with two children. Served as an assistant prosecutor in the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 1985–2000. Named Jackson County Prosecutor of the Year, 1991 and 1995. CLE lecturer for Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, 1990–1999; lecturer for Central Missouri State University law enforcement program, 1986–2000. Member of Trial Judge Education Committee; ASTAR Judge Program and Trial Judge Education lecturer. Appointed: June 2000. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 16—Division 34

**SUSAN E. LONG** 

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4623.

#### County: Jackson.

Biography: Born in Hannibal. Graduate of Blue Springs Missouri High School, 1983; University of Missouri-Kansas City, B.A, English, 1987; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1989. Member: Missouri Bar, Missouri Probate and Assoc. Circuit Court Judge Assoc., Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc., Eastern Jackson County Bar Assoc. and Assoc. of Women Lawyers. Appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court in 2015 to serve on the Supreme Court Family Court Committee. Practiced law in Blue Springs and Liberty before serving as Family Court Commissioner in Jackson County. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 17

### J. MICHAEL RUMLEY

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8217.

### County: Cass.

Biography: Born April 30, 1953, in Kansas City, Kan. Graduate of Park University, B.A., public administration, 1980 and University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1984. Engaged in private law practice, 1984–2010. Adjunct professor of law, Uuniversity of Missouri-Kansas City, 1985-2000. Raymore municipal judge, Dec. 2008-Dec. 2010. Member: Cass County Bar Association; The Order of Barristers; Missouri Farm Bureau; Ray-Pec Optimist Club; and Raymore, Belton, Peculiar and Pleasant Hill chambers of commerce. Elected: 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 17 **STACEY J. LETT**

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8230.

#### County: Cass.

Biography: Born July 18, 1979, in Longmont, Co. Graduate of University of Central Missouri, B.S., criminal justice, 2000; National Police Academy, 2000; Creighton University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2003. Husband, Chris, and sons, Grayson and Gunner. Raymore municipal judge, Jan. 2011-Dec. 2014. Engaged in private law practice, 2003–2014. Member: Cass County Bar Association, Kansas City, Missouri Bar Association, Cass County Youth Court-board member, Crossover Youth Initiative Project, Municipal & Associate Circuit Court Judges Association-board member, Fine Collection Center Com-

mittee and Raymore-Peculiar Optimist Club. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.









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### DAN OLSEN

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

#### County: Cass.

Biography: Born Aug. 28, 1952, in El Dorado, Kan. Graduate of Kansas State University, B.S., animal science; Washburn University of Topeka, J.D. Married Margaret C. Eisenmayer, Feb. 9, 1985; two sons, Alex and Ian. Engaged in private law practice, 1979–April 2006; Raymore municipal judge, April 1980–April 2006; Lake Winnebago municipal judge, Jan. 1982–April 2006; and Garden City municipal judge, July 2004–April 2006. Member: Bel-Ray Lions Club, Ray-Pec Optimist Club, Elks Lodge #2791 and Cass County Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 2006. Elected: 2010. Retained:

2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 17

# CHAD N. PFISTER

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

County: Johnson.

**Biography:** Born Chanute AFB, Ill. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. political science; Valparaiso University, J.D. *cum laude*. Wife, Marci, and sons, Adrian and Hayden. Employment: University of Missouri–Columbia; private practice in Johnson County. Member: The Missouri Bar, Johnson County Bar Association, Cub Scout Pack 399 (Cubmaster), Boy Scouts of America, Warrensburg Noon Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #673 and Beta Sigma Psi (27th National President). Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 17 SUE DODSON

Office address: Johnson County Justice Center, 101 W. Market, Warrensburg 64093; phone (660) 422-7410.

### County: Johnson.

**Biography:** Born May 24, 1955, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Central Missouri., B.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Member: *UMKC Law Review*, Warrensburg and Holden chambers of commerce, Missouri Bar Association, Missouri Farm Bureau and Whiteman Base Community Council and Military Affairs Committee. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 18 KEITH M. BAIL

Office address: Cooper County Courthouse, 200 Main, Rm. 31, Boonville 65233; phone (660) 882-5604.

#### County: Cooper.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 26, 1963, in Boonville. Graduate of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, agricultural economics, 1984; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1993. Married Catherine Reynolds, March 23, 1996. They have two sons. Law clerk to late Judge Robert W. Berrey III, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, 1993– 1995; private practice, 1995–1996 and assistant prosecuting attorney, Boone County, 1996–2006. Member: United Church of Christ; Masonic Lodge; Shriners; Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 18 JEFF A. MITTELHAUSER

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 826-5000, ext. 924.

#### County: Pettis.

**Biography:** Born 1956 in Sedalia. Graduate of Smith-Cotton High School, Sedalia, 1975; Central Missouri State University, 1978 and University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1981. Married to Maria; two children. Served as public defender for Pettis, Cooper, Morgan and Moniteau Counties, 1981–82; assistant prosecutor for Pettis County, 1982– 1986 and Pettis County prosecuting attorney, 1987–2014. Member: Georgetown United Methodist Church, Sedalia Runners Club and Sedalia School District Foundation. Past board member of Child Safe of Central Missouri and State Fair Area Community Service Agency. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 18

**R. PAUL BEARD** 

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 826-5000, ext. 924.

County: Pettis.

**Biography:** Born in Missouri in 1969. Graduate of Brigham Young University, B.A., 1993; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1997. Partner in the law firm of Beard & Associates, LLP, 1997–2005. Married Stacey Hill, 1993; they have six children. Member: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Boy Scouts of America, Paul Klover Soccer Association, PTA and Pettis County Stepping Up Initiative. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2005. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 19 THOMAS L. SODERGREN

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 659-2330.

### County: Cole.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 17, 1952. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., English education; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1978. Widowed with two children. Private practice of law, 1978–1994. Jefferson City municipal judge, 1990–1994. Former president, Cole County Bar. Former member, Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council. Former counsel to Missouri Police Chief's Association. 2004 recipient of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Judicial Officer of the Year. Former board member of the Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Elected associate circuit judge, 1994. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 20 DAVID B. TOBBEN

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main, Rm. 100C, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6316.

#### County: Franklin.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 20, 1950, in Washington. Graduate of University of Notre Dame, B.A., economics, 1973; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1976. Married Lucille Struckhoff, Aug. 2, 1975. Six children: Laura, Eric, Ellen, Brian, Emily and Andrew. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Franklin County, 1976–1981, 1984–1988; city attorney, City of Washington, 1978–1982; municipal judge, City of Washington, 1984–1990 and Franklin County prosecuting attorney, 1991–1995. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.







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### Circuit 20 DAVID L. HOVEN

Office address: Franklin Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Rm. 100B, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-7332.

#### County: Franklin.

**Biography:** Born March 12, 1952, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill. Married Janet Jones, Sept. 8, 1979; they have two children. Graduate of St. Joseph's College (Ind.), B.A., 1974; Pepperdine University School of Law, J.D., 1977. Engaged in private practice, 1978–2005. Member: Chamber of Commerce; Lions Club; California Bar Association and Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Washington. Appointed: 2005. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



### Circuit 20

# **STANLEY D. WILLIAMS**

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main, Rm. 100C, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6330.

County: Franklin.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 9, 1957, in Cuba. Educated at East Central College, Union; University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., *cum laude*, 1978; UCLA Law School, J.D., 1981. Married to Debbie Williams. Engaged in private practice, Franklin County, 1981–1996. Past municipal judge, St. Clair. Member: Pacific Presbyterian Church, Missouri Bar Association and 20th Judicial Circuit Bar. Serves as Franklin County drug court judge. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1996. Elected: 1996. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 20 ADA BREHE-KRUEGER

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

#### County: Gasconade.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 20, 1969, in Hermann. Graduate of the University of Missouri– Columbia, B.S., agricultural economics; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1997. Married Paul Krueger, 1997; they have six girls. Served as Gasconade County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2014. Member of Zion St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2014. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 20 ROBERT D. SCHOLLMEYER

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

### County: Osage.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 27, 1962, in Jefferson City. Graduate of the University of Missouri– Columbia, A.B., with honors; Washington University in St. Louis, J.D. Member: St. Mary's Parish, Chamois. Served as public defender, Hannibal, 1989–1991 and as prosecuting attorney, Osage County, 1991–2002. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2002. Elected: 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 21—Division 31

MARY E. OTT

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1531.

### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 25, 1960, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Mary's College, B.A., 1982; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1985. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 30, 2008. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 32 MARY BRUNTRAGER SCHROEDER

Office address: St. Louis County Courts Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1532.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A.; St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, J.D. Resides in St. Louis County with her family. Circuit attorney for the City of St. Louis, 1980–1982. Engaged in private law practice, 1983–1999, until she was appointed to the bench. Involved with the St. Louis County Truancy Court Program in the Valley Park School District. Active in community and youth activities, including St. Louis County Community Chorus and church groups. Member: Missouri Bar; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association; Women Lawyers

Association; Missouri Association of Associate Circuit and Probate Judges, past president. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 11, 1999. Retained: 2000–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 33

### JASON D. DODSON

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., St. Louis 63105; phone (314) 615-1533.

### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 22, 1970, in Boston, Mass. Graduate of Bates College, B.A., with honors in philosophy, 1992; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1996. Father of four children. Engaged in private law practice, 1996–2006. Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, 2006–2016, managing attorney of the Lasting Solution program, 2008–2016. Member: Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; St. Louis County Bar Association; and Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 34 RENEE HARDIN-TAMMONS

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1534.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S. administration of justice, 1986; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1989. Married in 1992 and has one child. Served as assistant public defender and assistant county counselor. Served as municipal judge for City of Berkeley and St. Louis County Municipal Court. Served as assistant adjunct professor, University of Missouri–St. Louis. Member: Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure in Municipal Division Cases; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association; St. Louis County Municipal

Court Steering Committee; Gospel Symphonic Choir; Kansas City Barbeque Society; Grace Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.









