



CHAPTER 5

JUDICIAL BRANCH



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 with 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 based on merit, rather than having them popularly elected.

As originally adopted into the constitution, 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.



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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, Bowling Green, Fayette, Jackson, Jefferson City, Lexington, Palmyra, Potosi, St. Charles, St. Joseph and St. Louis.

Voters increased the size of the Supreme Court 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 1919, increased the number authorized 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 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. The last retired in 1982.

In 1890, voters approved the Supreme Court to divide into two divisions so it could 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 constitutional amendments of 1976 and 1982 defined the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court more narrowly than in the past, resulting in it 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 interpretation of the state's revenue laws, a statewide elected official's right to hold office, state legislative redistricting plans, 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 transfer a case 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 state courts administrator's office, established in 1970. 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. Each year, the Supreme Court transfers several hundred judicial personnel on a temporary basis to assist other courts. This usually is done when the parties in a case have disqualified a judge, a judge is ill or otherwise unavailable, or the circuit court requests assistance to handle its cases expeditiously. The Supreme Court also licenses all lawyers practicing in Missouri and disciplines those found to have violated 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 \$209,484 annually. Compensation is determined by state constitution (article XIII, section 3 of the *Missouri Constitution*).

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 \$219,075 annually. Compensation is determined by state constitution (article XIII, section 3 of the *Missouri Constitution*).

The court hears oral arguments each month, typically from September through May. Court sessions are open to the public, the oral arguments are streamed live, and video and audio files of the arguments are archived through the Missouri Courts 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 include a massive marble staircase in the lobby and the two-story high state law library.

Clerk's Office

The clerk of the Supreme Court is responsible for a wide range of duties, including the supervision of the state courts administrator's office as well as the internal administrative function of the court itself.

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.

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



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Supreme Court Clerk

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


By Supreme Court rule, the clerk is *ex officio* member of all court committees, *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. She is responsible for maintaining the official records of The Missouri Bar; 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.

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 100,000 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 and the public.

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



W. Brent Powell

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

W. BRENT POWELL was born 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.

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. 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 Gov. 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. He was recognized in 2022 by William Jewell College with the Citation of Achievement, the college's highest alumni award, and in 2022, he was elected to the American Law Institute to bring his legal expertise in clarifying the law through Model Codes and Restatements.

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.

He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri by Gov. Eric Greitens on April 25, 2017. He took the oath of office, May 2, 2017, and was retained by voters in November 2018 for a 12-year term. He will serve as chief justice from July 2025–June 2027.



Kelly C. Broniec Judge of the Supreme Court

KELLY C. BRONIEC was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and raised in Warrenton, Missouri. She attended William Woods College, receiving a B.A. in business administration, *summa cum laude*, and earned her J.D. at the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law. She began practicing law in Warrenton as an assistant prosecuting attorney. She later served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Lincoln County before moving to Montgomery County to become the elected prosecuting attorney in 1999. She served as the associate circuit judge in Montgomery County from 2006–2020. She was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District by Gov. Michael Parson in October 2020 and served as chief judge beginning in July 2023, until Governor Parson appointed her to the Supreme Court of Missouri in September 2023. She was retained by the voters in November 2024 for a 12-year term.

Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, Judge Broniec served on the Court's Committee on Access to Family Courts, 2011–2016; Trial Judge Education Committee, 2011–2023; Civic Education Committee, 2015–2020; Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education, 2017–2023; Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission, as chair of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee, 2017–2023; Task Force on Criminal Justice, 2017–2023; Commission on Civil Justice Reform, 2017–2023; chair of the Associate Circuit Procedures Subcommittee, 2018–2023; Associate Circuit Civil Committee, chair, 2022–2023. Judge Broniec also served as a member of the Case Management Oversight Team of the Missouri Court Automation Committee, 2020–2023; served on the Executive Counsel of the Missouri Judicial Conference, as a board member, 2012–2018 and president, 2016–2017 of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. She was also a member



of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association and the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals. She earned a Certified Court Manager Certificate from the Missouri Court Management Institute and the National Center for State Courts in 2016. During her service as a juvenile court judge in the 12th Judicial Circuit (comprised of Warren, Montgomery and Audrain Counties), Judge Broniec created a family treatment court in Warren County and implemented a Fostering Court Improvement Committee, a multidisciplinary team approach to improving the child welfare system in the circuit. She was also involved in planning and presenting training for judges, lawyers, juvenile officers, court clerks and other agencies. She received the Women's Justice Award for Public Service in 2018.

Judge Broniec is active in her church, Grace Lutheran Church, the Montgomery City Kiwanis Club and the Montgomery City Chamber of Commerce. She is a past member of the Montgomery County Rotary Club and GFWC Montgomery Study Club.

Judge Broniec is married to Mark Broniec, a retired master sergeant with the Missouri Highway Patrol. They have two children.



Zel M. Fischer

Judge of the Supreme Court

ZEL M. FISCHER grew up in Watson, Missouri, and 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.

In 1988, he graduated from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law with distinction. He received 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.

Upon graduation from law school, Fischer was admitted to The Missouri Bar and 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.

Among his leadership positions, Judge Fischer is the past president and current chairman of the board of directors of The National Courts and



Science Institute (NCSI), which is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to training judges in science. He also serves as a member of the National Advisory Board for the University of North Carolina Bryson Center for Judicial Science Education.

Judge Fischer was the 2019 recipient of the Theodore McMillian Judicial Excellence Award from The Missouri Bar. The honor is awarded to a judge who sets an example of judicial excellence by leadership in the advancement of justice, provides outstanding public and community service to the people of Missouri, and who is a person of the highest character, integrity and honor who inspires other members of the judiciary to similar noble purposes.

He was married July 13, 1985, to the former Julie Ann Moore. They have four children and four grandchildren. Judge Fischer is an active member of his church and community.

Appointed to the Supreme Court by Gov. Matt Blunt on Oct. 15, 2008, Judge Fischer was retained by voters at the November 2010 and 2022 general elections for 12-year terms. He served as chief justice from July 2017–June 2019.



Ginger K. Gooch Judge of the Supreme Court

GINGER K. GOOCH was born and raised in Springfield. In 1997, she earned her bachelor of arts degree, graduating *summa cum laude* in three years from Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., with a double major in English and philosophy, law and rhetoric.

Gooch earned her law degree, *cum laude*, in 2000 from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law. During law school, she served as editor-in-chief of the *Missouri Law Review*. She graduated with both Order of the Coif and Order of the Barristers honors, which, respectively, recognize academic achievements and excellence in advocacy programs.

She served as a law clerk to Judge Ann K. Covington at the Supreme Court of Missouri before returning to Springfield and entering the private practice of law. She spent more than two decades at the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP, first as an associate and then as a partner. While at the firm, she also performed significant *pro bono* legal work, appearing four times on the Missouri Bar's Pro Bono Wall of Fame. In 2007, the Missouri Bar Foundation awarded her with its David J. Dixon Award for Outstanding Appellate Advocacy. In 2012, she received a Women's Justice Rising Star Award from *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. In 2015, the *Springfield Business Journal* named her one of 20 Most Influential Women. In 2021, *Missouri Lawyers Media* named her to its 2021 POWER List for Education Law.

While in private practice, Gooch was active in a number of legal organizations. Gooch was active in the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Associ-



ation, including a term as president in 2017. She also served as a board member for the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Foundation, including a term as president in 2018.

In addition, Gooch has been involved in a number of community organizations, including the American Red Cross of Southern Missouri; the Discovery Center of Springfield, and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. She is a parishioner of Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield.

Gooch's active involvement in her community and her interest in continual improvement of the law and the legal profession led her to seek a role in public service. In November 2022, Gov. Michael L. Parson appointed Gooch as a judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, creating that court's first female majority. In October 2023, he appointed her as a judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri. She was retained by voters at the November 2024 election for a 12-year term.



Robin Ransom Judge of the Supreme Court

ROBIN RANSOM was born in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri. She graduated from Rosati-Kain High School. She completed her undergraduate degree at Douglass College–Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, receiving her bachelor of arts in political science and sociology. Judge Ransom attended and graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law.

Following law school, she worked as an assistant public defender in the St. Louis County Office, 1992–1995. She was assigned primarily cases in the Family Court – Juvenile Division. In the Fall of 1995, she took a position as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. She remained in that position for a year. In October of 1996, she began working in the Family Court – Juvenile Division of the 21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, as a staff attorney. In that role, she handled juvenile delinquency and care and protection cases which included termination of parental rights matters.

Her judicial career began in 2002, when she was appointed as a Family Court Commissioner for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, Dec. 27, 2002. In that role, she presided over juvenile delinquency and care and protection cases, termination of parental rights matters, guardianships and adoptions. She served in that capacity until Sept. 11, 2008, when she was appointed by Gov. Matt Blunt as circuit judge in the City of St. Louis, the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Initially as a circuit judge, she was assigned to a general trial division, September–December of 2008. From January 2009–December 2010, she was assigned to the Family Court presiding over contested divorces and motions to modify. Judge Ransom returned to a general trial division, January 2011–December 2015. In January 2016, she began serving as the Administrative Judge of the Family Court, overseeing all facets of the court's operations both in the Juvenile and Domestic divisions.

In September 2016, she was unanimously elected by her peers to serve in the capacity of



assistant presiding judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit for the calendar years of 2017 and 2018. Then in September 2018, she was again unanimously elected by her peers to serve as the presiding judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit for the calendar years of 2019 and 2020. After just a few weeks in the role of presiding judge, Judge Ransom was appointed by Gov. Mike Parson, Jan. 9, 2019, to the Court of Appeals, Eastern District. On May 24, 2021, Governor Parson appointed Judge Ransom to her current position as Judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Judge Ransom is a member of The Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), the Lawyer's Association of St. Louis, and Women Lawyers' Association. Ransom is a frequent presenter to school groups and organizations interested in juvenile laws and juvenile justice. She is the recipient of the Theodore McMillian Service Award from the Black Law Students Association of St. Louis University School of Law. She also in 2019, received a Women's Justice Award for Public Service presented by Missouri Lawyer's Media. In 2008, she received the Clarence Darrow Award from the Public Interest Group at the St. Louis University School of Law.

Judge Ransom was retained as circuit judge in both 2010 and 2016; as a member of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District in 2020; and as a judge of the Supreme Court in 2022, for a 12-year term. Term expires, Dec. 31, 2034.



Mary R. Russell

Judge of the Supreme Court

MARY R. RUSSELL is the third woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri since statehood in 1821. She is currently the most senior in tenure on the Court.

A seventh-generation Missourian, Russell was raised on a dairy farm near Hannibal. She was valedictorian of her Hannibal H.S. class and later received a bachelor of science and bachelor of arts, *summa cum laude*, from Truman State Univ.. After graduation from the Univ. of Mo.–Col. School of Law, she was a law clerk for Judge George F. Gunn Jr., Missouri Supreme Court. She was later a partner at Clayton & Rhodes, Hannibal until her appointment to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, where she served for nine years, including as chief judge, 1999–2000. Judge Russell was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 2004 and was elected chief justice by her colleagues, July 2013–June 2015 and July 2023–June 2025.

Russell is active in many professional and legal organizations, commissions and boards throughout the state and country. She is a second vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices; and a board member of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Member: The Missouri Bar, where she has served on numerous committees over the years; the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; the National Association of Women Judges; Women Lawyers' Association and Missouri Academy of Squires. She is a trustee of the State Historical Society of Missouri; was appointed to the Missouri Bicentennial Commission, and was a member of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, the board of directors of the National Courts and Science Institute, the Missouri Council on Women's Economic Development, the Missouri Job Development and Training Council, the board of directors of Missouri's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) (past president) the board of governors of Truman State Univ. (past president), and the Missouri State Senate Reapportionment Commission.

Russell is involved in numerous community organizations, including: BackStoppers Inc., International Women's Forum, Rotary Club (past president), PEO (past president), Grace Episcopal Church and the Tuesday Club (past president).



She volunteered as a truancy court judge for nearly 20 years at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City and the Kirkwood North Middle School in Kirkwood. She has been active in many community organizations in every city she lived in, including Hannibal, Kirkwood and Jefferson City.

Russell is the recipient of numerous awards and honors: Ingram's 50 Missourians You Should Know and as a Henry Toll Fellow; Women's Justice Award, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*; Honorable Theodore McMillian Judicial Excellence Award, The Missouri Bar; Distinguished Lawyer Award-Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis; Distinguished Alumni Award-Truman State Univ., Kirkwood Citizen of the Year; Jefferson City Rotarian of the Year; Zonta Woman of Achievement and Lifetime Achievement Award, Jefferson City; Zonta Celebration Award, Cape Girardeau; Difference Maker Award, Jefferson City Public Schools; Woman of Distinction Award, Missouri Athletic Club; Faculty/Alumni Award, Univ. of Mo.–Col.; Citation of Merit Award, Univ. of Mo.–Col. Law School; Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award; Lasting Legacy award from Missouri CASA; Soroptimist International Women Helping Women Award and the Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award.

Russell is easily approachable and devotes much time to mentoring young people and to lecturing at many legal continuing education programs. She also enjoys speaking to community groups and students helping demystify the court system, and promoting the administration of justice.

She was married to the late James Russell.



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 longtime 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.

Upon graduation, Judge Wilson served as a full-time law clerk for then-Chief Justice Edward G. 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., Wilson was nominated by the Appellate Judicial Commission to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court of Missouri created by the retirement of his longtime friend and mentor Judge William Ray Price, Jr.. Pursuant to the Missouri Constitution's nonpartisan court plan, he was appointed by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon and subsequently retained for a full term by the voters in the 2014 general election. He served as the state's chief justice from July 2021–June 2023.

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 and they are the proud parents of two daughters.

Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri: 1820–2025

Name	County	Years Served
Mathias McGirk	Montgomery	1820–1841
John Dillard Cook	Cape Girardeau	1820–1823
John Rice Jones	Washington	1820–1824
Rufus Pettibone	St. Charles County	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; 1849–1851; 1857–1861; 1873–1880
William Scott	Cole	1841–1849; 1851–1861
Priestly H. McBride	Monroe	1845–1849
John Ferguson Ryland	Lafayette	1849–1851; 1851–1857
James Harvey Birch	Clinton	1849; 1850–1851
Hamilton Rowan Gamble	St. Louis	1851–1854
Abiel Leonard	Howard	1855–1857
John Crowley Richardson	St. Louis	1857–1859
Ephraim Brevard Ewing	Ray	1859–1861; 1873
Barton Bates	St. Charles	1862–1865
William Van Ness Bay	St. Louis	1862–1865
John D.S. Dryden	Marion	1862–1865
David Wagner	Lewis	1865–1876
Walter L. Lovelace	Montgomery	1865–1866
Nathaniel Holmes	St. Louis	1865–1868
Thomas James Clark Fagg	Pike	1866–1868
James Baker	Greene	1868
Philemon Bliss	Buchanan	1868–1872
Warren Currier	St. Louis	1868–1872
Washington Adams	Cooper	1871–1874
Henry M. Vories	Buchanan	1873–1876
Thomas Adiel Sherwood	Greene	1873–1902
Edward Augustus Lewis	City of St. Louis	1874
Warwick Hough	Jackson	1875–1884
Elijah Hise Norton	Platte	1876–1888
John Ward Henry	Macon	1877–1886
Robert D. Ray	Carroll	1881–1890
Francis Marion Black	Jackson	1885–1894
Theodore Brace	Monroe	1887–1906
Shephard Barclay	City of St. Louis	1889–1898
John Lilburn Thomas	Jefferson	1890–1892
George Bennett Macfarlane	Audrain	1890–1898
James Britton Gantt	Henry	1891–1910
Gavon Drummond Burgess	Linn	1893–1910
Waltour Moss Robinson	Jasper	1895–1904
William Muir Williams	Cooper	1898
William Champe Marshall	City of St. Louis	1898–1906
Leroy B. Valliant	City of 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 Ferriss	City of St. Louis	1910–1912

Name	County	Years Served
John Kennish	Holt	1910–1913
John Chilton Brown	Carter	1911–1915
Henry Whitelaw Bond	City of St. Louis	1913–1919
Charles Breckenridge Faris	Pemiscot	1913–1919
Robert Franklin Walker	Morgan	1913–1930
James Thomas Blair	DeKalb	1915–1924
Charles G. Revelle	St. Francois	1915–1916
Fred Lincoln Williams	Jasper	1917–1920
John Isaac Williamson	Jackson	1919–1920
Richard Livingston Goode	City of St. Louis	1919–1922
Conway Elder	City of St. Louis	1921–1922
Edward Higbee	Adair	1921–1922
David Ellmore Blair	Jasper	1921–1930
William T. Ragland	Monroe	1923–1932
John Turner White	Greene	1923–1932
Frank Ely Atwood	Carroll	1925–1934
Robert William Otto	Franklin	1925–1926
Ernest S. Gantt	Audrain	1927–1946
North Todd Gentry	Boone	1928
William Francis Frank	Adair	1929–1938
Berryman Henwood	Marion	1930–1932
George Robb Ellison	Nodaway	1931–1955
Charles Thomas Hays	Marion	1933–1942
Clarence Alexander Burney	Jackson	1933
Ernest Moss Tipton	Jackson	1933–1955
C.A. Leedy Jr.	Jackson	1933–1964
Walter D. Coles	City of St. Louis	1935
John Caskie Collet	Chariton	1935–1937
James Marsh Douglas	City of St. Louis	1937–1949
Raymond B. Lucas	Scott	1938
Albert M. Clark	Ray	1939–1950
Laurence Mastick Hyde	Mercer	1943–1966
Roscoe P. Conkling	Buchanan	1947–1954
Sidna Poage Dalton	Cape Girardeau	1950–1965
Frank Hollingsworth	Audrain	1950–1964
Henry J. Westhues	Cole	1954–1963
Henry I. Eager	Jackson	1955–1968
Clem F. Storckman	City of St. Louis	1955–1970
Lawrence Holman	Randolph	1963–1977
Fred L. Henley	Pemiscot	1964–1978
James A. Finch Jr.	Cape Girardeau	1965–1978
Robert True Donnelly	Laclede	1965–1988
Robert Eldridge Seiler	Jasper	1967–1982
June P. (J.P.) Morgan	Lincoln	1969–1982
John E. Bardgett	St. Louis	1970–1982
Albert L. Rendlen	Marion	1977–1992
Joseph J. Simeone	St. Louis	1978–1979
Warren Dee Welliver	Boone	1979–1989
Andrew Jackson Higgins	Platte	1979–1991
George F. Gunn Jr.	St. Louis	1982–1985
William Howard Billings	Dunklin	1982–1991

Name	County	Years Served
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	City of St. Louis	1998–2011
Laura Denvir Stith	Jackson	2001–2021
Richard B. Teitelman	City of St. Louis	2002–2016
Mary R Russell	Marion	2004–Present
Patricia Breckenridge	Vernon	2007–2023
Zel M. Fischer	Atchison	2008–Present
George W. Draper III	St. Louis	2011–2023
Paul C. Wilson	Cole	2012–Present
W. Brent Powell	Jackson	2017–Present
Robin Ransom	City of St. Louis	2021–Present
Kelly C. Broniec	Montgomery	2023–Present
Ginger K. Gooch	Greene	2023–Present

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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 and for the legal services section.

Administrative Services Division

The administrative services division provides support in the areas of human resources; research and statistical analysis; budget and fiscal services; sponsored programs and contracts; project management and communications; and facilities operations. The division supports the office and circuit court personnel systems; 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; 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; provides project management services to all interdivisional and interagency projects; prepares fiscal notes for proposed legislation affecting the judicial system; manages the facilities and fleet; and provides mail and printing services.

Court Business Services Division

The court business services division provides support to the courts in the areas of education,



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State Courts Administrator



RICK MORRISEY
Deputy State Courts
Administrator



SHERRI PASCHAL
Director
Court Business Services Division



PAT BROOKS
Director, Information
Technology Services Division

program development 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, pretrial services and financial management; designs statewide court forms; manages cost collection efforts; prepares transcripts from sound-recorded hearings submitted by the courts; 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.



Missouri Court of Appeals

The 1875 constitution created the first of our modern intermediate appellate courts — the St. Louis Court of Appeals, consisting of three judges who heard appeals from Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis and Warren counties. This court was created at the urging of the St. Louis Bar Association, which had become alarmed at the congested docket of the Supreme Court. 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, which regularly meets in Springfield or Poplar Bluff. Trained law clerks, who are licensed attorneys, assist each appellate judge with legal research.

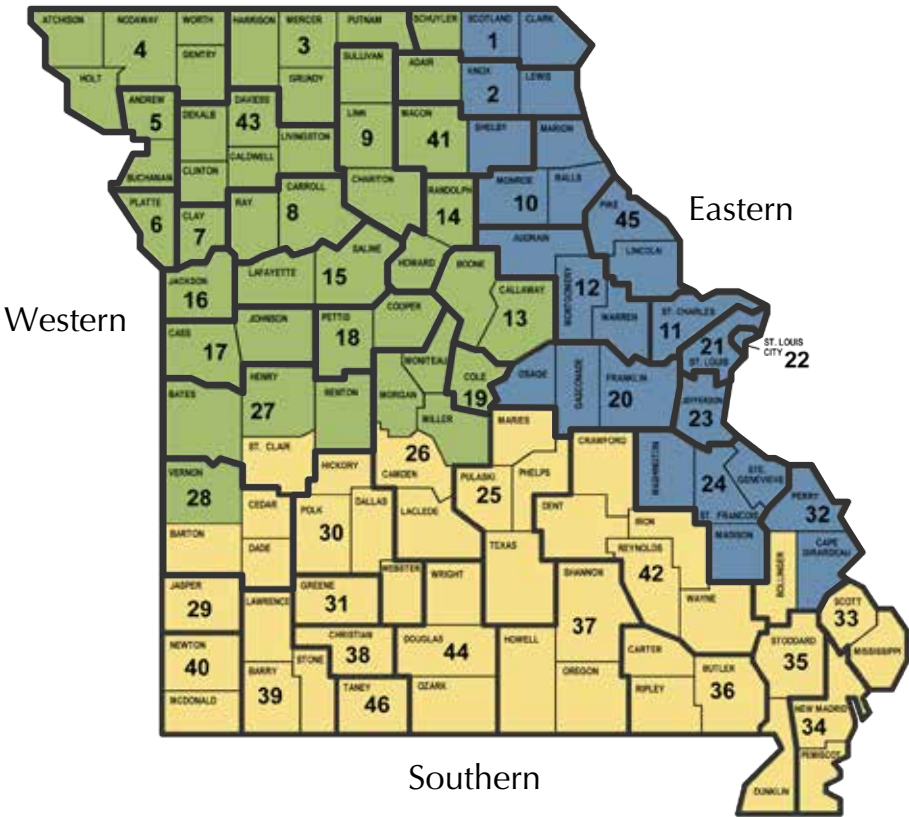
The Missouri Court of Appeals may issue and determine original remedial writs and has general appellate jurisdiction in all cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Cases not within the Supreme Court's exclusive jurisdiction, however, may be transferred from the Court of Appeals 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 \$180,018 annually. Compensation is determined by state constitution (article XIII, section 3 of the *Missouri Constitution*).

Missouri's Court of Appeals Districts





Appellate Judges, Eastern District

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



JOHN TORBITZKY

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Biography: Chief judge. Born in St. Louis County. Educated at University of Missouri, B.A., *cum laude* with departmental honors; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*. Order of the Woolsack; Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society. Managing editor, *St. Louis University Law Journal*. Law clerk to the Hon. Zel M. Fischer, Supreme Court of Missouri, 2012–2014. In private practice, 2014–2021. Awarded: *Missouri Lawyers Weekly's* “Up and Coming” Award, 2018. Serves on the Missouri Court Automation Committee, the Supreme Court Committee on Civic Education, and numerous work groups of those committees. Participant in the National Courts and Sciences Institute Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Strategic Initiative. Member: The Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis County Bar Association. Married with two children. Appointed to Court of Appeals by Gov. Michael L. Parson, August 2021. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.



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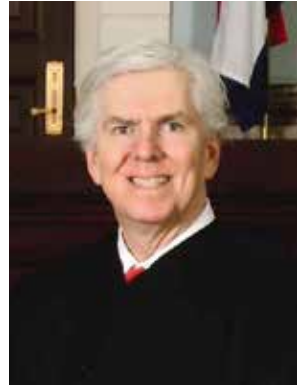
Biography: Born in Kansas City. Educated at University of Kansas, B.S. journalism, B.A. history, 1990; St. Louis University, M.A. public administration, 1993; J.D. 1998; University of Nevada, Reno, M.A. judicial studies, 2019. Served as assistant circuit attorney, 1998–2006, City of St. Louis; elected to the young lawyers section of The Missouri Bar; participated in Leadership St. Louis/FOCUS and earned a certified court manager certificate from the Missouri Court Management Institute and National Center for State Courts. Professional memberships include: The Missouri Bar. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 17, 2006. Retained 2008, 2012 and 2016. Appointed circuit judge, March 29, 2017. Retained 2018. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Feb. 2, 2021. Retained 2022. Chief judge, 2023–2025. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.

ROBERT M. CLAYTON III**Office phone:** (314) 539-4371.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq., 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Born and raised in Hannibal. Educated in Hannibal public schools; Southern Methodist University and the University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School. Private practice as associate and partner in Hannibal, 1994–2003. Elected state representative, 1994–2002. Appointed to Public Service Commission, 2003–2011, chair, 2009–2011. Fellow of the Missouri Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation. Member: The Missouri Bar; the 10th Circuit Bar, president, 2012–2013; the American Bar Association; BAMS; St. Louis County Bar; Lawyer's Association of St. Louis; WLA and Mound City Bar. Serves as first vice president and trustee of the State Historical Society of Missouri, trustee of the Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society, trustee of MACC foundation and president of Affordable Community Education, Inc.. Member: Hannibal YMCA Men's Club and treasurer of Trinity Episcopal Church. Awards: Missouri Bar President's, 2001 and 2005; KCMBA YLS President's, 1994; Chief Justice's Improving Public Trust Award, 2014; and UMKC Law School's Decade, 2004. Appointed July 18, 2011. Retained 2012. Chief judge, 2013–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.

**JAMES M. DOWD****Office phone:** (314) 539-4300.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq., 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Born 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 to Judge William E. Turnage, Missouri Court of Appeals–Western District, 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; Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, June 3, 2015. Chief judge, July 2017–June 2018. Retained 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.

**GARY M. GAERTNER JR.****Office phone:** (314) 539-4300.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq., 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Born 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. Appointed circuit judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, 2000. Retained 2002 and 2008. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, November 2009. Retained 2012 and 2024. Chief judge, July 2012–June 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.





MICHAEL E. GARDNER

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Biography: Born in St. Louis and raised in Kelso, Missouri. 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. Elected circuit judge of the 32nd Judicial Circuit in 2014 and served as presiding judge, 2017–2018. Missouri Board of Law Examiners, 2013–present; Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners, 2023-present; Board of Trustees of The Missouri Bar Foundation, 2017–present; Board of Governors of The Missouri Bar, 2012–2014; Young Lawyers' Section Council, 2010–2014; assistant governor, Rotary District 6060, 2016–2018; member and past-president, Cape West Rotary Club; Knights of Columbus (Fourth Degree); membership chair, Shawnee District of the Boy Scouts of America, 2012–2018; member, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Cape Girardeau. Married with four children. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Feb. 14, 2020. Retained 2022. Chief judge, 2022–2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.



