

CHAPTER 5

JUDICIAL BRANCH



Fishing at Pershing State Park
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Missouri's Judicial System

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

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

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

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

All the judges of these former courts have become either circuit, associate circuit or municipal judges. They may hear and determine different classes of cases within their respective circuits. A presiding judge, elected by the other judges in the circuit, has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel in the circuit. He or she may assign other judges throughout the circuit to relieve caseload and administrative backlogs. The Supreme Court and court of appeals have general

superintending control over all courts and tribunals within their jurisdictions. Original remedial writs may be issued and determined at each level of the court system. Decisions of the Supreme Court are controlling in all other state courts.

Selection of Judges

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

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

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

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

Every supreme, appellate, circuit and associate circuit court judge must be licensed to practice law in Missouri. By constitutional amendment and statute, all judges must retire by age 70.



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History and Organization

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

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

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

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

Supreme Court Jurisdiction

Originally, the Supreme Court had only the traditional powers to decide cases on appeal from the lower courts (either the circuit courts or the court of appeals) and to issue and determine original remedial writs, such as those in *habeas corpus*, *mandamus* and prohibition. The Constitution of 1945 also authorized the court to establish rules for practice and procedure in the courts and to make temporary transfers of judicial personnel from court to court. Maintaining and updating the rules is a continuous process requiring substantial time. Each year, the Su-

preme Court, through its Office of State Courts Administrator, transfers several hundred court personnel on a temporary basis to assist other courts. This usually is done when a judge has been disqualified by the parties in a case or when a judge's docket has become overly crowded and the judge cannot handle all the cases expeditiously.

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

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

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

Qualifications and Terms

Supreme Court judges must be at least 30 years of age, licensed to practice law in Missouri, U.S. citizens for 15 years and qualified Missouri voters for nine years. Supreme Court judges are retained for 12-year terms. They earn \$147,591 annually. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).

Chief Justice

The seven judges of the Supreme Court select one of their members to be chief justice and preside over the court. The chief justice also handles many of the administrative details for the court. The present practice of the court is to rotate the position of chief justice every two years. The chief justice earns \$154,215 annually. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).

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

Supreme Court Building

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

Clerk's Office

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

Supreme Court Function

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

Missouri Bar Responsibilities

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

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

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



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 Supreme Court Clerk

ing Missouri Bar membership cards to all attorneys licensed to practice in Missouri. He or she is responsible for maintaining the official records of The Missouri Bar and the bar fund and for preparing annual financial reports for publication in the *Journal of The Missouri Bar*. The clerk is also responsible for conducting annual elections for The Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

Security Administration

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

Supreme Court Library

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

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



Patricia Breckenridge

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE was elected chief justice by her colleagues for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2015. She was born and raised in Nevada and was educated in the Nevada public schools. She attended the Univ. of Arkansas–Fayetteville and the Univ. of Mo.–Columbia, where she earned a B.S. and J.D. She was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1978. Following law school, she practiced law in the firm Russell, Brown, Bickel & Breckenridge. While practicing, she served as an assistant municipal judge for the City of Nevada.

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

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

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



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

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

She married Bryan C. Breckenridge on May 15, 1976. She and Bryan live in Nevada and maintain a home in Columbia. She was retained by Missouri voters at the November 2008 general election for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2020.



George W. Draper III Judge of the Supreme Court

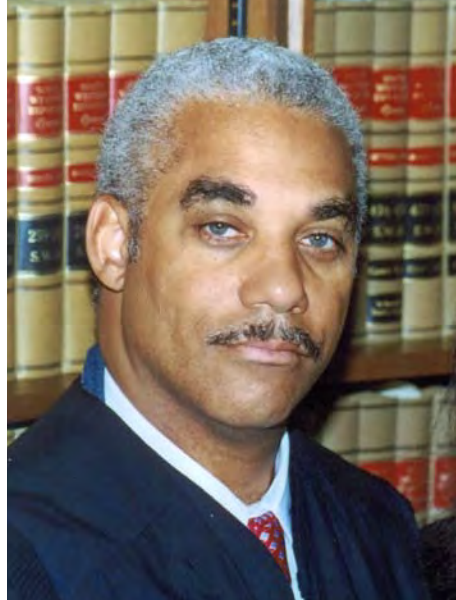
GEORGE W. DRAPER III was born Aug. 5, 1953, in St. Louis. He attended Hamilton Elementary School in north St. Louis City until his family moved to Silver Spring, Md., in 1964. In 1977, he graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., with a bachelor's degree in psychology. After earning his law degree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

Draper worked for the circuit attorney of the City of St. Louis as assistant prosecuting attorney from 1984 to 1994. There he served as assistant prosecutor, then team leader and, finally, as first assistant, for which he handled numerous felony prosecutions.

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

In 2000, Gov. Carnahan appointed Judge Draper to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Draper served as that court's first African-American chief judge from July 2005 to June 2006. While on that court, he also served by special assignment on the Appellate Apportionment Commission, a constitutional commission created to resolve redistricting disputes, and on the court's rules, security and facilities committees. His October 2011 appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri by Gov. Jeremiah Nixon makes Draper one of the few judges to have served at every level of Missouri's current court system.

When not on the bench, Draper counsels students interested in legal careers and has served as a mentor to attorneys deferred from practicing.



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

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

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

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



Zel M. Fischer Judge of the Supreme Court

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Judge Fischer was appointed to the Supreme Court by Gov. Matt Blunt on Oct. 15, 2008, and was retained at the 2010 general election for a 12-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2022.



Mary R. Russell

Judge of the Supreme Court

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

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

Judge Russell is active in many professional and legal organizations around the state and country. Always promoting the administration of justice, Judge Russell is currently on the Board of Directors of the National Courts and Science Institute, and a member of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. She has served as second vice-president of the Conference of Chief Justices; on the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges; Missouri Lawyers Trust Account Foundation; Young Lawyers Council of The Missouri Bar; numerous Missouri Bar committees; the Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee; and the Appellate Practice Committee. She is a past co-chair of the Appellate Practice Committee of BAMSL and has served as chair on other committees in BAMSL.

She has been a member on a variety of state-wide boards and commissions, including the Board of Governors of Truman State Univ. (president, 1996), Missouri State Senate Reapportionment Commission in 1991, the Missouri Council on Women's Economic Development, the Missouri Job Development and Training Council and, in 2009, she was the president of the board of directors of Missouri's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Currently, she serves on the Missouri Press-Bar Commission and is a trustee of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Judge Russell is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Women's Justice Award, the Faculty/Alumni Award from the University of Missouri-Columbia, the Citation of Merit Award



from the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School, the Distinguished Alumni Award-Truman State University, the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award, the Lasting Legacy award from Missouri CASA, the Soroptomist International Women Helping Women Award, the Jefferson City Rotarian of the Year, Zonta Woman of Achievement in Jefferson City, the Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award, a Henry Toll Fellow, the Kirkwood Citizen of the Year and she was named in 2015 to the Ingram's 50 Missourians You Should Know. She is a member of the Missouri Academy of Squires and the Rollins Society of the University of Missouri.

Active in many community organizations, Judge Russell is a member of the BackStoppers, Inc., Missouri Women's Forum, Jefferson City Rotary Club (past president), PEO, Grace Episcopal Church and The Tuesday Club. She also volunteers as a truancy court judge at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City. She was active in many organizations in Hannibal and Kirkwood prior to her move to Jefferson City.

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

Judge Russell and her husband, Jim, live in Jefferson City. She was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2004 and was retained by the voters in November 2006 for a 12-year term. She was elected chief justice by her colleagues for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2015.



Laura Denvir Stith

Judge of the Supreme Court

LAURA DENVIR STITH was born in St. Louis on October 30, 1953. She was raised in St. Louis and graduated with honors from the John Burroughs School, 1971. She received a National Merit Scholarship to attend Tufts University in Boston, Mass. While there, she was an Iglauer Fellowship Intern in Washington, DC, for Sen. Thomas Eagleton, 1973. She studied at the University of Madrid through a program administered by the Institute of European Studies. In 1975, she graduated *magna cum laude* from Tufts, receiving her B.A. in political science and social psychology. She then attended the Georgetown University Law Center, distinguishing herself as an editor of the *Law and Policy in International Business Journal*. Judge Stith graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown in 1978.

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

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

Governor Bob Holden appointed Judge Stith to the Supreme Court of Missouri effective March 7, 2001, and she was retained in the November 2002 general election, and again at the 2014 general election. She is the second woman in Missouri history to serve on the state's Supreme Court. She served as chief justice of the court from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009.

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



Procedure Committee, chair of the Appellate Practice Committee and vice-chair of the Tort Law Committee of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) and is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA).

Judge Stith has served as a speaker on appellate practice at the annual conventions of the ABA, Missouri Bar, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (MATA) and Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL). She has also served as a speaker or moderator on civil procedure and evidence at The Missouri Bar, KCMBA, AWL, and University of Missouri-Kansas City Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs and as a speaker on gender bias at the Missouri New Judges School. She has authored many publications, including *Stith, A Contrast of State and Federal Court Authority to Grant Habeas Relief*, 38 Val. U. L. Rev. 421 (Spring 2004); *Stith and Root, The Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan: The Least Political Method of Selecting High Quality Judges*, 74 Mo. L. Rev. 711 (2009); and *Stith, Just Because You Can Measure Something, Does it Really Count?*, 58 Duke L.J. 1743 (2009).

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

Judge Stith is married to fellow attorney Donald G. Scott. Mr. Scott served as a law clerk for Judge Warren D. Welliver of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He is a shareholder in McDowell, Rice, Smith and Buchanan, P.C., in Kansas City. They have three daughters.



Richard B. Teitelman Judge of the Supreme Court

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

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

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

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

Judge Teitelman's dedication to the legal services program has earned him many honors, including the prestigious Missouri Bar President's Award, the American Council for the Blind's Durward K. McDaniel Ambassador Award, the Women's Legal Caucus Good Guy Award, the Mound City Bar Association Legal Service Award, the ABA Young



Lawyers Division Award of Merit, the ABA Young Lawyers Division Difference Maker Award and the St. Louis Bar Foundation Award. Legal Services of Eastern Missouri has named its *pro bono* award for legal services the "Richard Teitelman Award."

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

Other honors Judge Teitelman has received include The Missouri Bar Purcell Award for Professionalism; the American Jewish Congress Democracy in Action Award; the Lawyers Association of St. Louis Award of Honor; the St. Louis Society for the Blind Lifetime Achievement Award; the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award; the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division's Hodson Award, ABA Legislative Advocacy Award and its Grassroots Legislative Advocacy Award; the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. State Celebration Committee Distinguished Statesman Award; the Ethical Humanist of the Year (St. Louis); the St. Louis University School of Law Clarence Darrow Award; The Missouri Bar Spurgeon Smithson Award; the Interfaith Legal Service for Immigrants (St. Louis) Lifetime Achievement Award; the BAMSL Access to Justice Award; the Jews United For Justice Heschel-King Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Asian-American Bar Association's 2013 Torch Bearer Award.



Paul C. Wilson Judge of the Supreme Court

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Office of State Courts Administrator

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

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

Office of the Administrator

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

Administrative Services Division

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



KATHY S. LLOYD
 State Courts Administrator



EARL KRAUS
 Deputy State Courts Administrator



SHERRI PASCHAL
 Director
 Court Business Services Division



PAT BROOKS
 Director, Information
 Technology Services Division

Court Business Services Division

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

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

Information Technology Services Division

The information technology services division supports court technology and communication services for the judicial branch. Services provid-

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

Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri: 1821–2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name	County	Years Served
James Baker	Greene	1868
Philemon Bliss	Buchanan	1868–1872
Warren Currier	St. Louis	1868–1872
Washington Adams	Cooper	1871–1874
Henry M. Vories	Buchanan	1873–1876
Thomas Adiel Sherwood	Greene	1873–1902
Edward Augustus Lewis	St. Louis	1874
Warwick Hough	Jackson	1875–1884
Elijah Hise Norton	Platte	1877–1888
John Ward Henry	Macon	1876–1888
Robert D. Ray	Carroll	1881–1890
Francis Marion Black	Jackson	1885–1894
Theodore Brace	Monroe	1887–1907
Shephard Barclay	St. Louis	1889–1898
James Britton Gantt	Henry	1891–1910
John Lilburn Thomas	Jefferson	1890–1892
George Bennett MacFarlane	Audrain	1890–1898
Gavon Drummond Burgess	Linn	1893–1910
Waltour Moss Robinson	Jasper	1895–1904
William Muir Williams	Cooper	1898
William Champe Marshall	St. Louis	1899–1906
Leroy B. Valliant	St. Louis	1899–1912
James David Fox	Madison	1903–1910
Henry Lamm	Pettis	1905–1914
Waller Washington Graves	Bates	1906–1928
Archelaus Marius Woodson	Buchanan	1907–1925
Franklin Ferris	St. Louis	1910–1912
John Kennish	Holt	1910–1913
John Chilton Brown	Carter	1911–1915
Henry Whitelaw Bond	St. Louis	1913–1919
Charles Breckenridge Faris	Pemiscot	1913–1919
Robert Franklin Walker	Morgan	1913–1930
James Thomas Blair	DeKalb	1915–1924
Charles G. Revelle	St. Francois	1915–1916
Fred Lincoln Williams	Jasper	1917–1920
John Isaac Williamson	Jackson	1919–1920
Richard Livingston Goode	St. Louis	1919–1922
Conway Elder	St. Louis	1921–1922
Edward Higbee	Adair	1921–1922
David Elmore Blair	Jasper	1921–1930
William T. Ragland	Monroe	1923–1932
John Turner White	Greene	1923–1932
Frank Ely Atwood	Carroll	1925–1934
Robert William Otto	Franklin	1925–1926
Ernest S. 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

Name	County	Years Served
Ernest Moss Tipton	Jackson	1933–1955
Charles A. Leedy Jr.	Jackson	1933–1964
Walter D. Coles	St. Louis	1935
John Caskie Collet	Chariton	1935–1937
James Marsh Douglas	St. Louis	1937–1949
Raymond B. Lucas	Scott	1938
Albert M. Clark	Ray	1939–1950
Laurence Mastick Hyde	Mercer	1943–1966; 1966–1976
Roscoe P. Conkling	Buchanan	1947–1954
Sidna Poage Dalton	Cape Girardeau	1950–1965
Frank Hollingsworth	Audrain	1950–1964
Henry J. Westhues	Howard	1954–1963
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
Charles Blakey Blackmar	St. Louis	1982–1992
Edward D. Robertson Jr.	Cole	1985–1998
Ann K. Covington	Boone	1989–2001
John C. Holstein	Howell	1989–2002
Duane Benton	Cole	1991–2004
Elwood L. Thomas	Clay	1991–1995
William Ray Price Jr.	Jackson	1992–2012
Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr.	Cape Girardeau	1992–2008
Ronnie L. White	St. Louis	1995–2007
Michael A. Wolff	St. Louis	1998–2011
Laura Denvir Stith	Jackson	2001–Present
Richard B. Teitelman	City of St. Louis	2002–Present
Mary R Russell	Marion	2004–Present
Patricia Breckenridge	Vernon	2007–Present
Zel M. Fischer	Atchison	2008–Present
George W. Draper III	St. Louis	2011–Present
Paul C. Wilson	Cole	2012–Present



Missouri Court of Appeals

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

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

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

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

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

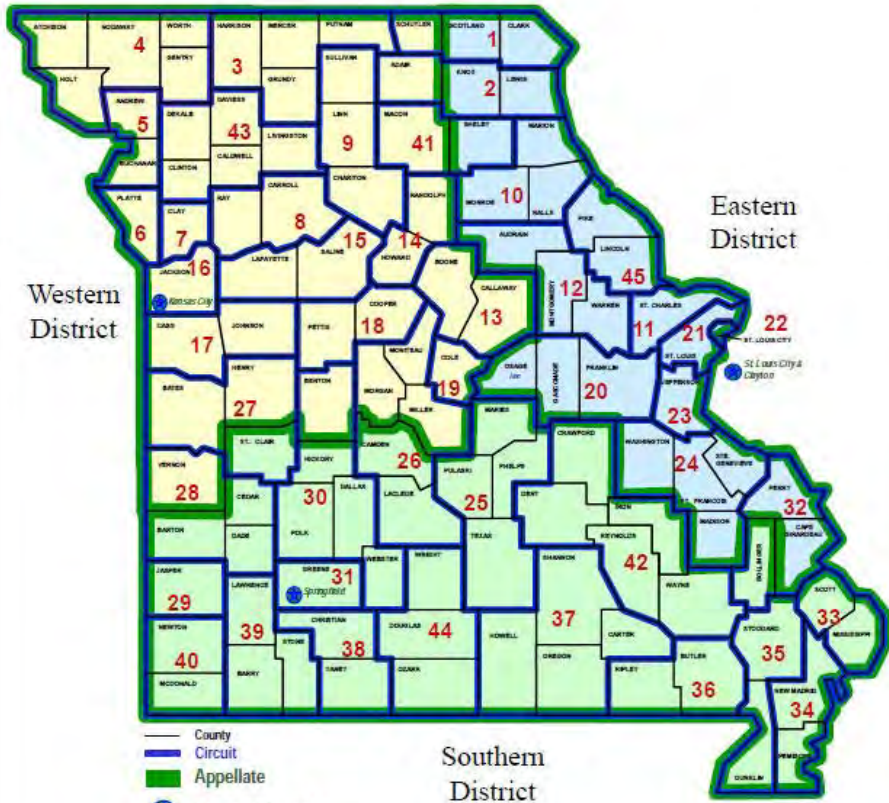
The Missouri Court of Appeals may issue and determine original remedial writs and has general appellate jurisdiction in all cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Cases not within the Supreme Court's exclusive jurisdiction, however, may be transferred from the Court of Appeals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

A chief judge is elected for each district of the Missouri Court of Appeals by the judges in the districts and serves for such time as the districts determine. Traditionally, the chief judge in the Eastern District serves for one year, while the chief judges in the Southern and Western districts serve for two years.

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

Missouri Court of Appeals judges must be at least 30 years of age, licensed to practice law in Missouri, residents of their district, U.S. citizens for 15 years and qualified Missouri voters for nine years before their selection. Appeals judges serve 12-year terms. They earn \$134,685 annually. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).

Missouri's Court of Appeals Districts





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The Eastern District Court of Appeals sits in St. Louis. Judges serve 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the 14 judges earns an annual salary of \$154,176. 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.



LISA VAN AMBERG

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



ROBERT M. CLAYTON III

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

PATRICIA L. COHEN**Office phone:** (314) 539-4330.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq.; 815 Olive St., St. Louis, 63101.

Biography: Born May 24, 1956, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Michigan, B.A., with high honors, 1978; Cornell Law School, J.D., 1982. In private practice from 1982–1997. Member: American and Metropolitan St. Louis bar associations, Women Lawyer’s Associations of Greater St. Louis, National Association of Women Judges. Former or present member: Missouri Board of Certified Court Reporters, chair; Supreme Court of Missouri Civil Rules Committee and Legislative Committee; Appellate Judge Education Committee; Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel Congregation, trustee and vice president of administration. Appointed circuit judge for the 22nd judicial circuit on Sept. 26, 1997. Retained in 1998. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Sept. 29, 2003. Retained in 2004. Chief judge, 2007–2008. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016.

**JAMES M. DOWD****Office phone:** (314) 539-4367.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq.; 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

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

**ROBERT G. DOWD JR.****Office phone:** (314) 539-4351.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq.; 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Born March 6, 1951, in St. Louis. Served as United States Senate page, 1967. Educated at University of Missouri–St. Louis; Quincy College, B.A.; St. Mary’s University, J.D. Married in 1982 to Denise Sandoz; they have three children. Engaged in private law practice with Dowd & Dowd P.C. Elected magistrate judge, 1978. Retained as associate circuit judge, 1982. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations; Lawyers Association; St. Mary’s University Alumni Association. Former chair of Judicial Education Committee and the Trial Judge Education Committee; former chair of Judicial Finance Commission. Board of directors: CYC. Past member: Quincy College Alumni Association, Mental Health Association, Daughters of St. Paul, Dismas House. Attended: National Judicial College, Reno, Nev.; American Academy of Judicial Education, Cambridge, Mass. Appointed circuit judge in 1985. Retained in 1986 and 1992. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Aug. 19, 1994. Retained in 1996 and 2008. Chief judge 1998–1999. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020.





GARY M. GAERTNER JR.

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



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Biography: Born March 22, 1958. Served as United States Senate Page, summer 1975. Educated in Crystal City Public Schools; Rockhurst University, B.A., 1980 in economics and philosophy; and University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married to Teresa Mayhew Hess with three sons. Engaged in the private practice of law for 30 years, the last 15 as a partner in Larsen & Hess, P.C. Member: St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church; 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; and Jefferson County Bar 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 Nov. 2013.



MARY KATHRYN HOFF

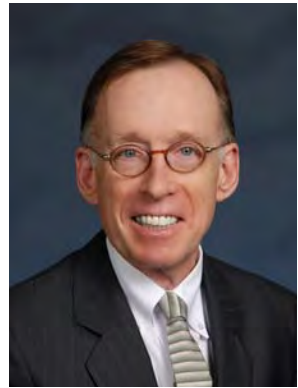
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Biography: Born Jan. 5, 1953, in St. Louis. Married with two children. Educated at University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., education, and St. Louis University, J.D. Served as assistant public defender, St. Louis City, 1978–1982, and was engaged in private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

LAWRENCE E. MOONEY**Office phone:** (314) 539-4361.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq., 815 Olive St., Ste. 304; St. Louis 63101.

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

**KURT S. ODENWALD****Office phone:** (314) 539-4341.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq., 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

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

**ANGELA TURNER QUIGLESS****Office phone:** (314) 539-4346.**Office address:** One Post Office Sq., 815 Olive St., St. Louis 63101.

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





ROY L. RICHTER

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



SHERRI B. SULLIVAN

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



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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.

MARY W. SHEFFIELD

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Biography: Chief judge. Born in Durham, N.C. Educated at North Carolina State University, B.A., 1976; and the University of Miami, J.D., 1980. Editor: *Lawyer of the Americas Journal of International Law*. Married to Dr. W. Kent Wray. Has two daughters, Jennifer Sheffield and Katherine Sheffield; one son Christopher Sheffield. Former president of the National College of Probate Judges and past president of the Blue Ridge Institute for Juvenile and Family Law Judges. Appointed to serve as one of four U.S. International Liaison Network Judges for the Hague Convention on Child Abduction. Co-founded the Russell House in Phelps County and CASA of South Central Missouri. Appointed to the Missouri Task Force on Aging-Out. Appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to chair the Missouri Family Court Committee. Received the CASA HOPE Award in 2011. Recipient of the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly's* Women's Justice Awards honoree class of 2012. Involved in her Rotary Club, PEO, the First United Methodist Church and the board for the Community Partnership Program. Elected as associate circuit judge for Phelps County in 1983 and then as presiding circuit judge for the 25th Judicial Circuit in 2004 and 2010. Appointed to the Court of Appeals in Dec. 2012. Retained in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.



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





DON E. BURRELL JR.

Office phone: (417) 895-6826.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Chief judge, 2011–13. Born Dec. 1960 in Springfield. Educated at Missouri State University, formerly Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., 1983; and the University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1991. Married Denise Campfield in 1983. They have one son, Brooks, and one daughter, Claire. Practiced law in Kansas City and Springfield. Member: UMKC Law Review; Order of Bench and Robe; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar associations; Judiciary’s Legislative Committee; Trial Court Education Committee, chair; Missouri Juvenile Court Improvement Project; Greene County Teen Court and Kids’ Court; Victory Trade School Community Advisory Board. Elected circuit judge of the 31st judicial circuit in 1998. Re-elected in 2000 and 2006 (three years as presiding judge). Inaugural recipient of Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association’s Judicial Excellence award in 2007. Appointed to the Court of Appeals Jan. 13, 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2022.



WILLIAM W. FRANCIS JR.

Office phone: (417) 895-6820.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

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



GARY W. LYNCH

Office phone: (417) 895-6825.

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

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

NANCY STEFFEN RAHMEYER

Office phone: (417) 895-6823.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

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

**DANIEL E. SCOTT**

Office phone: (417) 895-6822.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

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





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1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106

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The Western District Court of Appeals is headquartered in Kansas City. The court primarily hears cases in Kansas City but also sits in locations throughout the district. Judges are named to 12-year terms under a nonpartisan selection plan set out in the Missouri Constitution. Each of the district's 11 judges earns an annual salary of \$154,176. The chief judge serves a two-year term by rotation, generally according to seniority.

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.



ALOK AHUJA

Office phone: (816) 889-3601.

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

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



JOSEPH M. ELLIS

Office phone: (816) 889-3622.