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### Circuit 21—Division 35 JOHN N. BORBONUS

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1535.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Graduate of George Mason University, B.A. government and politics, 1988; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1994. Married with three children and resides in St. Louis County. Principal with law firm of King, Krehbiel, Hellmich & Borbonus, L.L.C.; served for several years as assistant attorney general, State of Missouri. Appointed in 2003 by Governor Bob Holden to serve as board member on the Missouri Humanities Council until 2010. In 2005, appointed as commissioner Board of Planning and Zoning for the City of Des Peres, until judicial appointment. Appointed commissioner on the Missouri

Senate Apportionment Commission in 2011. Member: Leadership St. Louis, 2008–2009. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2011. Retained: 2012 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 36

### JOSEPH L. GREEN

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1536.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born March 20, 1960, in St. Louis County. Truman State University, B.S., 1982; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1989. Married with four children, three grandchildren. Served as assistant public defender, Buchanan County, 1988–1989; St. Louis County Chief Trial Attorney, 1990–1991; Capital Litigation Eastern Division, 1991–1993. Associate of the Law Firm Wittner, Poger, Rosenblum and Spewak, LLC, 1993–1996. Partner of Law Firm Bearveldt, Bagsby, Lee & Green, LLC, 1996–2004. Principal of Law Firm Leritz, Plunkert & Bruning, P.C., 2004–2011. Sole proprietor of Law Firm of Joseph L. Green,

LLC, 2011–2016. Member: Catholic Church, St. Louis County Bar Assoc. and Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, Feb. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 37

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1537.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born on March 12, 1951, in southeast Missouri. Graduate of UCLA, political science, 1973; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1976. Married with two children. Clerked for the Hon. Theodore McMillian. Worked for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, from 1978 until being appointed to the bench in July 1999. Handled family court docket. Member: Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers' Association; Komen Lawyers' Association; Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Retained: 2012 and 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 38 JOHN R. LASATER

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1538.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born in 1966, in St. Louis County. Graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.S., 1988; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1991. Married with two children. Law clerk to the Hon. Carl R. Gaertner of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, 1991–93. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1993–2017. Member: The Missouri Bar (board of governors: 2010–present); St. Louis County Bar Association (president: 2007) and Lawyers Association of St. Louis (president: 2015–16). Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 39 ELLEN W. DUNNE

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1539.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 4, 1960, in St. Louis County. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 1983; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1990. Married with three children. Engaged in private practice, 1991–2016, Member: Catholic Church; Missouri Bar, St. Louis County Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, Dec. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 21—Division 40

**DENNIS SMITH** 

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1540.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born April 19, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, B.S., applied math and computer science, 1971; Duke University School of Law, Durham, N.C., 1974. Married and has four children. Assistant public defender, St. Louis County, 1975–1977; assistant public defender, St. Charles County, 1977–1978. Private practice of law, 1977–1994. Mayor of Ellisville, 1992–1994. Appointed family court commissioner, St. Louis County, 1994. Co-chair, Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts, 2008–2009. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1995. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 21—Division 41

### JUDY P. DRAPER

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 100 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1541.

### County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S., labor relations, 1977; Howard University School of Law, J.D., Law Journal, 1980. Former prosecutor, City of St. Louis; Law clerk, Federal District Court Judge Clyde S. Cahill, first female general counsel, Missouri Department of Corrections. Engaged in private practice, civil, criminal, domestic; adjunct professor pre-trial practice, Washington Univ. School of Law; Municipal judge, Northwoods, Berkeley, Member: Covenant Community Church. Professional memberships: Mound City Bar Assoc., Missouri Asian American Bar Assoc. (founding member); Women Lawyers Assoc; St. Louis County

Bar Assoc.; Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis; National Bar Assoc. NAPABA, appointed by Missouri Supreme Court to sit on Education Committee, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Assoc.; Task Force on the Future of the Legal Profession; appointed to Ferguson Host Committee (National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness); appointed ABA Delegate. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2004. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

## Circuit 21—Division 42

### **ROBERT M. HEGGIE**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1542.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 3, 1963, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., accountancy, 1985; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1991. Married to Jean, 1999. Engaged in private practice from 1991 until his appointment to the bench. General counsel, The Children's Home Society of Missouri, 1994–2015. Member: Mary Queen of Peace Parish. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2015. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.











### Circuit 21—Division 43 MONDONNA L. GHASEDI

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1543.

#### County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 15, 1973, in St. Louis County. Graduate of Southern Methodist University, B.A. English and B.A. political science with distinction, 1996; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1999. Engaged in private practice, 1999–2016. Member: Missouri Bar; Mound City Bar Association; St. Louis County Bar Association and Women Lawyer's Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 21—Division 44 **RICHARD M. STEWART**

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1544.

County: St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 15, 1966, in St. Louis County. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1989; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1994. Married with four children. Engaged in private practice, 1994–2016. Member: Holy Redeemer Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; Illinois Bar, American Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 22—Division 14

### SCOTT A. MILLIKAN

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4278.

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#### City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 13, 1969, St. Louis City. Graduate of Webster University, B.S., business management. St. Louis University School of Law, JD., 2003. Married with three children. Member: St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, July 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



## Circuit 22—Division 24 CALEA STOVALL-REID

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4788. City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Springfield, Mass. Married and has two adult children. Graduate Howard University, B.A., 1982. Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1990. Corporate Counsel to the St. Louis Housing Authority, 1997–2003; law firm of Peoples and Hale, 1995; assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis Circuit Attorneys Office, 1993–1995; assistant public defender, Missouri Public Defender's Office (St. Louis City) 1991–1993. Member: St. John A.M.E. Church. Professional Memberships include: Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis; Mound City Bar Association; National Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 2003. Retained: 2004–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 22—Division 25

# TIMOTHY J. BOYER

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4096.

#### City of St. Louis.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 26, 1978, in St. Louis. Graduate of Bradley University, B.S., 1999; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2003. Engaged in private practice, 2003–2007. Served as assistant circuit attorney for the City of St. Louis, 2003–2016, unit leader of the White Collar Crime/Fraud Unit, 2014–2016. Member Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 22—Division 26

**BARBARA PEEBLES** 

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

**Biography:** Born July 14, 1960, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, B.A, 1982; American University Washington College of Law, J.D., 1986. Previously an assistant city counselor, City of St. Louis; assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis; and drug court commissioner, 22nd Judicial Circuit. Member: St. Alphonsus Liguori Rock Catholic Church; National Association of Women Judges; Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; and Mound City Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, Sept. 2000. Elected: 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 22—Division 27

# NICOLE COLBERT-BOTCHWAY

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4282.

#### City of Saint Louis.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 29, in St. Louis City. Graduate of Rosati-Kain High School; St. Louis University, B.A.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D.; University of Missouri-St. Louis, M.B.A. Served as an Administrative Hearing Commissioner for the State of Missouri when appointed to the Associate Circuit bench by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon on July 2, 2015. Assistant circuit attorney for the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office. Elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors and has served in several bar and community lead-ership roles. Membership/Associations: St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church; American Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association, National Bar Association-Judicial

Council; Mound City Bar Association; Women Lawyer's Association of Greater St. Louis; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, July 2015. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan

Circuit 22—Division 28 VACANCY







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Circuit 22—Division 29

LYNNE RAYNARD PERKINS

 
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 Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103.

 City of St. Louis. Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



# Circuit 23—Division 10 JEFFREY T. COLEMAN

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

County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 8, 1973, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Graduate of Northwest High School; Truman State University, B.A. Political Science 1996; Drake University School of Law, 2000. Married to Julie Coleman. They have five children, Taylor, Lauren, Isabel, Anna and Ryan. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson County, 2000–2006; Assistant Circuit Attorney for City of St. Louis, 2007–2014. Member: Jefferson County Bar Association; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 23—Division 11 BRENDA STACEY

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5453.

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#### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born in San Jose, Calif. Graduate of Oak Grove High School, San Jose; San Jose State University, B.A. social science; University of Colorado, J.D. Licensed in Calif. prior to relocating to Missouri in 2004 with her husband and children. Engaged in private practice, 2004–2014 in areas of bankruptcy, civil litigation, criminal defense and family law. Memberships: California Bar Association (inactive), Jefferson County Women's Bar Association (founding member), Jefferson County Bar Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 23—Division 12 ANTONIO (TONY) MANANSALA

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5375.

#### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born July 1, 1959, in Pueblo, Colo. Graduate of DeSmet High School, St. Louis, 1977; University of Maryland–Far East Division, B.A., business management, 1982; and Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., J.D., 1985. Engaged in private practice, 1985–1993. Employed with the Missouri State Public Defender System, March 1993–Dec. 2014; as an assistant public defender, district defender, Hillsboro Trial Office; Capital PCR attorney and district defender, Columbia Trial Office. Recipient of the Defender of Distinction award in 2004. Member: Jefferson County Bar Association. Elected associate

circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 23—Division 13 KATHERINE M. HARDY SENKEL

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

### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Not available. Elected associate circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.