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Biography: Educated at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., *cum laude*; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D.. Served in the St. Louis County Public Defender's office, 1990–1991 and St. Louis County Office of County Counselor, 1991–1998. In private practice with Dubail Judge, P.C., 1998–2017. Municipal judge for City of Berkeley, 1999–2003 and St. Louis County Municipal Court, 2003–2015. Provisional judge for City of Berkeley, Moline Acres and Woodson Terrace, 2015–2017. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017 and circuit judge, 2019 for the 21st Judicial Circuit. Member: Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Lawyers Association of St. Louis, Mound City Bar Association, Women Lawyers Association and St. Louis County Bar Association. Member: Missouri Supreme Court Task Force of Criminal Justice, Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure in Municipal Division Cases, Supreme Court Uniform Fine Schedule Committee, Gospel Symphonic Choir, Kansas Barbecue Society, past council member and chair of Missouri Arts Council, past board member and president of Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past member and chair of Supreme Court Disciplinary Committee and past board

member of County Credit Union. Awarded Women Justice Award for Public Service, 2023. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, September 2022. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.



PHILIP M. HESS

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Biography: 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. Ambrose Parish; The Missouri Bar, past chair of its Workers' Compensation Committee; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, past chair of its Workers' Compensation Committee; Lawyers Association. 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, November 2013. Chief judge, July 2016–June 2017. Retained 2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.

VIRGINIA LAY

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Biography: Columbia University, B.A., with honors in American Studies and English 1990; Washington University School of Law, J.D. 1993. Served as assistant circuit attorney, St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office 1994–1998; assistant prosecutor, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office 1998–1999; assistant attorney general, civil and criminal for the Office of Attorney General, State of Missouri 1999–2001; private practice, employment and municipal law 2002–2017; special assistant circuit attorney on behalf of Missouri Division of Employment Security 2012–2019; adjunct professor, Washington University School of Law. Judge: Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition, Washington University School of Law Client Counseling Competition, and Washington University School of Law Negotiation Competition. Executive board member for St. Martha's Hall. Master Gardener 2003–present. Member: Supreme Court of Missouri Trial Judges Education Committee, The Missouri Bar and its Criminal Practice and Procedure Committee, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the St. Louis County Bar Association. Lives in St. Louis County with her family. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 1, 2019. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 5, 2021. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Nov. 27, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



REBECA NAVARRO-McKELVEY

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Biography: Born in Managua, Nicaragua. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., Political Science and Spanish, 1997 with honors; J.D. 2000. Married with three children. Employed as an associate in the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale in the Litigation and Immigration Departments, 2000–2004; Served as an assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis in the White Collar Crime Unit, 2005–2009; chief legal counsel, St. Charles Co. Juvenile Office, 2009–2013; assistant prosecuting attorney for the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit, St. Charles Co. Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 2013–2016; associate circuit judge for St. Charles County (in 11th Judicial Circuit), 2017–2020; circuit judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit, 2020–2023. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, December 2023. President and founder of Garden of Innocents, a not-for-profit charity providing burials for abandoned infants and children, 2003–present. Active member of her Catholic Parish. Serves on Supreme Court Trial Judge Education Committee, Supreme Court Committee on Civic Education, Supreme Court Juvenile Court Improvement Project Steering Committee. Appointed by The Missouri Bar to the Advisory Committee on Citizenship Education. Appointed by the state courts administrator as chair of the Juvenile Officer's Performance Standards Work Group. Member: The Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis County Bar Association. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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, 1997–2005. Municipal judge for Crystal City and De Soto from 2003–2005. Family Court Commissioner, Jefferson County, 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, 2007–2016. Member: American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, Supreme Court Civic Education Committee, Missouri Court Management Institute, chair. Richard B. Teitelman Distinguished Service Award, 2013; Judicial Excellence Award–Circuit, 2014; Women's Justice Award for Public Service, 2015; Judicial Excellence Award–Civic Education, 2015 and ASTAR Fellow. Appointed to Court of Appeals, December 2015. Retained 2018. Chief judge, 2018–2019. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





ANGELA TURNER QUIGLESS

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Biography: 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, Women Lawyers Association and the Mound City Bar Association. Serves on the Supreme Court Family Court Committee, the Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness. Received the Women's Justice Award for Public Official, 2013; inducted into SLU Law Order of the Fleur de Lis, 2024. Active in her church and community. Married with one child. Appointed associate circuit judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, February 1995 and circuit judge, January 2003. Appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, April 2012. Retained 2014. Chief judge, 2014–2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

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MICHAEL S. WRIGHT

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Biography: Born in Columbia. Married to Cindy; two daughters and one grandson. University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1982; Washburn School of Law, J.D., Topeka, Kansas, 1985. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 1985–1986. Elected prosecuting attorney, Warren County, 1990. Re-elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010. President, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, 2001; president, National District Attorneys Association, 2012–2013. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, February 2014. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Appointed appellate judge by Gov. Michael Parson, September 2023. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.



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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. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.

Territorial jurisdiction:

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

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

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

JENNIFER R. GROWCOCK

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Office address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Chief judge. Born in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Graduate of Oskaloosa H.S., 1997; Univ. of Iowa, B.A., 2001; and Univ. of Neb. College of Law, J.D., 2004. Married to Matt since 2004 with three children. Engaged in private law practice for 12 yrs. in Springfield and KC. Member: Mo. Bar Assn.; Springfield Metropolitan Bar Assn.; Southern Mo. Women Lawyers; Christian Co. Bar Assn.; Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal; 26th Circuit Bar Assn.; Jasper Co. Bar Assn.; The Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis; KC Metropolitan Bar Assn.; Women Lawyers' Assn. of Greater St. Louis; Springfield, Ozark and Nixa Chambers of Commerce; and the Junior League of Springfield. Serves on Appellate Judges Education Cmte.; David Dixon Appellate Award Cmte.—Southern Dist.; and Junior League of Springfield Bd. of Dir., Sustainer dir. of Junior League of Springfield and dist. comm. of Springfield Pony Club. Recipient: Missouri Lawyers' Weekly Women's Justice Award, Public Service Award, 2021; Supreme Court Permanency Award – Awarded to the 38th Judicial Circuit each year for timely resolution of child abuse and neglect cases; Mo. & Kan. Super Lawyer, Rising Star, 2014–2016; *Springfield Business Journal* Trusted Advisor, 2016; Mo. and Kan. Super Lawyer, Rising Star, 2014–2016; *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, Up & Coming Attorney, 2014; *Springfield Business Journal* 20 Most Influential Women, 2014; *Springfield Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Recipient, 2011; *GO Magazine* 20 Under 20 Recipient, 2007. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Served, Jan. 1, 2017–Dec. 7, 2021. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Dec. 3, 2021. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



JEFFREY WAYNE BATES

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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, Dec. 1, 2003. Retained 2006 and 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



**DON E. BURRELL JR.****Office phone:** (417) 895-6826.**Office address:** 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born 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, 1983. They have one son and one daughter. Practiced law in Kansas City and Springfield. Member: UMKC Law Review; Order of Bench and Robe; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar associations; chair of Civil Rules Committee; former chair of Trial Judge Education Committee. Elected circuit judge of the 31st judicial circuit, 1998. Re-elected 2000 and 2006 (three years as presiding judge). Inaugural recipient of Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association's Judicial Excellence award, 2007. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Jan. 13, 2008. Chief judge, 2011–2013. 2021 Chief Justice's Judicial Excellence Award – Appellate Judge. Retained 2010 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.

**JACK A. L. GOODMAN****Office phone:** (417) 895-6822.**Office address:** 300 Hammons Pkwy, Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born in Aurora. Graduate of Pierce City High School, 1991; University of Missouri–Columbia, bachelor's degree, 1995; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1998. Married to Laura since 1999, with two sons. Presiding judge, 39th Circuit, 2012–2021. Served in Missouri Senate, 2005–2012; Senate asst. majority leader, 2007–2012; chair of Senate Committees: Judiciary & Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence, General laws, Governmental Accountability & Fiscal Oversight. Vice chair of Senate Committee on Ways & Means. 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, American Lung Association Governmental Relations Committee. Member, Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Elders, 2014–2020. Various civic organizations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Dec. 23, 2020. Retained 2022. Chief judge, 2022–2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.

**MATTHEW P. HAMNER****Office phone:** (417) 895-6820.**Office address:** 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Raised at the Lake of the Ozarks and graduated from Camdenton High School in 1994. B.A. in speech communication, University of Missouri–Columbia, 1998, and J.D. University of Missouri–Columbia, 2001. Practiced law in Kansas City and Camdenton. In 2014, was elected associate circuit judge in Camden County. In 2017, appointed by Governor Greitens as circuit judge in the 26th Circuit, serving as presiding judge, 2021–2023. Appointed by Governor Parson to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District in 2024. Member of various bar associations, Supreme Court committees and civic organizations. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

MARY W. SHEFFIELD

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Office address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born in Durham, North Carolina. 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. 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 and appointed as co-chair for the Committee on Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Received the CASA HOPE Award, 2011. Recipient of the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly's* Women's Justice Awards, 2012. Involved in her Rotary Club, PEO, the First United Methodist Church and The Community Partnership. Elected associate circuit judge for Phelps County, 1983 and as presiding circuit judge, 2004 and 2010 for the 25th Judicial Circuit. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, December 2012. Chief judge, July 2015–June 2017. Retained 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

**BECKY J. WEST**

Office phone: (417) 895-6825.

Office address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born in Springfield, Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A. 1991, and University of Oklahoma, J.D. 1995. Practiced law in Nebraska, Louisiana and Missouri, 1995–2013 primarily in the area of litigation. In 2013, appointed full-time municipal court judge for the City of Springfield. Founder of the Springfield Homeless Court. In 2016, appointed by Governor Nixon as associate circuit judge 31st Circuit. In 2019, appointed by Governor Parson as circuit judge 31st Circuit. In 2022, appointed by Governor Parson to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District. Retained in 2018, 2020 and 2024. Member of various bar associations, Supreme Court committees and civic organizations. Recipient of honors by *Springfield Business Journal* and *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.





Appellate Judges, Western District

1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106

Clerk: Kimberly K. Boeding

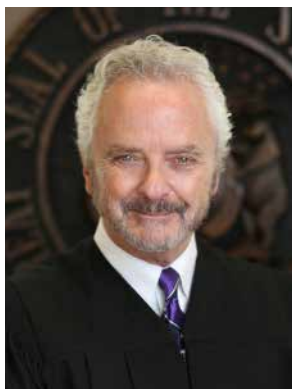
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Territorial Jurisdiction:

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.



ANTHONY REX GABBERT

Office phone: (816) 889-3605.

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

Biography: Chief judge. 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, 1987–1991; 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; 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 and Rockhurst University. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, April 3, 2013. Retained 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



ALOK AHUJA

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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 with 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, D.C., 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 2010 and 2022. Served as chief judge, 2014–2016. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.

EDWARD R. (Ted) ARDINI JR.**Office phone:** (816) 889-3623.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Born in South Weymouth, Massachusetts. Married to Sheri J. Ardini; they have three children. 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, 2009–2016. Member: The Crossing Church, Columbia; The Missouri Bar; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Boone County Bar Association. Appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon to the Court of Appeals, July 15, 2016. Retained 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

**THOMAS N. CHAPMAN****Office phone:** (816) 889-3632.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Born in Chillicothe. Graduate of Westminster College, B.A., political science, 1988; the Univ. of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1991; Univ. of Mo.–KC School of Law, Masters of Law, Taxation, 1995. Married, with two daughters and one son. Practiced law, Chapman, Cowherd, Turner & Tschannen, P.C., 1991 and until his election to circuit judge, 2010. Re-elected 2012. Served as presiding judge, 43rd Judicial Circuit, Aug. 30, 2012, till his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Aug. 30, 2018. Member: KC Metropolitan Bar Assn.; Mo. Bar Assn.; Livingston Co. Bar Assn.; Mo. Circuit Judge Assn., past mbr., 2011–2018; and by appointment of the chief justice. Serves as: mbr. of the Mo. Sentencing Advisory Comm. and the Mo. Criminal Justice Task Force; advisory dir. of The Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, Chillicothe Rotary Club, member and past pres.; and Edgewood Cemetery, bd. mbr.. Attends the First Baptist Church, Chillicothe. Served as Chillicothe R-II School Distr., past mbr. and bd. pres.; Greater Chillicothe Visitors Region, past mbr./chair; Boy Scouts of America, past mbr. and district finance chair; Retired Senior Volunteer Program [R.S.V.P.], past advisory council mbr.; New Horizons Board for Developmentally Disabled, past bd. mbr.; the Chillicothe Area Arts Council, past mbr; and the Chillicothe Development Corporation, past bd. mbr. and pres.. Appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Aug. 30, 2018. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2032.

**LISA WHITE HARDWICK****Office phone:** (816) 889-3611.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Born 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; Harry S. Truman Library Institute, secretary/board of directors, St. Luke's Hospital, board of directors; Center School District Education Foundation, board of directors; Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, board of directors; Kansas City Crime Commission, board of directors; DEED Foundation, president/board of directors; Supreme Court of Missouri Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, co-chair. Appointed circuit judge of Jackson County, 16th Judicial Circuit, 2000. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, May 2, 2001. Chief judge, 2010–2012. Retained 2002 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





CYNTHIA L. MARTIN

Office phone: (816) 889-3617.

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

Biography: Born 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, 2011–2021; 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 2012 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.



KAREN KING MITCHELL

Office phone: (816) 889-3620.

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

Biography: Born in Kansas City, Missouri. Married since 1992 to Greg Mitchell, the couple has one son, Sam. 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, chair; Board of Governors, The Missouri Bar, 2007–2010; Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court, 2007–2012; Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 2009–2012; Missouri Supreme Court Appellate Practice Committee, 2003–2009 and Judicial Task Force for Gender and Justice. Recipient of the David J. Dixon Award for outstanding appellate advocacy. Appointed by Gov. Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon to the Court of Appeals, July 9, 2009. Chief judge, 2018–2020. Retained 2010 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.



MARK D. PFEIFFER

Office phone: (816) 889-3614.

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

Biography: Educated at Westminster College, B.A., 1989; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1991. Married, July 1, 1989 to Tracey W. Pfeiffer. They have two sons. Practiced law in the area of civil litigation (trial and appellate) with Farrington & Curtis, 1992–1995, Springfield and Bley & Pfeiffer, 1995–2009, Columbia. Member: The Crossing (Presbyterian) Church; The Missouri Bar; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Boone County Bar Association; Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal, President, 2023–2024; Missouri Appellate Courts Education Committee, chair; National Board of Trial Advocacy, Judicial Fellow. Adjunct Faculty: Westminster College, 2010–present (teaches American Jurisprudence course). Appointed to the Court of Appeals, May 6, 2009. Chief judge, 2016–2018. Retained 2010 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.

JANET SUTTON

Office phone: (816) 889-3608.

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

Biography: Born in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Married with one son. Educated at University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A. in communication studies, 1987; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. in 1990. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney for Clay County, 1990–1999; chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Clay County, 1999–2003; counsel to Clay County Sheriff’s Department, 1993–1999; municipal prosecutor Excelsior Springs, 1994–2000; municipal judge Excelsior Springs, 2001–2002. Member of: Liberty United Methodist Church, Clay County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Association of Women Lawyers, Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners, Joint Commission on Women in the Profession, chair of the Associate Circuit Civil Rules Committee. Past member Circuit Court Budget Committee, Circuit Judges Association, and Associate Circuit and Probate Judges Association. Appointed as associate circuit judge, Clay County, 2003–2013; circuit judge, Clay County, 2013–2021. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, December 2021. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.



W. DOUGLAS THOMSON

Office phone: (816) 889-3626.

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

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. Associate with Krebs & Holdsworth, Liberty, 1989–1993; associate and then partner with Zahnd, Ross & Thomson and its successors, Maryville, 1995–2013; solo practice in Maryville, 2014. Maryville Host Lions Club, 1995–2021; board of governors of the Missouri Bar, 2011–2022, president’s award, 2018; fellow of the Missouri Bar; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 2015–2021, board of directors, 2018–2021; past president and current member of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Re-elected 2018. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, 2020. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2034.



GARY D. WITT

Office phone: (816) 889-3608.

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

Biography: Born 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 Committee 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; Platte County Mechanical and Agricultural Society, stockholder; Platte County Historical Society, life member; MU Alumni Association, life member; Judicial Conference Legislative Committee, chair; Walter Pope Binns Public Service Fellow; William Jewell College, 1993; Ten Outstanding Young Missourians; Missouri Jaycees, 1993. Voted Best Associate Circuit Judge; *Missouri Lawyer’s Weekly* newspaper reader’s poll, 2009; Appellate Judicial Excellence Award, 2020. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, February 2010. Retained 2012 and 2024. Served as Chief judge, 2022–2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2036.





Missouri Circuit Courts

Missouri's first two circuit courts were established in 1815. The 1820 Constitution provided for the creation of four circuits, each containing from four to eight counties. The number of circuits has increased over the years; today, 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 Missouri 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. There are currently 151 circuit judges.

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 205 associate circuit judges.

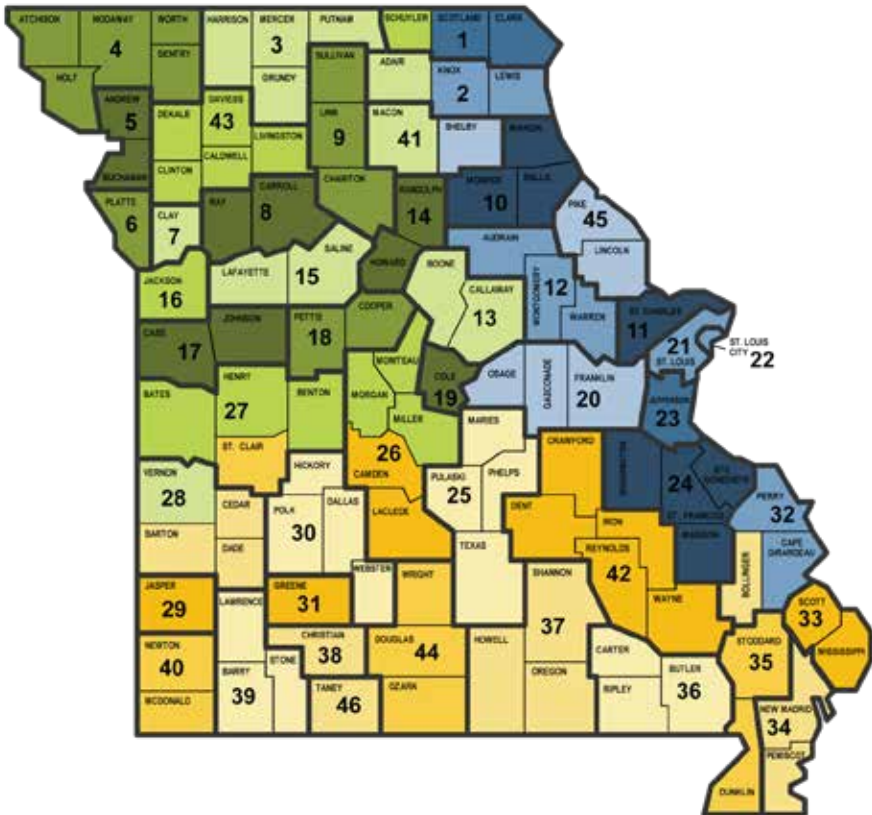
Municipalities with 400,000 or more people must establish a municipal division over which a municipal judge presides. Communities of fewer than 400,000 people may establish municipal divisions to hear ordinance violations, or the municipality may request that these matters be heard in the associate division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

By statute, each circuit judge appoints a court reporter, and each circuit court 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 judges each earn \$180,602 annually; associate circuit judges earn \$166,154 annually. Compensation is determined by state constitution (article XIII, section 3 of the *Missouri Constitution*).

Missouri's 46 Judicial Circuits





Circuit Court Judges



Circuit 1
RICK R. ROBERTS

Office address: Clark County Courthouse, 111 E. Court St., Ste. 210, Kahoka 63445; phone (660) 727-3628, (660) 727-3292 and (660) 727-2133.

Counties: Clark, Schuyler and Scotland.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born 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, November 2010. Appointed by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon to fill unexpired term, December 2010. Elected, November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 2
MATTHEW J. WILSON

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

Counties: Adair, Knox and Lewis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Not available. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, April 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



Circuit 3
MATTHEW M. KROHN

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

Counties: Grundy, Harrison, Mercer and Putnam.

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate of Princeton H.S., 1990; Benedictine College, B.S. political science/pre-law, minor in business admin., *magna cum laude*, 1994; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1997; trial advocacy team. Married with three children. Engaged in private practice. Admitted to U.S. Dist. Court, Western Dist. of Mo., and U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit. Member: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Princeton; Missouri Bar, 9th circuit bar assoc.; Princeton Rotary, pres. 2024–25; and Mo. Assoc. Circuit Judges—board member and secretary 2023–24. Appointed by the Missouri

Supreme Court to the Trial Judge Education Committee; Committee on Practice and Procedure in Municipal Division Cases and Municipal Practice and Uniform Schedule Committee. Third Judicial Circuit Alternative Treatment Court Judge, 2015–present. Elected Mercer County Associate Circuit Judge, November 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Elected circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2029.

Circuit 4

COREY K. HERRON

Office address: Atchison County Courthouse, PO Box 280, Rock Port 64482; phone (660) 582-4231.

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate, Univ. of Mo.—Col., B.S.B.A. and J.D.. Married with one son. Engaged in private practice. Admitted to U.S. Dist. Court, Western Dist. of Mo., and U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit. Past pres. of 3rd & 4th Circuit Bar Assns.. Member: Phi Alpha Delta; Mo. Assn. of Probate and Assoc. Circuit Judges—bd. mbr., Leg. Cmte., sec./treas., 2014–17, vp, 2017–18, pres., 2018–19; Cir. Court Budget Cmte., Judicial Transfer Workgroup, 2015; Mo. Court Automation Cmte., CCBC liaison, 2020; Judicial Conf. of Mo., Exec. Council, 2014–22, Leg. Cmte., 2020–22; Cir. Realignment Task Force & Jud. Weighted Workload Subcmt., 2018–19; Civic Ed. Cmte., Speakers Bureau Subcmt.—past regnl. coord.; Rock Port Rotary, pres. 2021–22; St. John's Lutheran Church; Rock Port Pack 59, past cub master; Comm. Hosp.—Fairfax, bd. of dir.; NW Mo. Comm. Fdn., bd. of dir.; 4th Jud. Cir. Alternative Treatment Court Judge, 2019. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2008. Re-elected 2010, 2014 and 2018. Appointed circuit judge, 2022. Re-elected 2024.



Circuit 5—Division 1

KATE SCHAEFER

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate of Missouri Western State University, B.S., Criminal Justice with an Emphasis in Legal Studies, 2000; Chapman University School of Law, J.D., 2003. Married to Mike Schaefer, they have three children. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney for Buchanan County, 2003–2018. Presides over a variety of circuit court civil and criminal cases in Andrew and Buchanan counties, including domestic relations (divorce and paternity), personal injury and property damage jury trials involving claims of more than \$25,000, actions for injunctive relief and felony criminal offenses. Elected circuit judge, 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



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, 1997. He and his wife Sue, have two children. Upon graduation from Law School, 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. 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. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 5—Division 3

TERRY E. WHITE

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born in Quincy, Illinois and raised in Newtown, Missouri. Graduate of Missouri Western State College, B.S., Criminal Justice Administration, 1986; Central Missouri State University, M.S., Criminal Justice Administration, 1989; Central Missouri State University, Ed. Sp., Human/Public Service, 2007; Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, J.D., 2020. Married Deborah White April 5, 1986. They have two children, Haleigh and Hunter. Worked 40 years as a law enforcement officer at the international, federal, county and municipal levels of government. After graduating law school, served as assistant prosecutor for Nodaway County, Missouri, 2021–2023 and municipal judge for Tarkio, Missouri, 2023–2025. Elected circuit judge 2025. Term expires Dec. 31, 2031.





Circuit 5—Division 4

DANIEL F. KELLOGG

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born 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. Engaged in private practice at Swanson, Midgley in Kansas City, 1988–1990. Served as an asst. prosecuting attorney for Buchanan Co. and practiced law, 1990–1995. Member: Robidoux Resident Theatre; National Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges – Board member 2008–2013; Missouri and St. Joseph Bar associations; National and Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals; and Supreme Court Records Committee. Appointed associate circuit judge in 1995 by Gov. Mel Carnahan. Elected 1996. Re-elected 1998. Elected circuit judge, 2000. Re-elected 2006, 2012, 2018, & 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 6—Division 2

W. ANN HANSBROUGH

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

County: Platte.

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.—Columbia, Bachelor in Journalism, 1982; Univ. of Mo.—Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1985. Practiced at Swanson, Midgley, LLC, 1985–2004; selected firm's first female partner in firm's 112-year history; mgmt. cmte., 1999–2003; founder/director of firm's volunteer attorney project. Member: Mo. Bar Judicial Conf. Exec. Council, 2018–2024; Mo. Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Comm., 2019–2024; Juvenile Detention Standards Work Group, 2024–current; bar register of Preeminent Women Lawyers (Peer Review selected Top 5% of Women Lawyers, 2011–13; "Meritas Law Firms Worldwide", 2003, bd. member; Platte Co. Bar Assoc.; Assoc. of Women Lawyers and Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Assoc. Circuit Judges, bd. member, 2018–2020. Awards: Women's Justice Award, 2019 (presented by Mo. Lawyers' Media); Selected as "Super Lawyer" for Mo., 2008–2011; "Super Lawyer" for Kan., 2008–2011 and Volunteer Service Award, Kan. City Metropolitan Bar Assoc.. Married with two children. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 21, 2014. Elected 2016. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 15, 2021. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 6—Division 1

MEGAN B. BENTON

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

County: Platte.

Biography: Born in Columbia, Missouri. Emory University, B.A., M.A., political science, 2007 (Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*). Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2010. Married, two children. Judicial law clerk, Superior Court, Los Angeles, California, 2011–2012. Private practice, Kansas City area, 2012–2014. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Platte County, 2014–2021. Member: Missouri Bar, Platte County Bar Association, Association of Women Lawyers, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, California Bar. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2021. Retained 2022. Appointed circuit judge, October 2023. Retained Nov. 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 6—Division 6

MYLES A. PERRY

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Ste. 65, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 827-4071.

County: Platte.

Biography: Born in Los Angeles, California. Graduate of Park University, Parkville, Missouri, B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 1991 (Parkite Award, 1991); University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, Order of Barristers; Commissioned a 2LT in the Infantry, United States Army, 1991. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG), United States Army Reserve, 2019. Multiple deployments to Bosnia and Afghanistan; Married in 1995, with four children. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney and trial team leader in the Platte County prosecuting attorney's office, 2003–2024. Member: Antioch Bible Baptist Church; member of the Platte County and Missouri Bar Associations. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 2, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

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: Presiding judge. Born 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 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 7—Division 2

TIMOTHY J. FLOOK

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born in Clay County. William Jewell College, B.A., 1989; honors study, St. Peters College; Oxford Univ., 1989; UMKC, J.D., 1992. Resides in Kansas City with wife Elizabeth Serpa-Flook and two daughters. Flook & Graham, P.C., 1997–2015; asst. Clay County counselor, 1993–2001, 2013–15; Mo. Atty. General Criminal Div., 1991–92. Elected Mo. House of Rep., 2004–10; 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: 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. Retained 2018. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, April 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 7—Division 3

ALISHA O’HARA

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. psychology; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 2007. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Clay County, 2010–2019; supervising attorney Child Support Division, 2016–2019, assistant public defender, 2007–2009. Member: Missouri Bar, Clay County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Association for Women Lawyers, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 1, 2019. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 7—Division 4

DAVID CHAMBERLAIN

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water St., Liberty 64068; phone (816) 407-3945.

County: Clay.

Biography: Born in Cambridge, Nebraska. 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 adult daughters and three grandchildren. Member: Missouri Bar, Clay County Bar and Kansas City Missouri Bar associations. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 10, 2008. Re-elected 2010, 2014 and 2018. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 3, 2019. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 8 **KEVIN L. WALDEN**

Office address: Carroll County Courthouse, 8 S. Main, Ste. 3, Carrollton 64633; phone (660) 542-3486; Ray County Courthouse, 100 W. Main, Ste. 38, Richmond 64085; phone (816) 776-3525.