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

Biography: Born Oct. 25, 1946, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.A., history; Washington University, J.D.; managing editor, *Urban Law Annual*. Married Linda Basler June 11, 1966; they have a daughter. Practiced law, 1972–1993. Served in U.S. Air Force, Office of Special Investigations and Judge Advocate General's Corps. Was municipal judge, City of Macon, 1987–1993. Member: Immaculate Conception Church; American, Missouri Young Lawyers Section, 1975–1983, chair, 1981–1982, board of governors, 1982–1990; division of judicial administration, chair, 2004–present; 41st judicial circuit (past president) and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations; 1970 White House Conference on Children, planner; Blue Ribbon Committee, Future of Services to Children, 1987; Industrial Development Authority of Macon, president, 1978–1993; the Bar Plan Foundation, trustee, 1994–1997; Committee on Judicial Independence, 2005. Awards: Outstanding Jaycee, 1973; Missouri Bar President's Award, 2005. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Aug. 4, 1993. Retained in 1994 and 2006. Chief judge, 2002–2004. Term expires by age on Oct. 25, 2016.

ANTHONY REX GABBERT**Office phone:** (816) 889-3605.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

Biography: Born in Kansas City. Educated University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A. 1980; Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., 1985. He has two daughters. Private practice, 1986, 1991–1994; assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 1987–91; prosecuting attorney, Gladstone, 1991–1993; municipal judge, North Kansas City, 1993–1994; associate circuit judge, circuit court, Clay County, 1994–2004; circuit judge, circuit court of Clay County, 2004–2013 (served as presiding judge 2008–2010); Member: Missouri Bar, Kansas Bar Association; Clay County Bar Association, past secretary–treasurer), Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; American Judges Association. Past member: Circuit Judge, Executive Council of the Missouri Judiciary, board member of the Missouri Judicial Legislative Steering Committee; board member of the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges' Association; 6th Congressional District member of the 1993 U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshall nomination selection committee; board of trustees, Clay–Platte–Ray Mental Health Tax Levy committee; board of trustees of North Kansas City Hospital, past secretary; and adjunct faculty: Mid-American Nazarene University, Ottawa University, Park University, Penn Valley Community College, Rockhurst University and William Jewell College. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, April 3, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2026.

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

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

**VICTOR C. HOWARD****Office phone:** (816) 889-3626.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

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





CYNTHIA LYNETTE MARTIN

Office phone: (816) 889-3617.

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

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



KAREN KING MITCHELL

Office phone: (816) 889-3620.

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

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



THOMAS H. NEWTON

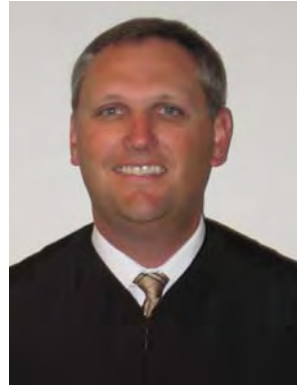
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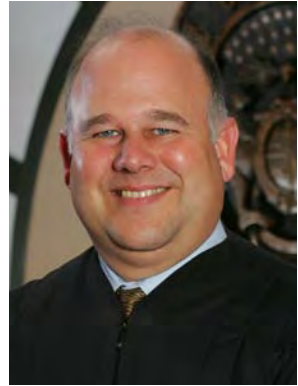
Biography: Born April 23, 1952, in Washington, DC. Graduate of Howard University, Washington, DC, B.A., J.D. Married to Renee Pryor of Kansas City. They have one daughter. Member: Swope Parkway United Christian Church. Former assistant prosecuting attorney, Jackson County, 1984–1987; former assistant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

MARK D. PFEIFFER**Office phone:** (816) 889-3614.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

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

**GARY D. WITT****Office phone:** (816) 889-3608.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

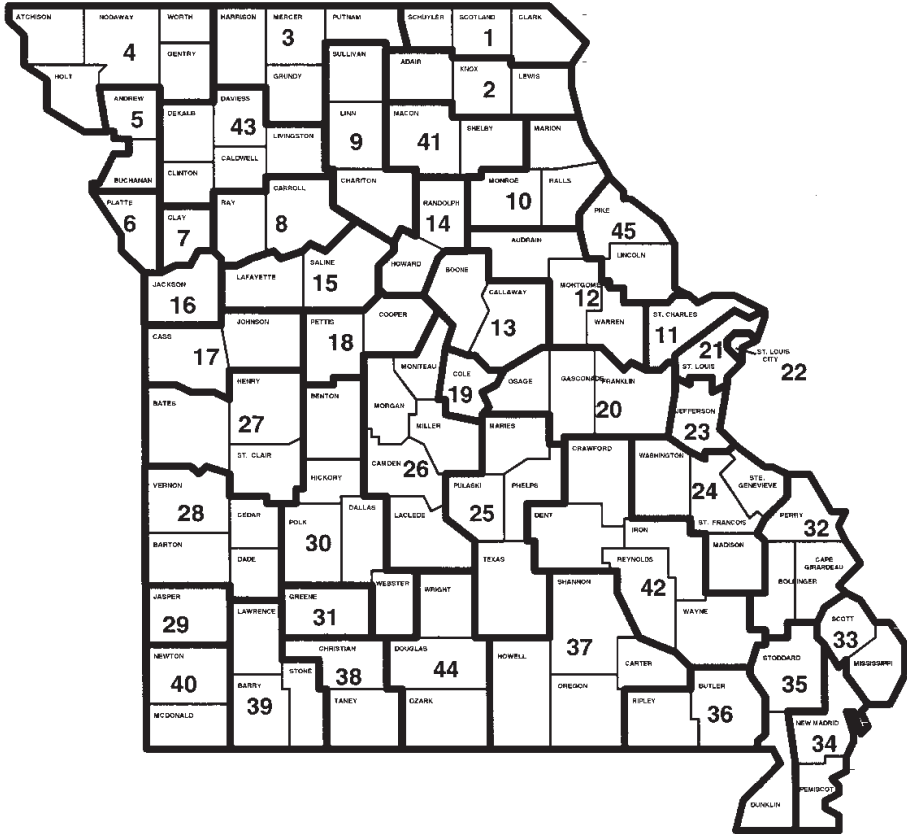
Biography: Born Feb. 2, 1965, in Smithville. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A., 1987; University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D., 1990. Married to Angie LaRose Witt, 1994. Practiced law, Witt, Hicklin and Witt, P.C. until his appointment as a Platte County associate circuit judge, 1998–2010. State representative 29th Dist., 1991–96 (chair, Judiciary and Ethics 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; Eleemosynary Society; Mechanical and Agricultural Society, stockholder; Historical Society, life member. Member: Edward D. Ellison Inn, KC MBA Board of Directors, judicial liaison; Judicial Conference Leg. Comm, chair; Walter Pope Binns Public Service Fellow; William Jewell College, Ten Outstanding Young Missourians, 1993; Missouri Jaycees, 1993. Voted Best Associate Circuit Judge; *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly* newspaper reader's poll 2009. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Feb. 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2024.

**JAMES E. WELSH****Office phone:** (816) 889-3632.**Office address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.

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



Missouri's 45 Judicial Circuits





Missouri Circuit Courts

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

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

Constitutional amendments approved by Missouri voters in 1976 provide that the circuit courts shall be courts of original civil and criminal jurisdiction. All trials start at this level. Former courts of limited jurisdiction became divisions of the circuit court effective 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 45 judicial circuits.

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

The constitution requires at least one resident associate circuit judge in each county. The statutes authorize additional associate circuit judges depending on county populations. Presently, there are 197 associate circuit judges.

Municipalities with 400,000 or more people must establish a municipal division over which a

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

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

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

Circuit court judges each earn \$146,803 annually; associate circuit court judges earn \$135,059. Compensation is determined by statute (section 476.405, RSMo).

The Fine Collection Center

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

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

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



Circuit Court Judges



Circuit 1

GARY DIAL

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

Counties: Clark, Schuyler and Scotland.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Oct. 12, 1955, in Kirksville. Graduate of Truman State (formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University), B.A., political science, 1977; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Lana Porter July 29, 1978. They have two children, Lydia and Brian. Engaged in private practice in Memphis. Served as prosecuting attorney of Scotland County, 1981–1996; city attorney for Memphis. Member: Missouri and American Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge on Jan. 30, 1996; elected November 1996 to fill an unexpired term. Re-elected 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 2

RUSSELL E. STEELE

Office address: Adair County Courthouse, 3rd Fl., 106 W. Washington, Kirksville 63501; phone (660) 665-3145.

Counties: Adair, Knox and Lewis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Feb. 27, 1952, in Kirksville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., economics, 1974; J.D., 1977. In private law practice, 1977–1997. Member: Missouri, Adair County and American Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge December 1997. Elected: 1998, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 3

JACK PEACE

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

Counties: Grundy, Harrison, Mercer and Putnam.

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

Circuit 4

ROGER M. PROKES

Office address: 305 N. Main, Ste. 204, Maryville 64468; phone (660) 582-4231.

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

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



Circuit 5—Division 3

PATRICK ROBB

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Nov. 6, 1955. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., political science; University of Missouri—Kansas City, J.D. Married Carol Ganter. They have two children, Nick and Andrea. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney in Buchanan County and practiced law for seven years. Elected associate circuit judge in 1986. Member: St. Joseph Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Missouri Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; chair, Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases; and Presiding Judges' Executive Committee. Elected circuit judge 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 5—Division 1

RANDALL R. JACKSON

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born July 19, 1949, in St. Joseph. Educated at Missouri Western State College; University of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., political science, 1971; J.D., 1974. Married Vicki Leigh Burton Aug. 22, 1981. They have two sons, Garrett and Tyler. Former assistant city attorney and prosecutor for the City of St. Joseph; engaged in private law practice. Appointed magistrate judge January 1977; served through December 1978. Elected associate circuit judge in 1978, 1982 and 1986. Member: Green Valley Baptist Church, Missouri Western College Department of Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and St. Joseph and Missouri Bar associations. Received W. Oliver Rasch Award for outstanding article in *Journal of Missouri Bar*, 1999. Appointed circuit judge Feb. 8, 1988. Elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 5—Division 2

WELDON C. JUDAH

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

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born July 2, 1949, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Missouri Western State College, B.S., business administration; University of Missouri—Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Linda C. Bachman. They have two daughters, Idean and Abigail. Admitted to The Missouri Bar, 1980; in private practice, 1981. Appointed Buchanan County assistant prosecutor, 1982–1986; elected St. Joseph municipal judge, 1986–1988; and Buchanan County associate circuit judge, 1988, 1990 and 1994. Appointed circuit judge 1995. Elected: 1996, 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Democrat.





Circuit 5—Division 4

DANIEL F. KELLOGG

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

County: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born Feb. 1, 1960, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Missouri Western State University, B.S., B.A. 1982; University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D., 1988. Married Jennifer Lang Dec. 30, 1988. They have four children: Xan, Joseph, Annaka and Jemel. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City, 1988–1990. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Buchanan County and practiced law from 1990–1995. Appointed associate circuit judge in 1995 by Gov. Mel Carnahan and retained in 1996 and 1998. Member: Wellspring Community Church; Central Standard Chorus; Robidoux Resident Theatre; St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce; Board of Trustees, Natl. Assoc. of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; American, Missouri and St. Joseph Bar associations; board member, Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals; and Missouri Western Arts Society. Elected circuit judge 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 6—Division 2

JAMES W. VAN AMBURG

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-2232.

County: Platte.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Oct. 23, 1951, in Dayton, Ohio. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A.; University of Missouri—Kansas City, M.A.; Washburn University School of Law, J.D. Assistant Platte County prosecuting attorney, 1987–1993. Member West Platte R-II School Board, 1986–1992; Missouri Bar Association; Probate and Associate Judges Association; Municipal and Associate Judges Association; and Platte County Bar Association. Appointed associate judge in 1993. Elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge in 2013. Elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 6—Division 1

THOMAS C. FINCHAM

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Ste. 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-2232.

County: Platte.

Biography: Born Aug. 21, 1956. Graduate of University of Missouri—Kansas City, B.A. economics, 1977; University of Missouri—Kansas City Law School, J.D. 1981. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City area, 1981–2010. Served as city attorney and city prosecutor, Dearborn, 1997–2003; municipal judge in the following jurisdictions: Oakview, 1995–2010; Richmond, 1999–2010; Ferrelview, 1998–2010; Riverside, 2006–2010; Platte Woods, 2003–2010; and Lawson, 2001–2006. Member: Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, president, 2011–2012, board member, 1999–present; Missouri, Platte County and Clay County Bar associations; and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate circuit judges, board of directors, 2013–present. Appointed associate circuit judge May 2010. Retained 2012. Appointed circuit judge November 2013 by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 1

SHANE T. ALEXANDER

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

County: Clay.

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

Circuit 7—Division 2

JANET SUTTON

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born August 1965, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, 1987, B.A., communication studies; J.D., 1990. Lives in Liberty with husband Tim Sutton and son Sam. Assistant prosecutor for Clay County, 1990–2003; chief assistant prosecutor, 2000–2003; municipal prosecutor for Excelsior Springs, May 1994–December 2000. Municipal judge for Excelsior Springs, January 2001–December 2002. Legal counsel to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, 1993–1999. Member: Clay County Bar Association; Association of Women Lawyers of Kansas City, Missouri Associate and Probate Judges Association, Missouri Municipal and Associate Judges Association, and KCMB. Appointed associate circuit judge in January 2003. Retained 2004, 2008 and 2012. Appointed circuit judge in July 2013. Retained in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020.



Circuit 7—Division 3

K. ELIZABETH DAVIS

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

County: Clay.

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



Circuit 7—Division 4

LARRY HARMAN

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born Aug. 29, 1953, in St. Joseph. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1975. Married Debra A. (Perry) Harman. They have three children. Member of Liberty United Methodist Church. Engaged in private practice, 1978; assistant public defender, Clay County; Clay County prosecuting attorney; municipal judge, Claycomo; city attorney, Smithville and Lathrop; prosecuting attorney, Liberty; and special assistant attorney general, 1986–1987. Active with various local service groups and charities. Member: Kansas City Federation of Musicians 34-627; past member, Missouri Masonic Home Board. Appointed circuit judge Aug. 26, 1992. Retained in 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 8

DAVID H. MILLER

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

Countries: Carroll and Ray.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Oct. 6, 1947, in Springfield. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., 1969; J.D., 1975. Married to Valerie Miller with two children, Ian and Whitney. Served in the United States Navy, 1969–1972, with rank at discharge of lieutenant, senior grade. General practice, 1975–1989. District public defender, 1989–2008. Served as president of Ray County Ambulance District, 1985–2009. Member: Richmond United Methodist Church; Ray County and Missouri Bar Associations; and Richmond Kiwanis Club, past president. Elected 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.





Circuit 9
TERRY TSCHANNEN

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

Counties: Chariton, Linn and Sullivan.

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



Circuit 10
RACHEL BRINGER SHEPHERD

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

Counties: Marion, Monroe and Ralls.

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

College and American Red Cross. Honored by the Missouri Judicial Conference, NAACP, UMC School of Law, Missouri Bar, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Association of School Administrators and Palmyra Chamber of Commerce. Appointed circuit judge Dec. 30, 2010. Elected 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 11—Division 2
NANCY L. SCHNEIDER

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 439, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900, ext. 5512.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri, Lindenwood College, B.A., business administration, *magna cum laude*, 1978; St. Louis University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1981. She has two daughters, Kristin and Meghan. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1981–1991. Board of governors, Truman State University, 1987–1995; special assistant, Missouri attorney general, 1989–1991; prosecuting attorney, St. Charles County Juvenile Court, 1986–1990; special assistant, St. Charles county counselor, 1986–1987; and appointed St. Charles County associate judge, 1991. Elected in 1992 and 1994. Elected circuit judge 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 1
TED HOUSE

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 539, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-3093.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in Kansas City. Graduate of Fayette High School, 1977; Central Methodist University, B.A., 1981; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1984. Married Martha Smith in St. Charles. Children: Benjamin, Catherine and Daniel. Employment: private law practice, St. Charles; asst. professor of business law and political science, Lindenwood University; emergency medical technician; legal intern for Missouri attorney general; field representative for Congressman Ike Skelton. Member: First United Methodist Church of St. Charles. Immediate past president, Missouri Circuit Judges Association.

Elected to Missouri House of Representatives 1988, 1990 and 1992; Missouri Senate, 1994 and 1998. Associate circuit judge, 2002; circuit judge, 2004, 2008 and 2014. Term expires December 31, 2020. Democrat.

Circuit 11—Division 3

JACK BANAS

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born Sept. 3, 1954, Lorain, Ohio. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., criminal justice, 1976; M.S., criminal justice administration, 1982; St. Louis University, J.D., 1991. Married Kathy Banas; they have two sons, John and Jacob. Employment: St. Charles City Police, 1977–1991, 1995–1998; Riezman and Blitz Law Firm, 1991–1992; St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, assistant prosecuting attorney, 1992–1994, 1994–1995; and Charlie James Law Firm, 1994–1995. Member: Sts. Joachim and Ann Church; Advisory Board, Crisis Nursery; former president and board member, The Child Center and St. Charles County Bar Association. Elected prosecuting attorney for St. Charles County 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Elected circuit judge, 2013. Term expires 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 11—Division 4

RICHARD K. ZERR

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Administrative judge of the Family Court. Born April 10, 1949. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, A.B., political science; University of Arkansas—Fayetteville, J.D. First lieutenant-retired U.S. Air Force. Served in St. Charles County: magistrate judge, 1975–1978; associate circuit judge, 1979–1982; and circuit judge 2007–present. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Charles County Bar Association, American Judges Association, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Elected November 2006. Elected presiding judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit for 2011–2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 5

JON A. CUNNINGHAM

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born Nov. 8, 1955, in Louisiana. Graduate of Truman State University, B.S., education in history, *magna cum laude*, 1978; University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D., 1982. Married to Sally Cunningham; they have one son, Jonathan. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1982–1990. Past president, St. Charles County Bar Association; member, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1991–2011; and National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Elected associate circuit judge in 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002. Elected circuit judge in 2006 and 2012. Elected presiding judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit for 2009–2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 7

DANIEL PELIKAN

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born Jan. 11, 1958, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University High School, 1976; University of Missouri, B.J., 1980; St. Louis University Law School, J.D., 1984. Married to Lisa (White) Pelikan. They have two sons, Nicholas and Jake. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1985–1998; St. Charles County assistant county counselor, 1985–1986; and county counselor, 1986–1987. Member: Children's Trust Fund Board, 1988–1993, chair, 1991–1993; Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2001–2003; United Services for the Handicapped board, 1989–1999, chair, 1995–1996; St. Cletus Catholic Church; St. Charles Rotary Club; Boys and Girls Club Board; and Eagle Scout Association. Appointed to Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Domestic Relations Cases and Supreme Court Automation Committee. Elected associate judge 1998 and 2002. Elected circuit judge 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.





Circuit 12
WESLEY DALTON

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

Counties: Audrain, Montgomery and Warren.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Oct. 10, 1958 in St. Charles. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 1982; J.D., 1988. Married. Has eight children: Nicole, Taylor, Michael, Ariel, Allison, Rilee, Madison and Mitchell. Operated solo practice in Warrenton, 1988–2000, and represented Warren County as special counsel. Served as primary Drug Court judge, Warren County, 2003–07, and again in 2011–2013. Elected to the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, board of directors, 2005. Appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court as a board member of the Centralized Fine Collection Bureau Committee. Warren County Rotary Club, ast president; City of Warrenton Tourism Committee, past chair; Warrenton Rotary Club and the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, member/past president; Warrenton Boy Scout Troop 22 member and committee chair. Appointed to the Associate Circuit Court by Gov. Wilson, 2001. Elected in 2002. Retained in 2006 and 2010. Elected presiding circuit judge, 2013. Term expires 2018. Republican.



Circuit 13—Division 1
CHRISTINE CARPENTER

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

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Oct. 20, 1947, in Syracuse, N.Y. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A, art history and archaeology, 1973; J.D., 1980. Married Joseph Bindbeutel. Four sons: Gabriel, Burke, Nicholas and Duncan. Missouri Supreme Court Committee for Alternative Treatment Courts member since 2007; Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR) Fellow since 2009; faculty member, National Drug Court Institute, since 2002; and board member of Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals since 2008. Appointed Drug Court Commissioner in 1999. Appointed associate circuit judge in 2001. Elected 2002, 2006 and 2010. Appointed circuit judge in 2010 and elected in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 13—Division 2
GARY OXENHANDLER

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

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Born in St. Louis, 1946. Graduate of University City High School, 1964; University of Missouri, B.A., 1968; and J.D., 1973. Served in the United States Army, 1969–1970. Married for 43 years. Private practice for 29 years with Marvin Tofle. AV Rating Martindale-Hubbel. Member of numerous boards and commissions, including: Columbia Chamber of Commerce, president; Columbia’s 1996 Race Relations Task Force, co-chair; Boone County’s 1997 Jail Task Force, chair; and 2000 Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force. Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission. Supreme Court Education Committee. Interests include competitive handball, golf and reading. Appointed circuit judge in 2002. Elected in 2004 and 2010. Term expires in 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 13—Division 3
KEVIN CRANE

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

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

Circuit 13—Division 4

JODIE CAPSHAW ASEL

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

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Born June 9, 1950, in Chaffee. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.—Columbia, B.S., 1972; J.D., 1975. Married to Donald B. Asel; three daughters: Ashley, Toby and Mackenzie. Boone Co. asst. prosecuting attorney, 1976–1978; asst. public defender, 1979–1980; and private practice, 1981–1991. Served on Exec. Council of the Judicial Conf., 1994–2006; Board of Directors, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 1995–2002, president, 2000–2001. Supreme Court committees: Family Court, Case Management; Fine Collection; Legislative Steering; Trial Judge Education, vice chair; Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education; and Presiding Judges' Exec. Comm. Missouri Bar committees: Foresight and the Division of Judicial Administration; Exec. Committee of the Boone Co. Bar, 2003–2006, pres., 2004–2005. Officer of the Mo. Circuit Judges Assoc., 2010–2013, president, 2012–2013. Appointed associate circuit judge 1991. Elected in 1992–2006. Elected circuit judge 2006, 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.



Circuit 14

SCOTT HAYES

Office Address: Randolph County Justice Center, 372 Hwy. JJ, Ste. C, Huntsville 65259; phone (660) 277-4240.

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 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 15

DENNIS A. ROLF

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

Counties: Lafayette and Saline.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Dec. 7, 1958, in Warrensburg. Graduate of Santa Fe High School, Alma, 1977; University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., agricultural economics, 1980; J.D., 1983. Married Rebecca S. Owens, 1981; they have three children. Practiced law in Carrollton, 1983–1984, and in Concordia, 1984–2000. Assistant prosecutor for Lafayette County; public defender for Lafayette and Saline counties; municipal prosecutor for Alma, Concordia, Corder, Higginsville, Napoleon and Wellington; municipal attorney for Alma, Concordia, Corder, Napoleon and Wellington; and municipal judge for Alma, Higginsville, Lexington, Napoleon, Waverly and Wellington. Member: Trinity Lutheran Church, Alma; Santa Fe R-10 Foundation, Inc.; Missouri, Lafayette and Saline County Bar associations; The Missouri Bar Disciplinary Committee; and active in youth activities. Elected circuit judge 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 16—Division 4

JUSTINE E. DEL MURO

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

Home address: Kansas City.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born July 15, 1955, in Chicago, Ill. Graduate of the University of Missouri—Kansas City, B.A., speech and hearing sciences/psychology; University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1981–1984. Practiced law at Legal Aid, the Jackson County public defender's office and the Popham Law Firm. Adjunct professor at Rockhurst College, 1990–1991. Member: Association of Women Lawyers; Missouri, Hispanic and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar associations. Recipient of the David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award, 1990. Appointed circuit judge July 30, 1993. Retained in 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 16—Division 1

SANDRA C. MIDKIFF

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born Aug. 29, 1950, in St. Louis. Graduate of Normandy High School, St. Louis, 1968; Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., B.A., political science, 1972; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1975, with honors. Engaged in private practice from 1975 until her appointment to the bench. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; founding member of Association of Women Lawyers; former board member, Legal Aid of Western Missouri (LAWMO); and former board member, Rose Brooks Center. 2008 Recipient of Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Benjamin Cardozo Award for Judicial Courage and Excellence. Appointed circuit judge March 8, 2002. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires December 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 2

KENNETH R. GARRETT III

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: From Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., political science; master's, public administration; and J.D. Served as an instructor in strategic business planning and policy at Baker University, Overland Park, Kan. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, 2004–2010. Prior to joining the Jackson County prosecuting attorney's office, worked as an assistant attorney general for the state of Missouri, representing various state agencies in civil matters. Member of The Missouri Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association, American Bar Association, Jackson County Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge Aug. 26, 2010.

Retained in 2012. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Jay Nixon on Oct. 4, 2013. Retained in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 3

DAVID M. BYRN

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

County: Jackson.

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

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



Circuit 16—Division 5

JAMES F. KANATZAR

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of Creighton Univ., B.A.; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, J.D. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, 1993–2000, and 2002–2007. During that time, he was a trial team leader, chief trial asst., chief deputy pros. and also served on the homicide committee for the prosecutor's office. Associate for Armstrong Teasdale, Kansas City, 2000–2002. Jackson County prosecutor, 2007, elected i2008. Serves on the Board of Governors and the Criminal Law Committee for The Missouri Bar. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Eastern Jackson County Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association; and past member, of

Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Recipient of Louis Lombardo Prosecutor of the Year Award, Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from Jackson County and recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Defense with Patriotic Employer Award for support of Guard and Reserve forces. Appointed to the court by Gov. Jay Nixon in 2011. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 16—Division 6

J. DALE YOUNGS

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

County: Jackson.