# Circuit 23—Division 14

**TIMOTHY S. MILLER** 

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

#### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 7, 1964, in Festus. Graduate of Festus High School; Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., education, 1989 and Washington University, St. Louis, J.D., 1993. Missouri Army National Guard, 1983–1991. Married Christina (Jackson) Miller in 1986; they have two children, Anna and Dylan, and two grandchildren, Emma (2006-2009) and Cameron. Private law practice, 1993–2011. Member: Kiwanis, Elks, MMACJA, Jefferson County Bar Association and Missouri Bar Association. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 23—Division 15

# SHANNON DOUGHERTY

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

### County: Jefferson.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 11, 1973, in St. Louis. Graduate of Grandview R-2 High School, 1991; University of Missouri, B.A., psychology, *summa cum laude*, 1995; Universite Stendhal, France, summer 1992 and St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2002. Married to Christopher Moenster. Mother of one daughter. Probation and parole officer for the State of Missouri, 1995–2001; Jefferson County prosecuting attorney's office, 2001–2006 (assistant prosecuting attorney, 2002–2006). Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 24 ROBIN EDWARD FULTON

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

#### County: Madison.

**Biography:** Born July 27, 1953, in Ft. Leonard Wood. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., 1978; University of South Carolina, J.D., 1981. Research editor, South Carolina Law Review, 1980. Married Karen Sylvester, June 7, 1975; two children, Jacob Fulton (deceased 1997) and Jennifer Detwiler; and two granddaughters, Morgan Detwiler Lucas and Emma Lee Lucas. Served in the private practice of law, 1981–2006. Member: Elks Club; 24th Circuit Bar Association and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





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### Circuit 24—Division 3 JOSEPH L. GOFF JR.

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

#### County: St. Francois.

Biography: Born June 18, 1986, in St. Louis, Graduate of Farmington High School, 2004; Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., political science, 2007; St. Louis University, J.D., 2011. Prior to appointment, served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Francois County. Prior practice also includes the Governmental Affairs Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office in Jefferson City and private practice at the firm of Reeves & Goff, P.C., in Farmington. Appointed: 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016.



# Circuit 24—Division 4 SHAWN R. McCARVER

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

County: St. Francois.

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 Biography: Born May 12, 1960, in Bonne Terre. Graduate, Natl. Honor Society, Central R-3
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 High School, Park Hills, 1978; Central Missouri State Univ., B.S., summa cum laude, 1981; J.D.; Mo. Law Review, Univ. of Mo.-Columbia School of Law, 1984. Admitted to Missouri Bar, 1984. Married to Julie Huffman McCarver; one child, Dagny Elizabeth McCarver. Practiced law, 1984-2010. Municipal judge for more than 25 years in Park Hills, Desloge, Bismarck, Bonne Terre and Leadwood. Member: St. Joseph Catholic Church; 24th Circuit Bar Assoc. Circuit Judges Association, past pres. Served on the Supreme Court Municipal and Associate Comm. Serves on the Supreme Court Trial Judge Education Comm. Serves on the Supreme Court Trial Judge Education Comm. Served as tech. advisor to the Supreme Court's Commission on Children's Justice. Authored numerous articles, books and given many presentations on iuvenile, family law and adoptions. Elected: 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

juvenile, family law and adoptions. Elected: 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 24 TIMOTHY W. INMAN

Office address: Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse, 55 S. Third St., Rm. 204, Ste. Genevieve 63670; phone (573) 883-2265.

#### County: Ste. Genevieve.

Biography: Born Oct. 7, 1964, in Vinita, Okla. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., business and accounting, 1987; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1990. Private practice, 1990-2010; Ste. Genevieve County prosecuting attorney, 1997–2010. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 24 TROY HYDE

Office address: Washington County Courthouse, 102 N. Missouri St., Potosi 63664; phone (573) 438-3691.

#### County: Washington.

Biography: Born Nov. 2, 1962, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri-St. Louis, B.A., political science; Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Petit College of Law, J.D., 1990. Married Sonya Lawson, June 12, 1998. Member: Ohio Northern Law Review, lead article research editor; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 2218. Served as assistant public defender, 24th Judicial Circuit, 1990–1992; assistant prosecuting attorney, Washington County, 1993–1995 and private practice of law, 1993–1996. Elected associate circuit judge, 1997. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 25 KERRY G. ROWDEN

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

#### County: Maries.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 3, 1964. Graduate of Maries R-1 in Vienna, 1983; Lincoln Universiity, 1985, B.A., history and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1989. Elected prosecuting atttorney for Miller County, 1990; served four years. Married Wendy Hensley, Dec. 29, 1984; they have six children. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 25

**RONALD D. WHITE** 

Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6245.

#### County: Phelps.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 10, 1954, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Graduate of University of Missouri–Rolla (now Missouri S&T), B.S., economics, 1975; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1978. Married to Clarissa since April 7, 1979. Two sons, Aaron and Adam. Engaged in private practice in Rolla for 26 years. Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1979–1983. Assistant Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1979–1983. Assistant Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1979–1983. Aspointed associate circuit judge, Probate Division, Jan. 1, 2005, to fill an unexpired two-year term. Elected associate circuit judge, Probate Division, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 25

### MARK D. CALVERT

Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6246, FAX (573) 458-6224.

#### County: Phelps.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 25, 1965, in Norfolk, Va. Married to Lisa, 1989; three children. Graduate of Central Methodist College, B.A., English 1988; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1991. Engaged in private practice, 1991–2014, with an emphasis in Family Law. Certified Family Law Mediator. Former board member, MARCH Mediation, CASA. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Phelps County Bar Association and Optimist Club of Rolla. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 25 COLIN LONG

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

#### County: Pulaski.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 14, 1969, in Waynesville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Rolla; Oklahoma City University, J.D. Married Courtney Lawson, July 27, 2002. They have two children, Connor and Cate. Former partner with Smith, Turley, Long. Member: St. Robert Church of God; Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce; former vice chair, Regional Commerce and Growth Association and Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 A.F. & A.M. Appointed: 2004. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.









# Circuit 25

# MICHAEL V. HEADRICK

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

#### County: Pulaski.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 22, 1967, in Rolla. Graduate of Waynesville High School, 1986; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science, 1990; University of Missouri– Kansas City, J.D., 1993. Married to Tammy (1998). Pulaski County prosecutor, elected 1994 and 1998. Associate circuit judge, Probate Division. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 25

# DOUGLAS D. GASTON

Office address: Texas County Courthouse, 519 N. Grand, Ste. 202, Houston 65483; phone (417) 967-3663.

County: Texas.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 11, 1967, in Houston. Graduate of Houston High School; Southwest Baptist University, B.S. and University of Arkansas, Little Rock, J.D. Private law practice, 1995–2002; state representative, 1997–98. Texas County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2002. Special assistant, U.S. attorney, 2003–2004. Chief of staff/general counsel, Missouri Senate president *pro tem*, 2004. Missouri deputy state treasurer, 2005–2008. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2009. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 26—Division 3 AARON G. KOEPPEN

Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-4440.

### County: Camden.

**Biography:** Born April 1, 1976, in Anchorage, Alaska; raised in Neosho. Graduate of Utah State University, B.A., 2000; Creighton University, J.D., 2004. Married Nancy Tarbet, 1999. Missouri State Public Defender's Office, 2004–2006. Iberia city prosecutor, 2006–2010. Special prosecutor, Village of Four Seasons, 2009–2010. Camden County assistant prosecuting attorney, 2006–2010. Adjunct professor at Ozark Technical College and Columbia College. Member: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Lake Ozark Rotary. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 26—Division 4 VACANCY

### Circuit 26 STEVE JACKSON

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

#### County: Laclede.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 12, 1963. Graduate of Lebanon High School; Missouri State University, B.S. and University of Arkansas at Little Rock, J.D. Served in private practice of law for more than 19 years, 1991–2010. Past Laclede County Bar president. Began service in the judiciary, Jan.1, 2011. Married Angie Wampler on Aug. 16, 1994; has two daughters, Pavin and Payne, born in 1995 and 2000. Passions include Laclede County, family and being outdoors. Attends First Baptist Church in Lebanon. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 26

### LARRY WINFREY

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

#### County: Laclede.

**Biography:** Born May 4, 1967, in Lebanon. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., B.A., 1989; J.D., 1992. Married Sharon Smith on June 21, 1986. Private law practice, 1992–2002. President, Laclede County C-5 Board of Education, 1995–2002. Laclede Early Education Program Board of Directors, 1994–2002. Past president of Laclede County Bar. Adjunct instructor at Ozark Technical Community College. Member: First Baptist Church, Rotary, Laclede Lodge #83 AF & AM and Laclede County Shriners Club. Elected associate circuit judge for Laclede County, 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires: Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 26

### JON A. KALTENBRONN

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

### County: Miller.

**Biography:** Born June 24, 1959, in Fon du Lac, Wis. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, A.B., 1981; Washington University, J.D., 1984. Missouri Department of Social Services General Counsel's Office, 1984–1987. Assistant Attorney General–State of Missouri, 1987–1989. Engaged in private practice, 1989–2014. Former assistant prosecuting attorney–Miller County, former prosecuting attorney–Village of Four Seasons. Former judge for Iberia and Lake Ozark. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 26 AARON J. MARTIN

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

#### County: Moniteau.

**Biography:** Born March 2, 1977, in Jefferson City, raised in Tipton. 1995 Graduate of Tipton High School; 1999 Graduate of Culver–Stockton College, Canton, B.S. criminal justice and accounting; 2002 Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2002–2005 associate attorney in private practice at McDorman & Hayden, LLC, Versailles; 2006–2016 attorney and owner in private practice at Martin & Grayson, LLC, Jefferson City. Married to Kimberly Janell Martin with two daughters, Eleanor and Caroline, residing in California. Member: Capital City Christian Church, Jefferson City; Municipal Judge for Tipton. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.









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### Circuit 26

### J. STEPHEN GRANTHAM

Photo not available Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



### Circuit 27

# **DEBRA A. HOPKINS**

Office address: Bates County Courthouse, 1 N. Delaware, Ste. 6, Butler 64730; phone (660) 679-3311.

County: Bates.

**Biography:** Born June 19, 1950, in Ft. Worth, Texas. Graduate UMKC, B.A. in history, 1990. UMKC School of Law, 1992, *Urban Lawyer*, publications editor, 1991. Member St. Patrick Catholic Church; Bates County Bar Assoc.; American Bar Assoc., 1992–2000; Probation Parole CAB, 2000–2004; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Married David Hopkins on August 23, 1969; they have four children, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Appointed: April 2009. Elected: 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 27 WAYNE STROTHMANN

Office address: Henry County Courthouse, 100 W. Franklin, Rm. 212, Clinton 64735; phone (660) 885-7231.

