
Missouri Court of Appeals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The courts are authorized to sit in divisions if they choose, which the St. Louis and Kansas City districts have elected to do.

Courts of Appeals judges must be at least 30 years old, residents of their district, U.S. citizens for at least 15 years and Missouri voters for nine years before their selection. Appeals judges serve 12-year terms.

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Appellate Judges, Eastern District

Eastern District

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Clerk: Laura Roy

Telephone: (314) 340-6960

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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 \$115,000. Members of the court elect one from their number to act as chief judge.

Territorial jurisdiction

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

JAMES R. DOWD

Office phone: (314) 340-6918.

Office address: Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Chief Judge. Born June 17, 1950 in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis Univ.; Univ. of MO–Kansas City, B.A., political science; St. Mary's Univ., J.D. Married with two children. Member: Catholic Church; MO and Metro. St. Louis Bar Assns.; Lawyers Assn.; State Trial Judges Assn.; Legal Services of Eastern MO Domestic Violence Advisory Council; Lasting Solutions Project; Legal Advocates for Abused Women; Implementation Comm.; Mental Health Assn. of Greater St. Louis. Awards: American Jurisprudence, 1976; Law and Education project, St. Louis Public Schools, 1986; Gateway Crime Prevention Council, 1987; Supreme Court Presiding Judges Executive Comm., 1995–96. Served as: magistrate judge, City of St. Louis, 1978; assoc. circuit judge, 1979–88. Appointed circuit judge in 1988, retained in 1990–1996. Elected Asst. Presiding Judge, 1993–95; Presiding Judge, 1995–97. Established and served as first judge; Drug Court, City of St. Louis; member, Judicial Conference Task Force on Drug Courts. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, September 2, 1997, retained in 1998. Term expires December 31, 2010.



CLIFFORD H. AHRENS

Office phone: (314) 512-7704.

Office address: 121 S. Meramec, Suite 500, Clayton 63105.

Biography: Born December 19, 1945, in Hannibal. Educated at Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, B.S. *cum laude*, J.D. Married Kimberly Ann Robison, June 10, 1968. They have three children. Engaged in general practice of law, 1969–91. Member: Holy Family Catholic Church; YMCA, president, 1981–83; Kiwanis, president, 1978–79; United Way of Hannibal, president, 1977–78; Chamber of Commerce, president, 1979; Children's Trust Fund, board of directors, 1987–91; St. Louis City–St. Louis County Board of Electors, 1990–91; Hannibal Planning Commission, chair, 1983–86; MO, American, Metropolitan St. Louis and 10th Judicial Circuit, president, 1981–82 Bar Associations; Missouri Law Review; Phi Delta Phi; American Judicature Society; MO Court Automation Comm., vice chair, 1996–present; Judicial Records Comm. Awards: MO Judicial Conference Distinguished Service, 1999; Hannibal Kiwanian of the Year, 1983–84; Legal Services of Northeast MO Outstanding Attorney, 1982. Appointed to the Court of Appeals February 7, 1991. Retained in 1992. Chief Judge, 1996–97. Term expires December 31, 2004.



**LAWRENCE G. CRAHAN****Office phone:** (314) 340-6926.**Office address:** Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.**Home address:** 402 Conway Commons Ln., Town & Country 63141.

Biography: Born October 20, 1949, in Guam, Marianas Islands (U.S.). Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., 1971; J.D. *cum laude*, 1977. Elected editor-in-chief, *Missouri Law Review* and to Order of the Coif. Married to Linda S. Legg. Served as law clerk to Judge James A. Finch Jr., Missouri Supreme Court, 1977–78. Active service as naval officer with Commander, Amphibious Squadron Six, Norfolk, VA, 1971–74. Practiced law in Kansas City and St. Louis. Member: Missouri Bar Association, chair, Administrative Law Committee, 1988–90; Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association, chair, Courts Subcommittee, 1988–90; St. Louis Bar Foundation; UMC Law School Foundation, trustee, 1989–92; UMC Law Society; DuBourg Society, St. Louis University; Missouri

Supreme Court Historical Society; American Judicature Society. Appointed to the Court of Appeals October 23, 1992. Retained in 1994. Chief judge 1997–98. Term expires December 31, 2006.