Counties: Carroll and Ray.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born 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 (Disciples of Christ), The Missouri Bar, Carroll County Bar Association (president 1995–2020), Wakanda Masonic Lodge #52, A.F. & A.M. (past master, past grand chaplain and District Deputy Grand Master), Richmond Lodge #57, A.F. & A.M., Carrollton Lions Club (past president), Richmond Rotary Club. Elected associate circuit judge, 2004. Re-elected 2006, 2010 and 2014. Appointed circuit judge, October 2017. Elected circuit judge, 2018. Re-elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 9 **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 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. Past board president, Brookfield Rotary, Brookfield Lions, Linn County Senate Bill 40 and Ninth Circuit Bar Association. Former board member, Pershing Memorial Hospital, Linn County Animal Shelter, and North Central YMCA. Elected circuit judge 2012. Re-elected 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



Circuit 10 **JOHN J. JACKSON**

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

Counties: Marion, Monroe and Ralls.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Ringgold County, Iowa. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. 1982; J.D. 1985. Married to Debbie Hamilton with 3 children. Private Practice, 1985–1990; Marion County prosecuting attorney, 1991–1995; Marion County associate circuit judge, 1996–2024. Member and past-president of 10th Circuit Bar Association. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 11—Division 5 **CHRIS McDONOUGH**

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 350, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3095.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in St. Louis County, Missouri. Graduate of Maryville University, B.S.; Fontbonne University, M.B.A.; St. Louis University, J.D.. Member: The Missouri Bar; St. Charles County Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; The Federalist Society; Republican National Lawyers Association; American Judges Association. Boards: Eastern Missouri Police Academy; Missouri Youth Soccer Association. Engaged in private law practice prior to taking the bench, initially with Bryan Cave, LLP in St. Louis and then as founding member of The McDonough Law Firm, LLC. Former prosecuting attorney and municipal judge for several municipalities in the 11th, 12th and 21st Circuits. Elected associate circuit judge, 2020. Appointed circuit judge, 2022. Re-elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 11—Division 1

BRITTNEY R. SMITH

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Graduate of Boston University, 2002, St. Louis University School of Law, 2005. Associate at Rosenblum, Schwartz & Fry, LLC (then Rosenblum, Schwartz, Rogers & Glass LLC), 2005–2011; public defender, 2011–2014; assistant prosecuting attorney, Lincoln County, 2014–2015; assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Charles County, 2015–2019. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Parson, September 2019. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Parson, January 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2025.



Circuit 11—Division 2

DEBORAH J. ALESSI

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 5562.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., 1986 and University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1989. Judge Alessi has one son and is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. 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, November 2016. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 11—Division 3

ERIN S. BURLISON

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

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, 2012–2014. Practiced family law and general areas of litigation prior to taking the bench. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2013. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 11—Division 4

MATTHEW THORNHILL

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 320, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3094.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in St. Charles. Graduate of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, B.S., B.A., 1990; Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Ind., J.D., 1993. Married Heather Thornhill in 1997. They have seven children. Served as an assistant prosecutor for St. Charles County, 1993–2006. Member of Harvester Christian Church, St. Charles. He is a gardener, beekeeper, and Sunday school teacher. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Re-elected 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Elected circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





Circuit 11—Division 7

DWAYNE A. JOHNSON

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 340, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 5571.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.E.S., 1986; Graduate of St. Louis University, J.D., 1990. Engaged in the private practice of law before taking the bench. Founding member of The Johnson Law Firm, LLC, located in St. Charles County, 1998–2022. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Elected circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 12

RICHARD L. SCHEIBE

Office address: Warren County Courthouse, 104 W. Main St., Warrenton 97146; phone 503-866-3363.

Counties: Audrain, Montgomery and Warren.

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.G.S.; J.D., 1997; and M.A., 2006. Served in the U.S. Army Infantry during Desert Storm. Public Defender, 1997–2013. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2013. Elected presiding judge 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 13—Division 1

J. HASBROUCK JACOBS

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4057.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Born in Orlando, Florida. Graduate of University of Florida, B.A., history, 2006; Florida A&M University, J.D., 2008. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Boone County and St. Louis County. Engaged in private law practice in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Served as an assistant state attorney in Orlando, Florida. Presiding Judge of the 13th Circuit, 2021–2025. Vice President, Missouri Circuit Judges Association, 2024–2025. Member: Criminal Instructions Committee. Married with three children. Presbyterian. Appointed circuit judge, 2017. Elected circuit judge, 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.



Circuit 13—Division 4

JOSHUA C. DEVINE

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4057.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Columbia. Graduate of Truman State University, B.S., political science, *cum laude*, 2003; University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2007. Recipient of the Judge L.F. Cottey Award for Excellence in Written and Oral Advocacy, 2005. Elected to membership in The Order of the Coif, 2007. Served as Note & Comment Editor for the *Missouri Law Review*, 2006–2007. Practiced complex litigation with Husch Blackwell, LLP, 2007–2010, Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC, 2011–2015, and Rogers, Ehrhardt, Weber & Howard, LLC, 2015–February 2018 and January 2019–June

2020. Named to the Missouri & Kansas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers Magazine in six consecutive years. Member of the Columbia Business Times 2019 Class of “20 Under 40”. Appointed associate circuit judge, February 2018. Appointed circuit judge, June 2020. Elected circuit judge, November 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 13—Division 2

JEFF HARRIS

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4057.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Born in Columbia. Vanderbilt Univ., B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1987. Cornell Law School, J.D., 1991. *Cornell Law Review*, board of editors. Member: House of Representatives, 2003–09 (Minority Leader, 2004–07; Minority Whip, 2003–04); Policy Director for Gov. Jay Nixon, 2009–16. Practiced law with Bryan Cave, Atwill & Montgomery and as Missouri asst. attorney general. Clerked for Hon. Chief Judge William H. Barbour Jr., U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Graduate of Harvard Univ. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Program. Awards and honors include Columbia Public Schools Foundation Outstanding Alumni Hall of Leaders; 2004 Democratic National Convention Rules Committee; Cardinal Glennon Champion of Children Award and University of Missouri Presidential Citation Award. Methodist. Appointed circuit judge, 2016. Elected 2016. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 13—Division 3

STEPHANIE M. MORRELL

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4057.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Graduate of Beloit High School, Beloit, Kan., 1993; B.A., psychology, University of Kansas, 1997; University of Kansas School of Law, J.D., 2000. She lives in Columbia with her two sons. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Morrell was an assistant prosecutor for Boone County, 2007–2018; an assistant attorney general for the state of Missouri, 2000–2006; and the City of Sturgeon prosecutor, 2016–2018. She also served as adjunct faculty at Columbia College where she taught a variety of law-related courses. She served as associate circuit judge, 2019–2024. Elected circuit judge, November 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 13—Division 13

BENJAMIN L. MILLER

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4057.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Raised in Florida. Graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic University, B.A., history, 2002; Regent University School of Law, J.D., 2007. Wellington Christian School, History/Government/Economics Teacher, 2002–2004; Christian County assistant prosecuting attorney, 2008–2012; Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Technology and Automation Resource prosecutor, 2012–2015; Callaway County first assistant prosecuting attorney 2015–2022; Callaway County prosecuting attorney, 2023–2024. Married with two children. Appointed circuit judge, August 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 14

SCOTT HAYES

Office address: Randolph County Courthouse, 372 Hwy. JJ, Ste. 1C, Huntsville 65259; phone (844) 277-6555, ext. 262.

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. Re-elected 2012, 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





Circuit 15

JOSHUA P. TAYLOR

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

Counties: Lafayette and Saline.

Biography: Presiding judge. Elected circuit judge, 2024.



Circuit 16—Division 18

KEVIN D. HARRELL

Office address: Family Justice Center, 625 E. 26th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 435-4711.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., administration of justice, 1993; J.D., 1998. 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, 2001 and 2003, and as Trial Attorney of the Year, 2005. Appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon, July 24, 2012. Retained 2014 and 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 16—Division 1

SARAH A. CASTLE

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Grew up in Denver, Colorado. Attended Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, bachelor's, 2006; master's, political science with an emphasis in civic leadership and disability studies, 2008; Univ. of Missouri–KC Law School, J.D., 2012. Served as asst. prosecutor, Jackson Co., 2013–20; was a special asst. U.S. Attorney, assisted in the prosecution of criminal cases related to illegal possession of firearms. Was a member of Team USA Women's Basketball Team, 2005–12; they won gold, Paralympics, China, 2008; finished fourth, Paralympics, London, 2012. In addition, she is also a swimmer for Team USA, won

silver, 100-meter breaststroke, Paralympics, Sydney, Australia, 2000; fourth, 100-meter breaststroke, Paralympics, Athens, Greece, 2004. Enjoys volunteering for community organizations. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Assoc. and Association of Women Lawyers. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Michael Parson, Jan. 29, 2020 and circuit judge, Oct. 20, 2022.



Circuit 16—Division 2

KENNETH R. GARRETT III

Office address: Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas Ave., 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, Kansas. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney, 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 Gov. Jay Nixon, Oct. 4, 2013. Retained 2014 and 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 16—Division 3

JERRI J. ZHANG

Office address: Jackson County Justice Complex, 1315 E. Locust St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3603.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, bachelor of journalism; University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law, J.D.. Prior to appointment as circuit judge, was probate commissioner since 2020 and deputy probate commissioner, 2016–2020. Coordinator of Diversity Programs and Academic Success and adjunct professor at the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law. Has served on The Missouri Bar Board of Governors, The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers' Section Council, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Diversity Committee, Asian American Bar Association of Kansas City and member of the Association of Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City. Recipient of The Missouri Bar Diversity Champion Award in 2023, Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence in 2021, and Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Award in 2017. Appointed circuit judge in 2021 by Gov. Michael L. Parson. Retained in 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028



Circuit 16—Division 4

PATRICK C. EDWARDS

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

Home address: Kansas City.

County: Jackson.

Biography: A graduate of the University of Missouri—Columbia with a Bachelors in Political Science and History, 2002. A graduate of the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, 2005. Assistant U.S. Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri, 2013–2024, Chief of the Violent Crimes and Narcotics Unit. Assistant prosecuting attorney, trial team leader, and chief trial assistant in the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 2005–2013. Recipient of the Lon O. Hocker Trial Lawyer Award, 2018. Jackson County Prosecutor's Office Attorney of the Year, 2010 and 2012. Graduate of the Missouri Bar Leadership Academy, class of 2011–2012. Member of the Missouri Bar Young Lawyer's Section Council, 2012–2013. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 22, 2024, by Gov. Mike Parson.



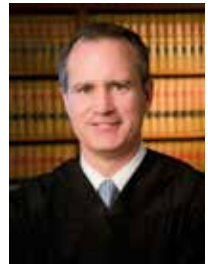
Circuit 16—Division 5

JAMES F. KANATZAR

Office address: Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas Ave., Independence 64050; 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 2002–07. 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, 2000–02. Jackson County prosecutor, 2007, elected 2008. Served 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 by Gov. Jay Nixon, 2011. Retained 2012, 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



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 in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.J.; University of Missouri—Kansas City, J.D.. Engaged in private practice of law, 1989–1996 and, 2002–2009. Served as assistant Missouri attorney general, 1996–2002. Served on Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association board of directors and as president of Missouri Institute for Justice. Served as adjunct professor of trial advocacy, University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law. Appointed circuit judge, April 30, 2009. Retained 2010, 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.





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: Graduate of 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, served for ten years as deputy probate commissioner in Division 19 and was in private practice, 1987–2003. 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 children. 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, November 2013. Retained 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



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, 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 circuit judge by Gov. Jay Nixon, Feb. 18, 2014. Retained in 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 16—Division 9

JOEL P. FAHNSTOCK

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born 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, December 2008. Retained 2010, 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 16—Division 10

MARTY W. SEATON

Office address: Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas Ave., Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-3610.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Grew up in Highlandville, Christian County, Missouri. Attended Drury University, Springfield, Mo., B.A. in English and political science, 2002. University of Missouri—Columbia Law School, J.D., 2006. Served as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Justine Del Muro, Division 4, 16th Judicial Circuit, 2006–2008. Worked in private practice as an associate and partner, specializing in personal injury, wrongful death, products liability and insurance litigation, for the Turner, Sweeny & Seaton law firm, 2008–2023. Professional actor and entertainer in Branson, Mo., 1991–2003. Enjoys participating in community service and pro-bono activities, including serving as pro-bono counsel for various local charities and free legal clinics in the Kansas City area. Member of the Missouri Bar, Kansas Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Association of Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Michael Parson, March 31, 2023.

Circuit 16—Division 11

ADAM L. CAINE

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law where he was a member of the National Moot Court Team and an articles and symposia editor of the *Law Review*. Received his undergraduate degree, Missouri State University, and a Master of Public Administration, the University of Missouri–Kansas City. At the time of his appointment, was an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri. Judge Caine is a native of Eldon, Missouri. Following law school, he began his career as a law clerk to the Honorable J. Dale Youngs. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office. During his tenure there Caine served as a trial team leader and was recognized as the Patrick B. Hall Trial Attorney of the Year. He received the Lon O. Hocker Award from the Missouri Bar Foundation in 2015. Appointed by Gov. Michael L. Parson, April 20, 2020. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 16—Division 12

JENNIFER M. PHILLIPS

Office address: Family Justice Center, 625 E. 26th St., Kansas City, 64108; 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 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 Gov. Jay Nixon, 2014. Retained 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



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 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Graduate of Cardinal Newman College, B.A., business administration; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1988. Assistant prosecuting attorney in the Jackson County prosecutor's office, 1988–1993; led the trial team for the Sex Crimes Unit, 1991–1993. In private practice at The Accurso Law Firm, 1993–2011. Member: Missouri Bar, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Has served in several leadership roles for the Missouri Circuit Judges' Association, including as its president. Appointed circuit court judge, June 2011. Retained 2012, 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 16—Division 14

LAUREN D. BARRETT

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born/raised in Lake St. Louis. Graduated Visitation Academy, St. Louis; University of Missouri, Columbia, Bachelors in Journalism with Honors 2006; University of Missouri, Columbia, J.D., 2009. Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2009–2014, assistant attorney general. Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, 2014–2023, chief trial assistant, Warrant Desk/General Crimes Unit, 2019–2023, trial team leader, Special Victims' Unit, 2016–2019. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Association of Women Lawyers. Board member for the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired. Appointed associate circuit judge, July 2023. Appointed circuit judge, September 2024.





Circuit 16—Division 15

JALILAH OTTO

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

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; Univ. of Mo.—Columbia, J.D. Served as a law clerk to the Hon. Lisa White Hardwick, Mo. Court of Appeals, 2002–05; asst. pros. atty., Jackson Co., 2005–10; and special asst. U.S. attorney, Western District of Mo., 2010–13. Simultaneously served as spec. asst. U.S. atty. and chief trial asst., Jackson Co., 2013. Recipient, Louis Lombardo Prosecutor of the Year Award. Member: Mo. Bar, Mo. Probate and Assoc. Circuit Court Judge Assoc., Jackson Co. 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, October 2017. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 16—Division 16

JESSICA A. KRAWCZYK

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of Avila College, 2002 and Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 2005. Served as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Michael W. Farrell at the District of Columbia, Court of Appeals, 2005–06 and the Hon. Ronald Holliger at the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, 2006–07. Practiced civil litigation in the areas of personal injury, product liability, mass tort, medical malpractice, civil rights and sexual assault. Awards: Women's Justice in Litigation and Rising Star; Missouri's Up & Coming Attorneys, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*; Best of the Bar, *Kansas City Business Journal*; Missouri–Kansas

Super Lawyer, Natl. Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 Attorneys in Missouri, and Top 50 Women Lawyers in Missouri and Kansas by Thompson Reuters/Super Lawyers. Serves on the board of directors, Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City and as a mentor in Assoc. for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City Foundation's Denise Henning Connections Program. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2020. Appointed circuit judge, 2023.



Circuit 16—Division 17

CORY L. ATKINS

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Was born and raised in Jackson County. Attended Independence Public Schools, earned his bachelor's degree from Rockhurst Univ. and his law degree from the University of Missouri–Kansas City. Judge Atkins began his career as an asst. atty. general for the State, and later served as a law clerk to the Hon. Zel M. Fischer at the Supreme Court of Missouri. After clerking, Atkins engaged in a nationwide trial practice that focused on cases involving negligence and products liability. In addition to his trial work, he handled over 100 appeals, including cases in all three districts of the Missouri

Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Missouri, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Kansas Court of Appeals and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Atkins is an Eagle Scout. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 16, 2018, by Gov. Eric R. Greitens. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Michael Parson, 2019. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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: Appointed as circuit judge on July 26, 2016 by Gov. Jay Nixon. First appointed to the bench as deputy probate commissioner, Oct. 3, 2014, by Circuit Judge Kathleen A. Forsyth of the Probate Division. Previously was a senior associate attorney with the Hardwick Law Firm specializing in probate administration, estate planning and complex civil litigation and commercial transactions. His background also includes working for the Public Administrator's Office of Jackson County where he handled and provided oversight of the administration of probate estates. B.S. in Finance, Univ. of Missouri–Columbia,

2001. J.D., the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern Univ., Houston, Texas, 2004. Styles serves the 16th Circuit in several leadership capacities, including the Budget Committee and Executive Committee. He is active in statewide judicial associations and regularly provides civic education to law enforcement officers and members of the public.

Circuit 17—Division 2

MICHAEL WAGNER

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

Counties: Cass and Johnson.

Biography: Presiding judge. 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. Elected circuit judge, 2008. Re-elected 2010, 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 17—Division 1

STACEY JO LETT

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

County: Cass and Johnson.

Biography: Born in Longmont, Colorado. 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. Raymore municipal judge, January 2011–December 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, and Raymore–Peculiar Optimist Club. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Appointed circuit judge, 2023. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 18

JEFF A. MITTELHAUSER

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

Counties: Cooper and Pettis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Sedalia. Graduate of 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, 1981–1982; assistant prosecutor for Pettis County, 1982–1986, Pettis County prosecuting attorney 1987–2014, and Pettis County associate circuit judge, 2015–2024. Member, Georgetown United Methodist Church. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson 2024. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



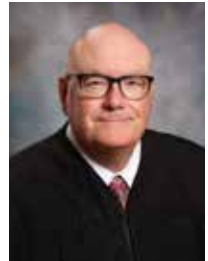
Circuit 19—Division 2

DANIEL R. GREEN

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65101; phone (573) 634-9190.

County: Cole.

Biography: Presiding judge. 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. Re-elected 2014 and 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 19—Division 1

BRIAN K. STUMPE

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 634-9192.

County: Cole.

Biography: Born in Jefferson City, Missouri. Received his law degree from Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 2005 and his preparatory education from Columbia College, B.A., 1999. Engaged in private practice, 2005–2020. Served as elected city prosecutor, Jefferson City, Mo., 2011–2019 and as elected municipal judge, 2019–2021. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 19—Division 3

S. COTTON WALKER

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 634-9178.

County: Cole.

Biography: Graduate of Indiana Univ., B.A. double major—political science & history; Univ. of Mo.—Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1991. Married with two children. Private law practice, 1991–2018; Jefferson City municipal prosecutor, 1995–97; municipal judge, 1994–2018; former president, Missouri Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association. Appointments by Missouri Supreme Court/OSCA: Circuit Court Budget Committee, Civic Education, E-Filing Rules Committee, Case Management Oversight Team, Change Control Subcommittee, Trial Judge Focus Group (chair), Municipal Judge Education Committee and the Price of Justice Work Group, in

cooperation with the United States Department of Justice. Faculty: Missouri Judicial College & New Judge Orientation. Supporter/Benefactor to many community organizations. Member: First United Methodist Church. Presides over the Treatment Courts in the 19th Circuit. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Elected circuit judge, 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 19—Division 4

CHRISTOPHER K. LIMBAUGH

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 659-3609.

County: Cole.

Biography: Received his law degree from the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law, and his bachelor's degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Served as the elected prosecuting attorney in Cape Girardeau County for more than five years, and on Governor Parson's senior staff as his chief legal advisor and general counsel. Appointed associate circuit judge, February 2021, by Gov. Michael L. Parson. Elected in 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 20—Division 1

CRAIG E. HELLMANN

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

Countries: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Washington, Missouri. Graduate of Washington High School, 1982; University of Missouri—Columbia, 1986; Washington University, St. Louis, J.D., 1989. In private practice, 1989–December 2017. Served as municipal court judge for Washington, Missouri, April 1990–December 2017; Franklin County, municipal judge, December 2016–December 2017. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 28, 2017. Re-elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 20—Division 2

RYAN J. HELFRICH

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Union 63084; phone (636) 583-7331.

Counties: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

Biography: Born in Des Peres, Missouri, St. Louis County. Graduate of Union High School, 1999; Missouri State University, 2003; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2006. In private practice, 2006–2021. Appointed circuit judge, December 2021. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



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: Presiding judge. Born in Detroit, Michigan. Graduate, 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., 1984–89; Charles P. Todt & Assoc., 1989–91; Eisen, Gillespie, Brown & Hilton, LLC, 1991–95; Hilton, Gillespie & Kiesewetter, LLC, 1995–2001; Hilton & Kiesewetter, LLC, 2001–05; Hilton & Harford, LLC, 2005–11; Hilton Family Law Group, LLC, 2011–17. Board member: Meacham Park Neighborhood Improvement Assoc., Kirkwood Library. Member: St. Peters Catholic Church; Mo. Bar; Bar Assoc. of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis Co. Bar Assoc. (past pres.); Lawyers Assoc.; Mound City Bar Assoc.; chair, 21st Judicial Circuit Judicial Evaluation Committee, 2008–13. Recipient of Good Citizens Award from Grand Jurors Assoc., 1992. Appointed circuit judge, June 2017. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



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 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, Department of Labor, 2010–2011. Acting director, Division of Workers' Compensation, 2010–2011. Regional director, Eastern Region, office of Gov. Jay Nixon, 2011–2016. Member: Catholic Church and Missouri Bar. Appointed circuit judge, October 2016. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 2

RICHARD M. STEWART

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis County. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*. Married with four children. Engaged in private practice, 1994–2016. Member: Catholic Church, Missouri Bar, Illinois Bar, American Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2016. Appointed circuit judge, May 2019 by Gov. Michael L. Parson. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 21—Division 3
HEATHER R. CUNNINGHAM

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of Bradley University, B.S., in political science and history with honors; St. Louis University School of Law. Lives in St. Louis County with her family. Engaged in private practice, 1999–2004; chief legal counsel for 20th Circuit Juvenile Office, 2004–2010; staff attorney for 21st Circuit Juvenile Office, 2010–2016; adjunct professor, St. Louis Community College-Meramec, 2011–2016. Member: Missouri Bar, St. Louis County Bar Association, Bar of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women’s Lawyer Association of Greater St. Louis. Appointed by the Supreme Court to the Trial Judge Education Committee, Faculty/Presenter for Judicial College;

Appointed family court commissioner-Juvenile Division by the 21st Judicial Circuit Court *en banc* March 2016–February 2020; retained unanimously by the 21st Judicial Circuit Court *en banc* February 2020. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 6, 2020 and circuit judge, Jan. 28, 2022, by Gov. Michael Parson. Retained 2024. Term expires, Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 4
JEFFREY P. MEDLER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate Boston College, B.A. in economics and philosophy, 1991; J.D., St. Louis University School of Law, 1994. Founding partner of his law firm, Medler & Roither, LLC, then Medler, Karsten & Bridges LLC. Appointed associate circuit judge, October 2020 and circuit judge, July 2023 by Gov. Michael Parson. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 5
NICOLE S. ZELLWEGER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate University of Georgia, *magna cum laude*, December 1999; Yale University Divinity School, Master of Arts, 2001; Washington University, St. Louis, graduating Order of the Coif, 2004. Was a partner with Stinson Leonard Street, LLP. Her practice focused on business litigation with concentration in the areas of franchise law, trust and estate litigation. She is chair, trial section, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and board member, Mound City Bar Foundation. Member: St. Louis County Bar Association, Women Lawyers’ Association of St. Louis, Missouri, Kansas and Illinois Bar. Frequent

author and speaker on legal topics, with numerous national publication credits. Was named an “Up & Coming” attorney by *Missouri Lawyers Media* and has been recognized numerous times as a “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 2018, by Gov. Eric Greitens. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 6
JOHN N. BORBONUS

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of George Mason University, B.A. government and politics, 1988; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1994. Principal with law firm of King, Krehbiel, Hellmich & Borbonus, LLC; served for several years as assistant attorney general, state of Missouri. Appointed, 2003 by Gov. 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, 2011. Member: Leadership St. Louis, 2008–2009. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2011. Retained 2012 and 2016. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Michael L. Parson, 2018. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 21—Division 7

MARY ELIZABETH OTT

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born 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. Re-elected 2010 and 2014. Appointed circuit judge, February 2018. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 8

AMANDA BUNDREN McNELLEY

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Bachelor of Science, B.A., St. Louis University, 1998; Washburn University School of Law with Dean's Honors, 2002. She lives in Kirkwood with her family. Prior to her appointment, employed by the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, PC; counsel and team leader of the family law group. Practiced family law for seventeen years in St. Louis County. Member of the Missouri and Illinois Bar Associations, the Women Lawyers' Association of St. Louis, the St. Louis County Bar Association, and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Member of St. Peter Parish, where she is a Girl Scout leader. Appointed associate circuit judge, November 2019 by Gov. Mike Parson. Retained 2022. Appointed to circuit judge, 2024.



Circuit 21—Division 9

DAVID LEE VINCENT III

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born 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, 2006, 2012, 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 10

JASON D. DODSON

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in Boston, Massachusetts. 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. Retained 2018. Appointed circuit judge, 2020. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.





Circuit 21—Division 11

ELLEN S. LEVY

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Assistant presiding judge. Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington Univ., A.B., 1985; J.D., 1988. 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 & Associate Circuit Judges, pres., 2006–07; Mo. Circuit Judges Assoc., vice pres., 2016–17; Mo. Circuit Judges Assoc., pres. 2017–18; Natl. Assoc. of Women Judges, board of dir., 2006–08, 2014–16, Mound City Bar Assoc. & Women’s Lawyer’s Bar Assoc.. Serves on the Mo. Supreme Court Judicial Education & Civic Education Committees. Elected a Fellow in the Advanced Science & Tech. Adjudication

Resource Center (ASTAR), Washington, DC, 2013. Faculty/Presenter for Judicial College & New Judge Orientation program. Appointed Family Court commissioner, June 9, 1999. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 22, 2002. Re-elected 2004. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 24, 2008. Retained 2010, 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



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 in Columbia, Missouri. 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, November 2016. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 14

KRISTINE A. KERR

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Education: Brown Univ., B.A., economics; Boston University, J.D.. Appointed Family Court Commissioner, 2004 and 2008. Appointed circuit judge, 2012. Retained 2014 and 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 21—Division 15

JOHN R. LASATER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born 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, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, 1991–1993. 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, 2015–2016. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2017. Retained 2018 and 2022. Appointed circuit judge, March 2023. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 21—Division 16

JEFFERY McPHERSON

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 100 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1516.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Received his undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University and graduated *magna cum laude* with his Juris Doctorate from St. Louis University. He currently resides in St. Louis County with his family. McPherson began his legal career as a clerk to the Hon. Ann Covington of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He engaged in private practice with experience including commercial disputes, family law, employment, municipal law, products liability, criminal law, medical malpractice and taxation. Currently serves on the Appellate Missouri Bar Association and is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the St. Louis County Bar Association. Appointed circuit judge, April 2025.