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



Circuit 16—Division 7

S. MARGENE BURNETT

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Not available.

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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: Not available.

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Circuit 16—Division 9

JOEL P. FAHNESTOCK

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born March 1, 1969, in Marshall. Graduate of William Woods College, B.S., English communications, teaching certification secondary schools; 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 in December 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 16—Division 10

PATRICK W. CAMPBELL

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

County: Jackson.

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



Circuit 16—Division 11

W. BRENT POWELL

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born July 21, 1970. Originally from Springfield. Undergraduate degree at William Jewell College; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1996. Editor for the *Missouri Law Review*, Student Bar Association president and student law clerk for Missouri Supreme Court Judge Elwood Thomas. Practiced law at Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City. Assistant prosecutor in Platte County prosecutor's office, 1997. Assistant U.S. attorney for the United States attorney's office in 2001. Served as the chief of the General Crimes Unit and executive assistant U.S. attorney. Serves on Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts and the Trial Judge Education Committee. He and his wife Beth live in Kansas City. Appointed circuit judge in February 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 12

JENNIFER M. PHILLIPS

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of Milan C-2 High School, Milan, 1993; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., speech communication, 1997; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 2001. Practiced at Missouri Department of Revenue General Counsel's Office, 2001–2002; assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, 2002–2014. During that time, she was an assistant prosecutor in the Community Justice Unit and Major Crimes Unit. She became a trial team leader in the Street Crimes Unit and a chief trial assistant in the Violent Crimes Unit. Member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Association of Women Lawyers. Recipient of Lon O. Hocker Award from Missouri Bar, 2011. Appointed to the court by Gov. Jay Nixon in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 13

CHARLES H. MCKENZIE

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-3613.

County: Jackson.

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

Circuit 16—Division 14

JOHN M. TORRENCE

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born Dec. 7, 1957, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri—Columbia and St. Louis University, B.A., 1979; University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1982. Married Julie Marie Hill June 3, 1989; they have three children. Former assistant public defender, Jackson County, 1982–1988. Engaged in private practice and partner in law firm, 1988–2001. Member: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge July 12, 2001. Retained in 2002, 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 15

ROBERT M. SCHIEBER

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born Nov. 15, 1960. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, dual degree, broadcast journalism and advertising, 1983; University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1988. He is married and the father of three children. Law clerk for then-Circuit Judge John I. Moran, 1988. Appointed by Jackson County Circuit Court as Family Court commissioner, May 2000. Assistant legal advisor to the Kansas City Police Department, 1998–2000. He was also on contract with the Jackson County Family Court's Office of the Juvenile Officer from 1997 until his appointment as family court commissioner, representing that office in cases on appeal. Has worked in public and private practice, prosecuting and defending criminal cases and has had an extensive civil litigation practice. Appointed circuit judge November 2006. Retained in 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 16

MARCO A. ROLDAN

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born June 13, 1957, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1979; University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married with three children. Appointed circuit judge Sept. 28, 1999. Retained in 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 17

JACK R. GRATE

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

County: Jackson.

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





Circuit 16—Division 18

KEVIN D. HARRELL

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born April 4, 1970, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., administration of justice, 1993; J.D., 1998. Appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon on July 24, 2012. At the time of his appointment, he was the chief deputy prosecuting attorney for the Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office. During his 15-year tenure, he was honored three times by his colleagues as Victim Champion of the Year in 2001 and 2003, and as Trial Attorney of the Year in 2005. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 19

KATHLEEN A. FORSYTH

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of Emporia State University, B.S., business administration; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Engaged in private law practice, 1980–1994. Appointed Jackson County Probate Court commissioner, 1994. Served as council member, vice chair and chair, Missouri Probate and Trust Law Committee; Kansas City Metro Bar Association Probate and Estate Planning Committee, vice chair and chair; and Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, executive committee, board and treasurer. Member: Missouri Bar Gender and Justice Committee; Pets for Life Board, Legal Beagle Chapter. Appointed circuit judge June 19, 2003. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 17—Division 1

WILLIAM B. COLLINS

Office address: Cass County Juvenile Justice Center, 2501 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8180.

Counties: Cass and Johnson.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Dec. 1, 1956 in Kansas City. Graduate of Rockhurst University, 1979, B.S., B.A., accounting; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1982. Member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association; and The Missouri Bar. Resides in Harrisonville. Elected associate circuit judge 1994. Re-elected 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. Elected circuit judge Nov. 6, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 17—Division 2

R. MICHAEL WAGNER

Office address: Johnson County Justice Center, 101 W. Market, Warrensburg 64093; phone (660) 422-7407.

Counties: Cass and Johnson.

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

Circuit 18

ROBERT L. KOFFMAN

Office address: Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia 65301; phone (660) 827-5000, ext. 465.

Counties: Cooper and Pettis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Dec. 24, 1953, in Maryville. Educated at Moberly public schools. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1977; St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, J.D., 1980. Married Doris Fry, 1981. Two children, John and Kathryn. Associate circuit judge, Pettis County, 1981–2005. Member: Wesley United Methodist Church; Missouri and Pettis County Bar associations; Sedalia School Foundation; AF & AM Lodge No. 272; Legislative Steering Committee and Executive Council, Missouri Judicial Conference; Sedalia Jaycees, past vice president; Circuit Court Budget Committee member; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, past president; Sedalia Symphony Society; Central Missouri State University Alumni Band; and Sedalia Rotary Club. Appointed circuit judge 2005. Elected 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



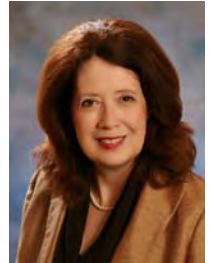
Circuit 19—Division 4

PATRICIA JOYCE

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

County: Cole.

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



Circuit 19—Division 1

JON E. BEETEM

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

County: Cole.

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



Circuit 19—Division 2

DANIEL R. GREEN

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

County: Cole.

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





Circuit 20—Division 1

Gael D. Wood

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

Counties: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Oct. 23, 1947, in Washington. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 1969; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., with distinction, 1975. Married; one daughter, Samantha. In private practice in Washington, 1975–2000. Served as municipal judge for Washington and Owensville. Served as president of 20th Circuit Bar Association; Washington Rotary; Washington Area Chamber of Commerce; and Emmaus Homes, Inc., board of directors. Member: Emmaus Homes, Inc., Property Board. Elected circuit judge in 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 20—Division 2

I.I. Lamke

Office address: Franklin County Judicial Center, 401 E. Main St., Room 100B, Union 63084; phone (636) 583-6309.

Counties: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage.

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



Circuit 21—Division 2

MAURA McSHANE

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 104 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1502.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in San Antonio, Texas. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.S.; South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, J.D. Private practice, 1982–1984. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1984–1994. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations and Women Lawyers Association. Appointed circuit judge: October 17, 1994. Retained in 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014. Term expires December 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 1

ROBERT S. COHEN

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born July 4, 1946, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia and Washington University, A.B.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Married Aug. 16, 1970, to Sheila Ann Brin. They have two children. Engaged in private law practice. Elected to two terms as magistrate, Second District, St. Louis County. Served as magistrate and associate circuit judge, 1975–1994. Member: Congregation Shaare Emeth; Missouri and St. Louis County (past president) Bar associations. Appointed circuit judge July 6, 1994, by Gov. Mel Carnahan. Retained in 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014. Presiding judge, 1998–2000. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

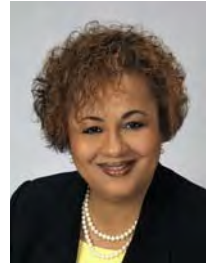
Circuit 21—Division 3

SANDRA FARRAGUT-HEMPHILL

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Dec. 9, 1953, in Tampa, Fla. Graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., B.S., political science, *cum laude*; University of Florida School of Law, J.D. Served as associate at Bell, Harris Kirksey and Thomas; staff attorney at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri; assistant county counselor for St. Louis County; and engaged in private practice until appointment to the bench in March 1991. Member: Missouri Bar, Mound City Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women Lawyers Association, National Bar Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Inc.. Faculty member of the Trial Judges Education Committee since 2007. Served as associate circuit judge, 1991–2014. Appointed circuit judge November 2015 by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 4

THOMAS J. PREBIL

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Feb. 17, 1946, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A., 1968; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1971; Married to Ann M. Fehlig Aug. 20, 1969; they have three children. Served in the U.S. Army Reserves, 1971–1980; served as assistant public defender in the City of St. Louis, 1972–1975; and engaged in private law practice from 1975–2009. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Louis County Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Lawyers Association, Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and Missouri Master Gardeners. Appointed circuit judge June 10, 2009. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 5

THEA A. SHERRY

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in London, England. Graduate of University of California–Riverside, B.A.; Washington University in St. Louis, J.D. Married in 1978 and has two children. Law clerk for Honorable Gerald Smith, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District; served as assistant public defender in St. Louis County; and engaged in private practice until appointment to the bench in 1998. Member of Missouri Bar, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations, Lawyers Association and Women Lawyers Association. Adjunct professor of law at Washington University School of Law. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Mel Carnahan July 1998. Retained in 2000, 2004 and 2008. Appointed circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon February 2011. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 6

DOUGLAS R. BEACH

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Sept. 20, 1948, Kittery, Maine. Undergrad, Central Connecticut State Univ.; J.D., New England School of Law, *cum laude*. Member: Missouri Bar; Mass. Bar; St. Louis County Bar; St. Louis Metropolitan Bar Assoc.; past pres., St. Louis County Bar; chair, Family Law Section, Mo. Bar and Metropolitan Bar associations; past pres., American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Mo. Chapter; fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; Children's Home Society; Kids in the Middle Programs; certified Matrimonial Arbitrator; Outstanding Young Lawyer, St. Louis County Bar. Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America," 1991–2005, and St. Louis "Top Lawyers," *St. Louis Magazine*. Author: *Trial Practice in Domestic Relations and Division of Marital Property in Missouri*; city attorney for Chesterfield 1988–2005; Lt. col., U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, retired; and 2011 recipient of Champion of Kids Award. Appointed associate circuit judge 2005. Retained 2008. Appointed circuit judge 2010. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 21—Division 7
CAROLYN C. WHITTINGTON

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in Chicago, Ill. Graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., B.S., journalism; St. Louis University, J.D. Married Joseph M. Whittington Aug. 12, 1972. They have two children. Served as assistant county counselor, 1980–1987. Engaged in private law practice from 1987 until appointment to the bench. Member: Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, president, 2002. Appointed associate circuit judge October 1992, by Gov. John Ashcroft. Retained in 1994 and 1998. Appointed circuit judge December 2001 by Gov. Bob Holden. She was retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 8
TOM W. DEPRIEST JR.

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Oct. 9, 1947, in Poplar Bluff. Educated at Southeast Missouri State University and University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S. and J.D. Married to Mary S. Dreyer. They have three children. Served in the U.S. Army, 1969–1971. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations and Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney and chief warrant officer, St. Louis County, 1975–2000. Appointed circuit judge June 14, 2000. Retained in 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



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 July 15, 1958, in Dayton, Ohio. Graduate of Tenn. State Univ.—Nashville, B.S.E.E.; Univ. of Wisconsin—Madison Law School, J.D. Married Marcia Nathelia Thomas June 5, 1982. They have two children. Asst. circuit atty. 1988–93, homicide unit and felony staff supervisor. Actively practiced law until appointment to the bench. Participated in truancy court—Pattonville School Dist. and high school mock trial competition for Pattonville and Marquette High Schools (five state championships). Currently high school mock trial coach, Normandy High School. Member: Missouri Bar, Bar Association of

Metro St. Louis and Mound City Bar Association. Elected Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2008–2010. Appointed to Supreme Court Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Previous appointments and service: Supreme Court Judicial Finance Commission, Supreme Court special judge, 2005, and St. Louis For Kids board member. Appointed circuit judge Nov. 14, 1997. Retained in 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 10
MICHAEL T. JAMISON

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Dec. 16, 1949, St. Louis. Graduate of O'Fallon Technical High School, 1968; Washington University, B.A., political science, 1976; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1976. Married attorney Gayle C. Williams in St. Louis, 1975. Children: Dorian, Brandon and Brenton. Employment: field attorney, Region 14, National Labor Relations Board 1976–1992; private practice, Lashly & Baer, 1992–1994; and associate general counsel, Anheuser-Busch Companies, 1994–1997. Member of numerous boards and adjunct professor at several colleges. Appointed associate circuit judge May 8, 1997. Appointed circuit judge Oct. 6, 2005. Retained in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 21—Division 11

ELLEN LEVY-SIWAK

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 501 S. Brentwood, Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1511.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Aug. 3, 1963, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, A.B., 1985; J.D., 1988. Married to Jeffrey Siwak; they have two children. Prior to appointment to the bench, actively practiced law as a litigation partner at Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein & Zafft. Member: Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations; St. Louis County Bar Association, president, 2005; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, president 2006–2007; National Association of Women Judges, director, 2006–2008; and Mound City and Women’s Lawyer’s Bar associations. Serves on the faculty of the state trial judge education programs. Appointed Family Court commissioner June 9, 1999. Appointed associate circuit judge May 22, 2002. Retained in 2010. Appointed circuit judge Jan. 24, 2008. Retained in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 12

STEVEN H. GOLDMAN

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Sept. 26, 1946, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, A.B.; St. Louis University, J.D. Married to Victoria R. Kochner, 1979; they have two children. Served in the U.S. Army Reserve, discharged in 1971. Assistant prosecuting attorney in the St. Louis County Prosecutor’s Office, 1972–1988; chief trial attorney, 1977. Member: United Hebrew Temple; Phi Delta Phi; Sigma Alpha Mu; St. Louis County Bar Association; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Grievance Committee, St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine Society; and *ad hoc* committee to revise Supreme Court criminal rules, chair. Guest lecturer: Metropolitan Police Academy; St. Louis County Police Education Services; and Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. Appointed circuit judge Feb. 19, 1988. Retained in 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 13

BARBARA W. WALLACE

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born June 9, 1951, in Blue Island, Ill. Graduate of Washington University, A.B., economics; J.D. Married Aug. 21, 1971. Engaged in private law practice, 1976–1995, until appointed to the bench. Member: Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations; Lawyers Association, president, 1989–1990; Women Lawyers Association, president, 1980–1981. Elected lawyer member, Judicial Nominating Commission, 21st Judicial Circuit, 1988–1994. Awards: Outstanding Young Lawyer, 1985; President’s Award, 1988. Appointed circuit judge Nov. 15, 1995. Retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Elected presiding judge 2000–2004. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 14

KRISTINE ALLEN KERR

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born 1959, in Philadelphia, Pa. Graduate of Brown University, B.A., economics, 1982; Boston University, J.D., 1985. Clerkship: Missouri Court of Appeals (ED), 1986–87. Engaged in private law practice, 1987–88. Assistant public defender, St. Louis City Trial Office, 1988–99; Capital Division, 1990–93; first assistant public defender, St. Louis City, 1993–2003; and assistant public defender, St. Louis County, 2003–2004. Appointed Family Court Commissioner (Juvenile Division), 2004; retained 2008. Member: St. Louis County Bar Association, the Women Lawyer’s Association (President’s Award, 2011), the Lawyer’s Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Mound City Bar Association. Elected a Fellow in the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR), Washington, DC, 2009. Appointed circuit court judge 2012. Retained in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



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Circuit 21—Division 15

JOHN D. WARNER JR.

Office address: 501 W. Brentwood Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1515.

County: St. Louis.

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



Circuit 21—Division 16

MICHAEL D. BURTON

Office address: Family Court Center, 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1516.

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born June 20, 1960, in Philadelphia, Pa. Graduate of University of Notre Dame, B.A., government; Washington University, J.D. Married Sheila A. Shunick in 1991. They have three children. Assistant special public defender for St. Louis County and St. Louis City, 1985–1989. Engaged in private law practice, 1989–1999. Member: Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church; administrative judge of the family court, 2008–present; ADA Committee, chair; Domestic and Family Violence Council, chair; and Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis County Bar associations. Adjunct professor of law at St. Louis

University and Washington University law schools. Appointed associate circuit judge April 20, 1999. Retained in 2000. Appointed circuit judge Feb. 16, 2004. Retained in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 17

JOSEPH L. WALSH III

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Dec. 7, 1954, in St. Louis. Graduate of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, B.S., *cum laude*, 1977; St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas, J.D., 1984; and senior associate editor of *Law Review* and *Order of Barristers*. Married Eileen R. Walsh in 1982. They have five children. Private practice, 1984–2010, handling general civil trials and appeals. Served as municipal judge in the City of Creve Coeur, 2003–2010, and the City of Frontenac, 2000–2001. Member: Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church; Missouri Bar; Texas Bar; American Board of Trial Advocates; and St. Louis Lawyer's Association.

Lectured in the areas of civil trial practice and insurance law. Co-authored *MOBar CLE Tort Law Handbook*, Second Edition, Chap. 1, Intro and Overview; authored *Demonstrative Evidence*, St. Louis Lawyer, November 1992. Appointed circuit judge on May 14, 2010, by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Sworn in on June 11, 2010. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

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Circuit 21—Division 18

ELLEN (NELLIE) HANNIGAN RIBAUDO

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

County: St. Louis.

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

Circuit 21—Division 19

GLORIA CLARK RENO

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri—St. Louis, B.A., English; St. Louis University, J.D. Has one son through marriage. Previously an assistant public defender, 1988–1992; engaged in the private practice of law, 1992–2002; and served as municipal judge for the City of Northwoods, 1994–2002. Member: Women Lawyer’s Association; Mound City Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Domestic Relation Cases; and Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, board member. Appointed associate circuit judge March 8, 2002. Retained 2004 and 2008. Appointed circuit judge April 3, 2009. Retained 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 20

COLLEEN DOLAN

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born in Baltimore, Md. Graduate of University of Missouri—St. Louis, B.S., administration of justice; St. Louis University, J.D. Married to Glenn A. Norton; they have four children. Engaged in private law practice from 1984–1994, when appointed to the bench as an associate circuit judge. Retained in 1996. Member: St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, vice president, 1998, secretary, 1996–1997; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Supreme Court Committees on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Municipal Division Education, 1995–2000, and Family Law, 1997–1999; and ASTAR fellow, 2009. Appointed circuit judge March 30, 1999. Retained in 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



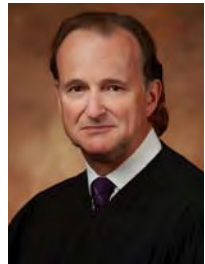
Circuit 22—Division 1

BRYAN L. HETTENBACH

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

City of St. Louis.

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



Circuit 22—Division 2

DAVID L. DOWD

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born Dec. 18, 1953, in St. Louis. Graduate of Quincy College, B.A.; St. Mary’s University, J.D. Engaged in private law practice with Dowd and Dowd, P.C., 1983–1984; assistant county counselor, 1984–1988; administrative law judge, 1988–1993; and chief administrative law judge, 1993–2000. Member: St. Raphael’s Catholic Church. Board of directors: Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, Dismas House of St. Louis and Catholic Youth Apostolate. Commissioner of the Judge Dowd Soccer League. Chair of Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline. Appointed circuit judge Dec. 13, 2000, by Gov. Roger B. Wilson. Retained in 2002, 2008 and 2014. Presiding judge 2009–2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 22—Division 3

ELIZABETH B. HOGAN

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4453.
City of St. Louis.

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



Circuit 22—Division 4

JULIAN L. BUSH

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-3668.
City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of the George Washington University and Washington University School of Law. In 1995, after practicing law for almost 20 years, he was appointed a circuit judge for the City of St. Louis. He is the author of many articles in legal journals and chapters in the Missouri CLE series of books. Appointed circuit judge June 15, 1995. Retained in 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 5

MARK H. NEILL

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

Biography: Born March 21, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A., history, 1971; J.D., 1974. Married Catherine Kelly Cross Dec. 28, 1973. They have four adult children: Thomas, John, Kevin and Katie. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis. Former attorney for the St. Louis Police Department. Member: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; and Lawyers Association of St. Louis. Appointed circuit judge Feb. 15, 2002. Retained in 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 22—Division 6

JAMES SULLIVAN

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

Biography: Not available.

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Circuit 22—Division 7

JOHN J. RILEY

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 613-7187.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born June 20, 1947, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.S., 1969; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1972. Married Kathleen Loberg June 7, 1975, in St. Louis. Engaged in private law practice, 1972–1995. Lieutenant colonel, United States Army Reserve, retired. Member: St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association, Missouri and St. Louis Metropolitan Bar associations and National Conference of Metropolitan Courts. Municipal judge, City of Black Jack, 1983–1995. Appointed circuit judge March 22, 1995. Presiding judge, 2005–2006. Retained in 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 8

MICHAEL F. STELZER

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4476.

St. Louis City

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



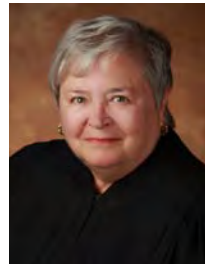
Circuit 22—Division 9

MARGARET M. NEILL

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born March 21, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A., J.D.; College of Notre Dame, M.Ed. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis. Past president, Lawyers Association of St. Louis and Missouri Circuit Judges Association. Member: Catholic Church; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners of Missouri, 1994–2006; Missouri Circuit Judges Association, 2009–present; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Women Lawyer's Association; and National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, board, 1998–2007, executive committee, 1999–2007, president, 2003. Presiding judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit, 2001–2002. Appointed circuit judge Feb. 5, 1993. Retained in 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 10

REX M. BURLISON

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Not available. Appointed circuit judge Aug. 9, 2011. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 22—Division 11

PHILIP D. HEAGNEY

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

Biography: Born Nov. 24, 1947, in Spokane, Wash. Graduate of Johns Hopkins University, B.A., 1970; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1976. Married Barbara Lynn Prosser Oct. 12, 1991. They have two children, Nathaniel Owen and Samuel Joseph. Engaged in private law practice, 1976–1996; general law practice in St. Louis. Member: St. Cronan Catholic Church; Gibson Heights Neighborhood Association; St. Margaret of Scotland Basketball; and Boy Scout Troop 110. Appointed circuit judge Feb. 28, 1996. Retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 12

DENNIS M. SCHAUMANN

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

Biography: Born Jan. 7, 1948, in the city of St. Louis. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Married Patricia Ann Singrun Aug. 23, 1969. Two children, Michael and Marissa. Two grandsons, Preston and Landon. Legal officer for the Juvenile Division, Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, 1973–1975. Private practice of law, 1975–1994. Appointed Municipal Judge for the City of St. Louis, 1981; reappointed 1985, 1989 and 1993. Served as presiding judge for the St. Louis Municipal Court, 1981–1993. Member: Lawyers Association of St. Louis; St. Louis Metropolitan Bar Association; and Missouri Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge Dec. 16, 1994. Retained in 1996. Appointed circuit judge Oct. 16, 1997. Retained in 1998, 2004, 2010 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 13

STEVEN R. OHMER

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

Biography: Born April 18, 1954, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis Univ. High, 1972; Florida State Univ., B.S., 1975; and Creighton Univ., J.D., 1979. Married to Roberta Marie Ohmer Dec. 29, 1976; two children, Rachel Caroline and Rebecca Anne. Assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis, 1979–1983, and 1987–1994; in private practice, 1983–1987, with Ohmer & Ohmer, P.C.; chief warrant officer for the circuit attorney, 1992–1994. Member: Missouri Supreme Court Circuit Court Budget Comm., chair; Missouri Supreme Court Family Court Comm.; American Judges Association; the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Lawyers Assoc. of St. Louis; Missouri and Illinois Bar associations. St. Pius V Catholic Church. Former assoc: athletic dir., St. Pius V; chair/member of St. Pius V Parish Council and Parents Council of Truman State Univ. Volunteer judge for Stand Down Project for homeless veterans and Washington Univ. School of Law Moot Court. Judge Ohmer authored and co-authored several articles. Appointed assoc. circuit judge June 16, 1994. Retained in 1996. Appointed circuit judge Aug. 1, 2000. Presiding judge, 2011–2012, and assistant presiding judge, 2009–2010. Retained in 2002, 2008 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 15

CHRISTOPHER E. MCGRAUGH

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

Biography: Born Oct. 18, 1960 in Saint Louis. Graduate of DeSmet Jesuit High School, 1979; St. Louis University, B.A., history, 1983; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1987. Married to Susan Woods; two children. Admitted to Missouri Bar Association, 1987. Assistant public defender, St. Louis County Trial Division, 1987–1990, Lead Counsel for Capital Litigation Unit, Missouri Public Defender Office the Eastern District, 1990–1992. From 1992 to appointment, principal in the law firm of Leritz, Plunkert and Bruning, P.C. Adjunct Professor of Law at St. Louis University School of Law and Washington University School of Law. Member of Missouri Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and St. Louis Lawyer Association. Appointed to the Associate Circuit by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon November 2012. Retained in 2014. Appointed to Circuit Court April 2015. Nonpartisan.