**WILLIAM H. CRANDALL JR.****Office phone:** (314) 512-7705.**Office address:** 121 S. Meramec, Suite 500, Clayton 63105.**Home address:** 564 Innsbrook Ests., Innsbrook 63390.

Biography: Born September 27, 1939, in Urbana, IL. Educated at Washington University, B.S., J.D. Married to Carol Papendick. They have two children. Served in U.S. Army Reserves as Pfc., and U.S. Navy Reserves as lieutenant. Engaged in general practice of law. Served as assistant public defender, judge, Eighth District Magistrate Court, 1968–75. Member: Harmony Church; Phi Delta Theta, St. Louis Alumni; Phi Delta Phi; Missouri, Metropolitan, St. Louis County and Lawyers Bar Associations. Appointed circuit judge July 9, 1975. Retained under the Nonpartisan Court Plan in 1976 for a term expiring December 31, 1982. Resigned to accept appointment to the Missouri Court of Appeals December 9, 1981. Retained in 1984 and 1996. Term expires December 31, 2008.

**KATHIANNE KNAUP CRANE****Office phone:** (314) 512-7706.**Office address:** 121 S. Meramec, Suite 500, Clayton 63105.

Biography: Born October 28, 1945, in St. Louis. Educated at Washington University, A.B.; University of Strasbourg; St. Louis University, J.D., *cum laude*. Married to David D. Crane. They have two children. Served in the Peace Corps, 1967–68; practiced law with a St. Louis law firm, 1972–80; assistant U.S. attorney, 1980–90. Received Robert Walston Chubb Award from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, 1992; Vincent C. Immel 1998 Alumni Merit Award from St. Louis University School of Law. Chair, Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, 1994–present. Member: American Law Institute; Metropolitan St. Louis, Missouri and American Bar Associations; American Judicature Society; Fellows of the American Bar Foundation; Fellows of the Missouri Bar Foundation; National Association of Women Judges. Appointed to the Court of Appeals July 9, 1990. Retained in 1992. Chief Judge, 1995–96. Term expires December 31, 2004.

ROBERT G. DOWD JR.**Office phone:** (314) 340-6938.**Office address:** Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Born March 6, 1951, in St. Louis. 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. Elected magistrate judge, 1978. Retained as associate circuit judge, 1982. Member: Catholic Church; American, Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Associations; Lawyers Association; Quincy College and St. Mary's University alumni associations. Committees: Rule 90 Supreme Court; Judicial Education Committee; Judicial Finance Commission. Board of directors: CYC; Mental Health Association; Daughters of St. Paul, Dismas House. Attended: National Judicial College, Reno, Nev.; American Academy of Judicial Education, Cambridge, MA. Appointed circuit judge in 1985. Retained in 1986 and 1992. Appointed to the Court of Appeals August 19, 1994, retained in 1996. Chief Judge 1998–99. Term expires December 31, 2008.

**GEORGE W. DRAPER III****Office phone:** (314) 340-6933.**Office address:** Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Born August 5, 1953, in St. Louis. Graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, B.A., Psychology; Howard University School of Law, J.D. Married to Judy P. Draper, Attorney at Law. They have one daughter, Chelsea Westin Draper. Office of the Circuit Attorney, City of St. Louis 1984–1994. Appointed First Assistant, January 1993. Appointed Associate Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit 1994. Appointed Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit 1998. Adjunct Professor, St. Louis University School of Law since 1996. Member: Northside Family Worship Center; Mound City Bar Association; Lawyers Association of St. Louis; Bar Association Metropolitan St. Louis; Missouri Asian Bar Association. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, Eastern District, May 16, 2000.

**GARY M. GAERTNER SR.****Office phone:** (314) 340-6916.**Office address:** Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.**Home address:** 1825 N. Geyer Rd., Frontenac 63131.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University. Married to Maureen E. Norwich, they have three children. Served with the U.S. Coast Guard. Engaged in private practice, served as assistant city counselor, associate city counselor and city counselor of St. Louis. Member: Catholic Church; Phi Delta Phi; board of directors, Boys Town of Missouri, and Policemen and Firemen's Fund of St. Louis, Inc.; vice president, Khoury International Leagues; Boy Scouts of America; American, Missouri and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Assns.; Lawyers Assn. of St. Louis. Awards: Judiciary, St. Louis Grand Jury Assn.; Man of the Year, George Khoury International Assn.; Special Act, U.S. Assn. of Federal Investigators; one of, Outstanding Young St. Louisans by St. Louis Junior Chamber of Commerce. Graduate of law schools in the United States and abroad. Appointed circuit judge July 14, 1969. Retained in 1970, 1976 and 1982. Appointed to the Court of Appeals May 6, 1985. Retained in 1986 and 1998. Term expires December 31, 2010.