Circuit 21—Division 17

LORNE J. BAKER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan, 1990, and his J.D. from the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law, 1993. After graduating from law school, Baker served as an assistant public defender in St. Louis City, 1994–1999. Appointed on Oct. 31, 2016, as an administrative law judge in St. Louis County. Member: Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, 2018. Appointed circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 18

NELLIE RIBAUDO

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of the University of Dayton, B.A., 1993; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1996. Appointed associate circuit judge, July 2009. Re-elected 2010 and 2014. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 5, 2015. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 19

(VACANCY)

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

County: St. Louis.





Circuit 21—Division 20

MATTHEW H. HEARNE

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, B.A., history and political science, 1989; The University of Toledo, J.D., 1992. Lives in St. Louis County with his family. Worked for the Missouri State Public Defender's office for several years and then went into private practice. Remained in private practice for 25 years, handling civil, criminal and domestic cases in both state and federal courts including the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2019. Retained 2020. Appointed circuit judge, 2023. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 21—Division 21

ELLEN W. DUNNE

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born 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, December 2016. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Appointed circuit judge, 2025.



Circuit 21—Division 22

MEGAN H. JULIAN

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., psychology, 1998; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. and certificate in dispute resolution, 2002. Served as a traffic commissioner in St. Louis County beginning in 2017. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County for more than 14 years. Member of the office's sexual assault team and the domestic violence team. Appointed in 2019 to serve a four-year term as St. Louis County's first full-time treatment court commissioner, a first-of-its-kind position made possible through legislation signed by Gov. Mike Parson. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2022 by Gov. Mike Parson. Appointed circuit judge, 2023.



Circuit 22—Division 1

CHRISTOPHER E. MCGRAUGH

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Presiding judge. 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 Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, November 2012. Retained 2014. Appointed circuit court judge, April 2015. Retained 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.

Circuit 22—Division 2

CLINTON R. WRIGHT

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate Sikeston High School; University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., biochemistry; and Washington University School of Law, J.D.. Has three adult children who are spectacular and keep him young at heart. Judge Wright began his career in the 22nd circuit as a special public defender, 1992–1996. Practiced in St. Louis County with Wion and Hollander, PC, 1996–2000; Rosenblum Schwartz Rogers & Glass, 2000–2004; Moran and Goldstein, 2004–2006; Roberts Law Firm, 2006–2012; and The Wright Firm, LLC, 2012–2018. Practiced in numerous Missouri counties and federal courts before being appointed circuit judge, February 2018. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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: Presiding judge. 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, 1996–2005. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Women Lawyers Association, St. Louis Lawyer's Association and St. Roch Catholic Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 2005, by Gov. Matt Blunt. Re-elected 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge, November 2012, by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Retained 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 22—Division 4

KATHERINE FOWLER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4332.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Dayton, BA; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D.. She is married with four children. Judge Fowler was an officer with Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. until her appointment. She also served as founder and director of the Sister Jackie Toben Legal Clinic for Let's Start, a non-profit organization that aims to break the cycle of incarceration by working with formerly incarcerated women and their children. Appointed circuit judge, October 2017. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 22—Division 5

ANNETTE LLEWELLYN

Office address: Clyde S. Cahill Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4234.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of The University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., May 16, 1997; City University of New York, Lehman College, B.S., Accounting, May 1994. St. Louis City public defender, 1998–2004 and 2006–2016. Assistant circuit attorney for the City of St. Louis, 2017–2018. Professional memberships include: Mound City Bar Association; Women Lawyer's Association; Lawyers' Association of St. Louis. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 12, 2018, by Gov. Eric Greitens. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 22—Division 6

JOHN T. BIRD

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4812.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S.; and University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D.. Engaged in private practice, 1990–1994; assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis, 1994–2012; assistant United States attorney, United States Attorneys' Office, Eastern District of Missouri, 2012–2021. Member: The Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge, May 2021. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 22—Division 7

JOSEPH P. WHYTE

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 613-4729.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University High School, 1980; University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1984; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1990. Attended Mizzou on the Evans Scholarship for caddies, sponsored by the Western Golf Association. Member: Moot Court Board, Missouri Bar Association (Lawyers' Assistance Committee and MOLAP Volunteer Roster), Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Patriot Guard Riders. Recipient of Thomas White Family Foundation Fellowship in Public Law and Government, in law school. Married to Cheryl Dames, Aug. 6, 1988; four children. Worked as a deckhand aboard tow boats and in

sales prior to attending law school. Assistant attorney general, state of Missouri, 1990–1992. Private law practice, 1992–2018. Appointed circuit judge, May 2018, by Gov. Eric Greitens. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 22—Division 8

TIMOTHY J. BOYER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4292.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2003. Bradley University, B.S., 1999. Married to Jamie Boyer. Engaged in private practice, 2003–2007; assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis, 2007–2016, serving as the unit leader for the White Collar Crime/Fraud Unit, 2014–2016. Professional memberships include: The Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, August 2016. Appointed circuit judge, November 2017. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 22—Division 9

SCOTT A. MILLIKAN

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3258.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Webster University, B.S.; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D.. Married, Elizabeth Rooney-Millikan, has three children. Assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County; private practice; provisional municipal judge, City of St. Louis; court administrator, City of St. Louis. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, CYC coach, Community volunteer. Appointed associate circuit judge, July 2017. Appointed circuit judge, March 2018. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 22—Division 10

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

Biography: Born in Springfield, Massachusetts. 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, 1995–1997; 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. Served as a volunteer judge for Truancy Court for the St. Louis City Public Schools and has been an adjunct instructor part-time at St. Louis Community College. Membership/associations: St. John AME Church; *emeritus* member, South City YMCA Volunteer Advisory Board and Board of Trustees–Crossroads College Preparatory School. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 2003. Retained 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016. Appointed circuit judge, April 2019. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 22—Division 11

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

Circuit 22—Division 12

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

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Married with two children. Graduate of St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2009; Valparaiso University, B.S. in business administration, 2006. Engaged in private practice with Hepler Broom, LLC, 2010–2012 and Tucker Ellis, LLP, 2017–2018. Assistant circuit attorney, 2012–2017. Professional Memberships include: The Missouri Bar, Illinois Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers' Association, Bethel Lutheran Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, Feb. 9, 2018. Appointed circuit judge, June 7, 2019. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 22—Division 13

THERESA COUNTS BURKE**Office address:** Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 613-7187.**City of St. Louis.**

Biography: Born in Granite City, Illinois. Graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois, 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 Committee on Access to Family Courts, chair; Missouri Supreme Court Civic Education 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. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





Circuit 22—Division 14

HEATHER J. HAYS

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4277.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of St. Louis University, St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. 1980. Clerked for Judge Kathianne Knaup Crane, the Missouri Courts of Appeals. Worked in private practice, civil litigation mainly with Rynerson, Suess, Schnurbusch & Champion, LLC. Judge Hays has received the John C. Shepherd Professionalism Award and the Women's Justice Awards Rising Star Award. Memberships/associations: Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers' Association and The Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Retained Nov. 23, 2022. Appointed circuit judge, 2024.



Circuit 22—Division 15

DAVID A. ROITHER

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri—St. Louis, 1996, B.A. in philosophy and political science; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1999. Married to Amy, they have two children. Engaged in private practice, Medler & Roither, LLC, 2005–2018. Various boards and committees affiliated with the University of Missouri—St. Louis, Pierre Laclède Honors College, Legal Advocates for Abused Women and St. Margaret of Scotland. Professional memberships include: The Missouri Bar; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 8, 2018. Retained 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.

Circuit 22—Division 17

(VACANCY)

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4841 or (314) 622-4861.

City of St. Louis.

Circuit 22—Division 18

JASON M. SENGHEISER

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Saint Louis University, B.A. 2000; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2003; Columbia Law School, LL.M.. Law clerk for the Honorable Gary M. Gaertner Sr. and Robert G. Dowd Jr., Missouri Court of Appeals. Member: American Bar Association; The Missouri Bar; The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and The Lawyers Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, January 2016. Appointed circuit judge, September 2017. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 22—Division 19

THOMAS A. MCCARTHY

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4462.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2004. Truman State University, B.S., 2001. Engaged in private practice at Husch & Eppenberger (now Husch Blackwell), 2004–2008. Assistant St. Louis County prosecutor, 2008–2014. Assistant St. Louis City counselor, 2014–2016. Law office of Christine Alsop / Tucker Allen, LLC, 2016–2018. Professional memberships include: The Missouri Bar; Illinois Bar; National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 18, 2018. Appointed circuit judge, 2022. Term expires, Dec. 31, 2024.



Circuit 22—Division 20

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, South Dakota. Graduate of Creighton University School of Pharmacy, Omaha, Nebraska and St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Mo. Law Clerk for the Honorable Robert G. Dowd Sr., Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County, Missouri. Appointed circuit judge January by Governor Mel Carnahan, January 1998. Retained 2000–2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 22—Division 21

CRAIG K. HIGGINS

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4442.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born and raised in St. Louis. Judge Higgins began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable David D. Noce, 1991. In 1996, he joined the City of St. Louis' Law Department and served as an associate city counselor until his appointment to the bench. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2019. Retained 2020. Appointed circuit judge, 2022. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 22—Division 22

MICHAEL W. NOBLE

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4442.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of United States Military Academy, B.S., 1988; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2004. Married and has two children. 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. Member: The Church of St. Michael and St. George. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2013. Retained 2014. Appointed circuit judge, Nov. 17, 2015. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





Circuit 22—Division 23

PAULA P. BRYANT

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4341.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Married and has two children. Graduate of the Univ. of Mo.—St. Louis, B.S., 1981; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1983. Adjunct professor for Webster Univ., St. Louis. Assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis, 1993–2004; assigned to the Specialized Homicide Unit, later a team leader; recipient of the Outstanding Trial Attorney award, 2004. Engaged in private practice, 1991–1993; public defender, 1987–1991 and staff attorney for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court. Professional memberships include: The Missouri Bar; St. Louis Lawyers Assoc.; Mound City Bar Assoc.; Woman's Lawyers Assoc.; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; member of the Catholic Church; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., community and educational organizations. Appointed

associate circuit judge, February 2004. Retained 2006–2014. Appointed circuit judge, June 2016. Retained 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 22—Division 30

MICHAEL F. STELZER

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, 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 associate circuit judge, January 2004, by Gov. Bob Holden. Elected: 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge, 2012. Retained 2014 and 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 22—Division 31

LYNNE R. PERKINS

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4463.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Wesley College, B.S. & A.A.; Community College of the Air Force, A.A.; Washington University, St. Louis, J.D.; United States Air Force, August 1980–October 2000. Married to Marnita A. Perkins. Missouri assistant public defender in the St. Louis City Trial Office, 2003–2008. Founder of The Law Office of Lynne R. Perkins, December 2008–November 2017. Professional memberships include: Missouri Bar Association; Mound City Bar Association; Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, by Gov. Eric Greitens, Oct. 11, 2017. Retained 2020. Appointed circuit judge, by Gov. Michael L. Parson, June 2023. Retained in 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 23—Division 5

VICTOR J. MELENBRINK

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Presiding judge. 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, 2005–2016 with 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. Re-elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 23—Division 1

JOSEPH A. RATHERT

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born in Fenton, Missouri. B.A., political science, 1985, J.D., 1988. Rathert Law Firm, 1988–2018. Trial attorney; Jefferson County municipal judge, 2010–2018; Jefferson County circuit judge, 2018–present. Married Anne Geraghty Rathert, 1990 and have two daughters. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 23—Division 2

EDWARD L. PAGE

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Not available. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Appointed circuit judge, 2022.



Circuit 23—Division 3

TRAVIS D. PARTNEY

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born in Jefferson County, Missouri. Married to Sarah Partney with two children. Graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 2002. Graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law in 2005. Employed by Lemp & Anthony, P.C. before joining the Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 2008. From 2014–2015 was an associate at Roberts, Wooten and Zimmer before re-joining the Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 2015. In 2016, was appointed associate circuit judge of Division 13 in Jefferson County. In 2017, became the supervising attorney of the Special Victim's Unit in the Circuit Attorney's Office and then became chief trial attorney in 2018. Became the first assistant in Jefferson County, 2019. Elected circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 23—Division 4

BRENDA STACEY

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born in San Jose, California. Graduate of Oak Grove High School, San Jose; San Jose State University, B.A. social science; University of Colorado, J.D.. Licensed in California prior to relocating to Missouri in 2004. Brenda has three children and was 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 since 2015. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Elected circuit judge, 2018 and 2024. Presiding judge, 2021–2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





Circuit 23—Division 6
SHANNON DOUGHERTY

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Grandview R-2 High School, 1991; University of Missouri, B.A., psychology, *summa cum laude*, 1995; University Stendhal, France (summer 1992); and Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2002. Married to Christopher Moenster and mother to one daughter. Probation and Parole Officer for the State of Missouri, 1995–2001; Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 2001–2006. Member: Jefferson County Bar Association, Jefferson County Women's Bar Association, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Circuit Court Budget Committee,

Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Officer Performance Standards Work Group. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006. Re-elected 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Appointed circuit judge, 2023. Elected circuit judge 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 24—Division 1
BRICE R. SECHREST

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 in Farmington, Missouri. Graduate of Mineral Area College, A.A., 1999; Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., 2003; Southern Illinois–Carbondale School of Law, J.D., 2007. Private practice, 2007–2021. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2021. Elected 2022. Elected circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



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: 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. 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, 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 25—Division 1
WILLIAM E. HICKIE

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

Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born 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 and has five children. 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. Re-elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 25—Division 2

BRENDON FOX

Office address: 200 N. Main St., Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6226.

Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

Biography: Born in Fairfax, Missouri. Graduate of Lafayette County C-1 High School in Higginsville, Missouri, 1999; Stanford University, B.A.s in Sociology and Art History, 2003; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2007. Married Katie, Oct. 25, 2008. They have two children. Associate with Beger & Bushie, LLC, 2007–2010. Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, assistant prosecutor, 2011–2014 and elected prosecutor, 2015–2024. Rolla Lions Club, member. Rolla Wrestling Club, coach and board member. Diamond Athletics, VP. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Parson, October 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 26—Division 3

AARON G. KOEPPEN

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Anchorage, Alaska, raised in Southwest Missouri. Graduate of Utah State University, B.A., pre-law, *cum laude*, 2000; Creighton University, J.D., 2004. Married to Nancy Tarbet, 1999. They have five children. Missouri State Public Defenders Office, 2004–2006. Iberia city prosecutor, 2006–2010. Village of Four Seasons special prosecutor, 2009–2010. Camden County assistant prosecutor, 2006–2010. Adjunct professor at Ozark Technical College and Columbia College, 2008–2020. Member: the Missouri Bar, the 26th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Lake Ozark Runners and Rotary Club. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Re-elected 2014 and 2018. Elected circuit judge, 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 26—Division 1

ANDREW J. HARDWICK

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 in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of Salisbury High School, 1996; Fontbonne College, B.S., 2000; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2003; University of Missouri–St. Louis, M.S., 2008. Formerly engaged in private practice, 2003–2024. Former assistant prosecutor in Moniteau County, 2020–2024. Elected circuit judge, 2024. Appointed circuit judge, August 2024 to fill an unexpired term. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



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: 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. Re-elected 2010, 2016 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.





Circuit 27

M. BRANDON BAKER

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

Counties: Bates, Benton, Henry and St. Clair.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Osceola, Missouri. Graduated Osceola Public Schools, 1997; University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.L.A., 2001; University of Missouri, M.A. history, 2003; Cooley Law School (KNA: Western Michigan Cooley Law School), J.D., 2007. Admitted to the Missouri Bar, 2007. Married to Renee in 2004, they have three children. Practiced law in Osceola and Clinton with his father J.D. Baker and brother Blane Baker at Baker Law Firm, LLC, 2007–2019. Appointed circuit judge, 2019, by Governor Parson. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 28

DAVID R. MUNTON

Office address: Dade County Courthouse, 300 W. Water, Greenfield 65661; phone (417) 637-2271; Vernon County Courthouse, 100 W. Cherry St., 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 Hon. George Flanagan, 1982–1983. Practiced law in Greene County and Polk County, 1983–1994. Elected associate circuit judge, 1994. Re-elected 1998–2014. Elected circuit judge, 2016. Re-elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 29—Division 2

DEAN G. DANKELSON

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 633 S. Pearl, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4320.

County: Jasper.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born 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 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 29—Division 1

JOE HENSLEY

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 633 S. Pearl, Rm. 316, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4318.

County: Jasper.

Biography: Born in Joplin. Graduate of Webb City High School, 1991; Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, B.A., psychology, *summa cum laude*, 1995; J.D., 1998. Wife Dina and two children. Practiced law at Neale & Newman, LLP, 1998–2002; The Hensley Law Firm, LLC, 2002–07; chief legal counsel for the Jasper County Juvenile Office, 2003–07 and Law Office of Hensley & Nicholas, LLC, 2007–14. Drury University adjunct professor, 2000–02. Springfield Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Committee, president 2000–02; 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: MAPACJC, 2015–present, board of directors, 2016–present; American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA), 2013–present. Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, 2019–present. Elected assoc. circuit judge 2014, 2018 and 2022. Elected circuit judge 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 29—Division 3

DAVID B. MOUTON

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 633 S. Pearl, Rm. 216, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4325.

County: Jasper.

Biography: Born 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, 2006–2018. Served as presiding judge, 2017–2018. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 30

DAVID C. REPLOGLE

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

Counties: Hickory, Dallas, Polk and Webster.

Biography: Presiding Judge. Born in Springfield, Missouri. Graduate of Missouri Southern State University, B.S., 1998 and University of Tulsa, J.D., 2001. Married Tiffany Riddle, May 18, 2002; they have three children. Served in private practice: McDonald, Hosmer, King & Royce, PC, 2001–2006; Replogle & Berkstresser, LLC, 2006–2015 and Replogle, Tyrrell & Robertson, LLC, 2015–2018. Marshfield city attorney, 2002–2012 and 2016–2018. President and director of GRO Marshfield; former president and board member of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation. Member: Missouri, Webster County and Springfield Metropolitan Bar Associations and Destiny Church, Marshfield. Municipal judge for Seymour, Fordland and Niangua. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 31—Division 5

JERRY A. HARMISON JR.

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4058.

County: Greene.

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate University of Central Missouri, B.S.B.A., 1984 and Drake University, J.D., 1987. Engaged in the practice of law, 1987–2017, most recently with Harmison and Pearman, P.C.. Served as president of the boards of directors for Springfield Public Schools, 2003 and 2004, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 2011, Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise, 1996, Care to Learn, 2017, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Ozarks, 1995 and King's Way United Methodist Church, 1997 and 2014. Appointed associate circuit judge, September 2017. Retained 2018. Appointed circuit judge, September 2022.



Circuit 31—Division 1

DEREK A. ANKROM

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4086.

County: Greene.

Biography: A native of Greene County. Graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., 2008; and the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2011. Was in the private practice of law in St. Louis before returning to Springfield in June 2014 as an associate and then partner at Spencer Fane, LLP. Appointed circuit judge, August 2023.





Circuit 31—Division 2

KAITLIN GREENWADE

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6543.

County: Greene.

Biography: Graduate of Missouri State University, B.A., 2006; University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D., 2009. Was in the private practice of law in Willard, Missouri, 2010–2022; and Dade County prosecuting attorney, 2017–2022. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Parson, December 2022. Appointed circuit judge by Governor Parson, June 2023.



Circuit 31—Division 3

DANIEL R. WICHMER

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4099.

County: Greene.

Biography: Not available. Appointed circuit judge, January 2023.



Circuit 31—Division 4

T. TODD MYERS

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4089.

County: Greene.

Biography: Born in Wichita, Kansas. Graduate of Evangel University, B.A., government, *magna cum laude*, 1994. University of Kansas, School of Law, J.D. 1997. Engaged in the practice of law with the City of Wichita Law Department, 1997–1998, the Greene County prosecuting attorney's office, 1999–2021, and as a special assistant U.S. Attorney, 2005–2016. Member: Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit court judge, January 2020. Appointed circuit judge, November 2022.



Circuit 31—Division 6

JOSHUA B. CHRISTENSEN

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4837.

County: Greene.

Biography: Graduate of Excelsior College, B.S., 2007; The University of Alabama School of Law, J.D. *summa cum laude*, 2011. Law clerk to the Honorable L. Scott Coogler (N.D. Ala.). Practiced law in Springfield for ten years, as an associate of Lathrop & Gage LLP and as a partner at Kutak Rock LLP. Member and former officer of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. Appointed circuit judge, December 2022.

Circuit 31—Division 7

NATHAN R. TAYLOR

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6385.

County: Greene.

Biography: Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S. Business Finance, 2004; University of Tulsa, College of Law, J.D., 2010. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Greene County, 2011–2014. Associate, Taylor Stafford Clithero & Harris, LLP, 2014–2019; Partner, Taylor Stafford Clithero & Harris, LLP, 2020–2023. Appointed associate circuit judge by Governor Parson in 2023. Appointed circuit judge, August 2024.



Circuit 32—Division 1

SCOTT A. LIPKE

Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 203 N. High St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 335-2802.

County: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

Biography: Presiding judge. 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, 2003–2011. Past president and board member of the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals; past board member and past chair of Legislative Committee for the Missouri Association of Probation and Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed by the Supreme Court to the Circuit Budget Committee. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Re-elected 2014 and 2018. Elected circuit judge, 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 32

FRANK E. MILLER—Division 2

Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 203 N. High St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 243-8446.

County: Cape Girardeau.

Biography: Born in Cape Girardeau. Graduate of Jackson High School, 1998; Westminster College, B.A. business administration, 2002; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2005. Married Elizabeth K. Sikes on May 14, 2005. They have three children. Congressional aide to U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson (MO-8), 2005–2010. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Cape Girardeau County, 2011–2018. Recipient of the Lon O. Hocker Trial Lawyer Award, 2017. Member: Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau, legislative committee for the Missouri Circuit Judges' Association, past board member for the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and secretary for the Cape Girardeau Noon Lions Club, 32nd Judicial Circuit Bar Association. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Re-elected 2022. Elected circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 33

R. ZAC HORACK

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

Counties: Mississippi and Scott.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of Univ. of Missouri, B.S., Biological Sciences, 2010; Master of Public Health, 2012. Saint Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 2015. Married to Taylor Walls-Horack, has one son. Member: Sikeston Jaycee's, Missouri Department of Public Safety Specialist Instructor, board member (former) Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Mo. Adjunct Professor, Southeast Missouri State Univ. College of Criminal Justice, Social Work, & Sociology: Criminal Law, Criminal Courts, Constitutional Rights of Inmates. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Scott Co., 2015; HIDTA Prosecuting Attorney, Southeast Mo., 2017. Elected associate circuit judge, Scott County, 2018. Re-elected 2022. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Michael Parson, 2024. Re-elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





Circuit 34

JOSHUA UNDERWOOD

Office address: New Madrid County Courthouse, 450 Main St., New Madrid 63869; phone (573) 333-4156.

Counties: New Madrid and Pemiscot.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Sikeston, Missouri. Graduate of Mississippi State University, B.B.A.; Mississippi College School of Law, J.D.. Married Lou Oliver, August 2007, and has two children. Engaged in the private practice of law, 2007–2013. Member: The Missouri Bar; 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Association and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed associate circuit judge for New Madrid County, 2013. Retained in 2014, 2018 and 2022. Appointed circuit judge in 34th Judicial Circuit by Gov. Michael Parson, 2023.



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 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, and has three sons. 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 judge, 2012. Re-elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 36

KACEY L. PROCTOR

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

Counties: Butler, Carter and Ripley.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Three Rivers College, A.A., 2005; Southeast Missouri State, B.A., 2009; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2011. Assistant prosecuting attorney, 2011–2018. Elected prosecuting attorney, 2019–2023. Missouri prosecutor of the year, 2022. Enlisted Missouri National Guard, 2013–2015. Engineer officer, Missouri National Guard, 2015–2024. Married Ashley Proctor in 2010, and has three children. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson in 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 37

STEVEN A. PRIVETTE

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

Counties: Howell, Oregon and Shannon.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Corpus Christi, Texas. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1984. Prosecuting attorney: Howell County, 1987–1994; Oregon County, 1987–1990; 37th Circuit Bar president, 2007–2015. Appointed presiding judge, Sept. 28, 2018. Elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 38—Division 1

LAURA J. JOHNSON

Office address: Christian County Courthouse, 102 W. Walnut, Rm. 234, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-5162.

County: 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; Leading Articles Editor for the *Journal of Air Law & Commerce*. Married to Todd Johnson, 1987; two children. Clerk, 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 Bar Association and the Christian County Bar Association. Chair of the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges. Member of the Certified Court Reporter Board, and the State Judicial Records Committee. Past board member and officer of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Least of These Food Pantry, and Board of Education for the Ozark School District and member of Rotary. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 38—Division 2

JESSICA L. KRUSE

Office address: Circuit Court Bldg., 102 W. Walnut, Rm. 232, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-4375.

County: Christian.

Biography: Born in Newton, Kansas. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S., 2003; University of Tulsa, J.D., 2006. Mother to three children. Resides in Christian County. Private practice in Springfield, Missouri, 2006–2018. Member of the Missouri Bar, Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association and the Christian County Bar Association. Board member of the Ozark Chapter of Care to Learn. Past board member of Schweitzer Church and Flourish. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Appointed circuit judge, 2022. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 39

DAVID A. COLE

Office address: PO Box 583, Cassville 65625; phone: (417) 847-1016.

Counties: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Springfield, Illinois. Graduate of Wheaton High School, Missouri Southern State College, B.S.B.A., University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D.. Married to Amy Collinsworth and they have 3 children. Elected Barry County prosecuting attorney in 1994. Private practice of law, 1993–2021. Member of First Christian Church, Cassville. Former chair of the South Barry County Hospital Board, past member of Cassville R-IV Board of Education and past president of the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 29, 2021. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 39

ALAN BLANKENSHIP

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, Ste. G, PO Box 18, Galena 65656; phone (417) 847-6114.

County: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.

Biography: Born 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 Boys State of Missouri Executive Committee. Appointed circuit judge, Aug. 18, 2023. Elected associate circuit judge, 2002. Re-elected 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.





Circuit 40

CHARLES GENISIO

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 123 E. Main St., Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8235.

Counties: McDonald and Newton.

Biography: Presiding judge. Not available.



Circuit 40

KEVIN SELBY

Office address: 123 E. Main St., Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8235.

Counties: McDonald and Newton.

Biography: Born 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, 2002. Elected 2006. Re-elected 2010, 2014 and 2018. Appointed circuit judge, October 2019. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 41

FREDERICK TUCKER

Office address: Macon County Courthouse, PO Box 368, 101 E. Washington St., Macon 63552; phone (660) 385-3713.

Counties: Macon and Shelby.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Independence. Graduate of William Chrisman High School, 1979; Park College, B.A., 1983; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1991. Married to Karma L. Swoffer, 1987. Has four children. Worked five years as a carpet cleaner and welder. Public defender, 1991–2004. Private law practice, 2004–2011. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2011. Elected circuit judge, 2012. Re-elected 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 42—Division 1

MEGAN K. SEAY

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Iola, Kansas. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science, 2001; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2005. Married A.J. Seay, 2012. Together they have two children. Private law practice, 2005–2018. Elected circuit judge, Nov. 6, 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit 42—Division 2

MIKE RANDAZZO

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

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

Biography: Elected circuit judge, 2020. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 43—Division 1

RYAN W. HORSMAN

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in St. Joseph. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., 2004; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2007. Married Lauren A. Horsman, May 12, 2007; they have two daughters. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Michael L. Parson, 2018. Elected circuit judge, 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



Circuit 43—Division 2

DAREN L. ADKINS

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

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

Biography: Born 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. Associate circuit judge, Daviess County, 1999–2024. Appointed circuit judge, Jan. 1, 2025.