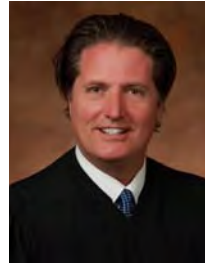
Circuit 22—Division 16

MICHAEL K. MULLEN

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 114 Market St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-3583.

City of St. Louis.

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



Circuit 22—Division 17

MICHAEL W. NOBLE

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

City of St. Louis.

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



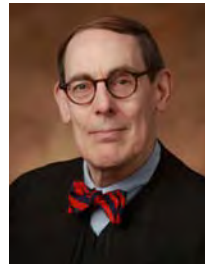
Circuit 22—Division 18

ROBERT H. DIERKER

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born Feb. 24, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, A.B.; University of Missouri—Kansas City, J.D.; and Harvard University, LL.M. Married Dorothy Dreyer July 3, 1982; they have three children. Law clerk to Joseph J. Simeone, Missouri Court of Appeals, summers 1973, 1974; associate with a St. Louis law firm, 1975–1978; and assistant and associate city counselor, City of St. Louis, 1979–1986. Candidate for Missouri House of Representatives, 1978; campaign treasurer for Paul Kiel, Missouri Senate candidate, 1978. Member: Catholic Church; Circuit Bar Committee, Division 1, 22nd Circuit, 1985–1986; Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations; and other legal and fraternal organizations. Appointed circuit judge February 1986. Retained in 1988, 1994, 2000 and 2006. Presiding judge, 1997–1998. Retained in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 19

JIMMIE EDWARDS

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4376.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A., 1978; J.D., 1982. Married to Stacy Maria. They have three children. He began private practice in a small law firm in St. Louis in 1981. In 1984, he joined Sabreliner Corporation. He then joined Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's legal staff. Serves as chair, Missouri Supreme Court's Records Committee; Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, member; served on the executive council for Missouri State Judges; and chief juvenile court judge for the City of St. Louis. Founder, Innovative Concept Academy. In 1992, he was appointed circuit judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 22—Division 20
EDWARD SWEENEY

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4452.
City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born Sept. 11, 1947, in St. Louis. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.—Columbia, A.B., political science, 1969; J.D., 1974; and St. Louis Univ., M.B.A., 1981. National Judicial College, certificates in trial judge and dispute resolution skills. Admitted to The Missouri Bar, 1974. Field artillery officer, Army, 1969–1971, including service with the 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam, 1970–1971. Democratic Committee, 8th Ward, St. Louis, 1984–1996. Delegate to the 1988 Democratic National Convention. Chair, third congressional district Democratic Committee, 1986–1992. Engaged in private law practice, 1974–1986, and as assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis, 1986–1997. Married Mary Myerscough Wiechens May 17, 1986. Father and step-father to four children. Member: Saint Joan of Arc parish, the St. Louis Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee and veterans and community organizations. Appointed associate circuit judge Dec. 12, 1997. Retained in 2000 and 2004. Appointed circuit judge Jan. 6, 2005. Retained in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 21
ROBIN RANSOM VANNOY

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4342.
City of St. Louis.

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



Circuit 22—Division 22
THOMAS J. FRAWLEY

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

Biography: Born Feb. 28, 1947, in Rochester, N.Y. Graduate of Hamilton College, B.A.; University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D. Member: National Advisory Board, National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response; Supreme Court Family Court Comm., chair, 1995–2004; and Supreme Court Comm. on Children’s Justice. Awards: Equal Justice, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri; Judge of the Year, Missouri Court Appointed Special Advocates; Person of the Year, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence, St. Louis Metropolitan Region; Champion of Kids, Kids-in-the-Middle, Inc.; President’s Advocacy, NBA ECHO Emergency Children’s Home; Outstanding Leader for Governmental Leadership, St. Louis Children’s Agenda, Vision for Children at Risk; Advocacy, St. Louis Mental Health Board; World of Children Honoree, Progressive Youth Connection; and Family Service Award, Provident, Inc. Appointed circuit judge September 1991. Retained in 1992, 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 23
TIMOTHY J. WILSON

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

Biography: Born Dec. 2, 1947, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University College of Arts and Science; St. Louis University Law School, A.B., *cum laude*; J.D. Married Carol A. Newcombe Aug. 24, 1973, in St. Louis. Participated in the United States Department of Justice honors program, trial attorney in Washington, DC, 1973–1978; assistant United States attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, 1978–1989. Member: Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge May 15, 1989. Retained in 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 22—Division 30

DAVID C. MASON

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born March 12, 1956, in Nashville, Tenn. Graduate of Austin Peay State Univ., B.S.; Washington Univ., J.D. Married Tania L. Allen June 3, 1995. They have two children, William R. and Harrison M. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri, Metro and Mound City Bar assocs.; American Law Institute, elected 1996; St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority, vice chair, 1990–1991. Boards: American Judicature Society, 1998–2002; Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance. 1997 Honor Initiate; Order of the Coif, honorary member; American Bd. of Trial Advocates; 1991 Missouri Bar Thomas D. Cochran for Community Service.; 1990 Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis Merit; 1992 Austin Peay State Univ. Outstanding Alumnus; 1999 Washington Univ. School of Law Outstanding Young Alumnus; *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*; 2009 reader's poll "Best Circuit Judge, Eastern District"; and 16-time recipient of American College of Trial Lawyers Award of Merit. Appointed circuit judge: August 1991. Retained in 1992, 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



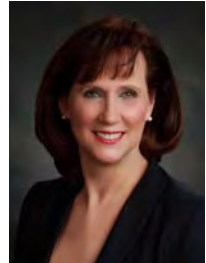
Circuit 22—Division 31

JOAN L. MORIARTY

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born in Brookings, S.D. Graduate of Creighton University School of Pharmacy, Omaha, Neb.; St. Louis School of Law. Law clerk for the Hon. Robert G. Dowd Sr., Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County. Member: Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis Lawyer's Association and St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge Jan. 1, 1998. Retained 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 23—Division 1

ROBERT WILKINS

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Sept. 6, 1946, in St. Louis. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.—St. Louis, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1976; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1979; USDOJ Natl. Law Institute, 1997. Married Sandra L. Blackwell June 1, 1985. United States Marine Corps, 1964–1965; asst. prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1979–1983; and prosecuting attorney, Jefferson County, 1995–2006. Board member: Missouri Assoc. of Prosecuting Attorneys, 2000–2006, president, 2005; Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri, 2000–2006, president, 2000–2006; Mo. Children's Justice Act Task Force, 1998–2004; Community Treatment Inc., 1998–2006; Third Congressional District Task Force on Domestic Violence, 2000–2004; and Natl. District Attorneys' Assoc., 1995–2006. Awards: MADD Prosecutor of the Year, 1999; Child Advocate of the Year, CACECM, 2006. Elected circuit judge in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 2

DARRELL E. MISSEY

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born April 12, 1967, in St. Louis. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., political science, 1989; St. Louis University, J.D., 1992. Married Andrea Schalk Missey on May 27, 1989; they have three daughters. Member: Missouri Bar Association; Supreme Court Family Court Committee; Children's Services Commission; and the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Replication Team. Elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.





Circuit 23—Division 3

NATHAN STEWART

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born Oct. 27, 1965, in Charlottesville, Va. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., education, 1988, lifetime certified to teach secondary social studies; J.D., 1992. Married Kimberly A. Stewart June 23, 1990. They have two children. Wegmann Law Firm, 1992–1997. Nathan B. Stewart, P.C., 1997–1999. Appointed first family court commissioner 23rd Circuit, 1999–2005. Established a judges truancy court at Hillsboro Jr. High. Member of Hillsboro Community Civic Club since 1992, Sons of AMVETS and Elks. Appointed associate circuit judge 2005. Elected associate circuit judge, 2006–2010. Elected circuit judge in 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 4

MARK T. STOLL

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born April 11, 1952, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1974; J.D., 1977. Married Tanya L. Brotherton, 1992. They have two sons. Partner in Wegmann, Gasaway, Stewart, Schneider, Dieffenbach, Tesreau, Stoll & Sherman, Hillsboro, 1977–1997. Served as mediator, Missouri Bar Dispute Resolution Committee. Associate circuit judge, 1997–2006. Secretary-treasurer, Mo. Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges, 2002–2006. Board of Directors, Mo. Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association, 1998–2007, President's Advisory Committee, 2007–2013. Legislative Steering Committee, Missouri Judicial Conference, 1998–2006. Member and past president, DeSoto Rotary Club. Served as treasurer, asst. scoutmaster, troop committee chair and unit commissioner for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Elected circuit judge in 2006 and 2012. Presiding judge, 2009–2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 5

LISA K. PAGE

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born Sept. 12, 1966, in Festus. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, *magna cum laude*, 1988; St. Louis University School of Law, *cum laude*, 1997. Married to Eddie Page since 1988. They have three children: Maggie, Joe and Anna-Lisa. Practiced law from 1997–2005 with a strong emphasis in ADR and domestic relations. Appointed family court commissioner on April 29, 2005, and, when the position was eliminated, was elected Jefferson County's first female circuit judge in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 6

TROY CARDONA

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born Feb. 16, 1963, in St. Louis. Educated at Windsor High School, Imperial, 1981; Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan, 1983; Jefferson College; Truman State (formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University), Kirksville, B.A., 1984, *summa cum laude*, co-salutatorian, third in graduating class; Northeastern University Law School, Boston, Mass., J.D., 1988; Kansai University of Foreign Studies, Osaka, Japan, 1989. Experience: U.S attorney's office–Hawaii, law clerk 1987; Missouri public defender, four years; private practice, three years (Honolulu, Hawaii; and St. Louis-Imperial-Hillsboro); chief warrant attorney and chief trial attorney, Jefferson County; assistant prosecutor, 11 years; and general counsel Union Pacific Railroad, one year. Elected circuit judge in 2006. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

Circuit 24—Division 1

SANDY MARTINEZ

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born June 14, 1963. Graduate of University of Texas at El Paso, B.A.; University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D. Married to Michael J. Anderson, an assistant prosecutor for the 42nd Circuit Child Support Enforcement. They have two children, Chris and Amber. Served as assistant public defender, assistant prosecuting attorney and prosecuting attorney for St. Francois County. Elected circuit judge in 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 24—Division 2

WENDY L. WEXLER HORN

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

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

Biography: Born May 5, 1967. Bachelor of Science, Graduate of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S., May 1989; St. Louis University, J.D., 1992. Former prosecuting attorney, St. Francois County, 2001–2011. Private law practice, 1995–2000. Assistant public defender; 1993–1995. Married to Phillip Horn; one son, Jacob. Former president, Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri Board of Directors; 2005 St. Francois County Citizen of the Year Award; and 2009 St. Francois County Democrat of the Year. Appointed Oct. 24, 2011. Elected 2012 to fill an unexpired term. Term expires Dec. 31, 2014. Democrat.

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Circuit 25—Division 1

WILLIAM E. HICKLE

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

Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

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



Circuit 25—Division 2

JOHN D. BEGER

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

Counties: Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas.

Biography: Born St. Charles, 1954. Attended Orchard Farm High School; University of Missouri—Columbia, School of Business, B.S., B.A., 1976; and Law School, J.D., 1978, Class of 1979. Married Cynthia Morris, 1981; they have two daughters and one grandson. Phelps County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1979–1982; elected Prosecutor, 1991–1994, 2011–2014. Private practice, 1979–2010, including Price & Beger, Salem, and Beger & Bushie, Rolla, 1997–2010; City Counsellor, Rolla, 1995–2010. Certified Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy, civil, 1998, criminal, 1999. Board of Trustees, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, 2002–2012, chair, 2011–2012. Member, elder and trustee Ozark Highlands Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Elected without opposition to partial term that expires Dec. 31, 2016. Republican.





Circuit 26—Division 2

KENNETH M. HAYDEN

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born March 23, 1962. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1984; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1987; admitted to Missouri Bar, 1987. Married to Deborah; they have two children, a daughter and a son. Formerly engaged in private law practice, 1987–2008. Member: The Missouri Bar; the 26th Judicial Circuit Bar Association; Versailles United Methodist Church; and Versailles Lions Club. Appointed circuit judge Sept. 11, 2008, to fill an unexpired term. Elected circuit judge Nov. 4, 2008. Elected circuit judge Nov. 2, 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Republican.



Circuit 26—Division 1

STANLEY MOORE

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

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

Biography: Circuit and juvenile judge. Born Sept. 20, 1947, in Pettis County. Graduate of Central Missouri State College, B.S., B.A.; University of Tulsa, J.D. Admitted to the Oklahoma Bar, 1982; Missouri Bar 1983. Married Paulette M. Moore December 1966. They have two children, a son and a daughter. Engaged in private law practice, 1982–2006. Laclède County assistant prosecuting attorney from January 1991–September 2006. Previously appointed acting interim Laclède County public administrator. Member: First United Methodist Church, Lebanon; Laclède County, 26th Circuit and Missouri Bar associations; and Lebanon Downtown Optimist Club. Appointed circuit judge Sept. 1, 2006, to fill an unexpired term. Elected circuit judge in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 27

JAMES K. JOURNEY

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

Counties: Bates, Henry and St. Clair.

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



Circuit 28

JAMES R. BICKEL

Office address: Office of the Circuit Judge, 100 W. Cherry, Ste. A, Nevada 64772; phone (417) 667-5016; FAX (417) 448-2535.

Counties: Barton, Cedar, Dade and Vernon.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born July 24, 1946, in Lamar. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., 1968; J.D., 1973. Married to Sherry Culbertson. They have three children. Phi Delta Phi (president, Tiedeman Inn, 1972–1973); Order of the Coif; *Missouri Law Review*; U.S. Army, 1968–1970; and municipal judge, Nevada, 1976–2000. AG's Professional Liability Review Board, 1977–1979; Missouri Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Committee, 1992–2000; Rotary Club, Citizen of the Year, 2004; Nevada United Methodist Church; and Missouri United Methodist Foundation, Inc., board of directors, 1993–2001, executive committee, 1999–2000. Elected circuit judge Nov. 7, 2000. Retained in 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Republican.

Circuit 29—Division 2

DAVID C. DALLY

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

County: Jasper.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born March 15, 1948, in Ishpeming, Mich. Graduate of the University of Missouri, B.A.; J.D. Married Gaye Ramm Aug. 16, 1969. They have two children and nine grandchildren. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Jasper County, 1974–1986; prosecuting attorney of Jasper County, 1987–1998; city attorney of Carthage, 1974–1998; and engaged in the private practice of law in Carthage, 1973–1998. Member: Grace Episcopal Church; Carthage Rotary Club; University of Missouri Alumni Association; and Missouri and Jasper County Bar associations. Past president of Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Missouri Association of Municipal Attorneys and Jasper County Bar Association. Elected circuit judge in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Republican.



Circuit 29—Division 1

GAYLE L. CRANE

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

County: Jasper.

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



Circuit 29—Division 3

DAVID B. MOUTON

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

County: Jasper.

Biography: Born March 5, 1958, in Joplin. Graduate of 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; and Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri board of directors, past member. Jasper County Bar Association, past president; Salvation Army Advisory Board, past member; and Carthage Parks and Recreation Board, former member. Elected circuit judge Nov. 7, 2006. Retained Nov. 6, 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 30

MICHAEL O. HENDRICKSON

Office address: PO Box 679, Buffalo 65622; phone (417) 345-6822.

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Sept. 25, 1963, in Lincoln, Neb. Married with three children. Graduate of University of Nebraska, B.A., 1986; J.D., 1990. Served as special assist. U.S. attorney, assist. Missouri Attorney general, chief assist. Taney Co. pros., assist. Jefferson Co. pros. and a private practitioner. Member of Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Springfield Metro Bar associations; Mo. Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Legislative and Membership Committees; and Mo. Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Assoc. Selected as special judge, Southern District Court of Appeals, 2009, and to Applied Science and Technology Adjudication Resource (ASTAR) program, 2010. Member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church and Hermitage Lions Club. Served on Pittsburg Community Center Board, Hermitage Visioning Committee and Community Improvement Coalition. Elected Hickory County associate judge in 2006 and 2010. Elected circuit judge of 30th Judicial Circuit in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.





Circuit 31—Division 4

THOMAS MOUNTJOY

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

County: Greene.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in 1953 in Stockton, Calif. Graduate of Central Missouri State Univ., B.S., criminal justice administration; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Married Donna Newman; they have three daughters. Served as assistant professor, criminal justice administration; Juvenile Court Services, director; assistant Greene County prosecuting attorney; and Greene County prosecuting attorney. Member: East Sunshine Church of Christ; Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, past president; Governor’s Crime Commission; State Task Force on Fatal Child Abuse; Community Alternative Service Program; Child Advocacy Center of Southwest Missouri, co-founder; and Juvenile Court Improvement Project, steering committee. Awards: David B. Woodruff Memorial Community Justice; Child Advocacy Council Friend of Children. Appointed circuit judge Feb. 9, 1996. Elected in 1996, 2000 and 2006. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 1

MICHAEL J. CORDONNIER

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

County: Greene.

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

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



Circuit 31—Division 2

DAVID JONES

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

County: Greene.

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



Circuit 31—Division 3

JASON BROWN

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

County: Greene.

Biography: Born January 11, 1963, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 1985; Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1988. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City area and Springfield from 1988–2004. Volunteer Greene County teen court judge; Member: Missouri Bar Professionalism Committee; MAPAC, board member; Springfield. SE Rotary Club; and Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, past board member and current committee. Appointed January 1, 2005. Elected November 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires December 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 31—Division 5

CALVIN HOLDEN

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4838.

County: Greene.

Biography: Born Sept. 28, 1953, in Mountain View. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., *cum laude*; Drake University, J.D., 1980. He has four children: Chrysa, Calie, Alexander and Zoe. Engaged in the practice of law, 1980–1996. Administrative law judge, Division of Employment Security, 1980–1981; Greene County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1983. Served in the U.S. Navy, 1972–1974. Member: Phi Kappa Phi; Springfield Metropolitan and Missouri Bar associations. Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar. Missouri Drug Court Commission, commissioner. David B. Woodruff Memorial Community Justice Service Award recipient, 2000; NAMI of Southwest Missouri Governmental Award for Excellence, 2001; and Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals President's Award, 2002. Appointed circuit judge in 1996. Elected in 1996, 2002 and 2006. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 32—Division 2

BENJAMIN F. LEWIS

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

Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born March 17, 1955, in Cape Girardeau. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., 1977; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married Debra K. Scholl July 5, 1986. Law clerk, 16th Circuit, 1980–1981. Private practice, 1981–1990. Associate circuit judge, 1991–1994. Member, Layton & Lewis, L.L.C., 1995–2004. Southeast Missouri Hospital Board of Trustees; Hanover Lutheran Church, past president; 32nd Judicial Circuit Bar Association, past president; Cape Girardeau Lions Club, past president; and Shawnee District, B.S.A., past district chair, Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award. Elected circuit judge 2004, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 32—Division 1

MICHAEL E. GARDNER

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

Counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

Biography: Born in 1979 in St. Louis, and raised in Kelso. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 2001; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2004. Order of the Coif. Lead Articles Editor, *Missouri Law Review*. Law Clerk to Hon. Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., Supreme Court of Missouri, 2004–2005. Private practice, 2005–2014. Missouri Board of Law Examiners, 2013–present. Board of Governors of The Missouri Bar, 2012–2014. Young Lawyers' Section Council, 2010–2014. Member and past-president, Cape West Rotary Club. Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree. Member: Shawnee District of the Boy Scouts of America, chair; St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Cape Girardeau. Married with four children. Elected Circuit Judge Nov. 4, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Republican.



Circuit 33

DAVID DOLAN

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

Counties: Mississippi and Scott.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born June 19, 1954, in Memphis, Tenn. Graduate of Univ. of Memphis, B.B.A.; J.D. Married Julie Crader Aug. 2, 1980. Two children, Win and Claire. Member: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; Mo. and Tenn. Bar assoc.; Natl. Assoc. of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Mo. Juvenile Justice Assoc.; Natl. (sec.) and Mo. Assocs. of Drug Court Professionals; Sikeston Youth Soccer, pres.; Sikeston Little League, coach; Rotary Club; Sikeston Jaycees; SMC Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; ODK; and Bar Governor Univ. of Memphis School of Law. ASTAR Fellow, 2009; Presiding Judges Exec. Comm. 2006–present; Mo. Supreme Court Leg. Comm., 2008–present; Circuit Judges Leg. Comm., 2008–present; and Mo. Sentencing and Corrections Oversight Comm., 2013–17. Private practice, Crader, Crader, Dolan and Dolan, 1982–90. Asst. pros. atty. Scott Co., 1986–1990; pros. atty., 1991–93. Elected associate circuit judge of Scott County, 1992 and 1994. Appointed circuit judge March 1998. Elected in 1998, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 34
FRED COPELAND

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

Counties: New Madrid and Pemiscol.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Nov. 13, 1954, in Coronado, Calif. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., public administration; J.D. Engaged in private law practice in New Madrid. Appointed associate circuit judge, New Madrid County, for a term beginning Jan. 15, 1982. Elected 1982 and 1986. Member: United Methodist Church; Optimist; Eagles; and Phi Delta Phi. Elected circuit judge 1988–2006. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 35
ROBERT N. MAYER

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

Counties: Stoddard and Dunklin.

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



Circuit 36
MICHAEL PRITCHETT

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

Counties: Butler and Ripley.

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



Circuit 37
DAVID EVANS

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

Counties: Carter, Howell, Oregon and Shannon.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born April 26, 1960, in West Plains. Graduate of Southern Methodist University, B.S., political science, *summa cum laude*, B.B.A., business; Southern Methodist University, J.D., chief counsel Legal Clinic. Married Sandra Kay Hardin Aug. 11, 1979; they have four children. Served in the private practice of law, 1985–1991 (received Missouri Pro Bono Award); city attorney for Thayer; municipal judge for West Plains, Willow Springs and Mountain View; associate circuit judge, 1991–2005; and elected presiding circuit judge, 2006. Member: United Methodist Church; President's Volunteer Service Award; and Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, past president. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 38

LAURA J. JOHNSON

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

Counties: Christian and Taney.

Biography: Presiding judge. Graduate of Missouri University, B.S., finance, *magna cum laude*, 1985, National Merit Scholar; Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*, 1988; Order of the Coif; and Leading Articles Editor for the *Journal of Air Law & Commerce*. Married to Todd, 1987; two children. Clerked from 1988–1990 for the Hon. Elmo B. Hunter, federal district judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Associate for the firm of Stinson, Mag & Fizzell in Kansas City, 1990–1991. Attorney with the firm Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C., in Springfield, 1991–2015. Member of the Missouri Bar Association, the Springfield Metropolitan Association and the Christian and Taney County Bar Associations. Past or present board member and officer of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Least of These Food Pantry, Board of Education for the Ozark School District and member of Rotary. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 39

JACK A. L. GOODMAN

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

Counties: Barry, Lawrence and Stone.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born 1973, in Aurora. Graduate of Pierce City High School, 1991; University of Mo.–Columbia, bachelor's degree, 1995; and University of Mo.–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1998. Elected presiding judge, 39th Circuit, 2012. Served in Missouri Senate, 2005–2012; Senate asst. majority leader, 2007–2012; Chair of Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence; Senate Committee on General Laws, & Senate Committee on Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight. Served in Missouri House of Representatives, 2003–2005; House asst. majority leader, 2004–2005. Attorney in private practice, 1998–2012; assistant prosecuting attorney, 1997–2002. Former member: Missouri Tourism Commission, Children's Services Commission, Missouri Rural Economic Development Council, Southwest Center Advisory Council and American Lung Association Government Relations Committee. Married to Laura with two sons, Jack and William. Member: Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in Freistatt. Various civic organizations. Elected 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 40

TIMOTHY W. PERIGO

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Ste. 306, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8234, ext. 114.

Counties: McDonald and Newton.

Biography: Presiding judge. A native of Tulsa, Okla. Graduate of University of Tulsa, B.S., 1975; J.D., 1977. Married with three children. Engaged in private practice until June 1, 1985, when appointed as prosecuting attorney. Elected prosecutor for a full term in 1986. Elected associate circuit judge in 1990. Elected circuit judge in 1992. Retained in 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 41

FREDERICK (RICK) TUCKER

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

Counties: Macon and Shelby.

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





Circuit 42—Division 2

KELLY PARKER

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born Feb. 28, 1966, in Rolla. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law, J.D. Three children: Braxton, Kennison and Slayton. Serves with the Missouri Army National Guard, rank of major, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, assigned as the senior defense counsel for the 429th Trial Defense Team (Missouri and Nebraska Army National Guard). Dent County prosecuting attorney, 1995–1997; assistant prosecutor, 1991–1995. State representative, 150th District, 1997–2001. Appointed Iron County associate circuit judge, 2001. Elected Iron County associate circuit judge on Nov. 5, 2002. Elected circuit judge on Nov. 7, 2006. Retained 2008 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020. Democrat.

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Circuit 42—Division 1

SIDNEY T. PEARSON III

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

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

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



Circuit 43—Division 1

THOMAS N. CHAPMAN

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

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

Biography: Presiding judge. Born March 23, 1966; lifelong resident of Chillicothe. Graduate of Westminster College, B.S., political science, *summa cum laude*, 1988; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1991; and University of Missouri—Kansas City, LL.M. tax law, 1995. Elected circuit judge, 43rd Circuit—Division 1, 2010. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Republican.