MARY KATHRYN HOFF

Office phone: (314) 340-6912.

Office address: Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.

Home address: St. Louis 63110.

Biography: Born January 5, 1953, in St. Louis. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., education, and St. Louis University, J.D. Served as assistant public defender, St. Louis City, 1978–82, and was engaged in private law practice, 1982–89. Member: St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church; Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association; Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis; National Association of Women Judges. Appointed circuit judge on May 15, 1989. Retained in 1990. Appointed to the Court of Appeals on December 15, 1995. Retained in 1998. Term expires December 31, 2010.



LAWRENCE E. MOONEY

Office phone: (314) 340-6936.

Office address: Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.

Home address: 6366 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis 63105.

Biography: Born September 3, 1949, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University, A.B., J.D. and Harvard University, Program for Senior Executives. His life partner is Dr. James D. Reid. Engaged in private law practice 1974–75 and 1977–78. Served in St. Louis County as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, 1975–77, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, 1979–90, Executive Assistant to the County Executive, 1991–98. Member: American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; and the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Judges. Board member, Laumeier Sculpture Park; Metropolitan Education and Training Center; and the National Conference for Community and Justice. Appointed to the Court of Appeals August 14, 1998.

Retained November 7, 2000. Term expires December 31, 2012.



MARY RHODES RUSSELL

Office phone: (314) 340-6928.

Office address: Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.

Biography: Born July 28, 1958 in Hannibal. Educated at Truman State Univ., B.S. and B.A., *summa cum laude* and Univ. of MO–Columbia, J.D. Married to James L. Russell. Served as a law clerk to Judge George Gunn, Missouri Supreme Court. Practiced law in Hannibal. Member: MO, IL, 10th Circuit, American Bar, (House of Delegates); and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Assns.; Women Lawyers’ Assn. of Greater St. Louis; Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee; Nat’l. Assn. of Women Judges; Grace Episcopal Church; Kirkwood Rotary; PEO; St. Louis Leadership Class. Received: Citation of Merit Award from UMC Law School; Council of State Governments’ 1997 Toll Fellow; Legal Services of Eastern MO Equal Justice Award. Past service: Bd. of Governors, Truman State Univ., president, 1996; Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges; State Councils on Job Training and Women’s Economic Development; Hannibal Chamber of Commerce, pres. 1987; United Way; MO State Senate Reapportionment Commission; MO Lawyers Trust Account Bd.; University of Mo Law School Foundation. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, 1995. Retained in 1996. Term expires December 31, 2008.

Appointed to the Court of Appeals, 1995. Retained in 1996. Term expires December 31, 2008.

PAUL J. SIMON**Office phone:** (314) 340-6922.**Office address:** Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.**Home address:** 3 Homeland Pl., St. Louis 63109.

Biography: Born July 10, 1933, in St. Louis. Educated in St. Louis parochial schools; Washington Univ., B.S., business administration; St. Louis Univ., J.D., *cum laude*. Member: Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Society, Phi Alpha Delta, Alpha Tau Omega. Married 1955, to Mary Jane Meyer. Five children: Samuel, Paul, James, Jayne and Joan. He is engaged in private law practice. Was chief deputy clerk of magistrate court; deputy coroner; special assistant attorney general; State Representative, 1967–73. Served as president, Board of Aldermen, City of St. Louis, 1975–79. Member: St. Raymond's Maronite Catholic Church; St. Raphael's Church. Board of Directors: Daughters of St. Paul; Boys' Club of St. Louis; Board of Governors of the Missouri Bar 1989–97; Secretary, Div. of Judicial Administration, the MO Bar, 1983–85. Chair, Bench and Bar Committee of the Metropolitan Bar Assn. of St. Louis, 1984–85, 1987, 1993. Appointed to the Court of Appeals October 15, 1979. Retained in 1980 and 1992. Chief Judge, 1989-90. Term expires December 31, 2004.