Circuit 44

R. CRAIG CARTER

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

Counties: Douglas, Ozark and Wright.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Springfield, Missouri. Graduate Missouri State University, B.S. in accounting, 1997; University of Arkansas, J.D., 2000. United States Army, 2nd Ranger Battalion, 1989–1991 (Panama, Operation Just Cause 1989); 10th, 12th, 20th Special Forces Groups, 1993–2002. Military Decorations include Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Wings with Combat Jump Device, Expeditionary Badge, Kosovo Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal. Private practice of law, 2000–2005. Member Missouri Bar, Ava and Mansfield Lodges A.F. & A.M., Trinity Lutheran Church, Ava. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Matt Blunt, 2005. Elected 2006 and 2010. Elected circuit judge, 2013, 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.



**Circuit 45****JAMES D. BECK**

Office address: 45 Business Park Dr., Troy 63379; phone (636) 528-7147.

County: Lincoln and Pike.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Troy. Graduate of Lindenwood College, B.S., 1990; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1993. Married with 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; Troy Bible Holiness Church; Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, past president; Troy Kiwanis Club, past president; Troy Rotary Club, past president; Lincoln County Bar Assoc., past president; Lincoln County Habitat for Humanity, past board member. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Appointed circuit judge, July 2023. Elected circuit judge 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030

**Circuit 46****JEFFREY M. MERRELL**

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, 266 Main St., PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7230.

County: Taney.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Frankfurt, Germany. Graduate Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University), B.A. in English, 1993; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1997. Admitted to Missouri Bar, 1998. Married wife Allison in 2000, and they have two sons. Worked in private practice in Forsyth, 1998 until his election as Taney County prosecuting attorney, 2006. Served Taney County as prosecutor, Jan. 1, 2007–Dec. 31, 2018. Elected circuit judge 2018 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2030.

Circuit courts by county

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Atchison	Circuit No. 4	Madison	Circuit No. 24
Audrain	Circuit No. 12	Maries	Circuit No. 25
Barry	Circuit No. 39	Marion	Circuit No. 10
Barton	Circuit No. 28	McDonald	Circuit No. 40
Bates	Circuit No. 27	Mercer	Circuit No. 3
Benton	Circuit No. 27	Miller	Circuit No. 26
Bollinger	Circuit No. 32	Mississippi	Circuit No. 33
Boone	Circuit No. 13	Moniteau	Circuit No. 26
Buchanan	Circuit No. 5	Monroe	Circuit No. 10
Butler	Circuit No. 36	Montgomery	Circuit No. 12
Caldwell	Circuit No. 43	Morgan	Circuit No. 26
Callaway	Circuit No. 13	New Madrid	Circuit No. 34
Camden	Circuit No. 26	Newton	Circuit No. 40
Cape Girardeau	Circuit No. 32	Nodaway	Circuit No. 4
Carroll	Circuit No. 8	Oregon	Circuit No. 37
Carter	Circuit No. 36	Osage	Circuit No. 20
Cass	Circuit No. 17	Ozark	Circuit No. 44
Cedar	Circuit No. 28	Pemiscot	Circuit No. 34
Chariton	Circuit No. 9	Perry	Circuit No. 32
Christian	Circuit No. 38	Pettis	Circuit No. 18
Clark	Circuit No. 1	Phelps	Circuit No. 25
Clay	Circuit No. 7	Pike	Circuit No. 45
Clinton	Circuit No. 43	Platte	Circuit No. 6
Cole	Circuit No. 19	Polk	Circuit No. 30
Cooper	Circuit No. 18	Pulaski	Circuit No. 25
Crawford	Circuit No. 42	Putnam	Circuit No. 3
Dade	Circuit No. 28	Ralls	Circuit No. 10
Dallas	Circuit No. 30	Randolph	Circuit No. 14
Daviess	Circuit No. 43	Ray	Circuit No. 8
DeKalb	Circuit No. 43	Reynolds	Circuit No. 42
Dent	Circuit No. 42	Ripley	Circuit No. 36
Douglas	Circuit No. 44	St. Charles	Circuit No. 11
Dunklin	Circuit No. 35	St. Clair	Circuit No. 27
Franklin	Circuit No. 20	St. Francois	Circuit No. 24
Gasconade	Circuit No. 20	St. Louis Co.	Circuit No. 21
Gentry	Circuit No. 4	St. Louis City	Circuit No. 22
Greene	Circuit No. 31	Ste. Genevieve	Circuit No. 24
Grundy	Circuit No. 3	Saline	Circuit No. 15
Harrison	Circuit No. 3	Schuyler	Circuit No. 1
Henry	Circuit No. 27	Scotland	Circuit No. 1
Hickory	Circuit No. 30	Scott	Circuit No. 33
Holt	Circuit No. 4	Shannon	Circuit No. 37
Howard	Circuit No. 14	Shelby	Circuit No. 41
Howell	Circuit No. 37	Stoddard	Circuit No. 35
Iron	Circuit No. 42	Stone	Circuit No. 39
Jackson	Circuit No. 16	Sullivan	Circuit No. 9
Jasper	Circuit No. 29	Taney	Circuit No. 46
Jefferson	Circuit No. 23	Texas	Circuit No. 25
Johnson	Circuit No. 17	Vernon	Circuit No. 28
Knox	Circuit No. 2	Warren	Circuit No. 12
Laclede	Circuit No. 26	Washington	Circuit No. 24
Lafayette	Circuit No. 15	Wayne	Circuit No. 42
Lawrence	Circuit No. 39	Webster	Circuit No. 30
Lewis	Circuit No. 2	Worth	Circuit No. 4
Lincoln	Circuit No. 45	Wright	Circuit No. 44
Linn	Circuit No. 9		



Circuit 1
HOLLY CONGER-KOENIG

Office address: 111 E. Court St., Ste. 210, Kahoka 63445; phone (660) 727-8274.

County: Clark.

Biography: Born in Quincy, Illinois. Graduate of Clark County High School, 2006; Culver Stockton College, B.S., criminal justice major (minor in accounting), 2010; Thomas Cooley Law School, J.D., 2013. Private practice, 2014–2020; Clark County prosecuting attorney, 2015–2020. Appointed associated circuit judge, 2020. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 1
KELLY L. LOVEKAMP

Office address: Schuyler County Courthouse, PO Box 417, Lancaster 63548; phone (660) 956-9187.

County: Schuyler.

Biography: Born in Kirksville. Graduate of Truman State Univ. (formerly NE Mo. State Univ.), B.S. bus. admin. and psychology major (minor in personnel mgmt.); Univ. of Mo.–Columbia School of Law, J.D.. Engaged in private practice. Member of the Bd. of Advocates; Mo. Assn. of Probate and Assoc. Circuit Judges & Commissioners (MAPACJ, 2011), elected to MAPACJ Bd., 2012–20, vp, 2023–24; Circuit Court Budget Comm.; Trial Judge Education Comm.; Ad Hoc Comm. on Court Costs; Judicial Conference Comm.; Combating Human Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Recipient: Fred L. Howard Prize for Excellence in

Appellate Advocacy; Missouri State Teachers Association Northeast Region–Friend of Education Award. Participated in the Judicial Transfer Program and was a contributor to the following Bench Books: Evidence, Associate Circuit Courts, Additur and Remittitur. Elected 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 1
KIMBERLY J. NICOLI

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

County: Scotland.

Biography: Born in Bloomfield, Iowa. Graduate of Missouri Valley College, B.A. in English, 1986; Graduate of St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1989. Private law practice, 1990–2018; Scotland County prosecuting attorney, 1996–1998 and 2003–2018. Served as the prosecuting attorney for the City of Memphis, Missouri. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 2
KRISTIE J. SWAIM

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

County: Adair.

Biography: 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, 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; MAPACJ Board of Directors; MMACJA Board of Directors; Student Subcommittee on Civic Education; Task Force on Future of the Profession; Trial Judge Focus Group; numerous community groups and organizations. Elected associate circuit judge, 2002. Re-elected 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 2

THOMAS P. REDINGTON

Office address: Knox County Courthouse, 107 N. Fourth St., 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. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 2

COREY R. MOON

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

County: Lewis.

Biography: Born in Illinois. Education: Truman State Univ., B.S. in justice systems & political science, 2011; Univ. of Mo.–Col., J.D., 2014. Admitted to Missouri Bar, 2014. Captain in the Missouri Army National Guard, 2021–present. Engaged in private practice 2014–21. Adjunct prof., Culver Stockton-College, 2016–19 & engaged in general practice. Asst. pros. atty., Lewis Co., 2015–18 & Macon Co., 2020–21. Elected pros. atty., Knox Co., 2019–21. Member: The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers' Section Council, 2017–21; The Missouri Bar; Board of Governors, 2022–present, Mo. Assoc. of Probate & Assoc. Circuit Judges & Commissioners; Mo. Assoc. of Treatment Court Pro.; American Judges Assoc.; Mo. Supreme Court Legislative Committee, 2025; Lewis Co. treatment court judge. Involved with and hold leadership positions in several local organizations; member of Canton Immanuel United Methodist Church. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Michael Parson, May 2021. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 3

CARRIE LAMM-CLARK

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

County: Grundy.

Biography: Born in Sedalia, Missouri. Education: University of Kansas, B.A. in Sociology, 2000; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2003. Admitted to practice, Missouri 2005, Texas 2021. Married to William C. Clark Jr., Veteran of Operation Noble Eagle, 2004 and Operation Enduring Freedom, 2008–2009. Lieutenant Colonel Judge Advocate, Missouri Army National Guard; Department of Defense Attorney-Advisor, 2019–2023; Adjunct Instructor, North Central Missouri College, 2011–2015, and Wentworth Junior College, 2005–2016. Law Office of Carrie Lamm Clark, LLC, 2005–2019. Elected prosecuting attorney, Grundy Co., 2015–2019. Member: Missouri National Guard Association, Rotary International, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion. Appointed associate circuit judge, August 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 3

JAY HEMENWAY

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

County: Harrison.

Biography: Born in Kirksville. Graduate Truman State Univ., B.S., Bus. Admin., B.A. Political Science, 1983; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, J.D., 1988; Delta Theta Phi; Eagle Scout Award. Married to Melody Emmett, five children. Member: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus; Missouri Bar; executive board, Pony Express Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2017–present; district chair, Grand River Trails District, Boy Scouts of America, 2017–present; Bethany Rotary Club; Mercer Co. Extension Council, past pres.; Princeton Rotary Club, past pres.; South Harrison Band Boosters; Friends of the Bethany Library, board member; Bethany Parks and Rec. Bd., 2017–19; Harrison Co. Group Homes, board member; Goetz Educational Foundation, current president. Employment: Schnapp Law Firm, Fredericktown, 1988–90; Madison Co. assistant prosecuting attorney, 1989–90; Legal Aid of Western Mo., 1990–92; Sole practitioner, 1992–2018; Mercer Co. prosecuting attorney, 1992–2002. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 3

ALEX T. VAN ZANDT

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

County: Mercer.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 3

ANTHONY W. HORVATH

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

County: Putnam.

Biography: Born in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of Truman State University, Kirksville, B.S., justice systems, *cum laude*, 1990; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995. Lieutenant Colonel (ret) U.S. Army JAGC. Third Circuit Alternate Drug Court Judge, Missouri Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to the Human Trafficking/Domestic Violence Committee. Appointed associate circuit judge, February 2022. Elected associate circuit judge, November 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 4

BRETT HURST

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

County: Atchison.

Biography: Born and raised in Tarkio, Missouri. Graduated Tarkio High School in 2000. Graduated University of Missouri-Columbia, 2004, B.S., agriculture business management. Graduated Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2008. Private attorney at law office of Brett Hurst, JD, LLC in Tarkio since 2009. Elected prosecutor for Atchison County, 2014, re-elected 2018. Appointed as associate circuit judge, 2022. Elected as associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 4

REBECCA S. MCGINLEY

Office address: Gentry County Courthouse, 200 W. Clay St., Ste. 101, Albany 64402; phone (660) 726-3411.

County: Gentry.

Biography: Born in Albany, Missouri. Graduate of Albany R-3 High School, 1991; Central Missouri State Univ., B.S. Criminal Justice, 1995; Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1998. Married Mark Krawczyk and they have two children. Served as legal intern, Johnson County Kansas District Attorney's Office; asst. prosecuting attorney, Cass County; law clerk, Honorable John R. O'Malley, 16th Judicial Circuit; associate with Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enoch; special asst. U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Washington D.C.; contracts/supply chain/in-house counsel, Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Independence, Mo.. Member: Missouri Bar, Kansas Bar (inactive), Missouri Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges, Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals, and Fourth Circuit Bar Association. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 4

BRIAN A. TUBBS

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

County: Holt.

Biography: Born in St. Joseph. Graduate of University of Nebraska–Lincoln, B.A., ag economics, 2006; University of Nebraska–Lincoln, J.D., 2009. Married Kodi Keiffer, June 24, 2006. They have two children. General practice of law, 2009–2022. First Christian Church of Mound City. Appointed associate circuit judge, by Gov. Michael L. Parson, 2022. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 4

ROBERT L. (Bob) RICE

Office address: Nodaway County Courthouse, 305 N. Main St., Maryville 64468; phone (660) 582-2531.

County: Nodaway.

Biography: Graduate of Maryville High School, 1995; Northwest Missouri State University, B.S., government, 2000 and Creighton University School of Law, J.D., 2003. Assistant public defender with the Missouri State Public Defender System, 2003–2007; associate with Johnathan L. Meyer Law Firm, Bethany, 2008 and sole practitioner as Robert L. Rice Law Firm, Maryville, 2008–2010. Elected prosecuting attorney for Nodaway County, 2010, 2014 & 2018. Regional coordinator of Missouri Supreme Court's Civic Education Committee; Fourth Circuit Alternative DWI Treatment Court Judge; past president, past treasurer and current member of Fourth Judicial Circuit Bar Association; chair, Fourth Circuit's Leadership Team on Mental Health and Criminal Justice. Northwest Missouri Cooperative Mental Health Board of Trustees. Appointed associate circuit judge, by Gov. Michael L. Parson, 2020. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 4

JOEL A. MILLER

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

County: Worth.

Biography: Born 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. Manning, 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. Re-elected 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 5—Division 7

EMILY M. BAUMAN

Office address: Andrew County Courthouse, 411 Court St., Savannah 64505; phone (816) 324-3921.

County: Andrew.

Biography: Graduate of Missouri Western State University, B.S., criminal justice with honors, 2005; University of Kansas, J.D., 2010. Married with two children. Private practice attorney, 2010–2022. City attorney/prosecutor for Savannah, 2013–2022. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 5—Division 5

CHAD GADDIE

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

County: Buchanan.

Biography: Graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, B.S. Finance, 1994; University of Missouri–Kansas, J.D., 1997. Married with two children. Private practice attorney, 1997–2018. County attorney for Buchanan County, 2018–2022. Former president of the St. Joseph Bar Association. Former member of Missouri Bar Association Board of Governors. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 5—Division 6

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. She currently resides in St. Joseph, with her three children. Assistant prosecuting attorney in Buchanan County until May 2001. Prosecuting attorney for the City of St. Joseph until December 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. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



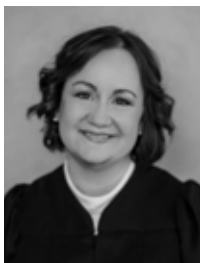
Circuit 6—Division 3

ABE (Quint) SHAFER V

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

County: Platte.

Biography: Born in Kansas City, Missouri. 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; former adjunct professor, Benedictine College; maintained a private law practice from 1995–2014 and was active in both civil and criminal litigation; former 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 United States Supreme Court; Married with two children and board member of a local church. Appointed April 1, 2014. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 6—Division 4

SUSAN M. CASEY

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

County: Platte.

Biography: Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., 1995, J.D., 2000; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, M.S., 1996. Married with two children. Law clerk at the Missouri Court of Appeals, 2000–2002, 2012–2015; the Missouri Supreme Court, 2002–2003; the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 2015–2024. Adjunct professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, 2003–2004; legal aid lawyer, 2004–2005; freelance writer for The Kansas City Star, 2009–2012. Member: Missouri Bar Association; Platte County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar

Association; Association of Women Lawyers; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Court Judges and Commissioners; Missouri Press-Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge by Mike Parson in 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 6—Division 5

AMY R. ASHELFORD

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

County: Platte.

Biography: Born in Lincoln, Nebraska. Graduate of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, B.A. in political science, 1998; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 2002. Lives in Platte County with her husband Dale, and their two children. Engaged in private practice with Wallace Saunders, 2002–2004; assistant prosecuting attorney for Platte County, 2004–2023, and prosecuting attorney for Riverside, 2010–2023. Member Platte County Bar Association, The Missouri Bar, and Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 2023. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 7—Division 5

CALAN T. McCONKEY

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born in St. Joseph, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., psychology and B.A., biological sciences, 2006; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2009. Engaged in private law practice until appointment to the bench in 2022. Member: Clay County Bar Association and Missouri Bar. Appointed associate circuit judge, Nov. 11, 2022. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 7—Division 6

KAREN L. KRAUSER

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Graduate of Park College (now Park University), B.A., criminal justice and psychology, 1999; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 2002. Lives in Kansas City with her husband and her daughter. 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: Missouri Bar; Clay County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Association for Women 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. Elected 2014. Retained 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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 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 Attorneys. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 18, 2013. Retained 2016, 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.





Circuit 7—Division 9

DANIEL LEE WHITE

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born in Kansas City, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., history and political science, 1989; University of Tulsa, J.D., 1993. Lives in Kansas City with wife and three children. Clay County Prosecutor's Office, 1993–2000; assistant prosecuting attorney, 2000–2002; chief assistant prosecuting attorney, 2004–2006; appointed prosecuting attorney, 2006. Elected prosecuting attorney, 2010, 2014, 2018; elected prosecuting attorney, Excelsior Springs municipal judge, 2002–2004. Appointed associate circuit judge, Sept. 16, 2022. Elected 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 8

JOE DON MCGAUGH

Office address: Carroll County Courthouse, 8 S. Main St., Ste. 1, Carrollton 64633; phone (660) 542-1818.

County: Carroll.

Biography: Born in Carrollton. Graduate of the University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., agricultural economics, and minor in political science, 2006; University of Missouri—Kansas City, J.D., 2010. He resides in Carrollton with his wife and their three daughters. Member: Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Wakanda Lodge #52, A.F. & A.M., Carroll County Shrine Club, Carrollton Lions Club (past president). Attends Carrollton United Methodist Church. Served as counselor and city attorney for the Town of Carrollton. General practice with McGaugh Law Offices, LLC in Carrollton and Richmond, 2010–2017. Elected to

House of Representatives, 2012–2016. Appointed associate circuit judge, October 2017. Elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 8

LORI J. BASKINS

Office address: Ray County Courthouse, 100 W. Main St., Ste. 38, Richmond 64085; phone (816) 776-2335.

County: Ray.

Biography: Born 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 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 9

ANDREA RAVENS VANDELOECHT

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

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, 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 9

WILLIAM DEVOY

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

County: Linn.

Biography: Graduate of Rockhurst College (now Rockhurst University), B.S. in business administration (accounting), 1990; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1994. Linn County prosecuting attorney, 1995–1998. General practice with Elson & Devoy, P.C., 1995–2021. Appointed, Dec. 1, 2020. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 9

ADAM WARREN

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

County: Sullivan.

Biography: Born in Meadville, Missouri. Graduate of the Missouri State University–Springfield, B.S., H.R.A., 2002; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2005. Married to Melanie, four children. General practice with Warren Law Offices, LLC in North Missouri, 2006–2018. MO ARNG 1LT, JAG, 2003-2011. Elected to Livingston County prosecuting attorney, 2011–2025. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 2025. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 10

JENNIFER A. RICHARDSON

Office address: (Marion) Marion County Courthouse, 906 Broadway St., Rm. 211, Hannibal 63401; phone (573) 221-0288; (Palmyra) Palmyra Courthouse 100 S. Main, Palmyra 63461; phone (573) 769-2550.

County: Marion.

Biography: Graduate of Highland High School, 1994; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A. English, 1998; J.D., 2001. Member and past president of Tenth Circuit Bar Association, Missouri State Public Defender, 2001–2007 and 2009–2024, District Defender Kirksville Trial office, 2022–2024. Private practice, 2007–2009. Appointed associate circuit judge January, 2025. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 10

TALLEY M. SMITH

Office address: Monroe County Courthouse, 300 N. Main, Paris 65275; phone (877) 433-3061.

County: Monroe.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., 2006; J.D., 2009. Elected Monroe County prosecuting attorney, 2010, 2014 and 2018. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2021. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 10
DAVID MOBLEY

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

County: Ralls.

Biography: 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 currently serves on the committee. Currently serving on Culver-Stockton College board of trustees since 2003. Past director of Great River Honor Flight, YMCA of Hannibal and Mark Twain Home Foundation, serving as president of the foundation for eight years. Served on Mark Twain Area United Way, 1992–2001 serving as president and campaign chair, 1999–2001. Past president and campaign chair of Mark Twain District Great Rivers Counsel, B.S.A. Received District Award of Merit, Great Rivers Counsel, B.S.A. Former member of the Missouri Bar Complaint Resolution program. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 11—Division 6
TRISHA E. McCULLOCH

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 540, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7411.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in Wisconsin. Graduate of St. Norbert College, B.A., political science, 2008; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2012. Member: Missouri Bar Association; St. Charles County Bar Association and Young Lawyers Association of St. Charles County. Practiced family law and juvenile law prior to taking the bench. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 11—Division 8
PETER A. LASSITER

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 7496.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A. Philosophy, 2002; University of Missouri–School of Law, J.D., 2005. Married to Julie Lassiter. They have seven children on earth and one in heaven. Parishioners of IHM New Melle Catholic Church. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Charles County Bar Association, Missouri National Guard Association, and Knights of Columbus. Advisory board: Mid America Veterans Museum and Birthright–St. Charles. Serving in the Missouri Army National Guard as a Judge Advocate, 2011–present. Served as assistant prosecutor in Lincoln County & Franklin County, 2006–2014; private practice as founder of St. Thomas Legal, LLC, 2014–2024. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 11—Division 9
JEFFREY J. SANDCORK

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 510, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3096.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science; Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, J.D.. Member: The Missouri Bar; St. Charles County Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Missouri Municipal and Associate Judges Association. Engaged in the private law practice prior to taking the bench with Robert R. Sandcork, Attorney at Law and then as the managing attorney of the Sandcork Law Firm, LLC. Former prosecuting attorney and municipal judge for several municipalities in the 11th and 21st circuits. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 11—Division 10

DENNIS R. CHASSANIOL

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 450, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7462.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in Kansas City, Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., history, 1991; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 1995. Married his wife, Stacy, in August 1993. They have four children and two grandchildren. Parishioner of Assumption BVM Catholic Church, O'Fallon. Served as assistant prosecutor for St. Charles County, 1995–1998. Engaged in private practice prior to taking the bench. Former municipal judge in Cottleville, Dardenne Prairie, Lake St. Louis, Moline Acres, O'Fallon and Winfield. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 11—Division 11

DENISE CHILDRESS

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7497.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 11—Division 12

WILLIAM BYRNES

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 11—Division 13

GWENDOLYN GOEKE

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Not available.





Circuit 11—Division 14

LAWRENCE J. CHRUM

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 430, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 5558.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in St. Charles, Missouri. Graduate of Lindenwood University, *cum laude*, B.A., Corporate Communication and Public Relations; Graduate of Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 2003. United States Navy, Active Duty and Reserve, 1992-2003 and United States Navy Reserve, 2015-Present. Memberships: The Missouri Bar; St. Charles County Bar Association; Missouri Municipal and Associate Judges Association. Private practice with Beck, Tiemeyer, Zerr, Fralix and Wulff, 2002-2003; Founding member of the Law Office of Lawrence J. Chrum, 2003-2013. Chief Trial Attorney and Chief Attorney

for the Special Victim's Unit, St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 2013-2024. Cottleville Municipal Judge, 2022-2024. Appointed associate circuit judge 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 11—Division 16

VINCENT JOHNSON

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S., Corporate Finance, 1990; University of Dayton School of Law, J.D., 1995. Partner with The Johnson Law Firm, LLC, 1998-2023. Member: Missouri Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 12

MELISSA BUCKMAN YOUNG

Office address: Audrain County Courthouse, 101 N. Jefferson St., Mexico 65265; phone (573) 473-5840.

County: Audrain.

Biography: Born and raised in Audrain County. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.S., Agricultural Education, minor Agricultural Economics, 2006; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D. 2009. Private practice, 2009-2024 in fields of juvenile, family, municipal, probate, business organization, estate planning, real estate, general civil and mediation. Member Joint Commission on Women in the Profession, 2025-current. 12th Circuit Fostering Court Improvement chair, 2024-current, Audrain County Bar Association president, 2010-2017. Appointed by Gov. Parson 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 12

NATHAN A. CARROZ

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

County: Montgomery.

Biography: Born in Mexico, Missouri. Graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange University, B.S., history, 2008; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2011. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Montgomery County, 2011-2012. Interim prosecuting attorney, 2012-2013. Appointed prosecuting attorney by Governor Nixon, February 2013. Elected prosecuting attorney, 2014. Re-elected as prosecuting attorney, 2018. Appointed associate judge by Governor Parson, March 2021. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 12

KATHLEEN M. JOYCE

Office address: Warren County Courthouse, 104 W. Main St., Warrenton 63383; phone (636) 456-3363.

County: Warren.

Biography: Born in Warrenton, Missouri. Graduate of St. Dominic High School, 2008; Lindenwood University, B.A. Criminal Justice, 2012; St. Louis University, J.D., 2015. St. Louis University School of Law Academic Excellence Recipient, “Religion & First Amendment” and “Criminal Procedure - Investigation”. In private practice with her father, Timothy M. Joyce, 2015–2020. Solo Practitioner, 2020–2023. Former municipal prosecutor for City of Truesdale and City of Warrenton. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, December 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 12

JONATHAN A. YELTON

Office address: 104 W. Booneslick Rd., Warrenton 63383; phone (636) 456-3363.

County: Warren.

Biography: Born in Virginia. Raised in Montgomery City, Missouri. Graduate of Sterling College, B.S., with honors in Criminal Justice, *summa cum laude*, 2019; University of Kansas School of Law, J.D., 2022. Army National Guard, 2013–2025. Assistant city prosecutor, Olathe, Kansas, 2022. Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2022–2023. Office of Missouri Gov. Mike Parson, 2023–2025. Member: Reformed Presbyterian Church; Missouri Bar; The Federalist Society; Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2025.



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 in Louisiana, Missouri. Graduate of David H. Hickman High School; Columbia College, B.A., business administration, 1986; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1989. Married. Began her legal career at Cape Girardeau County Public Defender's 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, previously served on board of directors for Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judge and Commissioners. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 13—Division 9

TRACY Z. GONZALEZ

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

County: Boone

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate, Univ. of Wisconsin–Madison, B.S. education, 1981; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1984. She and husband, Tony, are the proud parents of a wonderful son. Prior to taking the bench, Gonzalez was the first asst. pros. attorney for Boone Co., 2012–18; asst. pros. attorney, Boone Co., 1995–2002; 2010–January 2012; asst. dean of admissions and student affairs, Univ. of Mo.–School of Law, 2008–10, director, Child Protection Clinic, Univ. of Mo.–School of Law, 2002–06; professor of criminal justice, Lincoln Univ., 2006–08 and asst. public defender, St. Louis City, 1985–90. Was a member of the founding Drug Court Programs, Palm Beach Co., Fla., 1990–94, and Boone Co.. Member Missouri Bar Assoc., Boone Co. Bar Assoc., Missouri Municipal and Associate Judges Assoc., Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 13—Division 10

KAYLA I. JACKSON-WILLIAMS

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

County: Boone.

Biography: Born in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of Truman State University, B.S., justice systems, 2012; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 2016. Elected to membership in The Order of Barristers, 2016. She is the proud mom to an amazing daughter. Began her legal career at Stange Law Firm before transitioning to the Boone County Public Defender Trial Office. In her three years prior to taking the bench, she practiced civil litigation at Rogers, Ehrhardt, Weber, & Howard, LLC and served as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri School of Law. Named to the Missouri & Kansas Rising Stars

List by *Super Lawyers Magazine* for three consecutive years. Member of the Columbia Business Times 2023 Class of "20 Under 40," Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.. Elected associate circuit court judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 13—Division 11

JAYNE PEARMAN

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

County: Boone.