### County: Henry.

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1954, Washington. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1976; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1979. Married Denise Ann Soucie on June 10, 1973; they have three children and five grandchildren. Practiced law in Clinton, 1979–1994. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Henry County, 1979–1980, 1984–1986. Prosecuting attorney, Henry County, 1987–1990. Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure in Municipal Division Cases, 2016– present. Member: Missouri and Henry County Bar associations; Missouri Association of

Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, board of directors, 2007–2011; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges' Association, board of directors, 2007–present; Missouri Commission on Judicial Resources, 1998–2000. Elected: 1994. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 27 JERRY J. RELLIHAN

Office address: St. Clair County Courthouse, 655 Second St., PO Box 493, Osceola 64776; phone (417) 646-2421.

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County: St. Clair.

**Biography:** Graduate of Benediction College, Atchison Kan., B.A. in sociology, 1981; University Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1984. Principal at Jerry J. Rellinhan PC, general practice, 1984–2014. Past member of MATA, Missouri & Municipal Circuit Judges Association and MMACJA. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 28 JAMES V. NICHOLS

Office address: Barton County Courthouse, 1004 Gulf, Ste. 204, Lamar 64759; phone (417) 682-5754.

#### County: Barton.

**Biography:** Born 1957, Lamar. Graduated Golden City High School, 1976. Missouri State, B.A., economics; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1985, law review. Private practice in Lamar from 1985–2014; Barton County prosecuting attorney, 1987–1994; municipal judge, City of Lamar, 1994–2014. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

Circuit 28

THOMAS G. PYLE

Office address: Cedar County Courthouse, PO Box 665, Stockton, 65785; phone (417) 276-6700, ext. 234.

#### County: Cedar.

**Biography:** Eagle Scout, Troop 80, St. Louis. Graduate of Stockton High School, 1974. United States Army enlisted, 1975–78; Honors Graduate Defense Language Institute, Korean language. Graduate Missouri State University, B.A., (major, economics; minor, political science), 1981; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1983 and University of Denver, LL.M Degree in Natural Resources/Environmental Law, 2005. Outstanding Scholar Award; 2005 graduate of Air War College. Retired USAF Reserve Lt. Col., with more than 30 years military service. Awards include the 2009 AFMC JAG Reservist of the year;

the Defense Meritorious Service Medal issued by the Secretary of Defense and seven Meritorious Service Medals. Elected associate circuit judge for Cedar County, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Partisan position.

### Circuit 28

### **GARY A. TROXELL**

Office address: Dade County Courthouse, 300 W. Water St., Greenfield 65661; phone (417) 637-2741.

#### County: Dade.

**Biography:** Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

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### Circuit 28 NEAL R. OUITNO

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

#### County: Vernon.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 19, 1957, in Houlton, Maine. Graduate of University of Kansas. Bachelor's degree, 1979; J.D., 1982. Married Nora Foster on April 17, 1993; four children. Prosecuting attorney, Vernon County, 1987–1998. Member: St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.







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### Circuit 29—Division 4 JOHN A. NICHOLAS

Office address: Jasper County Courthouse, 302 S. Main, Rm. 211, Carthage 64836; phone (417) 358-0450.

#### County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 28, 1970, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Graduate, University of Oklahoma, B.A. in economics, 1993. University of Oklahoma, College of Law, J.D., with distinction, 1996. Private practice of Iaw, 1996–2007 with Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter, P.C in Joplin, and the Iaw office of Hensley & Nicholas, LLC, and assistant prosecution attorney, Jasper County, 2007–2014. Member of Missouri and Oklahoma Bar Associations and the Jasper County Bar Association, president, 2001. Wife Greta and two children, Joseph and Benjamin. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 29—Division 5 JOSEPH L. HENSLEY

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

County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Born Feb. 4, 1973, in Joplin. Graduate of Webb City High School, 1991; Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, B.A., psychology, *summa cum laude*, 1995; J.D. 1998. Practiced law at Neale & Newman, L.L.P., 1998–2002; The Hensley Law Firm, LLC, 2002–2007; Chief Legal Counsel for the Jasper County Juvenile Office, 2003–2007 and Law Office of Hensley & Nicholas, LLC, 2007–2014. Drury University Adjunct professor, 2000–2002. Springfield Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Committee, president 2000–2002; Missouri Bar Leadership Academy, 2002–2003; former vice chair of Missouri Bar Juvenile Courts

and Laws Committee. AAA Certified Mediator; Certified Guardian ad Litem. Member: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 2015–present, board of directors, 2016–present; American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA), 2013–present. Wife Dina and two children, members Carterville Christian Church. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 29 STEPHEN P. CARLTON

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

#### County: Jasper.

**Biography:** Graduate of Missouri Southern State University, B.S., 1976; University of Arkansas, J.D., 1979. Married and has three children. Law clerk for the Hon. James Prewitt, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, 1979; assistant public defender, 1980–1986; and private practice, 1980–2002. Member: Jasper County Bar Assoc., past president and secretary; Missouri Southern State University Board of Regents, past president and member, 1993–2003; board of directors, St. John's Regional Medical Center, past chair and member, 1995–2004; board of directors, Arvest Bank, 2000–present and

Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 2007–present, president, 2013. Elected associate circuit judge, 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 30 MARK B. PILLEY

Office address: Benton County Courthouse, PO Box 37, Warsaw 65355; phone (660) 438-6231.

#### County: Benton.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 23, 1952, in Kansas City, Kan. Graduate of the University of Kansas, B.G.S.; Washburn University, J.D., 1978. Married Judy A. Jones on June 3, 1977; they have three children. Engaged in private law practice, 1979–2008. Member: Benton County and Missouri Bar associations, 1992–present; Kansas Bar Association, 1979–2008. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Benton County, 1993–1994. Former city attorney and municipal judge. Former board member of the Warsaw Fire District, TLC Sheltered Workshop, Nelson Rolf Animal Shelter, Lions Club, Free University and library board. Real estate law

and wills and estate planning instructor. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2008. Elected: 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

### Circuit 30 LISA HENDERSON

Office address: Dallas County Courthouse, PO Box 1910, Buffalo 65622; phone (417) 345-2243.

#### County: Dallas.

**Biography:** Born 1961, in Springfield. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1989. Private law practice, 1989–2010. Member of the Dallas County Bar Association and Missouri Bar Association. Former prosecuting attorney for Hickory County. Former city attorney, Buffalo. Elected in 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 30

JAMES A. HACKETT

Office address: Hickory County Courthouse, PO Box 345, Hermitage, 65668; phone (417) 745-6421.

#### County: Hickory.

**Biography:** Born 1973, in Kansas City. Graduated Rockhurst College B.A. 1995; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1998. Married to Holly Powell, May 31, 2003. Three children; Cody, Justin and Kalynn. Member of the Missouri Bar Assoc. Assistant public defender, 1998–2000; Hickory County prosecuting attorney, 2000–2013; private law practice, 2010–2013; Hickory County associate judge, 2013–present; former assistant prosecuting attorney Dallas County and Polk County; special prosecuting attorney Dallas County, Polk County, Nebster County and Benton County. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2013. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

### Circuit 30

### **JOHN PORTER**

Office address: Polk County Courthouse, 102 E. Broadway, Rm. 14, Bolivar 65613; phone (417) 326-4912.

#### County: Polk.

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1969, in Nevada, Mo. Graduate of Southwest Baptist University, B.S., English; Oklahoma City University, J.D., 1995. Married Jill Thomeczek, Dec. 31, 2007. Two daughters: Abbi and Alex. Prosecuting attorney for Polk County, 1999–2006. Member: United Methodist Church of Bolivar; Polk County Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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## Circuit 30 ELIZABETH V. ROHRS

Office address: Polk County Courthouse, 102 E. Broadway, Rm. 14, Bolivar 65613; phone (417) 326-4912.

#### County: Polk.

**Biography:** Born 1959, in Leavenworth, Kan. Graduate of Bolivar High School; Southwest Baptist University, B.A. in English, *summa cum laude*, 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1983. Married to Alvin Rohrs, two children. Private law practice, 1983–2014; Bolivar municipal judge, 1990–2005; adjunct professor of Business Law, Southwest Baptist University, 1984–1999; former city attorney, Stockton. Former board member and presenter, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Member: First Baptist Church of Bolivar, Bolivar Rotary Club; P.E.O. sisterhood; Polk County Bar Association; Southwest Missouri Women Lawyers and Missouri Bar Association. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



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# Circuit 30 DAVID T. TUNNELL

Office address: Webster County Courthouse, 101 S. Crittenden St., Rm. 22, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 859-2041.

#### County: Webster.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 13, 1976, in Springfield. Graduate of Marshfield High School, 1994; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A.,1997 and J.D., 2001. Married Rebecca Floyd, Oct. 28, 2006; they have two children, Luke and Lily. Served in private practice at Corbett Law Firm, P.C., 1999–2014. Served on board of directors of Web-Co Custom Industries (sheltered workshop), 2002–2008. Member: Missouri, Webster County and Springfield Metropolitan Bar associations. Municipal judge for Rogersville. Member of the Mt. Sinai Christian Church in rural Marshfield. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 30

# KENNETH THOMPSON

Office address: Webster County Courthouse, 101 S. Crittenden St., PO Box B, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 859-2041.

County: Webster.

Biography: Born May 24, 1951, in Louisville, Ky. Graduate of Drury University, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married to Joy Chapman on March 21, 1992. Served in private practice from 1976–2001. Municipal judge for Seymour, Fordland and Niangua. Member of the Marshfield United Methodist Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2001. Elected: 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 31—Division 21

### JERRY A. HARMISON JR.

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4097.