Circuit 43—Division 2

R. BRENT ELLIOTT

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

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

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

Circuit 44

R. CRAIG CARTER

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

County: Douglas, Wright and Ozark

Biography: Presiding judge. Born April 16, 1969, in Springfield. United States Army, second Ranger Battalion, 1989–1991 (Panama, Operation Just Cause 1989); 10th, 12th, 20th Special Forces Groups, 1993–2002. Military decorations include: Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Parachutist Wings with Combat Jump Device, Expeditionary Badge, Kosovo Service Ribbon and Army Commendation Medal. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S., accounting, 1977; University of Arkansas, J.D., 2000. Private practice of law, 2000–2005. Member: Missouri Bar; Ava and Mansfield Lodges A.F. & A.M.; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Ava. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Matt Blunt, 2005. Elected 2006 and 2010. Elected circuit judge 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 45

CHRIS KUNZA MENNEMEYER

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

Counties: Lincoln and Pike.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born in Troy. Valedictorian of Troy Buchanan High School, 1990; Bright Flight Scholar and attended University of Missouri–Columbia and earned B.S.Ed in mathematics and science education with certificate to teach K–12, *magna cum laude*, 1993; earned J.D. from University of Missouri–Columbia, 1997. Employment history includes: CB Richard Ellis Commercial Real Estate Corporate Advisory Group; Gray-Bar Electric Company, Legal/Real Estate Department; DESCO Group, Legal/Real Estate Department; Earthgrains/Sara Lee Corporate, Real Estate Department; Lincoln County assistant prosecuting attorney; and operated sole private practice for more than 10 years, representing clients in civil, criminal, family, juvenile, drug court, administrative, probate, landlord/tenant and estate-planning matters. Successfully ran contested campaign and was elected presiding circuit court judge Nov. 6, 2012, for the 45th Judicial Circuit. Took office Jan. 1, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit courts by county

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

Circuit 1

RICKEY R. ROBERTS

Office address: 111 E. Court St., Ste. 210, Kahoka 63445; phone (660) 727-2133.

County: Clark.

Biography: Born April 17, 1955, 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. Member: Missouri Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. Elected associate circuit judge for Clark County November 2010. Appointed by democratic Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon to fill unexpired term Dec. 2010. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 1

KELLY L. LOVEKAMP

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

County: Schuyler County.

Biography: Born in Kirksville. Graduate of Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University), B.S., 1983, business administration and psychology major with a minor in personnel management; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1990. Engaged in private practice, 1990–2010. Two children, Tara and Karissa. Received the Family Law Mediation Certificate, University of Missouri, 1999; MACC, Medical Terminology Certificate, 2003; Association of Professional Trainers, Tactual Handgun Certificate, 2006; and University of Denver Tax Program, estate planning, 2007. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 1

KARL A.W. DeMARCE

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

County: Scotland.

Biography: Born August 18, 1968, in Maryville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. in agriculture 1989; M.S., 1992; and J.D., 1997. Married Brenda Annette Russell, 1992. Five children: Catherine, Marie, Renée, William and Susannah. State Judicial Records Comm., 2003–present; Exec. Comm. of the Judicial Conference, 2008–present. State representative District 1, 1997–1998. Community development specialist, University of Missouri Extension, Scotland County, 1991–1994. Member: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church; Missouri Bar; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, president, 2012–2013; Scotland County Rotary Club; Scotland County Community Fitness Center, board of directors; Scotland County Association of Music Parents; and Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce. Editor-in-Chief, *Missouri Law Review*, 1996–1997. Elected associate circuit judge 1998. Re-elected 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 2

KRISTIE J. SWAIM

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

County: Adair.

Biography: Born Sept. 27, 1967. Graduate of University of Iowa, B.A., political science, 1990; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1993. Board of Advocates, writing director, 1992–1993; University of Missouri–Columbia, teaching assistant in legal research, writing and advocacy, 1992–1993; Order of Barristers, 1993; assistant editor, Missouri Supreme Court Publications, 1991–1993; private law practice, 1993–2002; Kirksville City Council, 1999–2002; and director and member of numerous service groups and organizations. Received West Publishing Award for Excellence in Research and Writing, 1990; Richard J. Chamier Award in Public Speaking, 1991; and Fred L. Howard Prize for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy, 1992–1993. Elected Adair County associate circuit judge in 2002. Re-elected in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 2

THOMAS P. REDINGTON

Office address: Knox County Courthouse, PO Box 116, 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 to 1999. Faculty of the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Trial School, 2010-2013; Board of Directors of the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals, member, 2011-2013. Previously the President of the Holy Family School Board in Hannibal and served as president of the Board of Directors of the Hannibal Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Elected associate circuit judge 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 2

FRED WESTHOFF

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

County: Lewis.

Biography: Born Dec. 23, 1952, in Quincy, Ill. Graduate of Truman State University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1975; University of Missouri Law School, J.D. 1978. Married Reggie DeVerger June 11, 1983; four children. Prosecuting attorney Lewis County 1981-1986. Member of Missouri Bar; Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association; and Heartland Resources, Inc., and Lewis County Home Health Advisory Board. Elected associate circuit judge for Lewis County in 1986. Re-elected in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 3

STEVEN D. HUDSON

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

County: Grundy.

Biography: Born Sept. 7, 1961 in Trenton. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.S., business administration, *magna cum laude*, 1983; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1986. Married to Lora Barnett, with two children. Member: Wesley United Methodist Church; NCMO Fair Board; Trenton High School Vocational Agriculture Advisory Board; and Missouri Sheep Merchandising Council. Served as Grundy County prosecutor, September 1993-December 1998. Elected Grundy County associate circuit judge in November 1998. Re-elected in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 3

THOMAS R. ALLEY

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

County: Harrison.

Biography: Born in Harrison County. Graduate of Missouri Western State Univ., B.S., business administration, accounting, *summa cum laude*; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D.; and certified public accountant (active). Wife, Carla, and son, Willoughby. Employment: Missouri State Auditor's Office; Tax Division of Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst & Young); private practice in Clay County; municipal judge, Kearney; adjunct professor, William Jewell College; and city prosecutor, Bethany. Member: Methodist Church, past president; Bethany Rotary Club; Masonic Lodge; Missouri Bar; and Third Circuit Bar. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 3

MATTHEW M. KROHN

Office address: Mercer County Courthouse, 802 E. Main St., Princeton 64673; phone (660) 748-4232.

County: Mercer.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 3

SAMUEL D. FRANK

Office address: Putnam County Courthouse, 1601 W. Main, Rm. 204, Unionville 63565; phone (660) 947-2117.

County: Putnam.

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



Circuit 4

COREY K. HERRON

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

County: Atchison.

Biography: Born August 16, 1969, in Fairfax. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., B.A., 1992; J.D. 1996. Married Kristina Kelsall Nov. 24, 2001. They have one son, Phillip. Engaged in private law practice in northern Missouri with Andreck, Evans, Milne, Widger & Johnson, L.L.C. in Trenton, 1996–2008. Admitted to United States District Court, Western District, and United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit. Past president of Third Circuit Bar Association. Member: St. John’s Lutheran Church; Missouri Bar Association; Fourth Circuit Bar Association, president 2011–present; Phi Alpha Delta; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; and Rotary. Appointed Atchison County associate circuit judge by Gov. Matt Blunt in 2008 to fill unexpired term of the Hon. Zel M. Fischer. Elected in 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 4

EDWARD MANRING

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

County: Gentry.

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





Circuit 4

WILLIAM S. RICHARDS

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

County: Holt.

Biography: Born June 11, 1952, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Loyola University–New Orleans, B.A., philosophy, 1974; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1977. Married Katherine Weber August 10, 1996. They have two children. General practice of law from 1977–1990. Elected in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 4

W. DOUGLAS THOMSON

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

County: Nodaway.

Biography: Born Nov. 8, 1962 in Kansas City. Graduate of Maryville High School, 1981; Missouri State University, B.S., finance, 1985; University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1989. Assoc. with Krebs & Holdsworth, Liberty, 1989–1993; assoc. and then partner with Zahnd, Ross & Thomson and its successors, Maryville, 1995–2013; and solo practice in Maryville, 2014. *Pro Bono* service recognition, 2013 and 2014. Serves on the Bd. of Governors of the Missouri Bar, 2011–present; chair of Finance Comm., 2013–present. Missouri Judiciary’s Civic Education Comm. member. Past pres. and current member of the 4th Judicial Circuit Bar Assoc.. Past or present member of Kansas City Bar Assoc. and Missouri Municipal Attorney’s Assoc.. Past or present bd. member or officer of Boy Scouts of America, Maryville Host Lions Club, Liberty Sertoma Club and numerous church committees. Former Cub Scout Leader and youth sports coach. Elected associate circuit judge November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



Circuit 4

JOEL MILLER

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

County: Worth.

Biography: Born August 22, 1970, in Albany. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science; Missouri State University, M.A., public administration; and Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa, J.D. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Gentry County. Private practice in the law office of Edward M. Manring, 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 in 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 5

MICHAEL J. ORDNUNG

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

County: Andrew.

Biography: Not available. Took office Jan. 1, 1999. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 5—Division 5

KEITH MARQUART

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

County: Buchanan.

Biography: Born Jan. 6, 1954, in Washington, Missouri. Graduated from Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan., B.A. in political science; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married to Corky and has two children, Blake and Brooke. Was appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1988. Elected in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 5

REBECCA L. SPENCER

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

County: Buchanan.

Biography: Graduate of University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, B.A., English and political science, 1996; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1999. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Buchanan County until May of 2001. Prosecuting Attorney for the City of St. Joseph until December of 2014. Served as the Municipal Judge for the City of Easton for seven years. Served as the president of the St. Joseph Bar Association, 2012. Elected Associate Circuit Judge in 2015. Judge Spencer presides over a variety of civil cases, including cases where the amount of controversy is \$25,000 or less, small claims actions and landlord tenant cases. In addition, she presides over felony and misdemeanor charges of non-support and misdemeanor criminal cases in Buchanan County. She also presides over preliminary hearings in Buchanan County on criminal felony complaints. She currently resides in St. Joseph, with her three children. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 6—Division 3

ABE (QUINT) SHAFER V

Office address: 415 Third St., Ste. 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-2232.

County: Platte.

Biography: Born Oct. 19, 1968, in Kansas City. Graduate of West Platte R-II School District, Weston, 1987; University of Colorado, B.A., 1991; Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., 1995; and Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2013. Formerly: Member/Manager of Shafer Law Office, LC (later, Shafer & Welch, LC); city attorney for City of Weston; general counsel, Bank of Weston; special prosecutor, Platte County; adjunct professor, Benedictine College; attorney for numerous boards and political subdivisions; and served as director/officer/attorney for numerous philanthropic and charitable organizations. Member: Missouri Bar, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Platte County Bar Association, and Weston Christian Church. Married to Christy Shafer, 1995, with two children. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon on April 1, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 6—Division 4

W. ANN HANSBROUGH

Office address: 415 Third St., Ste. 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-2232.

County: Platte.

Biography: Born July 7, 1960 in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of Poplar Bluff High School, 1978; University of Missouri–Columbia, Bachelor in journalism, 1982; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1985. Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers (Peer Review selected Top 5% of Women Lawyers - 2011-2013); selected as “Super Lawyer” for Missouri, 2008-2011; selected as “Super Lawyer” for Kansas, 2008-2011; and board member for “Meritas Law Firms Worldwide,” 2003-2003. Practiced at Swanson, Midgley LLC, from 1985 to 2004; selected as the firm’s first woman partner in firm’s 112 year history; Management Committee, 1999-2003; founder and director of firm’s Volunteer Attorney Project; awarded Volunteer Service Award from Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Member: Platte County Bar Association, Association of Women Lawyers and Missouri Bar Association. Married to David Stout, 1987; two children: Courtney and Mackenzie Stout. Appointed Jan. 21, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 6—Division 5

DENNIS C. ECKOLD

Office address: Platte County Courthouse, 415 Third St., Ste. 50, Platte City 64079; phone (816) 858-2232.

County: Platte.

Biography: Born Oct. 8, 1956. Graduate of University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, B.A., psychology, 1979; University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D., 1983. Married to Lisa D. Eckold; they have four children. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City, 1983–2010. Member: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Missouri and Platte County Bar associations. Served as a member of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners, former board president, 1998–2003. Appointed associate circuit judge May 2010. Retained 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.

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Circuit 7—Division 5

DAVID CHAMBERLAIN

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

County: Clay.

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



Circuit 7—Division 6

KAREN L. KRAUSER

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born Dec. 10, 1976, in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Graduate of Park College (now Park University), 1999, B.A., criminal justice and psychology; University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, 2002. Lives in Liberty with her daughter, Alexandria. Assistant prosecutor for Clay County, 2002–2012; deputy chief prosecutor, 2008–2012; municipal judge for Excelsior Springs, 2008–2012; and municipal judge for Platte Woods, 2010–2012. Member: 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 on Jan. 10, 2012. Retained in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 7

LOUIS ANGLÉS

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

County: Clay.

Biography: Born Sept. 18, 1957 in Havana, Cuba. Graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., 1976; University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Pharmacy, B.S., pharmacy, 1983; and Washburn University School of Law, J.D., 1988. Engaged in private law practice, 1988 until appointment to the bench in 2013. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Clay County Bar Association and Missouri Bar. Former member: Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. Appointed Associate Circuit Judge Oct. 18, 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 8

KEVIN L. WALDEN

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

County: Carroll.

Biography: Born Oct. 9, 1961, in Carrollton. Graduate of Carrollton High School, 1980; Truman State (formerly Northeast Missouri State University), B.S.E., history, *cum laude*, 1984; University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., with high distinction, 1989; and Order of the Coif. Married Linda Miller Jan. 6, 1996. Taught high school social studies, 1984–1985. Engaged in private practice, 1989–2004. Served as Carroll County prosecuting attorney, 1997–2004; city attorney for Carrollton, Bogard, Bosworth, DeWitt, Hale and Tina; and special assistant attorney general. Member: First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ; The Missouri Bar; Carroll County Bar Association, president 1995–present; Wakanda Masonic Lodge #52; A.F. & A.M.; Lions Club, past president; *Iowa Law Review*; Chamber of Commerce; and Farm Bureau. Elected associate circuit judge 2004, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 8

LORI J. BASKINS

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

County: Ray.

Biography: Born in 1964, in Windsor. Graduate of Fort Osage High School, Independence, 1983; Southwest Missouri State University, B.A., economics and mathematics, *summa cum laude*, 1987; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1990; and Order of the Coif. Engaged in private practice, Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum, St. Louis, 1990-1997; deputy state supervisor, Missouri Department of Public Safety, Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Control, 1997-2005; and private practice, 2005-2014, Richmond. Elected November 2014, for term beginning Jan.1, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 9

ANDREA RAVENS VANDELOECHT

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

County: Chariton.

Biography: Born Sept. 23, 1976. Graduate of Westminster College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Married to Brent Vandeloecht; they have two children. General practice with Chapman, Cowherd, Turner and Tschannen, P.C., 2001–2010. Elected November 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 9

SCOT T. OTHIC

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

County: Linn.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 9

TRACEY A. MASON-WHITE

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

County: Sullivan.

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



Circuit 10

JOHN J. JACKSON

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

County: Marion.

Biography: Born March 16, 1960. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., 1982; J.D., 1985. Member and past president, 10th Circuit Bar Association. Elected Marion County prosecuting attorney, 1990 and 1994. Appointed associate circuit judge 1996. Elected 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 10

MICHAEL P. WILSON

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

County: Monroe.

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



Circuit 10

DAVID MOBLEY

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

County: Ralls.

Biography: Born Sept. 25, 1961. Graduate of Culver-Stockton College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married Sherre Lubker June 16, 1984; they have three children. Served in private practice of law, 1986–2001. Appointed by Supreme Court to Family Court Committee and reappointed in 2009. Member: First Christian Church; Rotary Club; Mark Twain Home Foundation board; Culver-Stockton College Board of Trustees; Great River Honor Flight Board of Directors; and Hannibal Pirate Family Foundation board of directors. Past president and campaign chair of Mark Twain Area United Way. Past district chairman of Mark Twain District Great Rivers Council, B.S.A. Received District Award of Merit, Great Rivers Council, B.S.A. Former member: Missouri Bar Complaint Resolution program. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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

Circuit 11—Division 6

TERRY R. CUNDIFF

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

County: St. Charles County.

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



Circuit 11—Division 8

ERIN S. BURLISON

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in St. Charles. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., psychology, 2004; St. Louis University, J.D., 2007. Resides in St. Louis with her husband and daughter. Member: Missouri Bar Association, St. Charles County Bar Association, and Young Lawyers Association of St. Charles County, past president. Boards: Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, 2011–2013; St. Charles County Boys and Girls Club, 2010–present; and Enterprise Bank and Trust, 2012–present. Appointed associate circuit judge 2013. Republican.

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Circuit 11—Division 9

ELIZABETH SWANN

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born in Magnolia, Ark., on Oct. 16, 1956. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., education; University of Missouri—Columbia, J.D. Admitted to the Missouri Bar, 1982. Served as a family court commissioner in St. Charles County, 1997–2006, and has served as an associate circuit judge, 2007–present. A member of the Family Court Committee and is currently serving as co-chair of a sub-committee reviewing guardian *ad litem* standards. Recently completed service on the Ad Hoc Committee for Videoconferencing. Member: St. Charles County and Missouri Bar associations. Resides in Lake St. Louis with her husband and son. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 10

NORMAN C. STEIMEL III

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

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born Dec. 30, 1953, in Spokane, Wash. Graduate of Washington University, A.B., 1975; J.D., 1978. Appellate law clerk for the Hon. Douglas W. Greene, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, 1979–1980. Married Libby C. Toney June 17, 1978. They have nine children. Member: Christ Presbyterian Church; The Missouri Bar; Illinois State Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Charles County Bar Association; Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Missouri Chapter president, 2008–2010; and Christian Legal Society. Appointed family court commissioner, 1995. Reappointed 1999 and 2003. Elected associate circuit judge 2006. Re-elected 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.





Circuit 11—Division 11

PHILLIP OHLMS

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

County: St. Charles.

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



Circuit 11—Division 12

MATTHEW E.P. THORNHILL

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 429, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7486.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born May 20, 1968, in St. Charles. Married Heather Denise Thornhill in 1997. They have four children: Martha June Kelly, Sophia Axie Mae, Calvin Daniel Cornelius and Phoebe Noelle Serene. Graduate of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, B.S., B.A., 1990; Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Ind., J.D., 1993. Served as an assistant prosecutor for St. Charles County, 1993–2006. Member of Harvester Christian Church, St. Charles. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 12

LINDA R. HAMLETT

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

County: Audrain.

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



Circuit 12

KELLY C. BRONIEC

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

County: Montgomery.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of William Woods College, B.A., business administration, *summa cum laude*; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Married Mark Broniec April 29, 2000; they have 2 children. Served as Montgomery County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2006; assistant prosecuting attorney in Warren County, 1996–1998; and assistant prosecutor in Lincoln County, 1998–1999. Member: Grace Lutheran Church; Montgomery City Kiwanis Club, past president; Montgomery County Rotary Club; GFWC-Montgomery Study Club; Montgomery City Chamber of Commerce;

and founding board member of The Child Center, Inc., 2000–2006. Elected 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 12

RICHARD L. SCHEIBE

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

County: Warren.

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



Circuit 12

MICHAEL S. WRIGHT

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

County: Warren.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 13—Division 5

KIMBERLY J. SHAW

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

County: Boone.

Biography: Born November 24, 1960 in Louisiana, Missouri. Graduate of David H. Hickman High School, Columbia, Missouri; Columbia College B.A., Business Administration, 1986; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1986. Began her legal career at Cape Girardeau County Public Defender Trial Office. Returned to Columbia with the Central Capital Division where she was the District Defender prior to leaving in 2000 to go into private practice. The five years prior to taking the bench she worked at the Boone County Public Defender's Trial Office. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Boone County Bar Association, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Married to Charles "Chuck" Brown (2009) and we have a blended family of four children. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 13—Division 6

CAROL ENGLAND

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

County: Callaway.

Biography: Born in Kewanee, Ill. Graduate of Columbia College, B.A.; Lincoln University, M.A.; and University of Missouri School of Law, J.D. Employed as a police officer before and while attending law school, then worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Callaway County prosecutor's office immediately after law school. Member: Missouri Bar Association; Callaway County Bar Association, treasurer; Ebenezer Baptist Church in Fulton; Fulton Rotary Club; and Callaway County Chapter of the American Red Cross, board member. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 13–Division 7

SUE M. CRANE

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

County: Callaway.

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



Circuit 13—Division 9

MICHAEL W. BRADLEY

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

County: Boone

Biography: Born March 11, 1952, at George Air Force Base, Victorville, Calif. Graduate of the University of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., 1974; J.D., 1978. Appellate law clerk to Hon. George Flanigan, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, 1978–79. Assistant city attorney, Kansas City, 1979–1984. Private law practice, 1984–1995. Prosecuting attorney, Carroll County, 1991–1994. Associate circuit judge, Carroll County, 2004. Assistant attorney general, 1995–2004, 2005–2009. Member of the Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 2005–2008. Counsel to the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Missouri State Highway Patrol, 2009–2010. Chief counsel to the Missouri Gaming Commission, 2010–2011. Member: Roman Catholic Church, Boone County Bar Association, Mizzou Alumni Association, Jefferson Club and Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Lives in Columbia with wife, Katie. Appointed associate circuit judge April 2011. Elected associate circuit judge 2012 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 13—Division 10

LESLIE SCHNEIDER

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

County: Boone.

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



Circuit 13–Division 11

DEBORAH DANIELS

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

County: Boone.

Biography: Born June 14, 1950, Fayette. Graduate of Univ. of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., B.S., 1972; J.D., 1977. Honorary Order of the Coif, 2004. Fellow of the American Bar Assoc. Three children: Ian, Sydney Brette and Paige Harrison. Law clerk on the Missouri Supreme Court, 1977–78 for Hon. Fred Henley; director of Missouri Supreme Court research staff, 1979–1982; adjunct prof. of law at UMC, 1984–2010; reporter for the Comm. on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 1982–2007; asst. pros. atty., Boone Co., 1999–2004; chief counsel, Criminal Div., Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2004–2006. Missouri Supreme Court Comm. on Procedure in Criminal Cases, 2007–present; and Court's Automation Comm., 2011–present. Appointed Mo. Bar Special Task Force Comm. on the Public Defender's Office, 2004–2006. Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Program (ASTAR), 2007–present; ASTAR Fellow, 2009–present; editorial board for the ASTAR Journal, 2012–present. Faculty: Missouri Judicial College, 2005–2012. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

Circuit 14

MASON R. GEBHARDT

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

County: Howard.

Biography: Born Sept. 12, 1969, at Keller Hospital, Fayette. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, bachelor's degree, 1992; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1996. Married Lisa Kauffman on Nov. 25, 2000. They have three daughters: Kaleigh, Kassidy and Olivia. Private practice in Fayette, 1977–2010. Howard County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2010. Elected associate circuit judge in Howard County 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 14

CYNTHIA A. SUTER

Office address: Randolph County Justice Center, 372 HWY JJ, Ste. D., Huntsville 65259; phone (660) 277-4601.

County: Randolph.

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



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: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

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Circuit 15

RUSSELL J. KRUSE

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

County: Lafayette.

Biography: Born 1962, IA. Married Beth Anne McKinney, has 6 children. Education: St. Paul's College, Concordia, A.A. degree, 1981; Univ. of Mo.–Col., B.A., pol. science, 1983, J.D., 1986. Law & bus. prac., 1986–2005; solo prac., 2005–14; Broker-Partner, Show-Me Realty, 1992–2008; co-owner/agent, title Ins. Co., 1992–2005; owner-agent, 2005–08. Member: Lafayette Co. Bar, 2004–15, sec., 2015; 10th Jud. Cir. Bar, 1986–2015, past pres., 2006; Mo. Bar, 1986–pres.; Ill. Bar, 1987–2014 (inactive 2015–pres.); U.S. Dist. Crts & bankruptcy crts., 1986–2014; Central U.S. Dist. Crts. & bankruptcy crt., Ill., 1990–2014; Eighth Cir. Crts. of Appeals, 1991–2014; U.S. Supreme Ct., 1999–2014; Mo. Assoc. of Probate & Assoc. Cir. Judges, 2015–pres.; Legal Svcs., NE Mo. bd., 1987–89, MATA, 1988–93. LCMS Mo. Dist. bd., 2012–pres.; St. Paul Lutheran High bd., 2013–pres.; Concordia Lion's Club, 2004–pres.; Children's Svcs. bd., 2004–pres.; Enterprises Inc., 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. Civics teacher, 1987–2014. Member & elder, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Elected Nov. 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.





Circuit 15

HUCH C. HARVEY

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

County: Saline.

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



Circuit 15

JAMES T. BELLAMY

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

County: Saline.