Biography: Appointed to the 13th Judicial Circuit in December of 2024. Division 11 handles Associate Civil, Small Claims, Adult Abuse, Criminal Arraignments and Paternity dockets. Graduated from the University of Missouri—Columbia, 1981 with a degree in Accounting, *cum laude*; University of Missouri School of Law, 1984 Order of the Coif. Practiced law for the first thirteen years in private practice in a civil defense practice. The last 27 years of her practice were spent in the area of Family Law. She grew up in Columbia, Mo. and spent 37 years in Kansas City after graduating from

law school, until returning to Columbia in 2021. She has lived on a farm for over 25 years enjoying her horses, a donkey, dogs, cats, chickens and peacocks.



Circuit 13—Division 6

CHRISTOPHER D. WILSON

Office address: Callaway County Justice Center, 5 E. Second St., Fulton 65251; phone (573) 642-0777.

County: Callaway.

Biography: Born in Oxford, Mississippi. Graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, B.A., psychology, 1991; University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., 1995. Married to Kristie Rose since 1992, and they have one son and daughter-in-law. Assistant public defender, 1996–97, legal counsel for the Juvenile Officer for the 13th Judicial Circuit, 1997–98 and 2001–06, corporate practice in Kansas City and private practice in Springfield, 1998–2001, first assistant prosecuting attorney for Callaway County, 2006–10, city prosecutor for Fulton, 2006–10 and Auxvasse, 2007–10, municipal judge for New

Bloomfield, 2009–10, Callaway County prosecuting attorney, 2011–22. President at Callaway County Bar Association, adjunct professor at William Woods University, board of directors for SERVE and CrossWind Ranch, and youth football and baseball coach for YMCA and City of Fulton. Served as master of ceremonies and speaker for Missouri Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony at State Capitol, 2019, 2021 and 2022. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022.



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; J.D., 1989. Assistant public defender, 1989–1993. Engaged in private practice from 1993 until elected. Currently serving as the chair of the Psychotropic Medication Advisory Committee for the Missouri Children's Division and is the Family Court Administrative Judge for the 13th Circuit. Volunteers with Humanity for Children, working with communities in eastern Africa dealing with issues from health to human rights. First elected term began 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 14

MASON R. GEBHARDT

Office address: Howard County Courthouse, #1 Courthouse Sq., Fayette 65248; phone (660) 248-3326.

County: Howard.

Biography: Born 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. Resides with his daughter in Fayette. Private practice in Fayette, 1997–2010. Howard County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2010. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 14

GARETH COOKSEY

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

County: Randolph.

Biography: Born in Moberly. Graduate of Moberly High School, Truman State University, and the University of Missouri–School of Law. Assistant prosecutor in Marion County, Missouri, 2016–2024. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 15

KELLY HALFORD ROSE

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

County: Lafayette.

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 practice—civil 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. Re-elected 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 15

RUSSELL J. KRUSE

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

County: Lafayette.

Biography: Born in 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 & Title Ins. Co., 1992–08; civics teacher, 1987–2014. Member: Lafayette Co. Bar, 2004–pres., sec., 2015; 10th Jud. Cir. Bar, 1986–pres., past pres., 2006; Mo. Bar, 1986–pres.; Ill. Bar, 1987–2014 (inactive); Mo. U.S. Dist. Cts. & bankruptcy cts., 1986–2014; Central U.S. Dist. Ct. & bankruptcy crt., Ill., 1990–2014; Eighth Cir. Ct. of Appeals, 1991–2014; U.S. Supreme Ct., 1999–2014; Mo. Assoc. of Probate & Assoc. Cir. Judges, 2015–17; Legal Svcs., NE Mo. bd., 1987–89, MATA, 1988–93. LCMS Mo. Dist. bd., 2012–pres.; St. Paul Lutheran High bd., 2013–pres.; Concordia Lions Club, 2004–pres.; Lafayette County Children's Svcs. bd., 2004–16; LCE Inc. bd., 2005–14, vp, 2012–13, chair, 2014; I-70 Med. Center Fndn., 2012–14; Luther Manor Nursing Home bd., 1991–93 & 2002–04, Nutrition Center bd., 1987–89; Kiwanis, 1988–93; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mo. Synod. Mo. S. Ct. Cmte. on Access to Family Cts., 2016–present. Associate circuit judge, 2015–present. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 15

HUGH 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., 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, 2026.



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., 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, 2026.



Circuit 16—Division 25

ABBIE ROTHERMICH

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3679.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Grew up in rural Northeast Missouri. Graduate of Truman State University, General Honors and majoring in Classics and in English, magna cum laude; was a Pershing Scholar; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2010 where she was a member of the Missouri Environmental Law & Policy Review and a participant in the Family Violence Clinic. Worked as an attorney with Legal Aid of Western Missouri for six years in its Warrensburg office. She served in the Missouri Attorney General's Office as its deputy chief of the Employment Litigation Division. During her seven-year tenure as an assistant

attorney general, she handled civil litigation cases out of its Kansas City office. Won the "Excellence in Administration and Management" award, 2022. Received the Lon O. Hocker Award from The Missouri Bar Foundation, 2024. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Michael Parson on Dec. 22, 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026



Circuit 16—Division 26

R. TRAVIS WILLINGHAM

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born in Normandy, Missouri. Raised in Warren County and a graduate of Wright City High School in 1992; University of Missouri, B.S., fisheries and wildlife management, 1999; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 2004. At the time of his appointment, he was serving as the chief deputy county counselor for Jackson County. Appointed by Gov. Michael L. Parson, Dec. 18, 2019. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 16—Division 27

KEA S. BIRD-RILEY

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: A 2007 graduate of the Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City Law School. Earned a B.S. in communications with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in business, 1998, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.. Served as family court commissioner, Div. 41, appointed, March 16, 2018, by the Jackson County Circuit Court. She oversaw the Family Drug Court in addition to other dockets related to juvenile matters. Was an attorney with Krigel & Krigel, P.C., her legal practice covered dissolutions, custody modifications, adoptions, child abuse and neglect, paternity, protective orders and litigating insurance matters. Served as a mediator in family law matters, was a presenter for Guardian ad Litem training seminars, worked as a marketing and public relations executive prior to law school. Member: Jackson County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, Dec. 23, 2020, by Gov. Michael Parson. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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, Van Horn High School; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, B.A., bus. admin., 1982; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, J.D., 1986. Solo practitioner, 1986–88. Associate with Crews, Smart, Whitehead & Waits, 1988–91. Jackson County prosecutor's office, 1991–2013; chief warrant officer, trial team leader and handled cases 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; Firefighters Local Number 42; Kansas City Curling Club and lifetime member of BCAS. Involved with the community and spent many years coaching youth sports (softball, basketball and baseball). Appointed 2013. Retained 2016, 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 16—Division 29

JANETTE K. RODECAP

Office address: Jackson County Justice Complex, 1315 Locust St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3735.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born in Decorah, Iowa. Graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., 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, Florida, 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 children. Appointed associate circuit judge, May 28, 2014. Re-elected 2016, 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 16—Division 30

JOHN G. GROMOWSKY

Office address: Family Justice Center, 625 E. 26th St., Kansas City 64108; phone (816) 881-4506.

County: Jackson.

Biography: U.S. Military Academy, West Point, 1985–1989. U.S. Army, 1989–1994. Law degree from DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, 1998. Law clerk to Circuit Judge John R. O'Malley. Jackson County prosecutor's office, 1999–2002. Entered private practice, then started own criminal defense firm. Returned to the prosecutor's office, 2021–2024. Served in multiple roles, including as a Drug Task Force Prosecutor, Community Prosecutor, and Violent Crimes Unit attorney. Appointed associate circuit judge, Feb. 21, 2025, by Gov. Mike Kehoe.





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 in Buffalo, New York. 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, September 1995–April 1998. Assistant 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 parents 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 and 2018. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 16—Division 32

KYNDRA J. STOCKDALE

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Attended the University of Kansas and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science, 2000 and a J.D., 2003. Judge Stockdale was a senior attorney with the law firm of Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer & Crawford. She practiced in the areas of civil litigation, commercial and business litigation and insurance coverage. Prior to that, she was with the firm of Horn, Aylward & Bandy and her practice included civil litigation and medical malpractice. Stockdale served as an assistant prosecutor with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, 2005–2012. Appointed associate circuit judge, Feb. 1, 2019, by Gov. Michael Parson. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



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 student, 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 2002–2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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. Retained 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 17

DEREK M. SPENCER

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

County: Cass.

Biography: Born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Graduate of University of Mississippi, B.A., 2013, and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2016. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Cole County, 2016–2018, interim prosecuting attorney, Moniteau County, 2018, assistant prosecuting attorney, Butler County, 2019, assistant circuit attorney, St. Louis City, 2019–2021, assistant attorney general, state of Missouri, 2021–2022, assistant prosecuting attorney, Cass County, 2022–2023. Missouri Bar Leadership Academy Class of 2020–2021 Alumni. Member: The Order of Barristers, Cass County Bar Association, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Appointed 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 17

JAMES G. EFTINK

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

County: Cass

Biography: Born in Kansas City, Missouri. Graduate of Saint Louis University, B.A., English, 2007, and University of Missouri School of Law–Columbia, 2010. Married with two children. Private practice, 2010–2022. Contract attorney with Cass County, providing legal services for juvenile delinquents and served as Guardian ad Litem. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association, Cass County Bar Association, former president, Cass County Youth Court, board member, Raymore-Peculiar Optimist Club, Hope Haven Domestic Violence Shelter, board member. Appointed, January 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 17

ALYSSA M. MAYER BERKO

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

County: Cass.

Biography: Born in Kirksville, Missouri. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., political science, *summa cum laude*, 2008; Washington University in Saint Louis School of Law, J.D., 2011. She and her husband have two children. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Platte County, 2011–2014; Law Clerk to the Honorable W. Duane Benton, United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, 2014–2016; Associate attorney, Husch Blackwell LLP, 2016–2019; Assistant attorney general, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2019–2021; Assistant prosecuting attorney, Cass County, 2021–2024. Member: Cass County Bar Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 17

JASON HOWELL

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8221.

County: Cass.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of DePaul University, B.A., philosophy, 1996, University of Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2004. Married Renee Leeds, Nov. 10, 2012. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Phelps County, 2007–2008; assistant prosecuting attorney, Cass County, 2008–2011, Cass County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, director of child support enforcement, 2012–2017; associate attorney at South & Associates, P.C., Overland Park, Kan., 2011–2012. Member: Ray-Pec Optimist Club, Cass County Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 17

BRENT F. TEICHMAN

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

County: Johnson.

Biography: Born in Lexington, Missouri. Graduate of Warrensburg High School, 1993; Central Missouri State University, B.A., history and political science, *summa cum laude*, 1998; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 2001. Wife, Molly, and three children. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Johnson County Bar Association, Lafayette County Bar Association, MO Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Farm Bureau. Engaged in private law practice, 2001–2018. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 17

KAITLYN A. ROACH

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

County: Johnson.

Biography: Born in Kansas City, Missouri. Graduated Warrensburg High School in 2007, University of Central Missouri, B.S., criminal justice, *summa cum laude*, 2010, Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2013. She and her husband have one son. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Johnson County Bar Association, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce. Law Clerk to presiding justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, 2013–2014; private practice in Warrensburg, Missouri, 2014–2021. Appointed 2022. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 18

KEITH M. BAIL

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

County: Cooper.

Biography: Born 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. Re-elected 2010–2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 18

SEAN PILLIARD

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 826-5000, ext. 926.

County: Pettis.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 18

PHILIP SAWYER

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

County: Pettis.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 19—Division 5

EMILY FRETWELL

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 659-2300.

County: Cole.

Biography: Born in Canton, Missouri, raised in Jefferson City, Missouri and graduate of Jefferson City High School, 2001. B.A. in Psychology at Columbia College, Columbia, Mo., 2004, and J.D. from University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 2007. Married with two daughters. Engaged in private practice, 2007–2024 in Cole County, Mo. Elected associate circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 19—Division 6

JOSEPH L. SHETLER

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 659-3609.

County: Cole.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 20

JOSEPH W. PURSCHKE

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

County: Franklin.

Biography: Born in Missouri. Graduate of Union High School, East Central College, Missouri State University, *cum laude* and the University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2000. Married with three children, one grandchild. Private practice of law, 2000–2018; Asst. Franklin County counselor, 2000–2018; Warren County counselor, 2013–2017; Owensville city attorney, 2004–2012; Gerald city attorney, 2008–2016. Union Fire Protection District, 2013–2018, Boy Scouts Osage District, chair, 2014–2018. All Abilities Athletics, chair, 2017–2022, Missouri Junior College Alumni of the Year, 2013. Member: Knights of Columbus, Union Lions Club, East Central College Foundation. Union High School assistant baseball coach. Elected 2018.





Circuit 20

MATTHEW HOUSTON

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6324.

County: Franklin.

Biography: Born in Washington D.C.. Graduate of University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.S., criminology and criminal justice; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2013. In private practice, 2013–2015. Franklin County assistant prosecuting attorney, 2015–2022. Appointed associate circuit judge, Feb. 18, 2022. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 20

MARK E. BRINKMANN

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6327.

County: Franklin.

Biography: Born in Washington, Missouri. Graduate of St. Francis Borgia High School, East Central College, University of Missouri–Rolla, B.S., mechanical engineering *cum laude*, and the University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2000. First Christian Church and board member of Grace on the Go. Private practice, 2000–2002, assistant prosecuting attorney, Greene County, 2002–2003, private practice, 2003–2022; New Haven municipal court judge, 2021–2022. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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 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. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 20

SONYA D. BRANDT

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

County: Osage.

Biography: Born in Farmington. Married Alfred Brandt, 2007; they have one son. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S. in education, *magna cum laude*, 1993; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1999. Engaged in private practice, 1999–2020. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2020. Elected 2020. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 21—Division 31

JASON A. DENNEY

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, B.A., 2001; and the University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D., 2004. Married with four children. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Scott County, 2004–2007; assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 2007–2023; municipal judge, Crestwood, 2018–2023. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 2023. Retained 2024.



Circuit 21—Division 32

JULIA PUSATERI LASATER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of McCluer North High School, 1988; Maryville University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1992; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1995. Married with two children. Worked in private practice in St. Louis County, 1995–2005, practicing in the areas of civil litigation and family law. Worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County, 2005 until her appointment to the bench. Member: Missouri Bar (Board of Governors, 2018–2022; Young Lawyers' Section Council, 2002–2006); The St. Louis County Bar Association (President, 2014); Italian American Lawyers of St. Louis (Board of Directors, 2023–present); Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Scouting America, 2011–present. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson. Retained 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 21—Division 33

NICOLETT A. KLAPP

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Klapp previously worked as an attorney at The Buxner Law Firm dealing with family law. She also previously served as a court-appointed Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and volunteered as a GAL in the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court. She is a member of the Missouri Bar and was named the St. Louis County Bar Outstanding Young Lawyer in 2017. She holds a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Missouri—Columbia and a Juris Doctor from Western Michigan University. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2023.



Circuit 21—Division 34

JUSTIN RUTH

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in New York, New York. Graduate of The University of Virginia, B.A., with honors, 1997; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2001. Married with two children. Engaged in private practice, 2001–2025 (most recently as Principal with the law firm of Riezman Berger, PC). Member of The Missouri Bar, St. Louis County Bar Association, and Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to the ODCD Disciplinary Committee for Region XI, 2020–2025. Appointed associate circuit judge on Feb. 14, 2025 by Gov. Mike Kehoe. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 21—Division 35

JASON K. LEWIS

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Earned his bachelor's and law degrees, Washington Univ., St. Louis. Has worked in public service, private practice and for the Missouri Attorney General's Office. Before becoming an attorney, he worked for Washington Univ. and Columbia Univ., N.Y., was an adjunct instructor at Univ. of Missouri–Columbia and Washington University. Has devoted time to judging numerous college mock trial competitions and helping organizations focused on promoting college access to students from under-resourced backgrounds. Lewis does volunteer and outreach activities for Bar associations and institutions of higher education; was chair of the Missouri Bar's Administrative Law Committee. Awards: Up & Coming Award, Missouri

Lawyers Media; the Attorney General's awards for Excellence in Litigation and Excellence in Written Advocacy. Member: Missouri Bar and the St. Louis County Bar Assoc., served on Washington University's Alumni Board of Governor's and the Olin Business School's Alumni Advisory Board. Appointed associate judge by Gov. Michael L. Parson, December 2024.



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 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; chief trial attorney, St. Louis County, 1990–1991; capital litigation, Eastern Division, 1991–1993. Associate of Wittner, Poger, Rosenblum and Spewak, LLC, 1993–1996. Partner of Bearveldt, Bagsby, Lee & Green, LLC, 1996–2004. Principal of Leritz, Plunkert & Bruning, P.C., 2004–2011. Sole proprietor, 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, February 2016. Retained 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 21—Division 37

DANIEL J. KERTZ

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis County. St. Louis University High, 1988; Jefferson College, A.D., 1990; Indiana University–Bloomington, 1992, B.S. Public Affairs/Public Policy; University of Missouri–School of Law, J.D., 1998. Private law practice, 1999–2015 encompassing Workers' Compensation, Personal Injury, Business Incorporations, Estate Planning. Public Service, 2015–2023 with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney St. Charles County. Appointed on Oct. 5, 2023. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, St. Louis Lawyers Association, St.

Louis County Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Retained November 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 21—Division 38

NATALIE P. WARNER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of Bellarmine University, B.A. 1998; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2004. Married with three children. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney in Jefferson County, 2005. Served as assistant circuit attorney at St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office, 2005–2018. Served as assistant attorney general in Consumer Protection Unit at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2018–2021; consumer protection unit leader of general fraud and complex litigation, 2021–2023. Served as special assistant United States attorney, Missouri Eastern District, violent crime unit, 2019–2021. Member: Catho-

lic Church, St. Louis County Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyer's Association of Greater St. Louis, Federal Bar Society. Appointed associate circuit judge, July 2023. Retained 2024.

Circuit 21—Division 39

KELLY SNYDER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 21—Division 40

JOHN F. NEWSHAM

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate Rosary High School, 1977; St. Louis University, May 1981; St. Louis University, 1984. Resides in St. Louis County with his family. Was a partner with Dill, Bamvakais & Newsham, P.C.. Legal practice focused on criminal defense and administrative license issues; practiced in many other areas over his 33 years. Previously served with the State Public Defender and served as public defender, St. Louis County Municipal Court. Former municipal judge, City of Crestwood and member, Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Group. Published an article in the *Missouri Bar Journal*, 2010; contributing author to the *MOBarCLE Deskbook on DWI*. Previously recognized for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to MoBarCLE for making substantial contributions to the continuing legal education of Missouri's attorneys. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 2018, by Gov. Eric Greitens. Retained 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 21—Division 41

KRISTA PEYTON

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of Southeast Missouri State, B.S., political science; Syracuse University, Masters and J.D.. Served as general counsel and chief contracting officer for the St. Louis Housing Authority. Appointed by Gov. Michael L. Parson, 2021.



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 in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., accountancy, 1985; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1991. Engaged in private practice, 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 Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2015. Retained 2016, 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.





Circuit 21—Division 43

MONDONNA (Mondi) GHASEDI

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born 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, October 2016. Retained in 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 21—Division 44

CHASTIDY R. DILLON-AMELUNG

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Ms. Dillon-Amelung previously served as a traffic court commissioner for the 21st Judicial Circuit. Prior to her appointment, she managed her own private practice since 2012. During that time, Dillon-Amelung handled criminal defense, administrative licensing actions and estate and tax planning. Before entering private practice, she served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Boone County, as senior counsel for the Missouri director of Revenue and a special assistant attorney general with the Missouri Attorney General's office. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, law, and rhetoric from Stephens College, a Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri—Columbia, and a Master of Laws in taxation from Washington University in St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, April 2024.

phens College, a Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri—Columbia, and a Master of Laws in taxation from Washington University in St. Louis. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, April 2024.



Circuit 22—Division 16

MICHAEL J. COLONA

Office address: Clyde S. Cahill Courthouse, 10 N. Tucker Blvd. St. Louis 63101; phone: (314) 622-4798.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., political science, 1991; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. 1994. Engaged in the private practice of civil litigation, 1994–1999. Associate attorney practicing criminal/municipal law, 1999–2014 with The Stokely Group, LLC. Founding partner, Colona & Gentle, LLC., 2014–2019. Adjunct professor of criminology, UM—St. Louis, 1997–2008. Served as an elected state representative in the Missouri General Assembly for the City of St. Louis, 2008–2016. Former municipal court judge for the City of Holts Summit, Mo.. Former

municipal court judge for the City of St. Louis. Elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2016–current. Member: Missouri Bar, Illinois Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Lifetime Member NAACP. Appointed associate circuit judge by, Gov. Mike Parson, Oct. 18, 2019. Retained 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 22—Division 24 & 29

ROCHELLE M. WOODIEST

Office address: Carnahan Courthouse, 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4788.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Iowa State University, and her Juris Doctorate from St. Louis University—School of Law. Worked for the circuit attorney's office for 12 years, where she was assigned to the trial staff, the St. Louis Treatment Court and later the Property Crime unit. She was awarded the St. Louis Drug Court's Janet Reno Award, 2009 and the St. Louis Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award. Appointed to Treatment Court by Court En Banc in June 2013. Reappointed in 2017 and 2021. Member of the American Bar Association, Mound City Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis,

Women Lawyer's Association, National Bar Association, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals. Appointed associate circuit judge July, 2022. Retained in 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.

Circuit 22—Division 25

PATRICK E. RICHMOND

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4096.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Patrick E. Richmond was born in Woodbridge, Virginia, and grew up in Maryland Heights, Missouri. He is a 1991 graduate of DeSmet Jesuit High School and graduated from St. Louis University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in biology. He earned his Juris Doctor in 1999 from the St. Louis University School of Law. Worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County from 2000 to 2007. In 2007, he opened his own law firm and managed that firm for 14 years before returning to the prosecutor's office in 2021. He and his wife, Stacy, have two children. Appointed and sworn-in as associate circuit judge, August 2024.



Circuit 22—Division 26

(VACANCY)

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

City of St. Louis.



Circuit 22—Division 27

NICOLE COLBERT-BOTCHWAY

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born 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, 2014. Former assistant attorney general, unit leader, 2004–2014. Assistant circuit attorney for St. Louis City, 1998–2004. Elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2012–2016 and has served in several bar and community leadership roles. Membership/associations: Saint 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 2, 2015. Retained 2016, 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 22—Division 28

MICHAEL R. DAUPHIN

Office address: Clyde S. Cahill Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis 63101; phone: 314-613-3185

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Served as the City of St. Louis assessor from 2018 until his appointment to the associate circuit bench. Before serving as assessor, Dauphin worked as a clerk for U.S. District Judge Henry Autrey and for the Foley Mansfield law firm in St. Louis. Earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Missouri State University and a juris doctor from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Membership/associations: Carondelet Park Advisory Board, Holly Hills Improvement Association; St. Stephen's Protomartyr Board of Education. Appointed circuit judge in December 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 22—Division 30

CATHERINE A. DIERKER

Office address: 920 N. Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis 63108; phone (314) 552-2030.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Prior to joining the bench, she worked as a criminal prosecutor for the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office and the Missouri Attorney General's Office. She also represented the City of St. Louis in civil litigation as an assistant city counselor and worked as legal counsel to the Missouri Secretary of State. Appointed associate circuit judge in October 2023. Retained in 2024.



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 at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Graduate of Northwest High School; Truman State University, B.A., political science, 1996; Drake University School of Law, 2000. Married with five children. 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. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 23—Division 11

JULIANNE (Juli) PLATZ HAND

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-5422.

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born in Springfield, Minnesota. Graduate of Springfield High School; Oklahoma State University, B.A., 1990; Univ. of Tulsa School of Law, J.D., 1993. Married with three children and three grandchildren. Practiced in Oklahoma, 1993–1995, Wisconsin, 1995–1997 and Missouri, 1997–2022. Engaged in private practice at Kramer & Hand, LLC, 1999–2022. Served as Jefferson County Municipal Judge, 2019–2022. Member: Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin Bars, Board of Directors of Birthright, 2018–present; Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity, 2022–present; recipient of the ICON Award,

2022. Appointed by Governor Parson, September 2022. Elected associate circuit judge, November 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 23—Division 12

ANTONIO (T.) MANANSALA

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born in Pueblo, Colorado. Graduate of DeSmet High School, St. Louis, 1977; University of Maryland–Far East Division, B.A., business management, 1982; Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., J.D., 1985. Engaged in private practice, 1985–1993. Employed with the Missouri State Public Defender System, March 1993–December 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, 2004. Member: Jefferson County Bar Association. Elected associate circuit judge, 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

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: Born in Bonne Terre. Graduate North County R-1 High School, 1988; Westminster College, B.A., English, 1991; Institute of European Studies/University of London, 1990; Mississippi College School of Law, 1995. Completed Internships at Missouri State Capitol under Majority Floor Leader Rep. Bob Ward, 1991 and U.S. Capitol under Congressman Bill Emerson, 1992. Served in private practice of law, 1995–2016 at Hardy Law Firm, Farmington; served as president, 24th Circuit Bar Association and Bismarck municipal prosecutor. Inaugural Class of the Missouri Bar Leadership Academy, 2000. Member 25th Circuit Bar Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected associate circuit judge, 2016. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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 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 with two children and three grandchildren. Private law practice, 1993–2011. Member: Kiwanis, Elks, MMACJA, Jefferson County Bar Association and Missouri Bar Association. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 23—Division 15

CHARLES T. ARGANA

Office address: Jefferson County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Hillsboro 63050; phone (636) 797-6460.

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born in Louisville, Colorado. Graduate of St. Pius X High School, 2011; Quincy University, B.A., Political Science, Pre-Law Concentration, 2016; University of Memphis: Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, J.D., 2019. Married with two children. Admitted to practice law in Missouri and Tennessee. Missouri State Public Defender 2020–2025. Member: Federalist Society, Jefferson County Bar Association, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity (alumni), Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges and Commissioners, Sacred Heart Catholic Parish-Crystal City, MO. Vice President-Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan Foundation. Appointed associate circuit judge, January 2025. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 24

DANIEL P. FALL

Office address: Madison County Justice Center, #3 Court Sq., Ste. 1, Fredericktown 63645; phone (573) 783-2176, ext. 2.

County: Madison.

Biography: Born in Sedalia. Graduate of Sacred Heart High School, 1978; State Fair Community College, A.A., *magna cum laude*, 1980; Central Missouri State University, B.S., political science-economics, *cum laude*, 1982; UMKC School of Law, J.D., 1985; assistant prosecuting attorney, Madison County, 1985–90; prosecuting attorney, Madison County, 2008–2010; city attorney, Ironton, 1988–2022; Pilot Knob, 1993–2022; Annapolis, 1995–2022; Bismarck, 1995–2022; Viburnum 2018–2022. Served in the private practice of law, 1985–2022. Senior partner of Schnapp Law Firm, 2006–2022. Married Y. Renee Wolf, Aug. 9, 1985; two children. Member: Knights of Columbus; St. Michael's Parish; 24th Circuit Bar Association and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges and Commissioners. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 24—Division 3

JOSEPH A. MURRAY III

Office address: St. Francois County Courthouse, 1 N. Washington, Farmington 63640; phone (573) 756-4551.

County: St. Francois.

Biography: Graduate of Farmington High School, 2002; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. Finance and B.A. History, 2006; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2009. Engaged in the private practice of law, 2009–2024. Appointed associate circuit judge, November 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 24—Division 4

PATRICK L. KING

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

County: St. Francois.