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County: Greene. Biography: Not available. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



# Circuit 31—Division 22 MARGARET HOLDEN PALMIETTO

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4107.

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born Jan. 28, 1962, in Rolla. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.A., history, 1984; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1988. Private practice of law, 1988–1990. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney in Greene County, 1990–1994; Administrative Law Judge, Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation, 1994–2015, Chief Administrative Law Judge, 1994–2005 and 2009–2015. Member Springfield Metropolitan Bar Assoc.; Southern Missouri Women Lawyers Assoc. and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church. Appointed associate circuit court judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, Nov. 2015. Term expires: Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 31—Division 23 **ANDY HOSMER**

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

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born April 2, 1964, in Marshfield. Educated at the University of Missouri– Columbia, B.A., psychology, Phi Beta Kappa, 1986. Attended New York University School of Law, J.D., 1989. Worked as assistant public defender and assistant prosecuting attorney in Greene County; and as assistant attorney general. Engaged in private practice in Tampa, Fla. (1989–1992), New York, N.Y. (1993–1995) and Springfield, (2000–2014). Appointed associate circuit judge, 2014. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

### Circuit 31—Division 24

MARK POWELL

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

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** Born May 10, 1960, in Springfield. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.A., Psychology, *cum laude*, 1982; Drake University, J.D., with honors, 1985. Engaged in the practice of law with Miller and Sanford P.C., 1985–2000. Established Truancy Court Program at Reed Middle School. Recipient: Red Cross Everyday Hero Award; Council of Churches Gift of Time Award; O. Franklin Kenworthy Award for Outstanding Leadership. Member Circuit Court Budget Committee, 2007–present and Judge Transfer Work Group, 2014–present. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 2000. Elected: 2000, 2002 and 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

# Circuit 31—Division 25

### **BECKY J.W. BORTHWICK**

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield, 65802; phone (417) 829-6613.

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** B.A. in Political Science from the University of Missouri–Columbia, 1991. J.D. from the University of Oklahoma, 1995. Private practice from 1995–2003, 2005–2013. Assistant attorney general, State of Missouri, 2003–2005. Appointed full-time municipal court judge, City of Springfield, June 2013. Recognized by the *Springfield Business Journal: Twenty Most Influential Women of 2014* and *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* in the Public Officials category for the Women's Justice Awards of 2016. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 2016. Term expires: Dec. 31, 2020.

### Circuit 31—Division 26 J. RONALD CARRIER

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6005.

#### County: Greene.

**Biography:** Graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, 1982; Drury University, B.A., political science, *magna cum laude*, 1986; and University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1988. Private practice of law, 1989–1990. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney and prosecuting attorney, Greene County, 1990–1998. Served as assistant attorney general and southwest regional chief counsel, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 1999–2013. Member: Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. Recipient of Dr. John P. Ferguson Award for Child Advocacy. Recognized by U.S. Department of Justice for legal training

provided in Republic of Kosovo. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2013. Retained: 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.











# Circuit 32 SCOTT E. THOMSEN

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

#### County: Bollinger.

**Biography:** Born June 10, 1964, in Cumberland, Md. Graduate of Brigham Young University, B.S., accounting, 1988; J.D., 1991. Married Joanna Chamberlain, March 28, 1992. They have six children. Worked as assistant public defender, 32nd Judicial District. Serves on the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts. Member: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Missouri, Utah and Nevada Bar associations; Bollinger County Optimist Club and The General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Elected associate circuit judge, 1994. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



### Circuit 32

## GARY KAMP

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

County: Cape Girardeau.

**Biography:** Born April 9, 1952, in Cape Girardeau. Graduate: Jackson High School, 1970; Southeast Missouri State University, 1975; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1978. Married Gail Friedrich, Sept. 21, 1985; two children, Christopher and Cassandra. Missouri National Guard, 1970–76. Former assistant prosecuting attorney, Bollinger County and Cape Girardeau County. St. Paul Lutheran Church; American Legion Post 158, past commander; Cape Girardeau County Bar Association, past president; past member of the United States Jaycees, JCI senator and ambassador; Cape Area Friends of the NRA, NRA Volunteer

of the Year–Southern Missouri, 2016; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges, past president; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association; Fine Collection Center, chair. Legislative Committee–Judicial Conference. Elected associate circuit judge, 1994. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 32 SCOTT A. LIPKE

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

### County: Cape Girardeau.

**Biography:** Born March 28, 1969. Graduate of Murray State University, B.S. political science; Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D. Married to Ashley Hobbs. They have three children. Previously engaged in private practice and also served as assistant prosecuting attorney. Cape Girardeau County. Served as State Representative from 2002–2010. President-elect and board member of the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals; board member and past chair of Legislative Committee for the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Appointed by the Supreme Court to the Circuit

Court Budget Committee; member of the Legislative Committee of the Judicial Conference. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 32 CRAIG D. BREWER

Office address: Perry County Courthouse, 15 W. Ste. Marie, Ste. 3, Perryville 63775; phone (573) 547-7861.

#### County: Perry.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 22, 1971, in Perryville. Graduate of St. Vincent High School, 1990; University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., political science and English, 1994; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1998. Married A. Lauren Brazel, July 27, 1996; they have three children, Grace, Kate and Max. Practiced law at Eng & Woods in Columbia, 1998–1999; The Brewer Law Firm, P.C., 1999–2013 and Arbeiter & Brewer, 2013–2014, in Perryville Member: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church; Perryville Chamber of Commerce, 1999– present; Perry County Economic Development Authority, 2000–present; Perryville Devel-

opment Corporation, 2001–present; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; St. Vincent Alumni Association, president, 2010–2015. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Independent.

# Circuit 33

**ROB BARKER** 

Office address: Mississippi County Courthouse, PO Box 369, Charleston 63834; phone (573) 683-2146.

#### County: Mississippi.

Biography: Graduate of East Prairie High School, 1986; Missouri Southern State University, B.S., criminal justice administration, 1993; Southern Illinois University, J.D., 2004. Twelve years experience as a law enforcement officer. Worked in Missouri Public Defender's Office, 2004–2006; engaged in private general practice, 2006–2014; appointed as municipal judge for the City of East Prairie, 2012 and member and current president of Mississippi County Bar Association. Elected Mississippi County associate circuit judge, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

#### Circuit 33

**SCOTT HORMAN** 

Office address: Scott County Courthouse, 131 S. Winchester St., PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3576.

#### County: Scott.

Biography: Born Sept. 2, 1975, in southeast Missouri. Graduate of Central Methodist University, B.S., summa cum laude; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married Leslie Garner, June 7, 1997. They have two sons, Garner and Griffin. Engaged in private law practice in Oct. 2000. Member: St. Augustine Catholic Church; Chaffee Chamber of Commerce; Knights of Columbus; Elks; Chaffee Youth League. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term Expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 33 **BLAKE PEARSON**

Office address: Scott County Courthouse, 131 S. Winchester St., PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3511.

#### County: Scott.

Biography: Born July 18, 1969. Graduate University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A, 1992; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1996, dean's list. Member: Missouri and Scott County Bar associations and former president of the Scott County Bar Association. Admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Assistant public defender, 1996–1998. Private practice, 1998–2013. High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area prosecutor for Scott, Mississippi and Bollinger Counties, 2013-2016. Interim Scott County prosecuting attorney, 2013. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 34 **JOSHUA D. UNDERWOOD**

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

#### County: New Madrid.

Biography: Born Feb. 10, 1981, in Sikeston. Graduate of Portageville High School; Mississippi State University, B.B.A. and Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Married Lou Oliver, August 11, 2007. They have one daughter, Emmaline and one son, J. Douglas. Engaged in the private practice of law in Caruthersville, 2007-2010 and New Madrid, 2010–2013. Member: The Missouri Bar, 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Association and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2013. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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# Circuit 34 W. KEITH CURRIE

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

#### County: Pemiscot.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 20, 1964, in Hayti. Graduate of Caruthersville High School; Mississippi State University, B.B.A.; University of Missouri, J.D. Married Deborah Cybulski, May 9, 1992. They have two daughters, Anne Marie and Ellen. Engaged in the private practice of law in Jefferson City, 1990–1992, and Hayti, 1992–2003. Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Caruthersville. Member: The Missouri Bar; 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Association; and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected: 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 34 WILLIAM W. CARTER

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

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**Biography:** Not available. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 35 BRADLEY D. JARRELL

Office address: Stoddard County Justice Center, PO Box 30, Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568-4640.

Photo not County: Stoddard. available Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 35 **H. MARK PREYER**

County: Dunklin.

Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, PO Box 567, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3272.

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Vailable Biography: Born Feb. 24, 1958, in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of the University of Missouri– Columbia, College of Agriculture, B.S., agricultural economics, 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married Amy Phillips, July 7, 2007. They share five children: Erin Preyer, Firc Preyer, Jake Phillips, Emma Phillips and Audrey Phillips. Previously served on Missouri Public Defender Commission and on the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission. Member: Kennett Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Farmers and Merchants Club of Holcomb and of Homersville. Engaged in the practice

of law in Kennett, 1983–2010. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 35 JOE Z. SATTERFIELD

Office address: Stoddard County Courthouse, PO Box 30, Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568-4671.

#### County: Stoddard.

**Biography:** Born in Dexter. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., business administration; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Engaged in private law practice in Dexter at Parsons, Mitchell, Wilson and Satterfield, 1982–1995. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1995. Elected: 1996, 1998 and 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

#### Circuit 35

# JOHN SPIELMAN

Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, PO Box 567, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3378.