Biography: Born March 2, 1953, in Marshall. Graduate of Westminster College, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Member: First Presbyterian Church; Lions Club; Masonic Lodge; and Saline County Bar Association. Appointed to associate circuit court 2000. Elected 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 16—Division 25

RICHARD T. STANDRIDGE

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born Jan. 28, 1953, at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, 1976, B.S. political science; and the University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1980. Married to Melissa T. Standridge; they have five children. Member: Congregation Beth Torah. Appointed associate circuit judge June 1993 by Gov. Mel Carnahan. Retained in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 26

JALILAH OTTO

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3685.

County: Jackson.

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

Jackson County and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations, and Association 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 by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon on Jan. 7, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 16—Division 27

GREGORY B. GILLIS

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Lifelong resident of Kansas City. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, 1981; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, 1984. Married to Joyce Gillis since 1985. Served as the drug court commissioner and as assistant prosecuting attorney for 12 years in Jackson County. Member: KC Metropolitan Bar Association and the Jackson County Bar Association. Serves as historian and board member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and served on the advisory board of Operation Breakthrough. Appointed by Gov. Bob Holden in April 2001. Retained in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 28

JEFFREY C. KEAL

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born/raised in Independence. Graduate of Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, B.A., bus. admin., 1982; Univ. of Mo.–Kansas City, J.D., 1986. Solo practitioner, 1986-1988. Associate with Crews, Smart, Whitehead & Waits, 1988-1991. Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, 1991-2013; chief warrant officer, trial team leader and handled wide variety of cases within office including assaults, robberies, white collar and property crimes. Warrant officer of the year and received certificate of appreciation from U.S. Secret Service for collaborative work in white collar crime prosecutions. Member: Missouri Bar, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar, and Eastern Jackson County Bar associations; Association for Women Lawyers. Involved with the community and spent many years coaching youth sports, including softball, basketball and baseball. Member of Firefighters Local Number 42 and the Kansas City Curling Club. Proud graduate of Van Horn High School in Independence and a lifetime member of BCAS. Appointed in 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016.



Circuit 16—Division 29

JANETTE K. RODECAP

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born Sept. 24, 1974, in Decorah, Iowa. Graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, 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, Fla., 2005-2006. Assistant prosecuting attorney in Jackson County, 2006-2014. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Association of Women Lawyers. Married with two children. Appointed associate circuit judge May 28, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 30

TWILA K. RIGBY

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born in Urbana. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.S., education, *magna cum laude*, 1975; M.Ed.; and University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1988. Married Robert Rigby May 17, 1987. They have three children. Member of Faith United Methodist Church, Grain Valley. Jackson County prosecutor's office, 1987-1997. Appointed associate circuit judge 1997. Retained in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 16—Division 31

MARY F. WEIR

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Kansas City 64106; phone (816) 881-3544.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born Sept. 30, 1961, in Buffalo, N.Y. Graduate of Mount Mercy Academy, Buffalo, N.Y., 1979; Univ. of Mo.—Kansas City, B.A., pol. science, 1991; Washburn School of Law, Topeka, Kan, J.D., 1995. Worked as a law clerk, div. 31 of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court for the Hon. Christine Sill-Rogers, Sept. 1995–April 1998. 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 in May 2013. Retained in 2014. Term expires in Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 32

ROBERT L. TROUT

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born Sept. 4, 1949, in Clarinda, Iowa. Graduate of William Jewell College, B.A., 1971; University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1975. Married with two children. Practiced law in Blue Springs and Odesa. Appointed associate circuit judge Oct. 5, 1987. Retained in 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 33

JEFFREY L. BUSHUR

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Graduate of University of Missouri—Kansas City, B.A., philosophy and communication students, 1983; J.D., 1986. U.S. Army, 1975–1978. Married with two children. Served as an assistant prosecutor in the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 1985–2000. Named Jackson County Prosecutor of the Year, 1991 and 1995. CLE lecturer for Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, 1990–1999; lecturer for Central Missouri State University law enforcement program, 1986–2000. Member of Trial Judge Education Committee; ASTAR Judge Program; and Trial Judge Education lecturer. Appointed June 2000. Retained in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 17

J. MICHAEL RUMLEY

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

County: Cass.

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

Circuit 17

STACEY JO LETT

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

County: Cass.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 17

DAN OLSEN

Office address: Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Wall St., Harrisonville 64701; phone (816) 380-8701.

County: Cass.

Biography: Born August 28, 1952, in El Dorado, Kan. Graduate of Kansas State University, B.S., animal science; Washburn University of Topeka, J.D. Married Margaret C. Eisenmayer Feb. 9, 1985; two sons, Alex and Ian. Engaged in private law practice, 1979–April 2006; Raymore municipal judge, April 1980–April 2006; Lake Winnebago municipal judge, Jan. 1982–April 2006; and Garden City municipal judge, July 2004–April 2006. Member: Bel-Ray Lions Club, Ray-Pec Optimist Club, Elks Lodge #2791 and Cass County Bar Association. Appointed to the associate circuit court judge April 2006. Elected 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 17

CHAD N. PFISTER

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

County: Johnson.

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



Circuit 17

SUE DODSON

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

County: Johnson.

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





Circuit 18

KEITH M. BAIL

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

County: Cooper.

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

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Circuit 18

JEFF A. MITTELHAUSER

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

County: Pettis.

Biography: Born 1956 in Sedalia. Graduate of Smith-Cotton High School, Sedalia, 1975; Central Missouri State University, 1978; and University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, 1981. Married to Maria; two children. Served as public defender for Pettis, Cooper, Morgan and Moniteau Counties, 1981-82; assistant prosecutor for Pettis County, 1982-1986; and Pettis County Prosecuting Attorney, 1987-2014. Member: Georgetown United Methodist Church, Sedalia Runners Club and Sedalia School District Foundation. Past board member of Child Safe of Central Missouri and State Fair Area Community Service Agency. Elected associate judge 2014, term beginning 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 18

R. PAUL BEARD

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

County: Pettis.

Biography: Born in Missouri in 1969. Graduate of Brigham Young University, B.A., 1993; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1997. Partner in the law firm of Beard & Associates, LLP, 1997–2005. Appointed associate circuit judge, Pettis County, 2005. Elected to the same position, 2006 and 2010. Married Stacey Hill, 1993; they have six children. Member: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Rotary, Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Pettis County Ministerial Alliance, United Way, Paul Klover Soccer Association, PTA and Bothwell Hospital Volunteer Chaplains. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 19

THOMAS L. SODERGREN

Office address: Cole County Courthouse, PO Box 1870, Jefferson City 65102; phone (573) 634-9170.

County: Cole.

Biography: Born Dec. 17, 1952. Graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., English education; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1978. Widowed with two children. Private practice of law, 1978–1994. Jefferson City municipal judge, 1990–1994. Former president, Cole County Bar. Former member, Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council. Former counsel to Missouri Police Chief's Association. 2004 recipient of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Judicial Officer of the Year. Former board member of the Missouri Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Elected associate circuit judge 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 20

DAVID B. TOBBEN

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

County: Franklin.

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



Circuit 20

DAVID L. HOVEN

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

County: Franklin.

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



Circuit 20

STANLEY D. WILLIAMS

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

County: Franklin.

Biography: Born Oct. 9, 1957, in Cuba. Educated at East Central College, Union; University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., *cum laude*, 1978; UCLA Law School, J.D., 1981. Married to Debbie Williams. Engaged in private practice, Franklin County, 1981–1996. Past municipal judge, St. Clair. Member: Pacific Presbyterian Church, Missouri Bar Association and 20th Judicial Circuit Bar. Serves as Franklin County drug court judge. Appointed associate circuit judge 1996. Elected 1996, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 20

ADA BREHE-KRUEGER

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

County: Gasconade.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 20

ROBERT D. SCHOLLMAYER

Office address: Osage County Courthouse, PO Box 825, Linn 65051; phone (573) 897-2136.

County: Osage.

Biography: Born Nov. 27, 1962, in Jefferson City. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., with honors; Washington University in St. Louis, J.D. Married Kathi O. Jones. Member: St. Mary's Parish, Chamois. Served as public defender, Hannibal, 1989–1991; and as prosecuting attorney, Osage County, 1991–2002. Appointed associate circuit judge, 2002. Elected 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 21—Division 31

MARY E. OTT

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 64050; phone (314) 615-1531.

County: St. Louis.

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



Circuit 21—Division 32

MARY BRUNTRAGER SCHROEDER

Office address: Clayton Courthouse, 105 S. Central Ave., Clayton 63105; phone (314) 615-1532.

County: St. Louis.

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

Missouri Association of Associate Circuit and Probate Judges, past president. Appointed associate circuit judge on May 11, 1999. Retained in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 33

NANCY M. WATKINS

Office address: St. Louis County Court Bldg., 105 S. Central Ave., St. Louis 63105; phone (314) 615-8717.

County: St. Louis.

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

Circuit 21—Division 34

DALE W. HOOD

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Dec. 9, 1950, in Washington. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S. and M.S.; St. Louis University, J.D.; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Career Army officer, 1973–1990. Assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1999–2005. Member: University of Missouri—Columbia Alumni Association; Association of U.S. Army; 101st Airborne Division Association; and First Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood. Appointed associate circuit judge 2005. Elected in 2008 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 35

JOHN N. BORBONUS

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of George Mason University, B.A. government and politics, 1988; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1994. Married with three daughters, and resides in St. Louis County. Principal with law firm of King, Krehbiel, Hellmich & Borbonus, L.L.C.; served for several years as assistant attorney general, State of Missouri. Appointed in 2003 by 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. In 2011, he was appointed to serve as a commissioner on the Missouri Senate Appointment Commission. Member: Leadership St. Louis, Class of 2008–2009. Appointed August 2011 by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 36

VACANCY

Circuit 21—Division 37

JOHN R. ESSNER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born on March 12, 1951, in southeast Missouri. Graduate of UCLA, political science, 1973; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1976. Married with two children. Clerked for the Hon. Theodore McMillian. Worked for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, from 1978 until being appointed to the bench in July 1999. Handled family court docket. Member: Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; the St. Louis County Bar Association; The Lawyers' Association; The Women Lawyers' Association; the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 21—Division 38

LAWRENCE J. PERMUTER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Feb. 14, 1947, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri—St. Louis, B.A.; Washington University, J.D. Married Darlene Permuter Feb. 28, 1982. Served in U.S. Army Reserve, 1968–1974. Member: Missouri Bar; St. Louis County Bar Association, Rules Committee. Appointed to the associate circuit court 2009. Elected 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 39

PATRICK CLIFFORD

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of St. Louis University, B.A.; J.D. Elected magistrate judge of St. Louis County, 1978. Engaged in private practice from 1973–1975, specializing in labor relations, federal and general civil practice. Served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County, 1975–1978. Member: The Missouri Bar Association, the St. Louis County Bar Association, the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the 94th Infantry Division Alliance and a board member of the

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. He has served as a guest lecturer for the Medical/Legal Death Investigators Course at the St. Louis University School of Medicine since 1989. Appointed associate circuit judge in 1982. Elected 1978–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 40

DENNIS SMITH

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born April 19, 1949, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, B.S., applied math and computer science, 1971; Duke University School of Law, Durham, N.C., 1974. Married and has four children. Assistant public defender, St. Louis County, 1975–1977; assistant public defender, St. Charles County, 1977–1978. Private practice of law, 1977–1994. Mayor of Ellisville, 1992–1994. Appointed family court commissioner, St. Louis County, 1994. Co-chair, Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts, 2008–2009. Appointed associate circuit judge, 1995. Retained in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 41

JUDY P. DRAPER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Graduate of University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, B.S., labor relations, 1977; Howard University Law School, J.D.; and *Law Journal*, 1980. Former prosecutor for City of St. Louis (assistant circuit attorney); law clerk to Hon. Clyde S. Cahill, federal district court judge. First female general counsel for the Missouri Dept. of Corrections. Engaged in private practice, criminal and civil; adjunct professor of pre-trial practice at Washington University School of Law; municipal judge for the cities of Northwoods and Berkley. Member: Missouri Asian American Bar Association, founding member; Women Lawyer's Association; the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association; National Association

of Women Judges; and National Bar Association. Appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to sit on the Education Committee for the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association. Former member of the Congressional Committee for Americans with Disabilities. Appointed associate circuit judge 2004. Retained 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 21—Division 42

ROBERT M. HEGGIE

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Feb. 3, 1963 in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., accountancy, 1985; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1991. Married to Jean, 1999. Engaged in private practice from 1991 until his appointment to the bench by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon in 2015. City attorney for Chesterfield, 2005-2015. General counsel, The Children's Home Society of Missouri, 1994-2015. Member: Mary Queen of Peace Parish. Term Appointed March 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 21—Division 43

JOSEPH S. DUEKER

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

County: St. Louis.

Biography: Born Nov. 10, 1966, in St. Louis County. Graduate of the University of Richmond, B.A., *cum laude*; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. Married to Jane E. Eilermann. They have two children. Engaged in private practice, 1992–1993. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney, St. Louis County, 1993–2010; associate chief trial attorney, St. Louis County, 2008–2010. Member: Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Appointed associate circuit judge August 13, 2010. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 14

NICOLE COLBERT-BOTCHWAY

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

City of Saint Louis.

Biography: Born Sept. 29, in St. Louis City. Graduate of Rosati-Kain High School; St. Louis University, B.A.; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D.; University of Missouri—St. Louis, M.B.A. Served as an Administrative Hearing Commissioner for the State of Missouri when appointed to the Associate Circuit bench by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon on July 2, 2015. Assistant circuit attorney for the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office. Elected to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors and has served in several bar and community 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 July 2, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016.



Circuit 22—Division 24

PAULA P. BRYANT

Office address: Civil Courts Bldg., 10 N. Tucker St., St. Louis 63103; phone (314) 622-4788.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born Dec. 2, 1956, in St. Louis. Graduate of the University of Missouri—St. Louis, B.S., 1981; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married and has two children. Adjunct professor for Webster University, St. Louis. Assistant circuit attorney, 1993–2004; assigned to the Specialized Homicide Unit, later a team leader; and recipient of the Outstanding Trial Attorney award, 2004. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis, 1991–1993; public defender, 1987–1991; and staff attorney for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court. Active with several bar associations, a member of the Catholic Church and is affiliated with other community and educational organizations. Appointed associate circuit judge 2004. Elected in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 25
VACANCY



Circuit 22—Division 26
CALEA STOVALL-REID

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

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born Springfield, Mass. Married and has two children. Graduate of Howard University, Washington, DC, B.A., 1982. Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1990. Corporate counsel to the St. Louis Housing Authority, 1997–2003; litigation associate with the law firm of Peoples and Hale, 1995–1997; assistant circuit attorney with the circuit attorney's office, City of St. Louis, 1993–1995 and an assistant public defender with the Missouri Public Defender's Office St. Louis City litigation office, 1991–1993. Member: Imani A.M.E. Church; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges; the Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis; Mound City Bar Association and the South City YMCA, Volunteer Advisory Board. Teaches part-time at St. Louis Community College. Served as a volunteer judge with truancy court for St. Louis City Public Schools. Appointed associate circuit judge March 2003. Retained in 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 27

BARBARA PEEBLES

Office address: Civil Courts Building, 10 N. Tucker St, St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 641-3573.

City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born July 14, 1960, in St. Louis. Graduate of Washington University, B.A, 1982; American University Washington College of Law, J.D., 1986. Previously an assistant city counselor, City of St. Louis; assistant circuit attorney, City of St. Louis; and drug court commissioner, 22nd Judicial Circuit. Member: St. Alphonsus Liguori Rock Catholic Church; National Association of Women Judges; Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; and Mound City Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge September 2000. Elected in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 22—Division 28

THERESA COUNTS BURKE

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

City of St. Louis.

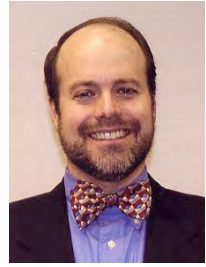
Biography: Born Oct. 11, 1965, in Granite City, Ill. Graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Ill., B.A., political science, 1985; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1988. Engaged in private practice for 20 years; provisional judge for the Municipal Court of St. Louis City, 2001–2008; and adjunct professor for Fontbonne University OPTIONS program since 2007. Member: Missouri Supreme Court's Committee on Access to Family Courts, 2011; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges (MAPACJ); Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association (MMACJA); Lawyers for Kids, ex officio board member; and Women Lawyers' Association. Appointed as an associate circuit judge Nov. 25, 2008. Retained in 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 22—Division 29

THOMAS C. CLARK II

Office address: Carnahan Bldg., 1114 Market St., St. Louis 63101; phone (314) 622-4798.
City of St. Louis.

Biography: Born Dec. 12, 1966, in Kansas City. Graduate of University of Kansas, B.S. history and journalism, 1990; St. Louis University, M.A. public administration, 1993; J.D., 1998. Served as assistant circuit attorney, 1998–2006, City of St. Louis; elected to the young lawyers section of The Missouri Bar Association; and participated in Leadership St. Louis/FOCUS. Member: Missouri Bar Association; St. James the Greater Catholic Church, St. Louis; St. Louis Zoo; and Boy Scouts of America, merit badge counselor. Appointed associate circuit judge Jan. 17, 2006, to fill an unexpired term. Retained in 2008 and 2012. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 23—Division 10

JEFFREY T. COLEMAN

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 23—Division 11

BRENDA STACEY

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2014. Republican.

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Circuit 23—Division 12

ANTONIO (TONY) MANANSALA

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born July 1, 1959 in Pueblo, Colo. Graduate of DeSmet High School, St. Louis, 1977; University of Maryland—Far East Division, B.A., business management, 1982; and Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., J.D., 1985. Engaged in private practice, 1985–1993. Employed with the Missouri State Public Defender System from March 1993, to 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 in 2004. Member: Jefferson County Bar Association. Elected associate circuit judge Nov. 4, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



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Circuit 23—Division 13

PATRICIA RIEHL

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

County: Jefferson.

Biography: Born August 29, 1957, in St. Louis. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., education; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Engaged in private practice, 1982–2003. Served as municipal judge for DeSoto and Crystal City, board of directors; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judge’s Association, past president; Jefferson County Bar Association, Disciplinary Hearing officer; and Circuit Bar Committee, member. Member: Missouri Bar Association and Jefferson County Bar Association. Appointed to the bench as drug court commissioner in 2003. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 23—Division 14

TIMOTHY S. MILLER

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

County: Jefferson.

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



Circuit 23—Division 15

SHANNON DOUGHERTY

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

County: Jefferson.

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



Circuit 24

ROBIN EDWARD FULTON

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

County: Madison.

Biography: Born July 27, 1953, in Ft. Leonard Wood. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., 1978; University of South Carolina, J.D., 1981. Research editor, *South Carolina Law Review*, 1980. Married Karen Sylvester June 7, 1975; two children, Jacob Fulton (deceased 1997) and Jennifer Detwiler; and one granddaughter, Morgan Detwiler. Served in the private practice of law, 1981–2006. Member: Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; Elks Club; 24th Circuit Bar Association; and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected associate circuit judge 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

Circuit 24

JOSEPH L. GOFF JR.

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

County: St. Francois.

Biography: Born June 18, 1986, in St. Louis, Graduate of Farmington High School 2004; Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., political science, 2007; St. Louis University, J.D., 2011. Prior to appointment, served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Francois County. Prior practice also includes the Governmental Affairs Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office in Jefferson City and private practice at the firm of Reeves & Goff, P.C., in Farmington. Appointed in 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016.

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Circuit 24

SHAWN R. McCARVER

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

County: St. Francois.

Biography: Born May 12, 1960, in Bonne Terre. Graduate of Natl. Honor Society, Central R-3 High School, Park Hills, 1978; Central Missouri State Univ., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1981; J.D.; *Mo. Law Review*, Univ. of Mo.—Columbia School of Law, 1984. Admitted to Missouri Bar, 1984. Married to Julie Huffman McCarver; one child, Dagny Elizabeth McCarver. Practiced law, 1984–2010. Municipal judge for more than 25 years in Park Hills, Desloge, Bismarck, Bonne Terre and Leadwood. Member: St. Joseph Catholic Church; 24th Circuit Bar Assoc.; Missouri Bar; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; and Missouri Municipal and Assoc. Circuit Judges Association, past pres. Serves on the Supreme Court Municipal Judge Education Comm. Served on the faculty of the Judicial College since 1988 and various other commissions and committees. Appointed and serves as tech. advisor to the Supreme Court's Commission on Children's Justice. Authored numerous articles, books and given many presentations on juvenile, family law and adoptions. Elected 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 24

TIMOTHY W. INMAN

Office Address: Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse, 55 S. Third St., Ste. Genevieve 63670; phone (573) 883-2265.

County: Ste. Genevieve.

Biography: Born Oct. 7, 1964, in Vinita, Okla. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., business and accounting, 1987; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1990. Private practice, 1990–2010; Ste. Genevieve County prosecuting attorney, 1997–2010. Elected associate circuit judge 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 24

TROY HYDE

Office address: Washington County Courthouse, 102 N. Missouri St., Potosi 63664; phone (573) 438-3691.

County: Washington.

Biography: Born Nov. 2, 1962, in St. Louis. Graduate of University of Missouri–St. Louis, B.A., political science; Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Petit College of Law, J.D., 1990. Married Sonya Lawson June 12, 1998. Member: *Ohio Northern Law Review*, lead article research editor; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 2218. Served as assistant public defender, 24th Judicial Circuit, 1990–1992; assistant prosecuting attorney, Washington County, 1993–1995; and private practice of law, 1993–1996. Elected associate circuit judge, 1997. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 25

MARK D. CALVERT

Office address: Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Ste. 201, Rolla 65401; phone (573) 458-6246, FAX (573) 458-6224.

County: Phelps.

Biography: Born Oct. 25, 1965 in Norfolk, Va Married to Lisa, 1989; three children. Graduate of Central Methodist College, B.A., English 1988; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1991. Engaged in private practice, 1991-2014, with an emphasis in Family Law. Certified Family Law Mediator. Former Board Member, MARCH Mediation, CASA. Member: Missouri Bar Association, Phelps County Bar Association and Optimist Club of Rolla. Elected associate circuit judge 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 25

RONALD D. WHITE

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

County: Phelps.

Biography: Born Sept. 10, 1954, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Graduate of University of Missouri-Rolla (now Missouri S&T), B.S., economics, 1975; University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1978. Married to Clarissa since April 7, 1979. Two sons, Aaron and Adam. Engaged in private practice in Rolla for 26 years. Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1979-1983. Assistant Phelps County prosecuting attorney, 1983-1986. Member: Christ Episcopal Church. Appointed associate circuit judge, Probate Division, Jan. 1, 2005, to fill an unexpired two-year term. Elected associate circuit judge, Probate Division, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 25

COLIN LONG

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

County: Pulaski.

Biography: Born Nov. 14, 1969, in Waynesville. Graduate of University of Missouri-Rolla; Oklahoma City University, J.D. Married Courtney Lawson July 27, 2002. They have two children, Connor and Cate. Former partner with Smith, Turley, Long. Member: St. Robert Church of God; Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce; former vice chair, Regional Commerce and Growth Association; and Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 A.F. & A.M. Appointed November 2004. Elected November 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 25

MICHAEL V. HEADRICK

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

County: Pulaski.

Biography: Born Oct. 22, 1967 in Rolla. Graduate of Waynesville High School, 1986; University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., political science, 1990; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1993. Married to Tammy (1998). Pulaski County prosecutor, elected 1994 and 1998. Associate circuit judge, Probate Division. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 25

KERRY G. ROWDEN

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

County: Maries.

Biography: Born Dec. 3, 1964. Graduate of Maries R-1 in Vienna, 1983; Lincoln University, 1985, B.A., history; and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1989. Elected prosecuting attorney for Miller County, 1990; served four years. Married Wendy Hensley Dec. 29, 1984; they have six children. Elected associate circuit judge November 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 25

DOUGLAS D. GASTON

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

County: Texas.

Biography: Born August 11, 1967, in Houston. Graduate of Houston High School; Southwest Baptist University, B.S.; and University of Arkansas, Little Rock, J.D. Private law practice, 1995–2002; state representative, 1997–98. Texas County prosecuting attorney, 1999–2002. Special assistant, U.S. attorney, 2003–2004. Chief of staff/general counsel, Missouri Senate president *pro tem*, 2004. Missouri deputy state treasurer, 2005–2008. Appointed associate circuit judge 2009. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 26—Division 3

AARON G. KOEPPEN

Office address: #1 Court Circle, Ste. 9, Camden 65020; (573) 346-4440.

County: Camden.

Biography: Born April 1, 1976, in Anchorage, Alaska; raised in Neosho. Graduate of Utah State University, B.A., 2000; Creighton University, J.D., 2004. Married Nancy Tabet, 1999. Missouri State Public Defender's Office, 2004–2006. Iberia city prosecutor, 2006–2010. Special prosecutor, Village of Four Seasons, 2009–2010. Camden County assistant prosecuting attorney, 2006–2010. Adjunct professor at Ozark Technical College. Member: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Lake Ozark Rotary. Elected associate circuit judge 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 26—Division 4

MATTHEW P. HAMNER

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

County: Camden.

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

Member: Missouri Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association; 26th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, president; Board of Directors for Camden Rotary Club; and Camden R-III Education Foundation and Camden Laker Athletic Boosters. Elected associate circuit judge for Camden County in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican..