**SHERRI B. SULLIVAN****Office phone:** (314) 340-6920.**Office address:** Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.**Home address:** St. Louis 63109.

Biography: Born September 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 to James E. Sullivan, they have two children. Member: St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church; Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association; Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis; National Association of Women Judges; Supreme Court Judicial Education Committee. Appointed associate circuit judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, February 27, 1989. Appointed circuit judge October 17, 1994. Retained in 1996. Appointed judge of the Court of Appeals August 5, 1999. Retained in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2012.

**RICHARD B. TEITELMAN****Office phone:** (314) 340-6934.**Office address:** Wainwright State Office Bldg., St. Louis 63101.**Home address:** St. Louis 63108.

Biography: Engaged in private law practice. Member of various legal and civic organizations. Recipient of numerous awards. Appointed to the Court of Appeals December 1, 1997 by Governor Mel Carnahan. Retained November 7, 2000. Term expires December 31, 2012.



Appellate Judges, Southern District

Southern District

300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806

Telephone: (417) 895-6811

Clerk: Sandra L. Skinner

Telephone: (417) 895-6811 / FAX: (417) 895-6817

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

Territorial jurisdiction

The counties of Barry, Barton, Bollinger, But-

ler, 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.



ROBERT S. BARNEY

Office phone: (417) 895-6818.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Chief Judge. Born in Puerto Rico, reared in Bernie, Missouri. Educated at Southeast Missouri State University, B.S., education; George Washington University School of Law, J.D. Married to Janice, they have two sons, Alex and Stewart. He is a protestant. Served in the U.S. Army 1966–69, attained rank of Captain. Member of the legal bars of Missouri, Florida and the District of Columbia. Practiced law in Southeast Missouri. Was a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State, 1979–82; Associate Circuit Judge, 1987–95. Member: Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group; VFW; American Legion; Masons and Scottish Rite. Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, 1983–87. Appointed to the Court of Appeals December 10, 1995. Retained in 1998. Term expires December 31, 2010.



PHILLIP R. GARRISON

Office phone: (417) 895-6826.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born May 7, 1942, in Springfield. Educated at Drury College, B.A., 1964 and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1966. Married Patricia Kelly on January 27, 1965. They have one son, Timothy. Practiced law in Ozark and Springfield. Served as prosecuting attorney of Christian County, 1971–1972. Member: American College of Trial Lawyers; Springfield Metropolitan, Missouri and American Bar Associations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals December 30, 1992. Retained in 1994. Term expires December 31, 2006.

KERRY L. MONTGOMERY**Office phone:** (417) 895-6824.**Office Address:** 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806**Home address:** 4230 S. Kimbrough, Springfield 65810.

Biography: Born July 23, 1936, in Greenfield. Educated at Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., education and University of Missouri–Columbia, master's degree in secondary school administration; J.D. Married Noma Pollard in 1966. They have two sons. Served in the United States Marine Corps, received honorable discharge. Engaged in private law practice in Springfield, was assistant prosecuting attorney and chief trial assistant of Greene County, 1967–71. Served as treasurer, Greene County Bar Association. Served as part-time municipal judge in Springfield. Member: Phi Delta Phi; Missouri Law Review; Greene County and Missouri Bar Associations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals August 7, 1991, for a term beginning August 30, 1991. Retained in 1992. Term expires December 31, 2004.

**JOHN EDWARD PARRISH****Office phone:** (417) 895-6820.**Office Address:** 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born June 10, 1940, in Lebanon. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration; J.D. Attended National Judicial College, University of Nevada, faculty advisor, 1982. Married Claudia Barbee, September 1, 1962; they have one son. Served as artillery captain, U.S. Army, 1966–68. Received Army Commendation and National Defense Service medals. Practiced law in Camden; served as prosecuting attorney, Camden County, 1969–73. Member: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Alpha Kappa Psi; Phi Delta Phi; Beta Gamma Sigma; Missouri Bar Association; Children's Services Commission, 1983–90; board of directors, Lake Regional Health Systems; Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners of Missouri, 1974–95; chair, State Judicial Records Committee; board of trustees, National Juvenile Court Foundation, Inc., 1987–90; Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. Appointed circuit judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit, 1973. Elected in 1974, 1976, 1982 and 1988. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, January 3, 1990. Retained in 1992. Term expires December 31, 2004.