#### County: Dunklin.

**Biography:** Born May 11, 1972, in Missouri. Graduate of Wichita State University, B.A. political science, 1990; St. Louis University, J.D., 1997. Married Julie Bartlett, April 28, 2001. They have two children, Barbara (Ara) Gray and Meagan Grace. Member: First United Methodist Church of Kennett, Kiwanis Club of Kennett, Farmers & Merchants Club of Holcomb and Masonic Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Kennett. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 36

## JOHN BLOODWORTH

Office address: Butler County Courthouse, 100 S. Main, Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-8087.

#### County: Butler.

**Biography:** Born May 29, 1954, in Poplar Bluff. Recipient of B.S.E. in social studies from Arkansas State Univ., Jonesboro, 1976 and J.D. from Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1980. Married Dr. Dorothy M. Munch in 1993, with one child born of the marriage. Practiced law for 17 years prior to being elected. 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. Elected associate circuit judge, 1998. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 36 JOHN H. SHOCK

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

#### County: Butler.

**Biography:** Not available. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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#### Circuit 36 THOMAS SWINDLE

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

#### County: Ripley.

**Biography:** Born in Wood River, Ill., August 12, 1956. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., 1978, legal education; Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, J.D., 1981. Admitted to the Bar in 1983. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Ripley County, 1983–1984. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 37

# MICHAEL LIGONS

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Office address: PO Box 578, Van Buren 63965; phone (573) 323-4344. County: Carter. Biography: Not available. Took office Jan. 1, 2007. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 37 DON M. HENRY

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

#### County: Howell.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 28, 1949, in Springfield. Graduate of the University of Missouri, B.S., 1971 and University of Arkansas, J.D., 1973. Married with two children. Member: First United Methodist Church; Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; 37th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, former president and Missouri Bar Association. Former member of Pro Se Commission, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys and American Trial Lawyers Association. Associate circuit judge since June 2002. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 37 TRUMAN WILES

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

#### County: Howell.

**Biography:** Born June 18, 1958, in Jonesboro, Ark. Graduate of University of Missouri– Columbia, B.S., with honors; University of Illinois–Champaign Urbana, J.D., 1983. Married Pamela Lynne Reagan, May 17, 1980. They have one daughter. Member: Pomona Christian Church and Rotary Club. City attorney for West Plains, 1985–1987. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 37 HARVEY S. ALLEN

Office address: Oregon County Courthouse, PO Box 406, Alton 65606; phone (417) 778-7461.

#### County: Oregon.

Biography: Born Dec. 20, 1960, in Mammoth Spring, Ark. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., 1983; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1985. Married Marcia Cozort in 1982. Thayer Church of Christ. Member: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Thayer Area Chamber of Commerce and Thayer-Mammoth Spring Rotary Club. City attorney for Thayer (1991-2003) and Koshkonong. Associate: Schmidt, Kirby & Sullivan, Springfield, 1986-1991. Private practice in Thayer, 1991-2011. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 37

SANDRA WEST

Office address: Shannon County Courthouse, PO Box 148, Eminence 65466; phone (573) 226-3315.

County: Shannon.

Biography: Born March 6, 1974. Graduate of Drury University, B.A.; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married to Vance West. Engaged in private practice in Eminence, 2000-2006. Served as prosecuting attorney of Shannon County, 2004–2006. City attorney for Eminence, Winona and Birch Tree. Member of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected: 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

Circuit 38

## LARRY LUNA

Office address: Christian County Judicial Center, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 203, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-5140.

#### County: Christian.

Biography: Born June 28, 1948, in Gainesville. Graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., 1970; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1973. Married to Laurie M. Dale; they have three children and reside in Christian County. Prosecuting attorney of Ozark County, 1974–1980. General law practice and worked in private sector in southwest Missouri, 1980–2006. Recognition from Legal Services of Southwest Missouri for his volunteer work. Member: Missouri Association of Associate and Probate Judges, Juvenile Courts & Laws Committee and the Family Law Section of The Missouri Bar. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 38 **DOUGLAS P. BACON** 

Office address: Christian County Courthouse, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 105, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-5160.

#### County: Christian.

Biography: Not available. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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# Circuit 39 JOHNNIE E. COX

Office address: Barry County Judicial Center, 102 W. St., Ste. 2, Cassville 65625; phone (417) 847-3133.

#### County: Barry.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 12, 1974, in Cassville. Attended Cassville High School; Missouri Southern State College, 1997, B.S., criminal justice admin.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2000. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Taney County, 2000–02. Elected Barry County prosecuting attorney in 2002, re-elected in 2006 and 2010. Member of the SVP prosecuting attorney review committee, Monett Children's Center Advisory Board, Cassville Rotary Club, Missouri Farm Bureau. Married Megan Gibson in 2004 and they have three children. Member of the Cassville First Baptist Church and also attends Cassville

United Methodist Church. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 39

# **ROBERT J. FOULKE**

Office address: Barry County Judicial Center, 102 West St., Ste. 2, Cassville 65625; phone (417) 847-3133.

County: Barry.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 14, 1966, in Winnebago, Minn. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University), B.S., 1990; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1999. Married Nancy Lawrence, March 3, 1998. One son, Evan. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Barry County. Private practice of law, Cassville. Current 39th Circuit Bar Association president and 2002 39th Circuit Bar Association president. Served YMCA board. Member: First Baptist Church, Cassville. Elected associate circuit judge of Barry County, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires, Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 39 SCOTT S. SIFFERMAN

Office address: Lawrence County Courthouse, 240 N. Main St., Ste. 110, Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 466-2471.

#### County: Lawrence.

**Biography:** Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. and M.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Prosecuting attorney for Lawrence County, 1982–1989. Engaged in the private practice of law, 1980–1989. Past president of the 39th Judicial Circuit and a past board member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Married to Debbie Stockton, they have three daughters and six grandchildren. Member of Covenant Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. Associate circuit judge for Lawrence County since 1989. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 39 **ROBERT E. GEORGE**

Office address: Lawrence County Courthouse, 240 N. Main St., Ste. 110, Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 466-2471.

#### County: Lawrence.

**Biography:** Born in Kirksville. Graduate of Mt. Vernon High School; Missouri Southern State College, A.S., law enforcement; B.S., criminal justice and Tulsa University College of Law, J.D., 1986. Private practice in Aurora, 1989–2000. Elected prosecuting attorney Lawrence County, 1989–2010. Married to Sherrie; two daughters, Heather and Holly; grandchildren Conner and Chloe. Past president of Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, past president; Children's Center, past president and board member; Drury College, past adjunct professor; PACARS retirement

board, chair; Mt. Vernon Rotary, past president. Certified trial advocacy instructor vehicle homicide. Trial advocacy instructor Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorney. Aurora city attorney, 1992–95. Served on the Supreme Court Committee dealing with court consolidation issues. Member: Aurora United Methodist Church. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 39 ALAN BLANKENSHIP

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, 110 S. Maple, Ste. F, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6511.

#### County: Stone.

**Biography:** Born June 14, 1961, in Neosho. Graduate of University of Arkansas and Missouri Southern State University, B.S., B.A., accounting; University of Missouri, J.D. and certified public accountant, 1987. Married Dee Ann Casey, June 27, 1987; they have three children. Served on the professional audit staff with the Missouri State Auditor's Office, 1984–1987. Served in private law practice, 1991–2002. Served as municipal judge for Kimberling City and Branson West. Member: Judicial Weighted Workload Steering Committee; Trial Judge Education Committee; Living Word Church and American Legion Mis-

souri Boys State Executive Committee. Elected associate circuit judge, 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 39

#### MARK A. STEPHENS

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, PO Box 18, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6114.

#### County: Stone.

**Biography:** Born Oct. 29, 1956, Wichita, Kan. Served in U.S. Army Military Police Corps, 1978–1985. Graduate of WSU, B.S., administration of justice, *cum laude*; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1994. Married to Monica H. Stephens; they have four children and five grandchildren. He lives in the Ozarks, near Crane. Member: Hurley Community Baptist Church; Missouri Bar Association; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judge; Southern Gospel Music Association; private practice, Van Matre & Harrison, Columbia, 1994–1999 and solo general practice, Aurora, 1999–2009. Elected as associate circuit judge, 2009. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 40

#### JOHN LEPAGE

Office address: McDonald County Courthouse, PO Box 157, Pineville 64856; phone (417) 223-7512.

#### County: McDonald.

**Biography:** Born in Jefferson City, Oct. 3, 1957. Graduate of Bemidji State Univ., B.A. 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. 1983, Married to Marci G. McNeill; they have two children, Melodi Gerstner and Trista McDaniel and four grandchildren. Member: Anderson United Methodist Church. Former board member and past president of Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Judges. Judicial Records Committee, 2005–present. Circuit Court Budge Committee, 2016–present. Committee on Language Access, 2013–present. Elected 1998. Retained: 2002–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 40 KEVIN SELBY

Office address: 123 E. Main St., Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8231.

#### Counties: Newton.

**Biography:** Born June 10, 1965, in Joplin. Graduate of Webb City High School, 1983; University of Kansas, 1988 and McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, Calif., 1992. Elected associate circuit judge, division 3, 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.











# Circuit 40

# **GREGORY N. STREMEL**

Office address: 123 E. Main St., Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8212. County: Newton.

**Biography:** Born July 1, 1954, in Joplin. Graduate of McAuley High School in Joplin; Missouri Southern State College, A.S., computer programming, and B.S., B.A., general business, 1980; and University of Missouri–Columbia, 1983, J.D. Engaged in private practice from 1983–1992. Appointed as associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, Dec. 8, 1992. Elected: 1994. Retained: 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican



# Circuit 41

# PHILIP E. PREWITT

Office address: Macon County Courthouse, 100 E. Washington St., Bldg. 2, Ste. 1, Macon 63552; phone (660) 385-4631.

County: Macon.