Circuit 26
STEVEN JACKSON

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

County: Laclede.

Biography: Born Dec. 12, 1963. Graduate of Lebanon High School; Missouri State University, B.S.; and University of Arkansas at Little Rock, J.D. Served in private practice of law for more than 19 years, 1991–2010. Past Laclede County Bar president. Began service in the judiciary Jan. 1, 2011. Married Angie Wampler on August 16, 1994; has two daughters, Pavin and Payne, born in 1995 and 2000. Passions include Laclede County, family and being outdoors. Attends First Baptist Church in Lebanon. Elected associate circuit judge 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 26
LARRY WINFREY

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

County: Laclede.

Biography: Born May 4, 1967, in Lebanon. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., B.A., 1989; J.D., 1992. Married Sharon Smith on June 21, 1986. Private law practice, 1992–2002. President, Laclede County C-5 Board of Education, 1995–2002. Laclede Early Education Program Board of Directors, 1994–2002. Past president of Laclede County Bar. Adjunct instructor at Ozark Technical Community College. Member: First Baptist Church, Rotary, Laclede Lodge #83 AF & AM and Laclede County Shriners Club. Elected associate circuit judge for Laclede County in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires: Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 26
JON A. KALTENBRONN

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

County: Miller.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 26
PEGGY RICHARDSON

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

County: Moniteau.

Biography: Born Oct. 8, 1957, in Versailles. Graduate of State Fair Community College, A.S.; University of Central Missouri, B.A.; and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Engaged in private law practice, 1983–1998; former assistant prosecuting attorney, Morgan County. Member: First Baptist Church, Tipton. Municipal judge for Tipton, Clarksburg and Jamestown. Elected associate circuit judge 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 26

KEVIN SCHEHR

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

County: Morgan.

Biography: Born August 22, 1954, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Graduate of Wabash College, B.A., 1976; master's degree in English from the University of Missouri—Columbia, 1978; and J.D., 1985. Engaged in private practice in Versailles, 1985–2002. Elected associate circuit judge 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 27

DEBRA A. HOPKINS

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

County: Bates.

Biography: Born June 19, 1950, in Ft. Worth, Texas. Graduate UMKC, B.A. in History, 1990. UMKC School of Law, 1992, *Urban Lawyer*, publications editor, 1991. Member St. Patrick Catholic Church; Bates County Bar Assoc.; American Bar Assoc., 1992–2000; Probation and Parole CAB, 2000–2004. Married David Hopkins on August 23, 1969; they have four children and ten grandchildren. Appointed April 2009. Elected 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 27

WAYNE STOTHMANN

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

County: Henry.

Biography: Born March 21, 1954, Washington. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1976; University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1979. Married Denise Ann Soucie on June 10, 1973; they have three children and four grandchildren. Practiced law in Clinton, 1979–1994. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Henry County, 1979–1980, 1984–1986. Prosecuting attorney, Henry County, 1987–1990. Member: Missouri and Henry County Bar associations; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, board of directors, 2007–2011; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges' Association, board of directors, 2007–present; Missouri Commission on Judicial Resources 1998–2000; Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, past member, board of directors; and Clinton Mid-Day Optimist Club, past president and director. Elected 1994, re-elected 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 27

JERRY J. RELLIHAN

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

County: St. Clair.

Biography: Graduate of Benediction College, Atchison Kan., B.A. in sociology, 1981; University Missouri—Kansas City, J.D., 1984. Principal at Jerry J. Rellinhan PC, general practice, 1984–2014. Past member of MATA, Missouri & Municipal Circuit Judges Association and MMACJA. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 28

JAMES V. NICHOLS

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

County: Barton.

Biography: Born 1957, Lamar. Graduated Golden City High School, 1976. Missouri State, B.A., economics; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1985, law review. Private practice in Lamar from 1985 to 2014; Barton County prosecuting attorney, 1987-1994; Municipal Judge, City of Lamar, 1994-2014. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



Circuit 28

THOMAS G. PYLE

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

County: Cedar.

Biography: Eagle Scout, Troop 80, St. Louis. Graduate of Stockton High School, 1974. United States Army enlisted, 1975-78; Honors Graduate Defense Language Institute, Korean language. Graduate Missouri State University, B.A., (major, economics; minor, political science), 1981; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1983; and University of Denver, LL.M Degree in Natural Resources/Environmental Law, 2005. Outstanding Scholar Award; 2005 graduate of Air War College. Retired USAF Reserve Lt. Col., with more than 30 years military service. Awards include the 2009 AFMC JAG Reservist of the year; the Defense

Meritorious Service Medal issued by the Secretary of Defense; and seven Meritorious Service Medals. Elected Associate Circuit Judge for Cedar County in 2014 and took office Jan. 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Partisan position.



Circuit 28

DAVID MUNTON

Office address: Dade County Courthouse, 300 W. Water, Greenfield 65661; phone (417) 637-2741.

County: Dade.

Biography: Born March 19, 1958, in Kirkwood. Graduate of Southwest Baptist College, B.S., political science, 1979; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1982. Married Jeanne Kingland on August 10, 1985. They have three sons and one daughter. Member: Main Street Baptist Church. Clerked for the Hon. George Fannigan, Southern District, 1982-1983. Engaged in private practice in Springfield and Bolivar, 1983-1994. Elected associate circuit judge of Dade County November 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 28

NEAL R. QUITNO

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

County: Vernon.

Biography: Born Jan. 19, 1957, in Houlton, Maine. Graduate of University of Kansas. Bachelor's degree, 1979; J.D., 1982. Married Nora Foster on April 17, 1993; four children. Prosecuting attorney, Vernon County, 1987-1998. Member: St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elected 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

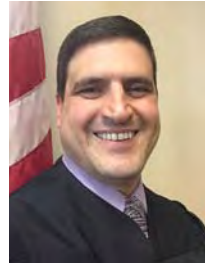
Circuit 29

JOHN A. NICHOLAS

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

County: Jasper.

Biography: Born Dec. 28, 1970 in Oklahoma City, OK. Graduate, University of Oklahoma, B.A. in Economics, 1993. University of Oklahoma, College of Law, J.D., with distinction, 1996. Private practice of law, 1996-2007 with Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter, P.C. in Joplin, and The Law office of Hensley & Nicholas, LLC, and Assistant Prosecution Attorney, Jasper County Missouri, 2007-2014. Member of Missouri and Oklahoma Bar Associations, and the Jasper County Bar Association, President 2001. Wife Greta and two children, Joseph and Benjamin. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 29

JOSEPH L. HENSLEY

Office address: Jasper County Courts Bldg., 601 S. Pearl, Rm. 211, Joplin 64801; phone (417) 625-4316.

County: Jasper.

Biography: Born Feb. 4, 1973 in Joplin. Graduate of Webb City High School, 1991; Univ. of Mo.—Columbia, B.A., psychology, *summa cum laude*, 1995; J.D. 1998. Married to Dina, 2000; two children. Practiced law at Neale & Newman, L.L.P., 1998 – 2002; The Hensley Law Firm, LLC, 2002–2007; Chief Legal Counsel for the Jasper County Juvenile Office, 2003–2007; and Law Office of Hensley & Nicholas, LLC, 2007–2014. Adjunct professor at Drury University, 2000-2002. Chair of the Springfield Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Committee, 2000-2002. Missouri Bar Leadership Academy, 2002-2003; and former vice-chair of the Missouri Bar Juvenile Courts and Laws Committee. Certified Mediator by the AAA; Certified Guardian ad Litem. Member: Missouri Bar and Jasper County Bar Association; American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA); and Cartersville Christian Church. Elected Nov. 4, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 29

STEPHEN P. CARLTON

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

County: Jasper.

Biography: Graduate of Missouri Southern State University, B.S., 1976; University of Arkansas, J.D., 1979. Married and has three children. Law clerk for the Hon. James Prewitt, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, 1979; assistant public defender, 1980–1986; and private practice, 1980–2002. Member: Jasper County Bar Assoc., past president and secretary; Missouri Southern State University Board of Regents, past president and member, 1993–2003; board of directors, St. John's Regional Medical Center, past chair and member, 1995–2004; board of directors, Arvest Bank, 2000–present; and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, 2007–present, president, 2013. Elected associate circuit judge 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 30

MARK B. PILLEY

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

County: Benton.

Biography: Born Sept. 23, 1952, in Kansas City, Kan. Graduate of the University of Kansas, B.G.S.; Washburn University, J.D., 1978. Married Judy A. Jones on June 3, 1977; they have three children. Engaged in private law practice, 1979–2008. Member: Benton County and Missouri Bar associations, 1992–present; Kansas Bar Association, 1979–2008. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Benton County, 1993–1994. Former city attorney and municipal judge. Former board member of the Warsaw Fire District, TLC Sheltered Workshop, Nelson Rolf Animal Shelter, Lions Club, Free University and library board. Real estate law and wills and estate planning instructor. Appointed associate circuit judge November 2008. Elected 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 30

LISA HENDERSON

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

County: Dallas.

Biography: Born 1961 in Springfield. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1989. Private law practice, 1989–2010. Member of the Dallas County Bar Association and Missouri Bar Association. Former prosecuting attorney for Hickory County. Former city attorney, Buffalo. Elected in 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 30

JAMES A. HACKETT

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

County: Hickory.

Biography: Not available. Appointed 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 30

JOHN PORTER

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

County: Polk.

Biography: Born March 21, 1969, in Nevada, Mo. Graduate of Southwest Baptist University, B.S., English; Oklahoma City University, J.D., 1995. Married Jill Thomeczek Dec. 31, 2007. Two daughters: Abbi and Alex. Prosecuting attorney for Polk County 1999–2006. Member: United Methodist Church of Bolivar; Polk County Bar Association. Appointed associate circuit judge 2006. Re-elected 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 30

DAVID T. TUNNELL

Office address: Webster County Courthouse, PO Box B, Marshfield 65706; phone (417) 326-2041.

County: Webster.

Biography: Born Nov. 13, 1976, in Springfield. Graduate of Marshfield High School, 1994; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., 1997; and J.D., 2001. Married Rebecca Floyd Oct. 28, 2006; they have two children, Luke and Lily. Served in private practice at Corbett Law Firm, P.C., 1999–2014. Served on Board of Directors of Web-Co Custom Industries (sheltered workshop), 2002–2008. Member: Missouri, Webster County and Springfield Metropolitan Bar associations. Municipal judge for Marshfield and Rogersville. Member of the Mt. Sinai Christian Church in rural Marshfield. Elected associate circuit judge on Nov. 4, 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 30

KENNETH THOMPSON

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

County: Webster.

Biography: Born May 24, 1951, in Louisville, Ky. Graduate of Drury University, B.A.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married to Joy Chapman on March 21, 1992. Served in private practice from 1976–2001. Municipal judge for Marshfield, Seymour, Rogersville, Fordland and Niangua. Member of the Marshfield United Methodist Church. Appointed associate circuit judge in 2001 and elected in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 31—Division 21

DAN IMHOF

Office address: Judicial Courts Facility, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 868-4097.

County: Greene.

Biography: Born June 19, 1954, in St. Louis. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University), B.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Married Virginia S. Ratliff May 26, 1991. They have two daughters, Nichole and Megan. Law Clerk for the Hon. Douglas Greene at Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District; assistant Greene County prosecuting attorney; assistant public defender; and 25 years in private practice. Member: Campbell United Methodist Church; Rotary; Solomon Lodge #271 AF & AM; Scottish Rite; Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple; former board member, Easter Seals; Friends of the Zoo, board member; Greene County Republican Central Committee, chair. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006. Retained 2010 and 2014. Term expires: Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 22

MARGARET HOLDEN

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

County: Greene.

Biography: Not available. Appointed November 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.

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Circuit 31—Division 23

D. ANDREW HOSMER

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

County: Greene.

Biography: Born April 2, 1964, in Marshfield. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., psychology, Phi Beta Kappa, 1986; New York University School of Law, J.D., 1989. Worked as assistant public defender and assistant prosecuting attorney in Greene County; and as assistant Attorney General. Engaged in private practice in Tampa, Fla., 1989–1992; New York, N.Y., 1993–1995; and Springfield, 2000–2014. Appointed associate circuit judge November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 31—Division 24

MARK POWELL

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

County: Greene.

Biography: Born May 10, 1960, in Springfield. Graduate of Missouri State University, B.A., psychology, *cum laude*, 1982; Drake University, J.D., with honors, 1985. Engaged in the practice of law with Miller and Sanford P.C., 1985–2000. Member: First and Calvary Presbyterian Church. Established Truancy Court Program at Reed Middle School. Recipient: Red Cross Everyday Hero Award; Council of Churches Gift of Time Award; and O. Franklin Kenworthy Award for Outstanding Leadership. Circuit Court Budget Committee. Appointed associate circuit judge 2000. Elected: 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 31—Division 26

JAMES RONALD CARRIER

Office address: Greene County Courthouse, 1010 Boonville, Springfield 65802; phone (417) 829-6005.

County: Greene.

Biography: Graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, 1982; Drury University, B.A., political science, *magna cum laude*, 1986; and University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1988. Private practice of law, 1989-1990. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney and prosecuting attorney, Greene County, 1990-1998. Served as assistant Attorney General and Southwest Regional Chief Counsel, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 1999-2013. Member: Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. Recipient of Dr. John P. Ferguson Award for Child Advocacy. Recognized by U. S. Department of Justice for legal

training provided in Republic of Kosovo. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon in 2013. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 32

SCOTT E. THOMSEN

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

County: Bollinger.

Biography: Born June 10, 1964, in Cumberland, Md. Graduate of Brigham Young University, B.S., accounting, 1988; J.D., 1991. Married Joanna Chamberlain March 28, 1992. They have six children. Worked as assistant public defender, 32nd Judicial District. Member: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Missouri, Utah and Nevada Bar associations; Bollinger County Chamber of Commerce; Bollinger County Optimist Club; and The General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Elected associate circuit judge 1994. Re-elected in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 32

GARY KAMP

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

County: Cape Girardeau.

Biography: Born April 9, 1952, in Cape Girardeau. Graduate of Jackson High School, 1970; Southeast Missouri State University, 1975, B.A.; University of Missouri-Columbia, 1978, J.D. Married Gail Friedrich Sept. 21, 1985. Member of Missouri National Guard, 1970–76. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Bollinger County, 1978–1989; Cape Girardeau County, 1989. Member: St. Paul Lutheran Church; Jackson Chamber of Commerce; American Legion Post 158, life member, former commander and second vice commander; Cape Girardeau County Bar Association, former president; United States Jaycees; Cape

Area Friends of the NRA, president, endowed life member; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges, past board of directors, member and presently chair of the Legislative Committee; and Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, presently a member of the board of directors. Elected as judge, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 32

SCOTT A. LIPKE

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

County: Cape Girardeau.

Biography: Born March 28, 1969. Graduate of Murray State University, B.S., political science; Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D. Married to Ashley Hobbs. They have three children. Previously engaged in private practice and also served as assistant prosecuting attorney, Cape Girardeau County. Elected state representative, 2002–2008. Chair, Crime Prevention Committee. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 32

CRAIG D. BREWER

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

County: Perry.

Biography: Born Oct. 22, 1971, in Perryville. Graduate of St. Vincent High School, 1990; University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., political science and English, 1994; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1998. Married A. Lauren Brazel July 27, 1996; they have three children, Grace, Kate and Max. Practiced law at Eng & Woods in Columbia, 1998-1999; The Brewer Law Firm, P.C., 1999-2013; and Arbeiter & Brewer, 2013-2014, in Perryville. Member: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church; Perryville Chamber of Commerce, 1999-present; Perry County Economic Development Authority, 2000-present; Perryville Development Corporation, 2001-present; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree; St. Vincent Alumni Association, president, 2010-2015. Elected associate circuit judge 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Independent.



Circuit 33

ROB BARKER

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

County: Mississippi.

Biography: Graduate of East Prairie High School, 1986; Missouri Southern State University, B.S., criminal justice administration, 1993; Southern Illinois University, J.D., 2004. Twelve years experience as a law enforcement officer. Worked in Missouri Public Defender's Office, 2004-2006; engaged in private general practice, 2006-2014; appointed as Municipal Judge for the City of East Prairie, 2012; and member and current president of Mississippi County Bar Association. Elected Mississippi County associate circuit judge, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 33

SCOTT HORMAN

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

County: Scott.

Biography: Born Sept. 2, 1975, in southeast Missouri. Graduate of Central Methodist University, B.S., *summa cum laude*; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married Leslie Garner June 7, 1997. They have two sons, Garner and Griffin. Engaged in private law practice in Oct. 2000. Member: St. Augustine Catholic Church; Chaffee Chamber of Commerce; Knights of Columbus; Elks; and Chaffee Youth League. Elected associate circuit judge 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term Expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.





Circuit 33
W.H. WINCHESTER III

Office address: Scott County Courthouse, 131 S. Winchester St., PO Box 587, Benton 63736; phone (573) 545-3511.

County: Scott.

Biography: Born Oct. 27, 1946. Graduate of the University of Missouri, B.S.; University of Missouri Law School, J.D. Engaged in the private practice of law, 1973–1998. Member: Missouri and Scott County Bar associations. Served for five years as secretary-treasurer of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, serving on the state fine collection committee. Elected associate circuit judge 1998–2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 34
JOSHUA D. UNDERWOOD

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

County: New Madrid.

Biography: Born Feb. 10, 1981, in Sikeston. Graduate of Portageville High School; Mississippi State University, B.B.A.; and Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Married Lou Oliver August 11, 2007. They have one daughter, Emmaline, and one son, J. Douglas. Engaged in the private practice of law in Caruthersville, 2007–2010, and New Madrid, 2010–2013. Member: The Missouri Bar, 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Association and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Appointed by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon in 2013. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 34
W. KEITH CURRIE

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

County: Pemiscot.

Biography: Born Dec. 20, 1964, in Hayti. Graduate of Caruthersville High School; Mississippi State University, B.B.A.; University of Missouri, J.D. Married Deborah Cybulski May 9, 1992. They have two daughters, Anne Marie and Ellen. Engaged in the private practice of law in Jefferson City, 1990–1992, and Hayti, 1992–2003. Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Caruthersville. Member: The Missouri Bar; 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Association; and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 34
WILLIAM W. CARTER

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

County: Pemiscot.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

Circuit 35

H. MARK PREYER

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

County: Dunklin.

Biography: Born Feb. 24, 1958, in Poplar Bluff. Graduate of the University of Missouri–Columbia, College of Agriculture, B.S., agricultural economics, 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1983. Married Amy Phillips July 7, 2007. They share five children: Erin Preyer, Eric Preyer, Jake Phillips, Emma Phillips and Audrey Phillips. Previously served on Missouri Public Defender Commission and on the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission. Member: Kennett Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Farmers and Merchants Club of Holcomb and of Homersville. Engaged in the practice of law in Kennett, 1983–2010. Elected associate circuit judge in 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 35

JOHN SPIELMAN

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

County: Dunklin.

Biography: Born May 11, 1972, in Missouri. Graduate of Wichita State University, B.A. political science, 1990; St. Louis University, J.D., 1997. Married Julie Bartlett April 28, 2001. They have two children, Barbara (Ara) Gray and Meagan Grace. Member: First United Methodist Church of Kennett, Kiwanis Club of Kennett, Farmers & Merchants Club of Holcomb and Masonic Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Kennett. Elected 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 35

JOE Z. SATTERFIELD

Office address: Stoddard County Courthouse, P.O. Box 30 Bloomfield 63825; phone (573) 568-4671.

County: Stoddard.

Biography: Born in Dexter. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., business administration; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Engaged in private law practice in Dexter at Parsons, Mitchell, Wilson and Satterfield, 1982–1995. Appointed associate circuit judge 1995. Elected 1996, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 35

STEPHEN R. MITCHELL

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

County: Stoddard.

Biography: Born in Poplar Bluff. Undergraduate and law degree from University of Missouri–Columbia. Practiced law in Dexter. Former director Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Judicial Conference Executive Council, 2002–present. Missouri Supreme Court Trial Judge Education Committee, 1999–present. Elected associate circuit judge in Stoddard County, serving from 1995–present. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 36

JOHN BLOODWORTH

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

County: Butler.

Biography: Born May 29, 1954, in Poplar Bluff. Recipient of B.S.E. in social studies from Arkansas State Univ., Jonesboro, 1976; and J.D. from Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1980. Married Dr. Dorothy M. Munch in 1993, with one child born of the marriage. Practiced law for 17 years prior to being elected as an associate circuit judge in 1998. Past/present member of the Commerce Bank Board of Directors; Kenny Roger’s Children’s Foundation; Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Bar Association; Member and past president of the Butler County Bar Association; board member of the Claudia Foundation; Academic Assistance Group and Veteran’s Tour. Awarded Elk’s Officer of the Year, 2008, for the Butler/Ripley County Drug Court Programs. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 36

JOHN H. SHOCK

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

County: Butler.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 36

THOMAS SWINDLE

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

County: Ripley.

Biography: Born in Wood River, Ill., August 12, 1956. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., 1978, legal education; Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, J.D., 1981. Admitted to the Bar in 1983. Assistant prosecuting attorney, Ripley County, 1983–1984. Elected associate circuit judge November 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 37

MICHAEL LIGONS

Office address: PO Box 578, Van Buren 63965; phone (573) 323-4344.

County: Carter.

Biography: Not available. Took office Jan. 1, 2007. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 37

DON M. HENRY

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

County: Howell.

Biography: Born Oct. 28, 1949, in Springfield. Graduate of the University of Missouri, B.S., 1971; and University of Arkansas, J.D., 1973. Married with two children. Member: First United Methodist Church; Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; 37th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, former president; and Missouri Bar Association. Former member of Pro Se Commission, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys and American Trial Lawyers Association. Associate circuit judge since June 2002. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 37

TRUMAN WILES

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

County: Howell.

Biography: Born June 18, 1958, in Jonesboro, Ark. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., with honors; University of Illinois–Champaign Urbana, J.D., 1983. Married Pamela Lynne Reagan May 17, 1980. They have one daughter. Member: Pomona Christian Church and Rotary Club. City attorney for West Plains, 1985–1987. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 37

HARVEY S. ALLEN

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

County: Oregon.

Biography: Born Dec. 20, 1960, in Mammoth Spring, Ark. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., 1983; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1985. Married Marcia Cozort in 1982. Thayer Church of Christ deacon. Member: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Thayer Area Chamber of Commerce and Thayer-Mammoth Spring Rotary Club. Thayer city attorney, 1991–2003. Elected associate circuit judge November 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 37

SANDRA WEST

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

County: Shannon.

Biography: Born March 6, 1974. Graduate of Drury University, B.A.; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married to Vance West. Engaged in private practice in Eminence, 2000–2006. Served as prosecuting attorney of Shannon County, 2004–2006. City attorney for Eminence, Winona and Birch Tree. Member of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Elected 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 38
LARRY LUNA

Office address: Christian County Judicial Center, 110 W. Elm, Rm. 203, Ozark 65721; phone (417) 582-5140.

County: Christian.

Biography: Born June 28, 1948, in Gainesville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., 1970; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1973. Married to Laurie M. Dale; they have 3 children and reside in Christian County. Prosecuting attorney of Ozark County, 1974–1980. General law practice and worked in private sector in southwest Missouri, 1980–2006. Recognition from Legal Services of Southwest Missouri for his volunteer work. Member: Missouri Association of Associate and Probate Judges, Juvenile Courts & Laws Committee and the Family Law Section of The Missouri Bar. Elected associate circuit judge in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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



Circuit 38
TONY WILLIAMS

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 129, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7212.

County: Taney.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2000. Re-elected 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 38
ERIC D. EIGHMY

Office address: Taney County Courthouse, PO Box 1030, Forsyth 65653; phone (417) 546-7206.

County: Taney.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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 August 12, 1974 in Cassville. Attended Cassville High School; Missouri Southern State College, 1997, B.S. Criminal Justice Admin.; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 2000. Assistant prosecuting attorney for Taney County 2000-02. Elected Barry County Prosecuting Attorney in 2002, re-elected in 2006 and 2010. Member of the SVP prosecuting attorney review committee, Monett Children's Center Advisory Board, Cassville Rotary Club, Missouri Farm Bureau. Married Megan Gibson in 2004 and they have 3 children. Member of the Cassville First Baptist Church and also attends Cassville United Methodist Church. Elected associate circuit judge in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 39

ROBERT J. FOULKE

Office address: 102 West St., Ste. 2, Cassville 65625; phone (417) 847-3133.

County: Barry.

Biography: Born Oct. 14, 1966 in Winnebago, Minn. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University), B.S., 1990; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 1999. Married Nancy Lawrence March 3, 1998. One son, Evan. Assistant prosecuting attorney of Barry County. Private practice of law, Cassville. Current 39th Circuit Bar Association president and 2002 39th Circuit Bar Association president. Served YMCA board. Member: First Baptist Church, Cassville. Elected associate circuit judge of Barry County, 2010 and 2014. Term expires, Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 39

SCOTT S. SIFFERMAN

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

County: Lawrence.

Biography: Graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S. and M.S.; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D. Prosecuting attorney for Lawrence County, 1982-1989. Engaged in the private practice of law, 1980-1989. Past president of the 39th Judicial Circuit and a past board member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Associate circuit judge for Lawrence County since 1989. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 39

ROBERT E. GEORGE

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

County: Lawrence.