**JAMES K. PREWITT****Office phone:** (417) 895-6825.**Office Address:** 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Biography: Born January 13, 1936, in California, MO. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, LL.B.. Married August 14, 1956, to Jean Sheffield. They have three daughters, four granddaughters and two grandsons. Engaged in private law practice in Kansas City and Springfield. Member: Order of the Coif; Phi Delta Phi; Alpha Tau Omega; Missouri Law Review; Greene County, Missouri and American Bar Associations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, May 30, 1979, for a term beginning July 1, 1979. Retained in 1980 and 1992. Term expires December 31, 2004.



**NANCY STEFFEN RAHMEYER**

Office phone: (417) 895-6823.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806-2597.

Biography: Born October 10, 1951, in Spencer, Iowa. Educated at Iowa State University, B.S. History; Southwest Missouri State University, M.S. Ed; University of Arkansas, J.D. Married Dwight E. Rahmeyer in 1976. They have a daughter and a son. Was a clerk in the Federal District Court, 1987–89; 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 February 1, 2001. Term expires December 31, 2002.

**KENNETH W. SHRUM**

Office phone: (417) 895-6822.

Office Address: 300 Hammons Pkwy., Springfield 65806.

Home address: 401 Walnut St., Marble Hill 63764.

Biography: Born March 22, 1938, in Cape Girardeau. Educated at University of Missouri–Rolla, ChE; University of Missouri–Columbia, LL.B.. Married Jo Ann Hansen on October 14, 1960. They have four children and six grandchildren. Practiced law in Jefferson City and Marble Hill. Served as prosecuting attorney of Bollinger County, 1964–86; city attorney for Fredericktown, 1967–89; and city attorney for various other cities. Member: Marble Hill United Methodist Church; AXE; Tau Beta Pi; Order of the Coif; Missouri Law Review; Bollinger County, Cape Girardeau County, Greene County and Missouri Bar Associations. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, May 1, 1990, for a term beginning May 19, 1990. Retained in 1992. Term expires December 31, 2004.

Appellate Judges, Western District

Western District

1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106

Telephone: (816) 889-3600

Clerk: Terence G. Lord

Telephone: (816) 889-3600 / FAX: (816) 889-3668

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

PAUL M. SPINDEN

Office phone: (816) 889-3620.

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

Biography: Chief Judge. Born November 10, 1948. Educated at Evangel College, B.S., history and political science; Southwest Missouri State University, M.A., American history; University of Missouri-Kansas City, J.D., Law Review; University of Virginia, LL.M., Judicial Process. Married to Sara Heinemann Spinden; two children. Appellate Education Committee, chair; Committee on Preservation of Judicial Record, member; Coordinating Commission for Judicial Department Education, Judicial Records Committee. Adjunct professor of legal studies, Webster University. Formerly, presiding commissioner, Administrative Hearing Commission; administrative law judge, Division of Transportation; chief counsel, Missouri Attorney General; adjunct professor of constitutional law, Westminster College. He is a member and elder of Northland Cathedral Assembly of God, Kansas City; Secretary, Northland Cathedral Child Care Board of Directors. Appointed to the Court of Appeals on October 1, 1991. Retained in 1992. Term expires December 31, 2004.



PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE

Office Phone: 816-889-3614.

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

Biography: Born October 14, 1953, in Nevada, MO. Educated at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville and University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S., J.D. Married Bryan C. Breckenridge, May 16, 1976. Member: United Methodist Church; Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, president, 1990-91; National Association of Women Judges; Fellow of the American Bar Foundation; American Judicature Society; Vernon County, Kansas City Metropolitan, Missouri and American Bar Associations. Was a Council of State Governments' Toll Fellow; served on the Missouri Task Force on Gender and Justice, 1990-93, and Gender Fairness Implementation Committee, co-chair, 1993-97. Appointed associate circuit judge January 22, 1982, elected in 1982, 1986 and 1990. Appointed to the Court of Appeals December 18, 1990. Retained in 1992. Served as chief judge from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000. Term expires December 31, 2004.



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.



JOSEPH M. ELLIS

Office Phone: Kansas City (816) 889-3622; Macon (660) 385-3144.

Office Addresses: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106; PO Box 583, Macon 63552.