**Biography:** Born Aug. 24, 1967, in Moberly. Graduate of Washington University, B.A., 1989; J.D., 1992; U.S. Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky., 1993 and U.S. Army Transportation School, Ft. Eustis, Va., 1995. Married with two children. Engaged in private practice, 1993–2010. Also served as city attorney for Atlanta and Bevier. Awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal by the State of Missouri in 2005 for *pro bono* legal work on behalf of military service members and their families. Former commissioner, Missouri Veterans Commission. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 41 MIKE GREENWELL

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

#### County: Shelby.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 8, 1959, in Hannibal. Graduate of South Shelby High School, 1978; Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), B.S., agriculture, 1983; University of Dayton, J.D., 1986. Married Marcia Love, Aug. 4, 1984. Engaged in the private practice of law in Shelbina, 1986–2010. Member: Missouri Ethics Commission, 1998–2002, chair 2001–2002; Missouri Bar Association Board of Governors, 2001–2008; Truman State University Board of Governors, 2008–2011; American Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; 41st Circuit Bar Association; Shelbina Lions Club;

Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



# Circuit 42 SCOTT BERNSTEIN

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

#### County: Crawford.

**Biography:** Born May 15, 1961, in St. Louis. 1979 Clayton High School; 1984 University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., Honors College; 1988 College of William & Mary, M.B.A.; 1992 St. Louis University, J.D., *cum laude*, Pubic Law Review. Judicial Clerkships at Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, for the Honorable Albert Stephen Jr. and the Honorable Clifford Ahrens, and at the U.S. District Court for the Honorable Clyde Cahill. 1992–1996, associate with Brown and James, P.C. 1996–2006, sole practitioner and assistant prosecutor for Crawford and Dent counties. Member: A & A Free Mason and Scottish

Rite, Quad County volunteer firefighter and EMT. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 42 BRANDI L. BAIRD

Office address: Dent County Judicial Bldg., 112 E. Fifth St., Salem 65560; phone (573) 729-3134.

#### County: Dent

**Biography:** Born Oct. 26, 1972, in Rolla. Graduate of John F. Hodge High School, St. James, 1990; Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1996; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2000. Married Brandon D. Schloemer; they have two sons, Maxton and Madden. Legislative and constituent director to the Missouri Speaker of the House, 2001–2003. Engaged in private practice, 2004–2010. Dent County prosecuting attorney, 2010–2011. Member: the Salem Lutheran Church. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

#### Circuit 42

RANDALL HEAD

Office address: Iron County Courthouse, 250 S. Main St., Ste. 220, Ironton 63650; phone (573) 546-2511.

#### County: Iron.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 24, 1951, in Clayton. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married to Paula Head. Member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ironton. Served in United States Marine Corps, 1969–1971; Vietnam veteran; Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member. Prosecuting attorney for Iron County, 1981–1990. Member of Life Endowment, NRA; NRA basic handgun instructor; POS.T.-certified law enforcement handgun and shotgun instructor and Missouri concealed carry instructor. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

#### Circuit 42

#### **BENJAMIN E. THOMPSON**

Office address: Reynolds County Courthouse, PO Box 39, 2319 Green St., Centerville 63633; phone (573) 648-2494.

#### County: Reynolds.

**Biography:** Born June 9, 1978, in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., finance and banking, 2001; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2006. Missouri Army National Guard, Military Police, 1998–2007; veteran, Operation Enduring Freedom. Member: Veterans of Foreign Wars (Life Member–Lesterville Post 6660), American Bar Assoc., Missouri Assoc. of Associate Circuit Judges, Missouri Fostering Court Improvement Project, Missouri Juvenile Justice Assoc. Elected Reynolds County Prosecuting Attorney, 2015–2016. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

#### Circuit 42

#### **RANDY P. SCHULLER**

Office address: Wayne County Courthouse, PO Box 78, Greenville 63944; phone (573) 224-5600.

#### County: Wayne.

**Biography:** Born May 23, 1955, in St. Louis. Graduate of Drake University, B.S., business administration, *cum laude*, 1977; University of Missouri, J.D., 1980. Prosecuting attorney, Wayne County, 1983–1986. Member: Trinity United Methodist Church; Piedmont Rotary Club; 42nd Circuit Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association and Eastern and Western Districts of U.S. District Court of Missouri. Elected Wayne County associate circuit judge, 1990. Retained: 1994–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.











# Circuit 43

JASON KANOY

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

County: Caldwell.

Biography: Not available. Took office Jan. 1, 2007. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Independent.

# Circuit 43

## **TERESA L. BINGHAM**

Office address: Clinton County Courthouse, PO Box 275, Plattsburg 64477; phone (816) 539-3755.

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#### County: Clinton.

**Biography:** Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Washburn University, B.A., *cum laude*; University of Kansas School of Law, J.D. She began practicing law with the law firm of Morrison, Frost and Olsen in Manhattan, Kan. She then returned to Kansas City and practiced law with the Jackson County Public Administrator for 12 years. Before being elected as Clinton County Associate Judge, she practiced with UAW Legal Services plan, doing most of the estate planning and probate work. She is married with two adult children. She has been involved with a Science Olympiad coach, Girl Scouts as a Leader and is also a part

time youth leader for two rural churches. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



# Circuit 43 DAREN L. ADKINS

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

#### County: Daviess.

**Biography:** Born Nov. 13, 1967, in Bethany. Graduate of Baylor University, B.A., 1990; University of Tulsa School of Law; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Miller, Seidel, & Havens associate, 1994–1997. Miller, Seidel, Havens, & Adkins, LLP, 1997–1999. Member: Gallatin Rotary Club, past president; Gallatin Area Revitalization Alliance, vice president; Daviess County Library Board, president, 2015–present; Gallatin United Methodist Church; Gallatin R-V School Board, 1996–1999; and Daviess County Library Board, vice president, 2000–present. Associate circuit judge, Daviess County, 1999–present. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



#### Circuit 43 BART SPEAR

Office address: DeKalb County Courthouse, 109 W. Main St., PO Box 248, Maysville, 64469; phone (816) 449-2602

#### County: DeKalb.

**Biography:** Born Dec. 18, 1958. Graduate of Central Methodist College, B.A., 1981; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1984. Engaged in private practice in Cameron, 1984–2009; assistant prosecuting attorney, DeKalb County, 1990–1994; appointed DeKalb County prosecuting attorney by Governor Mel Carnahan, 1994; assistant child support enforcement prosecuting attorney, 43rd Judicial Circuit, 1995; and elected DeKalb County prosecuting attorney, 1998–2006. Serves on Clinco Sheltered Industries board of directors. Member: Cameron Elks Lodge No. 2615, Cameron United

Methodist Church, Maysville Area Chamber of Commerce and Fairport Lions Club. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2009. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

# Circuit 43 **JAMES P. VALBRACHT**

Office address: Livingston County Courthouse, 700 Webster, Ste. 8, Chillicothe 64601; phone (660) 646-8000.

#### County: Livingston.

Biography: Born Sept. 23, 1953, in Carrollton. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1977; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1977. Member: Missouri Bar; Livingston County Bar; United Methodist Church; and Chillicothe Elks Lodge 656. Engaged in private practice of law, 1978-2006. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Retained: 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

#### Circuit 44

**ELIZABETH BOCK** 

Office address: Douglas County Courthouse, 203 SE Second Ave., PO Box 249, Ava 65608; phone (417) 683-2114.

#### County: Douglas.

Biography: Born Dec. 20, 1961, in St. Louis, raised in New Madrid. Graduate of William Woods College, B.A., history and English, 1983, with honors; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1986. Served as an assistant public defender, 1986–1995; Greene County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1995–1999 and assistant attorney general, 1999-2013, in Public Safety Division, handling special prosecutions. Member: St. Leo the Great Parish, Ava, Ava Kiwanis Club and board member of Douglas County Community Foundation. Appointed associate circuit judge in Jan. 2013 by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 44

#### CYNTHIA MacPHERSON

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

#### County: Ozark.

Biography: Graduated the University of Missouri Law School in May 1976. Was the first woman elected prosecuting attorney in the state of Missouri that same year. Served two terms as prosecutor in Audrain County and three terms as prosecutor in Wright County. In private practice from 1980-2014 handling Workmen's Compensation, Social Security Disability and Personal Injury claims. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, Jan. 2014. Elected: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 44 LYNETTE B. VEENSTRA

Office address: Wright County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Sq., PO Box 58, Hartville 65667; phone (417) 741-6505.

#### County: Wright.

Biography: Born March 21, 1968, in Luverne, Minn. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State Univ., B.S., economics, summa cum laude, 1990; Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1993, Order of the Coif. Married Leon Veenstra, Dec. 19, 1992; they have three children. Member: Mansfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Served in private practice, 1993-2002. Licensed in Missouri and California. Elected associate circuit judge, 2002. Retained: 2006-2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.













# Circuit 45 JAMES D. BECK

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

#### County: Lincoln.

**Biography:** Born Sept. 3, 1968, in Troy. Graduate of Lindenwood College, B.S., 1990; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1993. Married to Kendra Beck, July 17, 1999; three children. Missouri assistant public defender, 1993–1994; Missouri district public defender for the 45th Judicial Circuit, 1994–1997; began private practice, 1997, with Mueller & Suddarth, and continued in private practice with Mueller, Beck & Meyer until taking the bench on Jan. 1, 2011. Member: Missouri Bar Assoc.; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges; Troy

Bible Holiness Church; Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, past president; Troy Kiwanis Club, past president; Troy Rotary Club, past president; Troy Elks Lodge; Lincoln County Bar Assoc., past president; Lincoln County Habitat for Humanity, past board member. Elected: 2010. Retained: 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



#### Circuit 45

# **GREGORY K. ALLSBERRY**

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

County: Lincoln.