Biography: Born Kirksville. Graduate of Mt. Vernon High School; Missouri Southern State College, A.S., law enforcement; B.S., criminal justice; and Tulsa University College of Law, J.D., 1986. Private practice in Aurora, 1989-2000. Elected prosecuting attorney Lawrence County, 1989-2010. Married to Sherrie; two daughters, Heather and Holly; grandchildren Conner and Chloe. Past President of Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, past president; Children's Center, past president and board member; Drury College, past adjunct professor; PACARS retirement board, chairman; Mt. Vernon Rotary, past president. Certified trial advocacy instructor vehicle homicide. Trial advocacy instructor Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorney. Aurora city attorney, 1992-95. Served on the Supreme Court Committee dealing with court consolidation issues. Member: Aurora United Methodist Church. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.





Circuit 39

ALAN BLANKENSHIP

Office address: Stone County Courthouse, 110 S. Maple, Ste. F, Galena 65656; phone (417) 357-6511.

County: Stone.

Biography: Born June 14, 1961, in Neosho. Graduate of University of Arkansas and Missouri Southern State University, B.S., B.A., accounting; University of Missouri, J.D.; and certified public accountant, 1987. Married Dee Ann Casey June 27, 1987; they have three children. Served on the professional audit staff with the Missouri State Auditor's Office, 1984–1987. Served in private law practice, 1991–2002. Served as municipal judge for Kimberling City and Branson West. Member: Judicial Weighted Workload Steering Committee; Trial Judge Education Committee; Living Word Church; and American Legion Missouri Boys State Executive Committee. Elected associate circuit judge 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 39

MARK A. STEPHENS

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

County: Stone.

Biography: Born Oct. 29, 1956, Wichita, Kan. Served in U.S. Army Military Police Corps, 1978–1985. Graduate of WSU, B.S., administration of justice, *cum laude*; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1994. Married to Monica H. Stephens; they have four children and five grandchildren. He lives in the Ozarks, near Crane. Member: Hurley Community Baptist Church; Missouri Bar Association; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges; Southern Gospel Music Association; private practice, Van Matre & Harrison, Columbia, 1994–1999; and solo general practice, Aurora, 1999–2009. Elected as associate circuit judge, 2009. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 40

JOHN LEPAGE

Office address: McDonald County Courthouse, PO Box 157, Pineville 64856; phone (417) 223-4487.

County: McDonald.

Biography: Born in Jefferson City, Oct. 3, 1957. Graduate of Bemidji State University, B.A., 1980; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1983. Married to Marci G. McNeill; they have two children, Melodi Gerstner and Trista LePage, and two grandchildren. Member: Anderson United Methodist Church. Former board member and past president of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Judges. Judicial Records Committee, 2005–present. Elected 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 40

KEVIN SELBY

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood St., Ste. 204, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8231.

Counties: Newton and McDonald.

Biography: Born June 10, 1965, in Joplin. Graduate of Webb City High School, 1983; University of Kansas, 1988; and McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, Calif., 1992. Elected associate circuit judge, Division 3, Nov. 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 40

GREGORY N. STREMEL

Office address: Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Neosho 64850; phone (417) 451-8212.

County: Newton.

Biography: Born July 1, 1954, in Joplin. Graduate of McAuley High School in Joplin; Missouri Southern State College, A.S., computer programming, and B.S., B.A., general business, 1980; and University of Missouri–Columbia, 1983 J.D. Engaged in private practice from 1983–1992. Appointed by Gov. John Ashcroft as associate circuit judge Dec. 8, 1992. Elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican



Circuit 41

PHILLIP E. PREWITT

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

County: Macon.

Biography: Born August 24, 1967, in Moberly. Graduate of Washington University, B.A., 1989; J.D., 1992; U.S. Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky., 1993; and U.S. Army Transportation School, Ft. Eustis, Va., 1995. Married with two children. Engaged in private practice, 1993–2010. Also served as city attorney for Atlanta and Bevier. Awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal by the State of Missouri in 2005 for pro bono legal work on behalf of military service members and their families. Former commissioner, Missouri Veterans Commission. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Re-elected 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 41

MIKE GREENWELL

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

County: Shelby.

Biography: Born Nov. 8, 1959, in Hannibal. Graduate of South Shelby High School, 1978; Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), B.S., agriculture, 1983; University of Dayton, J.D., 1986. Married Marcia Love August 4, 1984. Engaged in the private practice of law in Shelbina, 1986–2010. Member: Missouri Ethics Commission, 1998–2002, chair 2001–2002; Missouri Bar Association Board of Governors, 2001–2008; Truman State University Board of Governors, 2008–2011; American Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; 41st Circuit Bar Association; Shelbina Lions Club; Knights of Columbus; and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 42

SCOTT BERNSTEIN

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

County: Crawford.

Biography: Born May 15, 1961, in St. Louis. Graduate of Clayton High School, 1979; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., Honors College, 1984; College of William & Mary, M.B.A., 1988; St. Louis University, J.D., *cum laude*, *Pubic Law Review*, 1992. Judicial clerkships at Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, for Albert Stephen Jr. and Clifford Ahrens, and U.S. District Court, Clyde Cahill. Associate with Brown and James, P.C. Sole practitioner, 1998–2006. Assistant prosecutor for Crawford and Dent counties. Member: A & A Free Mason and Scottish Rite, Quad County volunteer firefighter and EMT. Elected associate circuit judge 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 42

BRANDI L. BAIRD

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

County: Dent

Biography: Born Oct. 26, 1972, in Rolla. Graduate of John F. Hodge High School, St. James, 1990; Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1996; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., 2000. Married Brandon D. Schloemer; they have two sons, Maxton and Madden. Legislative and constituent director to the Missouri Speaker of the House, 2001–2003. Engaged in private practice, 2004–2010. Dent County prosecuting attorney, 2010–2011. Member: the Salem Lutheran Church. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 42

RANDALL HEAD

Office address: Iron County Courthouse, 250 S. Main St., Ste. 220, Ironton 63650; phone (573) 546-2511.

County: Iron.

Biography: Born Sept. 24, 1951, in Clayton. Graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, B.A.; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D. Married to Paula Head. Member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ironton. Served in United States Marine Corps, 1969–1971; Vietnam veteran; Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member. Prosecuting attorney for Iron County, 1981–1990. Member of Life Endowment, NRA; NRA basic handgun instructor; P.O.S.T.-certified law enforcement handgun and shotgun instructor; and Missouri concealed carry instructor. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 42

EDITH R. RUTTER

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

County: Reynolds.

Biography: Born August 18, 1953, in Leitchfield, Ky. Graduate of Western Kentucky University, B.S., accounting; University of Louisville, J.D. Clerked for Kentucky Supreme Court 1989–1990. Elected associate circuit judge in Reynolds County 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 42

RANDY P. SCHULLER

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

County: Wayne.

Biography: Born May 23, 1955, in St. Louis. Graduate of Drake University, B.S., business administration, *cum laude*, 1977; University of Missouri, J.D., 1980. Prosecuting attorney, Wayne County, 1983–1986. Member: Trinity United Methodist Church; Piedmont Rotary Club; 42nd Circuit Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; and Eastern and Western Districts of U.S. District Court of Missouri. Elected Wayne County associate circuit judge 1990. Re-elected 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

Circuit 43

JASON KANOY

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

County: Caldwell.

Biography: Not available. Took office Jan. 1, 2007. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Independent.



Circuit 43

TERESA L. BINGHAM

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

County: Clinton.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Graduate of Washburn University, B.A., *cum laude*; University of Kansas School of Law, J.D. She began practicing law with the law firm of Morrison, Frost and Olsen in Manhattan, Kan. She then returned to Kansas City and practiced law with the Jackson County Public Administrator for 12 years. Before being elected as Clinton County Associate Judge, she practiced with UAW Legal Services plan, doing most of the estate planning and probate work. She is married with two adult children. She has been involved with a Science Olympiad coach, Girl Scouts as a Leader and is also a part time youth leader for two rural churches. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

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Circuit 43

DAREN L. ADKINS

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

County: Daviess.

Biography: Born Nov. 13, 1967, in Bethany. Graduate of Baylor University, B.A., 1990; University of Tulsa School of Law; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Miller, Seidel, & Havens associate, 1994–1997. Miller, Seidel, Havens, & Adkins, LLP, 1997–1999. Member: Gallatin Rotary Club, past president; Gallatin Area Revitalization Alliance, vice president; Daviess County Fair Board; Gallatin United Methodist Church; Gallatin R-V School Board, 1996–1999; and Daviess County Library Board, vice president, 2000–present. Associate circuit judge, Daviess County, 1999–present. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.



Circuit 43

BART SPEAR

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

County: DeKalb.

Biography: Born Dec. 18, 1958. Graduate of Central Methodist College, B.A., 1981; University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1984. Engaged in private practice in Cameron, 1984–2009; assistant prosecuting attorney, DeKalb County, 1990–1994; appointed DeKalb County prosecuting attorney by Gov. Mel Carnahan, 1994; assistant child support enforcement prosecuting attorney, 43rd Judicial Circuit, 1995; and elected DeKalb County prosecuting attorney, 1998, 2002 and 2006. Serves on Clinco Sheltered Industries board of directors. Member: Cameron Elks Lodge No. 2615, Cameron United Methodist Church, Maysville Area Chamber of Commerce and Fairport Lions Club. Appointed associate circuit judge by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon, 2009. Elected associate circuit judge 2010. Re-elected in 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.





Circuit 43

JAMES P. VALBRACHT

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

County: Livingston.

Biography: Born Sept. 23, 1953, in Carrollton. Graduate of Central Missouri State University, B.S., 1977; University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1977. Member: Missouri Bar; Livingston County Bar; United Methodist Church; and Chillicothe Elks Lodge 656. Engaged in private practice of law, 1978–2006. Elected associate circuit judge 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

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Circuit 44

ELIZABETH BOCK

Office address: Douglas County Courthouse, 203 SE Second Ave., PO Box 249, Ava 65608; phone (417) 683-2114.

County: Douglas.

Biography: Born Dec. 20, 1961, in St. Louis, raised in New Madrid. Graduate of William Woods College, B.A., history and English, 1983, with honors; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1986. Served as an assistant public defender, 1986–1995; Greene County assistant prosecuting attorney, 1995–1999; and assistant attorney general, 1999–2013, in Public Safety Division, handling special prosecutions. Member: St. Leo the Great Parish, Ava, and Ava Kiwanis Club. Appointed associate circuit judge in Jan. 2013 by Gov. Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon. Elected Nov. 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Democrat.

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Circuit 44

CYNTHIA MacPHERSON

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

County: Ozark.

Biography: Not available. Elected November 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 44

LYNETTE B. VEENSTRA

Office address: Wright County Courthouse, 125 Courthouse Sq., PO Box 58, Hartville 65667; phone (417) 741-6505.

County: Wright.

Biography: Born March 21, 1968, in Luverne, Minn. Graduate of Southwest Missouri State Univ., B.S., economics, *summa cum laude*, 1990; Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1993, Order of the Coif. Married Leon Veenstra Dec. 19, 1992; they have three children. Member: Mansfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Served in private practice, 1993–2002. Licensed in Missouri and California. Elected associate circuit judge in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.

Circuit 45

JAMES D. BECK

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

County: Lincoln.

Biography: Born Sept. 3, 1968, in Troy. Graduate of Lindenwood College, B.S., 1990; Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1993. Married to Kendra Beck July 17, 1999; three children. Missouri assistant public defender, 1993–94; Missouri district public defender for the 45th Judicial Circuit, 1994–1997; began private practice, 1997, with Mueller & Suddarth, and continued in private practice with Mueller, Beck & Meyer until taking the bench on Jan. 1, 2011. Member: Missouri Bar Assoc.; Missouri Assoc. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges; Troy Bible Holiness Church; Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, past president; Troy Kiwanis Club, past president; Troy Rotary Club, past president; Troy Elks Lodge; Lincoln County Bar Assoc., past president; Lincoln County Habitat for Humanity, board member; Elsberry Chamber of Commerce; and Moscow Mills Chamber of Commerce. Elected 2010. Re-elected 2014. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018. Republican.



Circuit 45

GREGORY K. ALLSBERRY

Office address: Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Business Park Dr., Troy 63379; phone (636) 528-0329.

County: Lincoln.

Biography: Graduate of Concordia University Chicago, 1979; Washington University School of Law, 1984. Articles Editor, *Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law*, 1982–1984. Former prosecuting attorney, City of Frontenac and City of Pagedale. Engaged in private practice of law from 1984–2014. Associate at Bill T. Walker & Associates, 1984–1987. Associate and partner, Susman, Schermer, Rimmel & Shifrin, 1987–1999. Gregory K. Allsberry, L.C., 1999–2014. Elected associate circuit judge November 2014, for a term beginning Jan. 1, 2015. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.



Circuit 45—Division 4

DAVID ASH

Office address: Pike County Courthouse, 115 W. Main, Rm. 24, Bowling Green 63334; phone (573) 324-5582.

County: Pike.

Biography: Born June 13, 1950 in Boston, Mass. Attended Columbia public schools until ninth grade. Graduate of Univ. City HS, 1968; Univ. of Mo.–Col., 1972, B.A., pol. science; J.D., 1976. Married Denise M. Jansen Sept. 3, 1977; they have two children. Employed in priv. pract. of law, 1976–2003. Served as asst. prosecutor, Pike Co., 1976–1981. City attorney, Wellsville, Farber and Laddonia, and prosecutor, City of New Florence. Served on bd. of dir. for Legal Svcs., Northeast Missouri, and as drug court judge, 45th Circuit, 2004–2009. Prior to taking the bench, served as municipal judge, Louisiana, Clarksville and Eolia. Currently is municipal judge, City of Bowling Green. Member: Bowling Green Lions Club; St. Clement Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus Council 1928; St. Isidore 4th Degree Assembly; Twin Pike YMCA, bd. of dir.. Past member: Bowling Green R-1 School Bd., 1999–2005; and Twin Pike Family YMCA, bd. of dir., 2004–2010. Elected 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Term expires Dec. 31 2018. Democrat.



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Sheffield, Mary W.	Appellate . . Southern		Weir, Mary F.	Associate	16
Shepherd, Rachel Bringer	Circuit	10	Welsh, James E.	Appellate . . Western	
Sherry, Thea A.	Circuit	21	West, Sandra M.	Associate	37
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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: Chairman Mr. Skip Walther, attorney, Columbia; Mr. Barry Aycok, lay member, Parma; Rev. Dr. Carlton R. Caldwell, lay member, St. Louis County; Mr. Arthur S. Margulis, attorney, St. Louis County; Hon. Sandra C. Midkiff, circuit judge, 16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County-Kansas City); and Hon. Nancy Steffen Rahmeyer, appellate judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District.

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

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

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To protect the public from persons unqualified or unauthorized to practice law, the Supreme Court of Missouri has established an attorney discipline system. The Supreme Court appoints a chief disciplinary counsel to investigate allegations of professional misconduct, incompetence and incapacity of lawyers. The Court also has established an Advisory Committee, which oversees the disciplinary hearings process. Complaints filed against attorneys are reviewed by the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel. Regional disciplinary committees located in Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis—composed of at least four lawyers and two nonlawyers—also may investigate complaints referred to them by the chief disciplinary counsel or the Advisory Committee.

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

In addition to providing oversight of the disciplinary hearing process, the Advisory Committee reviews complaint files that have been closed after investigation, at the request of the complainant. It also may issue formal ethics opinions, interpreting Supreme Court Rules 4, 5 and 6. Members of the Advisory Committee, appointed

by the Supreme Court are: Jennifer Gille Bacon, Kansas City, chair; Susan Appelquist, Springfield; Richard E. Banks, St. Louis; John Briscoe, New London; Al Brooks, Kansas City; Doreen D. Dodson, St. Louis; Sidney Dulle, Jefferson City; Hon. John C. Holstein, Springfield; David P. Macoubrie, Chillicothe; Richard N. Priest, St. Louis; Susan Ford Robertson, Kansas City; and Dorothy White-Coleman, St. Louis.

The legal ethics counsel, who serves as counsel to the Advisory Committee, may give nonbinding informal advisory opinions, interpreting Supreme Court Rules 4, 5 and 6 to members of the Bar. The legal ethics counsel is Melinda Bentley.

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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: Patricia A. Sexton, Kansas City, president; James G. Nowogrocki, St. Louis, vice president; Jennifer K. Huckfeldt, Springfield; Karen M. Jordan, St. Louis; and Sandra L. Schermerhorn, Kansas City.

The Missouri Bar

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

Membership in The Missouri Bar is required of every lawyer who practices in Missouri and of every judge of a state court. To qualify for mem-

bership, a person must have completed an approved law school leading to a juris doctor degree. Those seeking membership in The Missouri Bar also must pass a comprehensive bar examination and character and fitness investigation and make application for admission to the Bar with the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Committees

There are numerous standing committees of The Missouri Bar, plus a number of special project committees. Committees of The Missouri Bar meet at least twice each year to discuss particular areas of the law and, in some cases, draft potential legislation in those areas. Committee members, as well as officers and other members of The Missouri Bar, are available to testify before the General Assembly in support of those bills. In addition, the Bar's Board of Governors often votes to support or oppose other bills pending before the legislature and the Bar's legislative services are directed accordingly. Because of its status as a mandatory organization for those practicing law in Missouri, the Bar's legislative efforts are confined to bills affecting the administration of justice.

Education

The Missouri Bar's Continuing Legal Education Department (MoBarCLE) has taken the lead in keeping Bar members informed of the latest developments in the law. Each year, the CLE department organizes and presents a number of programs—live, videotaped, webinars and by telephone—to keep lawyers abreast of changes in state and federal laws. These sessions are regularly accompanied by detailed course materials designed to supplement the programs themselves. In addition, the department's renowned deskbook series (the "black books"), supplements and guidebooks provide attorneys with valuable reference materials they can make use of in their own law libraries.

Publications/Public Information

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

For more than 50 years, The Missouri Bar has conducted a broad program of public information and education. Thousands of informative

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

Other Activities

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

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

Officers, The Missouri Bar, 2015–2016

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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: Mary R. Russell, chief justice, Supreme Court of Missouri, chair, term expires June 30, 2015.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District: Thomas M. Burke, lawyer member, term expires Dec. 31, 2017; Edward "Nick" Robinson, lay member, term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District: Michelle Beckler, lay member, term expires Dec. 31, 2020; Donald E. Woody, lawyer member, term expires Dec. 31, 2019.

From the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District: Cheryl M. Darrough, lay member, term expires Dec. 31, 2016; James R. Hobbs, lawyer member, term expires Dec. 31, 2015.

Circuit Judicial Commissions

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

Sixth Circuit (Platte County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Alok Ahuja, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, term expires June 30, 2014. Members: Keith Hicklin, Platte City, lawyer member; John W. Pepper, Kansas City, lay member; Staci L. Petrillo, Kansas City, lay member; Robert Shaw, Platte City, lawyer member.

Seventh Circuit (Clay County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Alok Ahuja, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, term expires June 30, 2014. Members: Dr. Lancer G. Gates, Kansas City, lay member; Ben T. Schmitt, Kansas City, lawyer member; Jason Starr, Liberty, lay member; James H. Thompson Jr., Kansas City, lawyer member.

Sixteenth Circuit (Jackson County) Judicial Commission: Chair: James E. Welsh, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District,

term expires June 30, 2014. Members: Scott Bethune, Kansas City, lawyer member, term expires Dec. 31, 2015; Byron G. Thompson, Kansas City, lay member, term expires Dec. 31, 2012; Rev. Eric D. Williams, Kansas City, lay member, term expires Dec. 31, 2016; and Teresa Woody, Kansas City, lawyer member, term expires Dec. 31, 2017.

Twenty-first Circuit (St. Louis County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Lisa Van Amburg, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, term expires June 30, 2014. Members: Christine Bertelson, Webster Groves, lay member; Matthew Rossiter, St. Louis, lawyer member; Rev. Anthony Witherspoon, Florissant, lay member; Richard Wuestling IV, St. Louis, lawyer member.

Twenty-second Circuit (St. Louis) Judicial Commission: Chair: Lisa Van Amburg, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, term expires June 30, 2014. Members: Rita Burlison, St. Louis, lay member; Tiffany Franklin, St. Louis, lay member; Steven L. Groves, St. Louis, lawyer member; Thomas Neill, St. Louis, lawyer member.

Thirty-first Circuit (Greene County) Judicial Commission: Chair: Mary W. Sheffield, chief judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, term expires June 30, 2015. Members: Andrew K. Bennett, Springfield, lawyer member; Steven B. Garner, Springfield, lawyer member; Joann Hosmer, Springfield, lay member; Steven Stepp, Springfield, lawyer member.

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

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

Public Defender Commission

State law (Chapter 600, RSMo) provides for a seven-member Public Defender Commission to oversee the State Public Defender System. The members of the commission are appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate and serve



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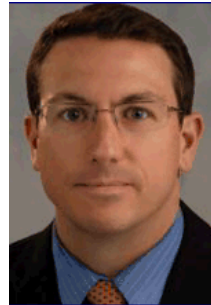
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CHARLES JACKSON
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JOEL ELMER
Deputy State Public Defender



MICHAEL BARRETT
State Public Defender

without compensation for six-year terms. Four members must be lawyers, and no more than four members may be of the same political party.

Members, Public Defender Commission

Copeland, Douglas, chair;
Bock, H. Riley, commissioner;
Chval, Craig, commissioner;
Hogan, Crista, commissioner;
Jackson, Charles, commissioner.

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

Trial Division

The Trial Division employs close to 300 full-time attorneys as well as investigators, paralegals and legal assistants. Trial Division attorneys represent both adult and juvenile indigent clients

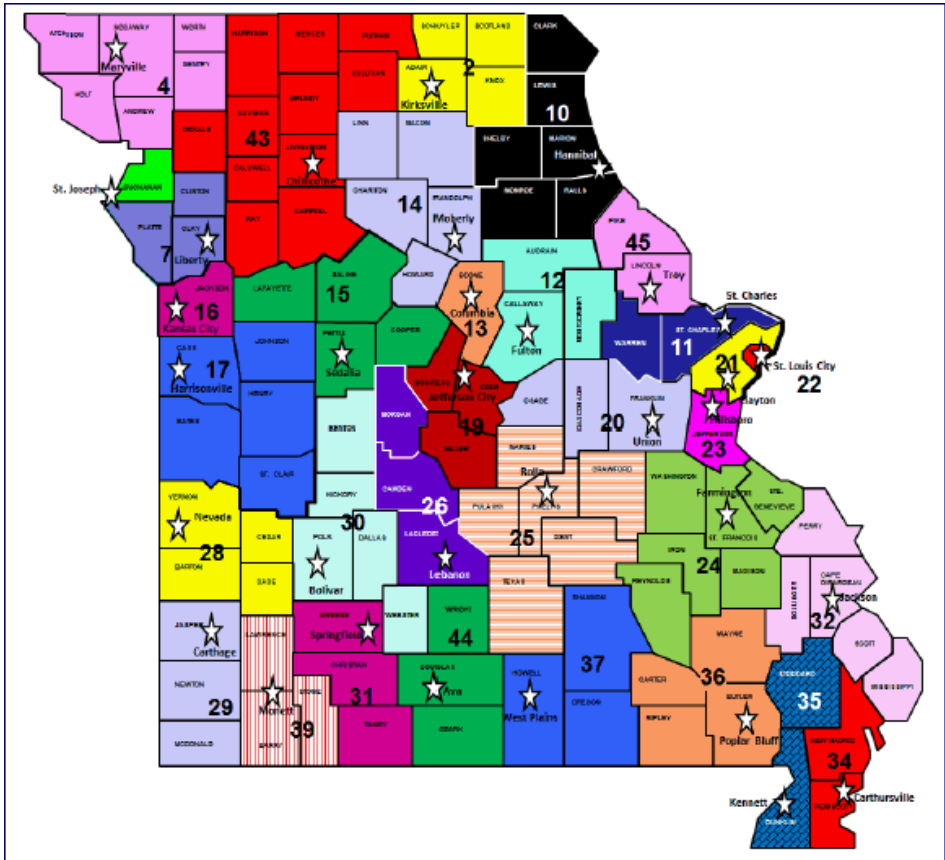
charged with crimes at the state trial court level throughout Missouri.

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

Capital Division

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

Missouri State Public Defender Trial Division District Map



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

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

Division of Appellate/Post Conviction Relief

This division ensures that the constitutional rights of citizens are preserved and protected, and that the trial or guilty-plea process was fair and legal. In essence, the division monitors and provides quality-control for the criminal judicial process.

There are six district offices in this division. The offices are located in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia in close proximity to most of Missouri's appellate courts.

Attorneys in this division provide representation to indigent citizens who have been convicted of felony offenses, after either a trial or a guilty plea. These attorneys handle direct appeals from non-capital felony convictions, post-conviction trial court challenges and appeals from post-conviction proceedings. The post-conviction practice includes providing aggressive representation to death-row clients at the trial-court level, and in the Supreme Courts of Missouri and the United States.