Biography: Born in Rolla. Graduate of Rolla High School; University of Missouri, National Merit Scholar, B.A. in political science, 1982; J.D., 1986. Married with two adult children. Office of general counsel, Missouri State Tax Commission, 1986–87; assistant Missouri attorney general, 1987–89; Rolla city attorney, 1990–99. Private practice in Rolla. Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1995–98. First assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Francois County, 1999–2018. Member: Kiwanis; First Baptist Church, Farmington, where he serves as a deacon; Mizzou Alumni Association (life member); Missouri Association of Probate and

Associate Circuit Judges. Roscoe P. Anderson Award; Order of Barristers. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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 in Vinita, Oklahoma. 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. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 24

ANTHONY R. DORSETT

Office address: Washington County Courthouse Annex, 104 N. Missouri, Potosi 63664; phone (573) 438-4171.

County: Washington.

Biography: Educated at West St. Francois County, Leadwood, 2000; Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., criminal justice, May 2004; Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., 2008. Private law practice in Mississippi and Missouri, 2008–2016. Appointed county counselor of Jefferson County, Missouri, 2016–2018. Elected to Republican Central Committee, 2018. Appointed city judge of Leadwood, 2019–2020 and Potosi, Missouri, 2016–2022. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 25

KERRY G. ROWDEN

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

County: Maries.

Biography: Graduate of Maries R-1 in Vienna, 1983; Lincoln University, 1985, B.A., history; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1989. Married Wendy Hensley, Dec. 29, 1984; they have six children. Elected prosecuting attorney for Miller County, 1990; served four years. Elected 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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 in Norfolk, Virginia. 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, Rolla Lions Club and Optimist Club of Rolla. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 25

KENNETH G. CLAYTON

Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6245, FAX (573) 458-6235.

County: Phelps.

Biography: Born in Fremont, Michigan. Attended Rolla High School, 1987; Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), Kirksville, B.S. in business administration management, 1992; University of Tulsa School of Law, J.D., 1995. Married to Carla since June 28, 1997; three children. Assistant public defender, Area 25 Trial Division, 1995–1998. Elected Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2006; associate attorney at Smith and Turley in St. Robert, 2007–2011; Clayton Law Office, 2011–2013, 2015–2018; assistant Pulaski County prosecuting attorney, 2011–2013, 2015–2018; Appointed associate circuit judge, Jan. 2, 2013, to fill an unexpired two-year term. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 25

MICHAEL V. HEADRICK

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

County: Pulaski.

Biography: Born 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. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 25

KEVIN S. HILLMAN

Office address: Pulaski County Courthouse, 301 Historic Rte. 66, Ste. 314, Waynesville 65583; phone (573) 774-4786, FAX (573) 774-6673.

County: Pulaski.

Biography: Born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Married to Allison, 1999; two children. Graduate of Centre College, B.A. History and Government, 1997; University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 2000. U.S. Army J.A.G. Corps, Active Duty, 2001–2006, Missouri Army National Guard J.A.G. Corps, 2006–present, rank of Colonel. Associate Attorney at Smith and Turley in St. Robert, 2006–2008. City attorney for St. Robert, 2008–2010. Elected prosecuting attorney for Pulaski County, 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 25

BRAD D. EIDSON

Office address: Texas County Courthouse, 519 N. Grand, Ste. 202, Houston 65483; phone (417) 967-3742.

County: Texas.

Biography: Born in Mountain View, Missouri. Graduate of Liberty High School, Mountain View, Mo.; Missouri State University, B.S., public administration, *cum laude*, 1977; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 1980. Texas County prosecuting attorney, 1982–1986; City of Houston attorney, 2003–2023; private practice, 1980–2023. Appointed associate judge, May 1, 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 26—Division 4

MICHAEL J. GILLEY

Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-4440.

County: Camden.

Biography: Born in Springfield. Graduate of Camdenton High School, 1996; Arizona State University, B.S., finance, *magna cum laude*, 2000; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2004; Northwestern University School of Law, LL.M. in taxation, with honors, 2008. Engaged in private law practice, 2004–2007 and 2008–2014. Camden County prosecuting attorney, 2015–2017, until appointment to the bench. Member: Missouri Bar Association; 26th Judicial Circuit Bar Association; Camdenton R-III Education Foundation, board member. Member of Church at Osage Hills in Osage Beach. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 26—Division 5

HEATHER MILLER

Office address: Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camdenton 65020; phone (573) 346-4440.

County: Camden.

Biography: Graduate of Colony High School, 1999; University of Alaska, Anchorage, B.A., business administration, 2005; Alaska Vocational and Technical College, USCG 100 GT Masters; University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2011. Recipient of the George Peach Taylor Award for excellence in trial advocacy. Interned at the Pulaski County and Camden County Prosecuting Attorney's Offices. Assistant prosecuting attorney in Camden County, 2012–2018; Camden County Prosecuting Attorney, 2018–2021, until appointed to the bench. Founding member of the Camden County Treatment Courts. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2021. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 26

STEVEN B. JACKSON

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

County: Laclede.

Biography: Graduate of Lebanon High School; Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Arkansas at Little Rock, J.D.. Married Angie Wampler, Aug. 16, 1994; two daughters. Private law practice for more than 19 years, 1991–2010. Past Laclede County Bar president. Began service in the judiciary, Jan. 1, 2011. Passions include Laclede County, family and being outdoors. Attends First Baptist Church in Lebanon. Elected associate circuit judge, 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 26

LARRY WINFREY

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

County: Laclede.

Biography: Born in Lebanon. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., B.A., 1989; J.D., 1992. Married Sharon Smith, 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, 2002. Re-elected 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 26

JON A. KALTENBRONN

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

County: Miller.

Biography: Born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. 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. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 26

AARON MARTIN

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

County: Moniteau.

Biography: Born in Jefferson City, raised in Tipton. Graduate of Tipton High School, 1995; Culver–Stockton College, Canton, 1999, B.S., criminal justice and accounting; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2002. Associate attorney in private practice, McDorman & Hayden, LLC, Versailles, 2002–2005; attorney and owner in private practice, Martin & Grayson, LLC, Jefferson City, 2006–2016. Re-elected associate circuit judge 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 26

J. STEPHEN GRANTHAM

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

County: Morgan.

Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 27

JULIE A. HIGHLEY

Office address: Bates County Courthouse, 1 N. Delaware, Ste. 6, Butler 64730; phone (660) 679-3311.

County: Bates.

Biography: Born in Butler, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia B.A., 1993; University of Kansas, J.D., 1996. Resides in Adrian, Missouri. Member of the Missouri Associate of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges and Commissioners, the Xi Beta Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, board member for the Bates County Historical Society, secretary for the Butler Rotary Club. Attends Adrian United Methodist Church. Appointed to fill out term in November 2018. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 27

JAMES O. KJAR

Office address: Benton County Courthouse, PO Box 37, Warsaw 65355; phone (660) 438-6231.

County: Benton.

Biography: Appointed associate circuit judge, August 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 27

HAROLD L. DUMP II

Office address: Henry County Courthouse, 100 W. Franklin, Rm. 212, Clinton 64735; phone (660) 885-7231.

County: Henry.

Biography: Born in Missouri. Graduate of State Fair Community College, 2001; Central Missouri State University, B.S., criminal justice, 2006; Oklahoma City University School of Law, J.D., 2010. Practiced law in Clinton, 2011–2016. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Henry County, 2016–2018. Member: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, 27th Circuit Bar Association. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 27

M. BLANE BAKER

Office address: St. Clair County Courthouse, 655 Second St., PO Box 493, Osceola 64776; phone (417) 646-2421.

County: St. Clair.

Biography: Born in Osceola, Missouri. Graduated Osceola Public Schools, 2000. Graduated University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., 2003. Graduated Tulsa School of Law, 2005. Admitted to Missouri Bar, 2006. Married to Emily in 2006, they have two children. Practiced law in Osceola with his father J.D. Baker and brother M. Brandon Baker (until his appointment to presiding judge in 2019) at Baker Law Firm, LLC, 2006–2024. Member Sharon Baptist Church, Lowry City, Missouri. Appointed associate judge to fill term in August, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 28

JAMES V. NICHOLS

Office address: Barton County Courthouse, 1004 Gulf St., Rm. 204, Lamar 64759; phone (417) 682-2444.

County: Barton.

Biography: Born in Lamar. Graduate, 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, 1985–2014; Barton County prosecuting attorney, 1987–1994; municipal judge, city of Lamar, 1994–2014. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 28

JACOB M. DAWSON

Office address: Cedar County Courthouse, PO Box 665, Stockton 65785; phone (417) 276-6700, ext. 234.

County: Cedar.

Biography: Graduate Osceola High, 2003; Central Missouri State University, bachelors degree; Western Michigan University Law School, 2016. Married Emily Dawson; two children. Elected associate circuit judge, 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 28

GARY A. TROXELL

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

County: Dade.

Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 28

BRANDON B. FISHER

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

County: Vernon.

Biography: Born in Kansas City. Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, 1997; Loyola University, New Orleans, School of Law, J.D., 2003. Married Amanda Cox, July 11, 1997; children Cole & Eden. Elected associate circuit judge, 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 29—Division 4

JOHN A. NICHOLAS

Office address: Jasper County Courthouse, 302 S. Main St., Rm. 211, Carthage 64836; phone (417) 358-0450.

County: Jasper.

Biography: Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Graduate, University of Oklahoma, B.A. in economics, 1993. University of Oklahoma, College of Law, J.D., with distinction, 1996. Wife Greta and two children. Private practice of law, 1996–2007 with Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter, PC in Joplin, and the law office of Hensley & Nicholas, LLC. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Jasper County, 2007–2014. Member of Missouri and Oklahoma Bar Associations and the Jasper County Bar Association, president, 2001. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 29—Division 5

NICOLE M. CARLTON

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 633 S. Pearl, Rm. 211, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4316.

County: Jasper.

Biography: Graduate, University of Arkansas, B.S.B.A. in International Economics, 2005. University of Arkansas, School of Law, J.D., 2009. Practiced law in Jasper County her entire career. Began legal practice with Buchanan, Williams & O'Brien, P.C., Joplin where she had a general, civil, criminal, and family law practice. Solo practice, June 2023 until her appointment to the bench, January 2025, by Gov. Mike Parson. Member of the Jasper County Bar Association, having previously served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Past member of the Young Lawyer's Council of the Missouri Bar. Serves on

a variety of non-profit boards including the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board and Vision Carthage Economic Development committee and previous member of her parish council. She is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and Carthage Rotary Club.



Circuit 29—Division 6

J. LUCAS BOYER

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

County: Jasper.

Biography: Born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Graduate of Webb City High School, 1995; University of Arkansas, B.S., in finance, 2000; College of Law, J.D., 2006; University of Missouri–Kansas City, Master's of Law (LL.M.) in taxation, 2012. Wife Laura and four children. Wal-Mart, Inc., 2006–2009. Private law practice, 2009–2022. Member of the Missouri and Arkansas Bar Associations and the Jasper County Bar Association. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 30

LISA CARTER HENDERSON

Office address: Dallas County Courthouse, PO Box 1910, Buffalo 65622; phone (417) 345-2243.

County: Dallas.

Biography: Born 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 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 30

JAMES A. HACKETT

Office address: Hickory County Courthouse, PO Box 345, Hermitage 65668; phone (417) 745-6421.

County: Hickory.

Biography: Born in Kansas City. Graduated Rockhurst College B.A. 1995; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1998. Married to Holly Powell, May 31, 2003, and has three children. 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, Webster County and Benton County. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2013. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 30

RANDOLPH L. BLOSCH

Office address: Polk County Courthouse, 102 E. Broadway, Rm. 14, Bolivar 65613; phone (417) 326-4912.

County: Polk.

Biography: Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Graduate of Drury College, B.S. in Business Administration, *summa cum laude*; University of Tulsa, J.D.; Washington University, LL.M.. Married to Barbara L. Blosh. Municipal division judge from January 2001 to December 2022. Member of the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association for 22 years. Associate circuit judge, Polk County, January 2023–present. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 30

JILL S. PORTER

Office address: Polk County Courthouse, 102 E. Broadway, Rm. 14, Bolivar 65613; phone (417) 326-4912.

County: Polk.

Biography: Born in Sedalia, Missouri. Graduated Drury College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia J.D.. Married with two daughters and two granddaughters. Admitted to The Missouri Bar, 2003. Assistant public defender, 2003–2006; clerk at the Southern District Court of Appeals for the Honorable Gary Lynch, 2006–2007; senior public defender, 2007–2022; served as training faculty for Missouri State Public Defender, 2007–2022. Graduate of National Criminal Defense College in 2010. Instructor on effective voir dire at Missouri State Public Defender trial skills, 2016–2019, 2021–2022; presenter on proper appellate preservation at MSPD appellate training, 2021; presenter on filing and litigating successful motions to suppress at MSPD advanced trial skills, 2021. Member of First Christian Church, Bolivar. President of Polk County bar association. Elected in 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 30

CYNTHIA R. BLACK

Office address: Webster County Courthouse, 101 S. Crittenden St., Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 859-2041.

County: Webster.

Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2024.



Circuit 30

JUSTIN EVANS

Office address: Webster County Courthouse, 101 S. Crittenden St., Box 22, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 859-2041.

County: Webster.

Biography: Not available. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 31—Division 21

PHILIP M. FUHRMAN

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6613.

County: Greene.

Biography: Graduate of Bolivar High School, 2002; William Jewell College, B.S. political science, 2006; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2009; Greene County assistant prosecuting attorney, 2009–2024. Appointed associate circuit judge, March 2024.



Circuit 31—Division 22

MARGARET PALMIETTO

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4107.

County: Greene.

Biography: Born 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 Association; Southern Missouri Women Lawyers Association and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Appointed associate circuit court judge, 2015. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 31—Division 23

D. ANDREW HOSMER

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4095.

County: Greene.

Biography: Born 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 in Greene County as assistant public defender, assistant prosecuting attorney and 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, 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.



Circuit 31—Division 24

KIRSTEN E. POPPEN

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-6546.

County: Greene.

Biography: Graduate of Kansas State University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1994; University of Kansas School of Law, J.D., order of the coif honors, 1997. Federal law clerk to the Honorable G. Thomas VanBebber, 1998–2000. Private practice at Shook, Hardy and Bacon; Strong Law Firm; and Neale and Newman. Appointed associate circuit judge, June 2023.



Circuit 31—Division 25

JOSEPHINE (Jody) STOCKARD

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4099.

County: Greene.

Biography: Graduate of Cole County R-I High School, Russellville, 1999; bachelor of journalism, University of Missouri, 2004; University of Missouri–School of Law, J.D., 2011. Law clerk to the Honorable W. Brent Powell, Jackson County, 2011–2012; assistant prosecuting attorney, Greene County, 2012–2015; Special Assistant United States Attorney, Springfield, 2015–2018; and Assistant United States Attorney, Springfield, 2018–2023. Appointed associate circuit court judge, March 2023.



Circuit 31—Division 26

JAMES RONALD (Ron) CARRIER

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 N. 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; assistant prosecuting attorney and prosecuting attorney, Greene County, 1990–1998; 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, 2020 and 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2028.





Circuit 32

ALAN J. BEUSSINK

Office address: Bollinger County Courthouse, 204 High St., Ste. 4, Marble Hill 63764; phone (573) 238-1900, ext. 6.

County: Bollinger.

Biography: Born in Cape Girardeau. Graduate of Leopold High School, 1999; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science, 2003; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2006. Married with two children. Practiced law at Richard Whiffen, P.C. in Sikeston and Marble Hill, 2006–2010; Whiffen and Beussink, LLP in Sikeston and Marble Hill, 2010–2020. Member: St. John's Catholic Church; Bollinger County Chamber of Commerce, Leopold School District Foundation, 2007–present; Knights of Columbus. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2020. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 32—Division 3

AMY TRUEBLOOD

Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 203 N. High St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 243-8446.

County: Cape Girardeau.

Biography: Born April 1978, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Virginia. Graduate of Harvard University, A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1999–2000, environmental science & public policy; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2002. Married Andrew Trueblood, 2002. They have two children. Judicial Law Clerk to Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank Drowota III, Nashville, TN, 2002–2003. Attorney, Jenner & Block LLC, Chicago, IL, 2003–2008. Judicial Law Clerk to United States District Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr., Eastern District of Missouri, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 2010–2025. Member: 32nd Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Federalist Society. Appointed associate circuit judge, April 2025. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 32—Division 4

JULIE M. KOESTER

Office address: Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, 203 N. High St., Jackson 63755; phone (573) 335-8253.

County: Cape Girardeau.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Cor Jesu Academy High School, 2000; Creighton University, B.S.B.A., Finance, 2003; Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2007. Married John (Jack) N. Koester Jr., Oct. 9, 2010; they have three children. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Cape Girardeau County, 2007–2020. Member: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Cape Girardeau; Jackson Chamber of Commerce; Cape Chamber of Commerce and the Cape West Rotary. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2020. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 32

CRAIG D. BREWER

Office address: Perry County Courthouse, 400 W. St. Joseph St., Perryville 63775; phone (573) 547-7861.

County: Perry.

Biography: Born 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 in 1996; they have three children. 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 Development Corporation, 2001–present; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; St. Vincent Alumni Association, president, 2010–2015. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

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 municipal judge for the city of East Prairie, 2012 and member and current president of Mississippi County Bar Association. Elected 2015. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 33

AMANDA L. OESCH

Office address: Scott County Courthouse, PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3576.

County: Scott.

Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2024.



Circuit 33

D. BLAKE PEARSON

Office address: Scott County Courthouse, PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3511.

County: Scott.

Biography: Graduate of 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. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 34

BRANDON SANCHEZ

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

County: New Madrid.

Biography: Spent the last 20 years as a trial attorney serving people, first with the Missouri State Public Defender system for 11 years, and also at the Law Office of Brandon M. Sanchez, LLC in New Madrid. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Michael Parson, 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





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 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. 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. Re-elected 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 34

WILLIAM CARTER

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

County: Pemiscot.

Biography: Not available. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 35

JASON SCHERER

Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, PO Box 567, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3272.

County: Dunklin.

Biography: Born in Kennett. Graduate of Kennett High School, 1999; University of Missouri, B.A., communication, 2003; University of Missouri, J.D., 2006. Married with two children. Associate attorney and partner at Crow, Reynolds, Shetley, McVey and Scherer, LLP, 2006–2022. Past and present board and club memberships: Delta Children's Home, president; Kennett Educational Foundation, vice president; Bootheel Youth Museum, president; Kennett Kiwanis Club, president; City of Kennett Board of Adjustment, chair; Kennett Chamber of Commerce, president; Soulmarks Foundation, president. Member of First Baptist Church of Kennett. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 35

JOHN C. SPIELMAN

Office address: Dunklin County Courthouse, PO Box 567, Kennett 63857; phone (573) 888-3378.

County: Dunklin.

Biography: Born in Missouri. Graduate of Wichita State University, B.A. political science, 1990; St. Louis University, J.D., 1997. Married with two children. 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. Re-elected 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 35

BRADLEY D. JARRELL

Office address: Stoddard County Justice Center, PO Box 30, Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568-2181.

County: Stoddard.

Biography: Born in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of Dexter High School, 1998; B.S. in psychology from Arkansas State University, 2002; J.D. from Southern Illinois University, 2005. Married with two boys. Associate attorney and Missouri State Senate legislative liaison for the Hon. Robert N. Mayer, 25th State Senatorial District, 2005–2012. Owner, Jarrell Law Office, 2012–2017. Past and present board and club memberships: Psi Chi Honor Society; Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity; Family Counseling Women's Shelter, president; Stoddard County Children's Home, vice president; Dexter Parks and Recreation board, vice president; Stoddard County Republican Club and Dexter Rotary Club, president. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2017. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 35

BETH LEANN BELOW

Office address: Stoddard County Justice Center, PO Box 30, Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568-4671.

County: Stoddard.

Biography: Not available. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mike Kehoe, September 2025. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 36

C. WADE PIERCE

Office address: Butler County Courthouse, 100 S. Main St., Poplar Bluff 63901; phone (573) 686-8087.

County: Butler.

Biography: Born in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., psychology, 1993, legal education; Oklahoma City University School of Law, J.D., 1996. Admitted to the Missouri Bar, 1996. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Butler County, 2001–2005; city prosecutor, Poplar Bluff, 2003–2014. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 36

JOHN H. SHOCK

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

County: Butler.

Biography: Born in Pemiscot County. Graduate of University of Missouri, A.B. in economics, 1987; University of Southern Mississippi, M.B.A., 1989; University of Missouri, J.D., 1993. Married with two children. Law clerk for Eastern District Court of Appeals for one year. Corporate Trust Officer for five years. Private law practice for 15 years. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 36

STEVE LYNXWILER

Office address: Carter County Courthouse, 1122 Main St., Van Buren 63965; phone 573-323-4344.

County: Carter.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Doniphan High School, 1994; A.A., three Rivers Community College, 1996; Arkansas State University, B.A., 1998; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2001. Married with two daughters. Engaged in private practice in Doniphan, 2001–2007; elected Ripley County prosecuting attorney, 2002–2006; Missouri State Public Defender, Area 36 district defender, 2007–2018; Member: Independent Living Center of Southeast Missouri Board of Directors, 2005–2009; Designing Women Foundation Board of Directors, 2007–2018; Missouri Highlands Healthcare Board of Directors, 2019–present. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 36

DEVIN S. KIRBY

Office address: Ripley County Courthouse, 100 Court House Sq., Doniphan 63935; phone (573) 996-2013.

County: Ripley.

Biography: Lifetime resident of Ripley County, Missouri. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S., political science, 2001; University of Missouri, J.D., 2004. Married with two children. Private law practice, 18 years. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 37

R. DAVID RAY

Office address: Howell County Courthouse, PO Box 967, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-1422.

County: Howell.

Biography: Born in Aurora. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. with honors, 1978. University of Missouri–Columbia Law School, J.D. 1981. Married Melinda Haymes Nixon in 1981, they have three children. *Missouri Law Review*. Private practice in West Plains, 1981–2018. Member, First United Methodist Church. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 37

MELISSA L. STEWART

Office address: Howell County Courthouse, PO Box 967, West Plains 65755; phone (417) 256-3741.

County: Howell.

Biography: Graduate of Missouri State University, BS Communications 1990; University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D. 2000. Appointed to associate circuit judge by Governor Parsons March 15, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 37

HARVEY S. ALLEN

Office address: Oregon County Courthouse, PO Box 406, Alton 65606; phone (417) 778-7461.

County: Oregon.

Biography: Born in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas. 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 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 37

SANDRA M. BREWER

Office address: Shannon County Courthouse, PO Box 148, Eminence 65466; phone (573) 226-3315.

County: Shannon.

Biography: 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. Re-elected 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 38

STEVEN WARD

Office address: Judicial Bldg., 102 W. Elm St., Rm. 205, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-5120.

County: Christian.

Biography: Born in Stella, Missouri. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S.Ed. 1987; UMKC School of Law, J.D. 1994. Assistant editor, *UMKC Law Review*. Married to Johnna Ward; three children. Law clerk, 1994–1996, for Hon. Russell Clark, district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri Associate/shareholder, 1996–2017, Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer, and Patton, P.C. of Counsel, 2017–2020, McAfee & Taft. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mike Parson, Jan. 6, 2020. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





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 in Cassville. Attended Cassville Schools; Missouri Southern State College (now Missouri Southern State University), 1997, B.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2000. Married Megan Gibson in 2004, they have three children. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Taney County, 2000–2002. Elected Barry County prosecuting attorney, 2002, re-elected in 2006 and 2010. Member of Cassville First Baptist Church, Cassville Rotary Club and Missouri Farm Bureau. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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: Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University), B.S., Management, 1990; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1999. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Barry County. Private practice of law, Cassville. 39th Circuit Bar Association president, 2012 and 2002. Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 39

MATTHEW R. KASPER

Office address: Lawrence County Justice Center, 240 N. Main St., Ste. 110, Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 466-2471.

County: Lawrence.

Biography: Graduate of the Arkansas Tech University, B.A.; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, M.Div.; University of Arkansas, J.D.. Married to Jessica, three daughters and one son. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Lawrence County, 2016–2021. Past president of the University of Arkansas Federalist Society. Member: First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon and the 39th Judicial Circuit Bar Association. Associate circuit judge for Lawrence County since 2021. Appointed 2021. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 39

AL DON TROTTER

Office address: Lawrence Justice Center, 240 N. Main St., Ste. 110, Mt. Vernon 65712; phone (417) 466-2471.

County: Lawrence.

Biography: Not available.

Circuit 39

ERIC O. CHAVEZ

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, PO Box 18, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6114.

County: Stone.

Biography: Graduated Truman State Univ. B.A. in philosophy & religion, minor in psychology, 1994; Univ. of Missouri–KC School of Law, J.D., 1997. Admitted to Missouri Bar, 1997. Married Andrea L. Blevins, 2007. Solo-practitioner in Independence, 1997–98 and Branson West, 1999–2022. Prosecuting attorney by special appointment, Taney County, 1999–2001. Municipal prosecutor: Galena, 2001–16, Crane, 2001–22, Kimberling City, 2002–22, Reeds Spring, 2004–19, and Hurley, 2005–15. Galena municipal judge, 2017–22. Branson municipal judge by special appointment, 2021–22. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past president and member of 39th Circuit Bar Association, past vice president and current secretary of Tri-Lakes Humane Society Board of Directors, president of Table Rock Lake Community Foundation Board of Directors. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 39

MATT SELBY

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, PO Box 18, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6114.

County: Stone.

Biography: Graduate of Oklahoma State University, 1983; Kansas University School of Law, 1986. Married to Patty, with five children, all whom are graduates of Reeds Spring High School, are married and have children. Began practice in Stone County in 1986 and practiced until being elected prosecuting attorney in 1998. Served as Stone County Prosecuting Attorney, 1998–2023. Appointed associate circuit judge, Oct. 27, 2023. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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. Graduate of Bemidji State Univ., B.A., 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1983. Married to Marci G. McNeill; they have two children and six grandchildren. Member: Anderson United Methodist Church. Former board member and past president of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Judicial Records Committee, 2005–present. Circuit Court Budget Committee, 2016–present. Committee on Language Access, 2013–present. Civil Justice Reform Commission, 2019–present. Elected 1998. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



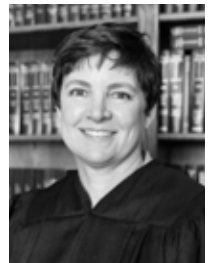
Circuit 40

ANNA C. RHOADES

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 123 E. Main St., Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8210.

County: Newton.

Biography: Born in Columbia, Missouri. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., psychology, 1993; and Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, J.D., 1996. Missouri state public defender, 1996–1997. Rhoades Law Offices, P.C., Neosho, Mo., 1997–2018. Member of the Missouri Bar Association and the Newton-McDonald County Bar Association. Board member, Neosho Schools Charitable Foundation. Member, P.E.O. Sisterhood. Elected, Aug. 7, 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 40

JACOB R. SKOUBY JR.

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 123 E. Main St., Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8210.

County: Newton.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Webster Groves High School, 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia, BSBA, finance, 1984; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1987. Employed by Missouri State Public Defender System, 1988–1998, Newton County Prosecutor's Office, 1999–2008. Appointed Newton County prosecutor in 2008, and was re-elected in 2010, 2014 and 2018. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2020. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 41

KRISTEN D. BURKS

Office address: Macon County Courthouse, 101 E. Washington St., Bldg. 2, Ste. 1, Macon 63552; phone (660) 395-9048.

County: Macon.

Biography: Born at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. Graduate of Central High School, St. Joseph, Mo., 1992; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., Spanish, 1996; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1999. Married to Matthew Burks with three children. Staff attorney for Legal Aid of Western Missouri, then Jackson County assistant prosecuting attorney. Engaged in private practice in Macon, Macon County assistant prosecuting attorney and attorney for Macon County Juvenile Office. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 41

MIKE GREENWELL

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

County: Shelby.