**Biography:** Born May 21, 1957, in Pocatello, Idaho. Graduate of Concordia University Chicago, 1979; Washington University School of Law, 1984. Articles Editor, *Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law*, 1983–1984. Former prosecuting attorney, City of Frontenac and City of Pagedale. Engaged in private practice of law from 1984–2014. Associate at Bill T. Walker & Associates, 1984–1987. Associate and partner, Susman, Schermer, Rimmel & Shifrin, 1987–1999. Gregory K. Allsberry, L.C. 1999–2014. Member, National Association of Iwarolia and Empire Court Ludgos. Missouri Bar Assoc.

Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Missouri Bar Assoc., Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Peace Lutheran Church, Lincoln County Republican Club. Former board member, Christ Community Lutheran School. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



# Circuit 45—Division 4 DAVID ASH

Office address: Pike County Courthouse, 115 W. Main, Rm. 24, Bowling Green 63334; phone (573) 324-5582.

#### County: Pike.

**Biography:** Born June 13, 1950, in Boston, Mass. Attended Columbia public schools until ninth grade. Graduate of Univ. City H.S., 1968; Univ. of Mo.–Col., 1972, B.A., pol. science; J.D., 1976, Married Denise M. Jansen, Sept. 3, 1977; they have two children. Employed in priv. pract. of law, 1976–2003. Served as asst. prosecutor, Pike Co., 1976– 1981. City attorney, Wellsville, Farber and Laddonia, and prosecutor, City of New Florence. Served on bd. of dir. for Legal Svcs., Northeast Missouri, and as drug court judge, 45th Circuit, 2004–2009. Prior to taking the bench, served as municipal judge, Louisiana, Clarksville and Folia. Currently is municipal udge. City of Bowling Circen. Member:

Clarksville and Eolia. Currently is municipal judge, City of Bowling Green. Member: Bowling Green Lions Club; St. Clement Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus Council 1928; St. Isidore 4th Degree Assembly; Twin Pike YMCA, bd. of dir. Past member: Bowling Green R-1 School Bd., 1999–2005 and Twin Pike Family YMCA, bd. of dir., 2004–2010. Elected: 2002. Retained: 2006–2014. Term expires Dec. 31 2018. Democrat.

# Circuit 46 ERIC D. EIGHMY

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7230. County: Taney.

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**Biography:** Not available. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

# Circuit 46 **R. TIFFANY YARNELL**

**Office address:** Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7230.

County: Taney.

**Biography:** Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 2017. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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The Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges was created by a constitutional amendment in 1970. It began operating Jan. 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 are: Mr. Skip Walther, chair, attorney, Columbia; Mr. Barry Aycock, lay member, Parma; Rev. Dr. Carlton R. Caldwell, lay member, St. Louis County; Mr. Arthur S. Margulis, attorney, St. Louis County; Hon. Sandra C. Midkiff, circuit judge, 16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County-Kansas City) and Hon. Nancy Steffen Rahmeyer, appellate judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District.

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 nonlawyers-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 there is probable cause to believe a lawyer is guilty of professional misconduct, they may issue a written admonition to the attorney or file 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 nonlawyer, 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: Dorothy L. White-Coleman, chair, St. Louis; David Ansley, Springfield; Susan Appelquist, Springfield; Richard E. Banks, St. Louis; John Briscoe, New London; Sheryl Butler, St. Louis; Edward C. Clausen, Jefferson City; Keith A. Cutler, Kansas City; Sidney Dulle, Jefferson City; Jill A. Kanatzar, Kansas City; Elizabeth Mc-Carter, St. Louis and Kirby Upjohn, Kansas City.

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 Melinda Bentley.

#### Missouri Board of Law Examiners

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The Supreme Court of Missouri regulates admission to the Bar. The Missouri Board of Law Examiners is authorized by Supreme Court Rule 8 to conduct the bar examination and to determine the character and fitness and eligibility of applicants for admission to The Missouri Bar. Application forms and information about the bar examination, the character and fitness process and the requirements for admission are available online at www.mble.org. In addition, pass/fail statistics for the bar examination are published on the website.

The Missouri Board of Law Examiners is comprised of six members who are lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to serve a nineyear term. The current members of the board are: James G. Nowogrocki, chair, St. Louis; Gary B. Brewer, Springfield; Judge Michael E. Gardner, Cape Girardeau; Karen M. Jordan, St. Louis; Theresa L.F. Levings, Kansas City and Sandra L. Schermerhorn, Kansas City.

#### The Missouri Bar

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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. Its executive director is Sebrina Barrett.

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, videotaped, webinars and by telephone—to keep lawyers abreast of changes in state and federal laws. These sessions are regularly accompanied by detailed course materials designed to supplement the programs themselves. In addition, the department's renowned deskbook series (the "black books"), supplements and guidebooks provide attorneys with valuable reference materials they can make use of in their own law libraries.

#### Publications/Public Information

The Journal of The Missouri Bar, offering valuable perspectives about the law from its lawyerauthors, 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 most 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, 2017–2018

Morry Cole, president, St. Louis; Raymond E. Williams, president-elect, West Plains; Thomas V. Bender, vice president, Kansas City.

#### Judicial Conference of Missouri

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

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

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

# Nonpartisan Judicial Nominating Commissions

Under provisions of Article V of the Missouri Constitution, any vacancy occurring in the office of judge of the Supreme Court, the court of appeals or the circuit courts within St. Louis City or Jackson County is filled through the "Nonpartisan Selection of Judges Court Plan," adopted through initiative petition at the November 1940 general election, which provides for the governor to appoint one of three qualified persons nominated by a nonpartisan judicial commission. This method of selecting judges was adopted by the voters of the 21st Judicial Circuit (St. Louis County) in 1970; by the voters of the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Platte County) and the Seventh Judicial Circuit (Clay County) in 1973 and by the voters of the 31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County) in Nov. 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 sevenmember 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:** Zel M. Fischer, chief justice, Supreme Court of Missouri, chair, June 30, 2019.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District: Thomas M. Burke, lawyer member, Dec. 31, 2017; Edward (Nick) Robinson, lay member, Dec. 31, 2018.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District: Michelle Beckler, lay member, Dec. 31, 2020; Donald E. Woody, lawyer member, Dec. 31, 2019.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District: Scott S. Bethune, lawyer member, Dec. 31, 2121; Kathy Ritter, lay member, Dec. 31, 2022.

#### **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: Mark D. Pfeiffer, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, June 30, 2018. Members: Keith Hicklin, Platte City, lawyer member; John W. Pepper, Kansas City, lay member; Barbara A. Fulk, Platte City, lay member; Robert Shaw, Platte City, lawyer member.

Seventh Circuit (Clay County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Mark D. Pfeiffer, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, June 30, 2018. Members: Allison Kendrick, Kansas City, lay member; Ben T. Schmitt, Kansas City, lawyer member; Jason Starr, Liberty, lay member; James H. Thompson Jr., Kansas City, lawyer member.

Sixteenth Circuit (Jackson County) Judicial Commission: Mark D. Pfeiffer, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, June 30, 2018. Members: Damon Daniel, Kansas City, lay member; William Gautreaux, Kansas City, lay member; Michael A. Williams, Kansas City, law yer member and Teresa Woody, Kansas City, lay member.

Twenty-first Circuit (St. Louis County) Judicial Commission: James M. Dowd, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, June 30, 2018. Members: Christine Bertelson, Webster Groves, lay member; Tiffany Franklin, Manchester, lay member; Matthew J. Rossiter, St. Louis, lawyer member and Jeffrey D. Sigmund, St. Louis, lawyer member.

Twenty-second Circuit (St. Louis) Judicial Commission: James M. Dowd, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, June 30, 2018. Members: Rita Burlison, St. Louis, Iay member; Andre Harris, St. Louis, Iay member; Thomas K. Neill, St. Louis, Iay member and Bryan J. Sanger, St. Louis, Iay member.

Thirty-first Circuit (Greene County) Judicial Commission: Nancy Steffen Rahmeyer, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, June 30, 2019. Members: Andrew K. Bennett, Springfield, lawyer member; Steven B. Garner, Springfield, lawyer member; Joann Hosmer, Springfield, lay member; Steven Stepp, Springfield, lawyer member.

## Office of State Public Defender

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

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

# **Public Defender Commission**

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

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CRAIG CHVAL Commissioner Public Defender Commission



CRISTA HOGAN Commissioner Public Defender Commission



CHARLES JACKSON Commissioner Public Defender Commission



JOEL ELMER Deputy State Public Defender



GREGORY MERMELSTEIN Deputy State Public Defender



MICHAEL BARRETT State Public Defender

# Members, Public Defender Commission

Bock, H. Riley, chair; Chval, Craig, commissioner; Hogan, Crista, commissioner; Jackson, Charles, 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**

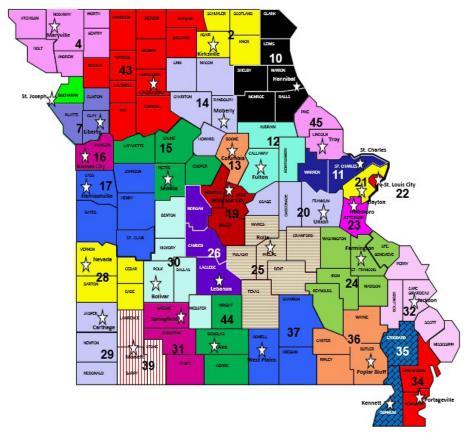
The Trial Division employs close to 300 fulltime attorneys as well as investigators, paralegals and legal assistants. Trial Division attorneys represent both adult and juvenile indigent clients charged with crimes at the state trial court level throughout Missouri.

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.



# Missouri State Public Defender Trial Division District Map

There are three Capital Division district offices within the state, located in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia. Trial attorneys in the division 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.

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 provide representation in 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.