Biography: Born 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 Shelbyville, 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; Shelbyville Lions Club; Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elected 2010. Re-elected 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 42

PATRICK J. HORSEFIELD

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

County: Crawford.

Biography: Born in Cuba, Missouri. Graduate of Crawford County R-II (Cuba) High School, 1991; Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), B.A., political science, justice systems minor, 1995; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, Candidate for Missouri Environmental Law and Policy Review, J.D., 2000. Married to Jennifer with five children. Engaged in the private practice of law in Rolla with Steelman & Gaunt, 2000–2003; partner in Steelman, Gaunt & Horsefield, 2004–2018. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 42

NATHAN T. KELSAW

Office address: 112 E. Fifth St., Salem 65560; phone (573) 729-3134.

County: Dent

Biography: Born in Florissant. Graduate of McCluer North High School, Florissant, 2001; Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University), B.S., 2005; Saint Louis University, J.D., 2010. Married with one daughter. Missouri public defender, 2011–2012; private practice, 2012–2018; assistant prosecuting attorney for Dent County, 2015–2018; assistant prosecuting attorney for Texas County, 2017–2018. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 42

SCOTT J. SCHRUM

Office address: Iron County Courthouse, 250 S. Main St., Ste. 220, Ironton 63650; phone (573) 546-5700.

County: Iron.

Biography: Not available.



Circuit 42

BENJAMIN E. THOMPSON

Office address: Reynolds County Courthouse, PO Box 39, Centerville 63633; phone (573) 648-2494.

County: Reynolds.

Biography: Born in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of Clearwater High School, 1996; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., finance & banking, 2001; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2006. Captain, Missouri Army National Guard, Military Police, 1998–2007; Veteran, Operation Enduring Freedom, Global War on Terrorism. Life member - Veterans of Foreign Wars - Reynolds County Post 6660. Elected Reynolds County Prosecuting Attorney, 2015–2016. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2016. Elected in 2016. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 42

CHRISTINA L. KIME

Office address: Wayne County Courthouse, PO Box 78, Greenville 63944; phone (573) 224-5600.

County: Wayne.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Clearwater R-1 High School in Piedmont, B.A. in English at School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout and J.D. from University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1984–1987. Staff of *Missouri Law Review* and member of The Order of the Coif. Served as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert E. Crist, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri, 1987–1989. Recipient of the Philip S. Huffman Memorial Award by Legal Services of Southern Missouri. Past president of Piedmont Rotary Club, former Rotarian of the Year and named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Michael L. Parson, Aug. 10, 2018. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 43

JASON A. KANOV

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, 2026.



Circuit 43

TERESA L. BINGHAM

Office address: Clinton County Courthouse, PO Box 275, Plattsburg 64477; phone (816) 539-3755.

County: Clinton.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Washburn University, B.A., *cum laude*; University of Kansas School of Law, J.D.. She is married with two adult children. She began practicing law with the law firm of Morrison, Frost and Olsen in Manhattan, Kansas. 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. Science Olympiad coach, Girl Scout leader and part-time youth leader for two rural churches. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 43

MICHA DIXON

Office address: Daviess County Courthouse, 102 N. Main, Gallatin 64640, Phone: (660) 663-3300 ext. 2.

County: Daviess.

Biography: Born in Atchison, Kansas. Graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, B.A., 2002; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 2005. Married Colby J. Dixon, 2008. Together they have one son. Private practice, 2006–2010; assistant prosecuting attorney for Child Support for the 43rd Judicial Circuit and attorney for the 43rd Judicial Circuit Juvenile Office from mid-2010 until taking the bench Jan. 1, 2025. Member: Missouri Bar; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, 2010–2025; Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys—Child Support Best Practices Committee, Co-Chair, 2021–2025; Jamesport United Methodist Church; Tri-County R-VII Board of Education Member, 2022–2025; Gallatin Rotary Club, 2025–present; Tri-County Booster Club, 2024–present; Knapp Family Memorial Scholarship Fund, Advisory Committee Member, 2024–present. Appointed by Gov. Michael L. Parson, 2024. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 43

DREW F. DAVIS

Office address: PO Box 248, Maysville 64469; phone (816) 449-2602.

County: DeKalb.

Biography: Northeast Missouri State (now Truman State) University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1993; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1993. Associate editor, *Washington University Law Quarterly*. Member, The Order of the Coif; associate attorney at Stinson, Mag & Fizzell, P.C. (now Stinson LLP), 1996–1999; solo private practice, 2000–2022. Elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 43

MICHAEL R. LEAMER

Office address: 700 Webster St., Ste. 8, Chillicothe 64601; phone (660) 646-8000.

County: Livingston.

Biography: Born in Richmond, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri, B.S.Ed, 1995; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1999. General practice of law, Cleaveland, Macoubrie & Cox, LLC, 2000–2018. Member of the Chillicothe Methodist Church; Chillicothe Rotary Club, past president; Friendship Lodge #89; Area Youth Benefit Fund, board of directors, president; Chillicothe R-2 School Board, 2008–2017, past president; The Missouri Bar; Livingston County Bar Association, past president and The Missouri Bar Foundation. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 44

ELIZABETH BOCK

Office address: Douglas County Courthouse, PO Box 249, Ava 65608; phone (417) 683-4713.

County: Douglas.

Biography: Born in St. Louis, raised in New Madrid, Missouri. Graduate of William Woods College, B.A. in 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; assistant attorney general, 1999–2013 in the Public Safety Division handling special prosecutions. Member: St. Leo the Great Parish, Ava and board member of the Douglas County Community Foundation. Appointed associate circuit judge, January 2013, by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 44

RAYMOND M. GROSS

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

County: Ozark.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. University of Missouri, B.A., 1999, Bright Flight, Curators' Scholar; St. Louis University, J.D., 2004, 1843 Scholar. Private practice, 2004–2018. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 44

LYNETTE B. VEENSTRA

Office address: Wright County Courthouse, PO Box 58, Hartville 65667; phone (417) 741-6505.

County: Wright.

Biography: Born in Luverne, Minnesota. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University), B.S., economics, 1990, *summa cum laude*; Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1993. Order of the Coif. Served in private practice, 1993–2002. Licensed in Missouri and California. Elected 2002. Re-elected 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.





Circuit 45

MICHAEL R. JACOBS

Office address: Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Bus. Park Dr., Troy 63379; phone (636) 528-0326.

County: Lincoln.

Biography: Born in Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2012. Assistant public defender, 2012–2015; assistant prosecuting attorney, 2015–2017; district defender, 2017–2022; past president of Lincoln County Bar Association. Judge Jacobs is active in church and local organizations. Elected in 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 45

REBECCA RICHARDSON

Office address: Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Bus. Park Dr., Troy 63379; phone (636) 528-9168.

County: Lincoln.

Biography: Born in Old Monroe, Missouri. Graduate of William Woods University in 2006; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 2009. Admitted in Missouri Bar in 2009. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Lincoln County, 2009–2019; assistant prosecuting attorney for Warren County, 2019–2023; prosecuting attorney for multiple municipalities; certified mediator and real estate agent. Past president of the Lincoln County Bar Association and member of various legal, community boards and organizations throughout the years. Appointed associate circuit judge in July of 2023 by Governor Parson. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 45

MILAN BERRY

Office address: Pike County Courthouse, 115 W. Main St., Bowling Green 63334; phone (573) 324-5582.

County: Pike.

Biography: Born in the 1970s in Cortland, New York. Raised in North St. Louis County and graduated from Rosary High School. Graduate of the University of Missouri in 2000 and University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law in 2003. Admitted to the Missouri Bar, 2004 and the Kansas Bar in 2005. Public defender with the state of Missouri for almost 10 years before taking the bench in 2019. Spent four years as stay-at-home dad in Switzerland when his wife was on a foreign assignment. Since returning to the U.S., his family has hosted four German-speaking exchange students. Family is active at St. Clement Catholic Church. Coaches youth basketball, soccer and baseball. Worked through school driving a tractor-trailer and keeps CDL and certifications current. Known to relax by taking a Peterbilt to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

Circuit 46

ERIC D. EIGHMY

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, 266 Main St., PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7230.

County: Taney.

Biography: Not available. Elected 2014. Re-elected 2018 and 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



Circuit 46

R. TIFFANY YARNELL

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, 266 Main St., PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7230.

County: Taney.

Biography: Born Renee Tiffany Grojean in Sikeston. Graduate of Sikeston Senior High School, 1998; Columbia College, *magna cum laude*, B.S., criminal justice administration, 2002; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2005. Married David A. Yarnell, Oct. 14, 2006, two children. Former president of Criminal Justice Students Assoc., C.J. National Honor Society, UMKC Student Bar Assoc. class rep., vice president, Taney County Federated Republican Women. Assistant prosecuting atty., Greene Co., 2005–07; asst. prosecuting atty., Taney Co., 2007–11, chief asst., prosecuting atty., Taney Co., 2011–17. Current member: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Missouri Bar Association, Taney County Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge, January 2017. Elected 2018. Re-elected 2022. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

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Atkins, Cory L.	Circuit	16th	Bushur, Jeffrey L.	Associate	16th
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Baker, Lorne J.	Circuit	21st	Calvert, Mark D.	Associate	25th
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Barker,			Ronald (Ron)	Associate	31st
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Baskins, Lori J.	Associate	8th	Carter, William	Associate	34th
Bates, Jeffrey Wayne	Appellate Southern		Casey, Susan	Associate	6th
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Beck, James D.	Circuit	45th	Chamberlain, David	Circuit	7th
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Benton, Megan B.	Circuit	6th	Chavez, Eric O.	Associate	39th
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Bird, John T.	Circuit	22nd	Clayton, Kenneth G.	Associate	25th
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Brandt, Sonya D.	Associate	20th	Connolly,		
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			Cooksey, Gareth	Associate	14th
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Dawson, Jacob M.	Associate	28th	Headrick, Michael V.	Associate	25th
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Devoy, William	Associate	9th	Helfrich, Ryan J.	Circuit	20th
Dierker, Catherine A.	Associate	22nd	Hellmann, Craig E.	Circuit	20th
Dillon-Amelung, Chastidy R.	Associate	21st	Hemenway, Jay	Associate	3rd
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Dorsett, Anthony R.	Associate	24th	Herron, Corey K.	Circuit	4th
Dougherty, Shannon	Circuit	23rd	Hess, Philip M.	Appellate Eastern	
Dowd, James M.	Appellate Eastern		Hickle, William E.	Circuit	25th
Dump, Harold L. II	Associate	27th	Higgins, Craig K.	Circuit	22nd
Dunne, Ellen W.	Circuit	21st	Highley, Julie A.	Associate	27th
Edwards, Patrick C.	Circuit	16th	Hillman, Kevin S.	Associate	25th
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Gabbert, A. Rex	Appellate Western		Jackson-Williams, Kayla I.	Associate	13th
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Gardner, Michael E.	Appellate Eastern		Jarrell, Bradley D.	Associate	35th
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Gebhardt, Mason R.	Associate	14th	Johnson, Laura J.	Circuit	38th
Genisio, Charles	Circuit	40th	Johnson, Vincent	Associate	11th
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Green, Joseph L.	Associate	21st	Kelsaw, Nathan T.	Associate	42nd
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Hamner, Matthew P.	Appellate Southern		Klapp, Nicolett A.	Associate	21st
Hand, Julianne (Juli) Platz	Associate	23rd	Koeppen, Aaron G.	Circuit	26th
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			Lamm-Clark, Carrie	Associate	3rd

Lasater, John R.	Circuit	21st	Perkins, Lynne R.	Circuit	22nd
Lasater, Julia Pusateri	Associate	21st	Perry, Myles A.	Circuit	6th
Lassiter, Peter A.	Associate	11th	Peyton, Krista	Associate	21st
Lay, Virginia	Appellate Eastern		Pfeiffer, Mark D.	Appellate Western	
Leamer, Michael R.	Associate	43rd	Phillips, Jennifer M.	Circuit	16th
LePage, John	Associate	40th	Pierce, C. Wade	Associate	36th
Lett, Stacey Jo	Circuit	17th	Pilliard, Sean	Associate	18th
Levy, Ellen S.	Circuit	21st	Poppen, Kirsten E.	Circuit	31st
Lewis, Jason K.	Associate	21st	Porter, Jill S.	Associate	30th
Limbaugh, Christopher K.	Circuit	19th	Powell, W. Brent	Supreme Court	
Lipke, Scott A.	Circuit	32nd	Privette, Steven A.	Circuit	37th
Llewellyn, Annette	Circuit	22nd	Proctor, Kacey L.	Circuit	36th
Long, Susan E.	Associate	16th	Purschke, Joseph W.	Associate	20th
Lovekamp, Kelly L.	Associate	1st	Quigless, Angela Turner	Appellate Eastern	
Lynxwiler, Steve	Associate	36th	Randazzo, Mike	Circuit	42nd
Manansala, Antonio T.	Associate	23rd	Ransom, Robin	Supreme Court	
Martin, Aaron	Associate	26th	Rathert, Joseph A.	Circuit	23rd
Martin, Cynthia L.	Appellate Western		Ray, R. David	Associate	37th
May, Brian H.	Circuit	21st	Redington, Thomas P.	Associate	2nd
Mayer, Robert N.	Circuit	35th	Replogle, David C.	Circuit	30th
McCarthy, Thomas A.	Circuit	22nd	Rhoades, Anna C.	Associate	40th
McConkey, Calan T.	Associate	7th	Ribaldo, Nellie	Circuit	21st
McCulloch, Trisha E.	Associate	11th	Rice, Robert L. (Bob)	Associate	4th
McDonough, Chris	Circuit	11th	Richardson, Jennifer A.	Associate	10th
McGaugh, Joe Don	Associate	8th	Richardson, Rebecca	Associate	45th
McGinley, Rebecca S.	Associate	4th	Richmond, Patrick E.	Associate	22nd
McGrath, Christopher E.	Circuit	22nd	Roach, Kaitlyn A.	Associate	17th
McKenzie, Charles H.	Circuit	16th	Roberts, Rick R.	Circuit	1st
McNelly, Amanda B.	Circuit	21st	Rodecap, Janette K.	Associate	16th
McPherson, Jeffery	Circuit	21st	Roither, David A.	Circuit	22nd
Medler, Jeffrey P.	Circuit	21st	Rose, Kelly Halford	Associate	15th
Melenbrink, Victor J.	Circuit	23rd	Rothermich, Abbie	Associate	16th
Merrell, Jeffrey M.	Circuit	46th	Round, Bryan E.	Circuit	16th
Miller, Benjamin J.	Circuit	13th	Rowden, Kerry G.	Associate	25th
Miller, Frank E.	Circuit	32nd	Russell, Mary R.	Supreme Court	
Miller, Heather	Associate	26th	Ruth, Justin	Associate	21st
Miller, Joel A.	Associate	4th	Sanchez, Brandon	Associate	34th
Miller, Timothy S.	Associate	23rd	Sandcork, Jeffrey J.	Associate	11th
Millikan, Scott A.	Circuit	22nd	Satterfield, Joe Z.	Associate	35th
Mitchell, Karen King	Appellate Western		Sawyer, Phillip	Associate	18th
Mittelhauser, Jeff A.	Circuit	18th	Schaefer, Kate	Circuit	5th
Mobley, David	Associate	10th	Scheibe, Richard L.	Circuit	12th
Moon, Corey R.	Associate	2nd	Scherer, Jason	Associate	35th
Moriarty, Joan L.	Circuit	22nd	Schrum, Scott J.	Associate	42nd
Morrell, Stephanie M.	Circuit	13th	Seaton, Marty W.	Circuit	16th
Mouton, David B.	Circuit	29th	Seay, Megan K.	Circuit	42nd
Munton, David R.	Circuit	28th	Sechrest, Brice R.	Circuit	24th
Murray, Joseph A. III	Associate	24th	Selby, Kevin	Circuit	40th
Myers, T. Todd	Circuit	31st	Selby, Matt	Associate	39th
Navarro-McKelvey, Rebecca	Appellate Eastern		Sengheiser, Jason M.	Circuit	22nd
Newsham, John F.	Associate	21st	Senkel, Katherine M. Hardy	Associate	23rd
Nicholas, John A.	Associate	29th	Shafer, Abe (Quint) V	Associate	6th
Nichols, James V.	Associate	28th	Shaw, Kimberly J.	Associate	13th
Nicoli, Kimberly J.	Associate	1st	Sheffield, Mary W.	Appellate Southern	
Noble, Michael W.	Circuit	22nd	Shetler, Joseph L.	Associate	19th
O'Hara, Alisha D.	Circuit	7th	Shock, John H.	Associate	36th
Oesch, Amanda L.	Associate	33rd	Skouby, Jacob R. Jr.	Associate	40th
Ott, Mary Elizabeth	Circuit	21st	Smith, Brittney R.	Circuit	11th
Otto, Jalilah	Circuit	16th	Smith, Talley M.	Associate	10th
Page, Edward L.	Circuit	23rd	Snyder, Kelly	Associate	21st
Page, Lisa	Appellate Eastern		Spencer, Derek M.	Associate	17th
Palmietto, Margaret E.	Associate	31st	Spencer, Rebecca L.	Associate	5th
Partney, Travis D.	Circuit	23rd	Spielman, John C.	Associate	35th
Pearman, Jayne	Associate	13th	Stacey, Brenda	Circuit	23rd
Pearson, D. Blake	Associate	33rd	Stelzer, Michael F.	Circuit	22nd
			Stewart, Melissa L.	Associate	37th
			Stewart, Richard M.	Circuit	21st
			Stockard, Josephine (Jody) ...	Associate	31st

Stockdale, Kyndra J.	Associate	16th
Stovall-Reid, Calea	Circuit	22nd
Stumpe, Brian K.	Circuit	19th
Styles, Mark A. Jr.	Circuit	16th
Sutton, Janet	Appellate Western	
Swaim, Kristie J.	Associate	2nd
Taylor, Joshua P.	Circuit	15th
Taylor, Nathan R.	Circuit	31st
Teichman, Brent F.	Associate	17th
Thompson, Benjamin E.	Associate	42nd
Thomson, W. Douglas	Appellate Western	
Thornhill, Matthew	Circuit	11th
Torbitsky, John	Appellate Eastern	
Trotter, Al Don	Associate	39th
Troxell, Gary A.	Associate	28th
Trueblood, Amy	Associate	32nd
Tschannen, Terry	Circuit	9th
Tubbs, Brian A.	Associate	4th
Tucker, Frederick P.	Circuit	41st
Underwood, Joshua	Circuit	34th
Vandeloecht, Andrea Ravens	Associate	9th
Van Zandt, Alex T.	Associate	3rd
Veenstra, Lynette B.	Associate	44th
Vincent, David Lee III	Circuit	21st
Wagner, Michael	Circuit	17th

Walden, Kevin L.	Circuit	8th
Walker, S. Cotton	Circuit	19th
Wallach, Stanley J.	Circuit	21st
Ward, Steven	Associate	38th
Warner, Natalie P.	Associate	21st
Warren, Adam	Associate	9th
Weir, Mary F.	Associate	16th
West, Becky J.	Appellate Southern	
White, Daniel Lee	Associate	7th
White, Terry E.	Circuit	5th
Whyte, Joseph P.	Circuit	22nd
Wichmer, Daniel R.	Circuit	31st
Willingham, R. Travis	Associate	16th
Wilson, Christopher D.	Associate	13th
Wilson, Matthew J.	Circuit	2nd
Wilson, Paul C.	Supreme Court	
Winfrey, Larry	Associate	26th
Witt, Gary D.	Appellate Western	
Woodiest, Rochelle M.	Associate	22nd
Wright, Clinton R.	Circuit	22nd
Wright, Michael S.	Appellate Eastern	
Yarnell, R. Tiffany	Associate	46th
Yelton, Jonathan A.	Associate	12th
Young, Melissa Buckman	Associate	12th
Youngs, J. Dale	Circuit	16th
Zellweger, Nicole S.	Circuit	21st
Zhang, Jerri J.	Circuit	16th



Judicial Organizations

Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline

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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: Hon. Gary M. Gaertner Jr., chair, appellate judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, St. Louis; Eddy A. Justice, lay member, Poplar Bluff; Hon. Laura J. Johnson, circuit judge, 38th Judicial Circuit (Christian County); Rebecca L. Leonard, attorney, Lee's Summit; Angel M. Woodruff, attorney, Cape Girardeau and Vacancy (lay member).

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 hearing 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 regional disciplinary committee finds there is sufficient 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 by 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 may issue an admonition or may make recommended 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 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 Laura Elsbury.

In addition to providing oversight of the disciplinary hearing process, the Advisory Committee, upon request of the complainant, reviews complaint files that have been closed after investigation and makes a determination as to whether addition-

al investigation is needed. 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: Jill A. Kanatzar, chair, Kansas City; David Ansley, Springfield; John Jay Benson, Kirksville; Gary D. Collins, Jefferson City; Ann Phillips Corrigan, St. Louis; Keith A. Cutler, Kansas City; Sue Kroeger, St. Louis; Levell D. Littleton, Clayton; Joan K. Miller, St. Louis; Dan R. Nelson, Springfield; Jane A. Rackers, Jefferson City; and Kirby Upjohn, Kansas City.

The legal ethics counsel, who serves as staff and 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 nine-year term. The current members of the board are: Sandra L. Schermerhorn, chair, Kansas City; Gary B. Brewer, Springfield; John C. Drake, Olivette; Judge Michael E. Gardner, Cape Girardeau; Karen M. Jordan, St. Louis and Theresa L.F. Levings, Kansas City.

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Established by rule of the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1944, The Missouri Bar is the official organization of all Missouri lawyers. Its executive director is Mischa Buford Epps.

Administrative

The Missouri Bar's Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) department administers Supreme Court Rule 15 regarding continuing legal education. Per the Supreme Court of Missouri rule, The Missouri Bar administers the accreditation of education programs, activities, and sponsors as well as the annual reporting of all licensed lawyers in the state concerning each lawyer's compliance with Rule 15 continuing legal education requirements.

Education

The Missouri Bar's Continuing Legal Education Department (MoBarCLE) presents a number of programs—in person, virtually and pre-recorded—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. In addition, the department's renowned deskbook series, supplements and guidebooks provide lawyers with valuable reference materials they can make use of in their own law libraries.

Publications/Public Information

Also available to members are the Legislative Digest, published during and after each year's session of the General Assembly; ESQ., a weekly email with information about law-related events and news; and The Courts Bulletin, a monthly update on recent 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 resource guides, legal forms and other educational materials about the law are distributed annually, including comprehensive lesson plans for teachers across Missouri. Legal guides, podcasts and other public-directed programming and materials are available at mobar.org. The growth of the bar's public information programs has been aided by cooperative ventures with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri Press Association, the Missouri Broadcasters Association, various law schools 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; an online LawyerSearch tool to connect lawyers with Missourians in need of legal assistance; a lawyers' assistance program that offers help to lawyers facing substance use or mental health 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.

Missouri Bar Officers, 2024–2025

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Judicial Conference of Missouri

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

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

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

Nonpartisan Judicial Nominating Commissions

Under provisions of Article V of the Missouri Constitution, any vacancy occurring in the office of judge of the Supreme Court, the court of appeals or the circuit courts within St. Louis City or

Jackson County is filled through the "Nonpartisan Selection of Judges Court Plan," adopted through initiative petition at the November 1940 general election, which provides for the governor to appoint one of three qualified persons nominated by a nonpartisan judicial commission. This method of selecting judges was adopted by the voters of the 21st Judicial Circuit (St. Louis County) in 1970; by the voters of the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Platte County) and the Seventh Judicial Circuit (Clay County) in 1973 and by the voters of the 31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County) in November 2008.

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

Appellate Judicial Commission

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

Members: W. Brent Powell, chief justice, Supreme Court of Missouri, chair, June 30, 2027.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District: Timothy M. Drury, lay member, Dec. 31, 2024; Jennifer Hardester, lawyer member, Dec. 31, 2029.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District: Neil Chanter, lawyer member, Dec. 31, 2025; Sally Hargis, lay member, Dec. 31, 2026.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District: Connie Cierpiot, lay member, Dec. 31, 2028; Kirk R. Presley, lawyer member, Dec. 31, 2027.

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: Anthony Rex Gabbert, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, June 30, 2026. Members: Carla Killen, Kansas City, lay member; Philip Reed Martens, Kansas City, lawyer member; Duane Soper, Platte City, lay member and Jared P. Welch, lawyer member, Platte City.

Seventh Circuit (Clay County) Judicial Commission: Anthony Rex Gabbert, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, June 30, 2026. Members: Todd Crossely, Kansas City, lay member; M. Andrew Roffman, Liberty, lawyer member; Noel J. Shull, Kansas City, lay member and James H. Thompson, North Kansas City, lawyer member.

Sixteenth Circuit (Jackson County) Judicial Commission: Anthony Rex Gabbert, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, June 30, 2026. Members: Terry Anderson, Kansas City, lay member; W. Douglas Cowan, Independence, lay member; Jill A. Kanatzar, Kansas City, lawyer member and Thomas Porto, Kansas City, lawyer member.

Twenty-first Circuit (St. Louis County) Judicial Commission: John P. Torbitzky, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, June 30, 2024. Members: Chris Baechle, St. Louis, lay member; Matt Reh, St. Louis, lawyer member; Michelle J. Spirn, St. Louis, lawyer and Kelly Wittenbrink, St. Louis County, lay member.

Twenty-second Circuit (St. Louis) Judicial Commission: John P. Torbitzky, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, June 30, 2026. Members: Dr. Eva L. Frazer, St. Louis, lay member; Patrick Hamacher, St. Louis, lawyer member; John Schicker, St. Louis, lay member and Eric B. Slater, St. Louis, lawyer member.

Thirty-first Circuit (Greene County) Judicial Commission: Jennifer R. Growcock, chair, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern

District, June 30, 2026. Members: Deborah K. Dodge, Springfield, lawyer member; D. Kim Hancock, Republic, lay member; Kurt Larson, Springfield, lawyer member and Dr. Fred G. McQueary, Springfield, lay member.

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The Office of State Public Defender is created by Section 600.019, RSMo as an independent department of the judicial branch of state government. The Missouri State Public Defender (MSPD) is the state department created to fulfill the state's constitutional obligation to ensure that all persons facing state criminal prosecution have the assistance of counsel in their defense. MSPD's attorneys 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. The members of the commission are appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate and serve without compensation for six-year terms. Four members must be lawyers and no more than four members may be of the same political party.

Members, Public Defender Commission

Atwell, Charles E., chair;
Ferrell, Larry H., vice chair;
Richter, Roy, secretary;
Reno, Gloria, member;
Schad, Rodney, member;
Sinquefield, Katie, member;
Crowell, Matthew, *ex officio* member;
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Missouri State Public Defender

MSPD is a statewide department primarily comprised of six legal divisions: Trial Division, Capital Division, Commitment Defense Unit, Children's Defense Team, Appellate/Post-Conviction Division and Parole Revocation Defense Team. Attorneys in district offices within each division provide direct representation to indigent clients.



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Trial Division

Trial Division attorneys represent clients charged with felonies, misdemeanors and probation revocations at the state trial court level throughout Missouri.

Capital Division

The Capital Division represents clients where the state seeks the death penalty in the State Trial Court, the State Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Commitment Defense Unit

The Commitment Defense Unit represents clients where the state of Missouri has initiated civil commitment proceedings based on the allegation that the citizen is a “sexually violent predator”.

Children’s Defense Team

The Children’s Defense Team represents children charged with delinquent acts in State and Appellate Courts.

Division of Appellate/Post-Conviction Relief

The Appellate/Post-Conviction Relief division attorneys represent clients 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.

Parole Revocation Defense Team

The Parole Revocation Defense Team represents parolees in the community facing revocation of their parole.