Biography: Born October 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, 1972–93. Served in U.S. Air Force, office of Special Investigations and Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Was Municipal Judge, City of Macon, 1987–93. Member: American, Missouri (Young Lawyers Section, 1975–83, chair 1981–82) board of governor’s, 1982–90; 41st Judicial Circuit (past president) and Kansas City Bar Associations; American Judicature Society; 1970 White House Conference on Children, planner; Blue Ribbon Commission, Future of Services to Children, 1987; Industrial Development Authority of Macon, president, 1978–93; The Bar Plan Foundation, trustee, 1994–97; Immaculate Conception Church. Award: Outstanding Jaycee, 1973. Appointed to the Court of Appeals August 4, 1993. Retained in 1994. Term expires December 31, 2006.

1978–93; The Bar Plan Foundation, trustee, 1994–97; Immaculate Conception Church. Award: Outstanding Jaycee, 1973. Appointed to the Court of Appeals August 4, 1993. Retained in 1994. Term expires December 31, 2006.



LISA WHITE HARDWICK

Office phone: (816) 889-3611.

Office address: 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106-2970.

Biography: Born October 5, 1960, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.J., 1982; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1985. Married to Herbert E. Hardwick in 1985, they have two sons. Joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon in private law practice in 1985, was a firm partner 1992–99. Elected to Jackson County Legislature, 1993–2000. Member: St. James United Methodist Church; Jackson County and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations; Association of Women Lawyers; Heartland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, board of directors; Community Blood Bank, board of directors; KCUR Radio Community, advisory board; FirstGuard Healthcare, board of directors. Appointed Jackson County Circuit Court Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit in 1999. Appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Bob Holden on May 2, 2001. Term expires December 31, 2002.



RONALD HOLLIGER

Office phone: (816) 889-3608.

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

Home Address: Blue Springs.

Biography: Born July 9, 1946, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.S. education; University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, J.D. Married to Janet S. Holliger. Engaged in private practice from 1973–94. Member: First Presbyterian Church, Independence; Missouri, American, Kansas City and Eastern Jackson County Bar Assns.; chair, Trial Judge Education Committee; chair, Missouri Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Domestic Relation Cases; Coordinating Commission on Judicial Branch Education; chair, editorial board, *Trial Judge Publications*; KIDSAFE, executive council; Master, Division II, Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court; American Inn of Court. Appointed circuit judge 1995. Juvenile Judge 1999. Appointed to the Court of Appeals, January 2000. Term expires December 31, 2002. Nonpartisan.

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

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. North Kansas City Board of Education, 1977–93, secretary; law clerk to Judge William Marsh, Jackson County Circuit Court, 1977; Clay County Deputy County Counselor, 1977–91; chair, Youth Friends Advisory Board; 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, 1991–93; Clay County Bar Association, president, 1992–93. Practiced law until his appointment as a Clay County circuit judge in 1993. Retained in 1994. Appointed to the Court of Appeals October 11, 1996. Retained in 1998. Term expires December 31, 2010.

**HAROLD (Hal) LOWENSTEIN****Office phone:** (816) 889-3617.**Office Address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106.**Home address:** 611 W. 49th Terr., Kansas City 64112.

Biography: Born August 18, 1939 in Marshall. Educated at Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration; J.D.. Married to Wanda M. Wiebe. Served as assistant attorney general; vice chair, Health Facilities Review Committee. Member: State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, board of directors; past president, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Kansas City; board of directors, Della C. Lamb Neighborhood House; liaison committee, Division of Youth Services Facility at Watkins Mill; chair, Community Service Committee of Downtown Kansas City Rotary Club; American Red Cross, board; Avila College, board; Gillis Homes for Boys, advisory board; Salvation Army. Recipient of 1997 Kansas City Spirit Award, Michael Coburn and Spurgeon Smithsen awards for community service. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1972–80. Appointed to the Court of Appeals July 6, 1981. Retained in 1982 and 1994. Term expires December 31, 2006.

**THOMAS H. NEWTON****Office Phone:** (816) 889-3629.**Office Address:** 1300 Oak St., Kansas City 64106-2970.**Home address:** Kansas City**County:** Jackson

Biography: Born April 23, 1952 in Washington D.C. Graduated from Howard University, Washington, D.C., 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, 1984–87; former assistant United States attorney, Western District, 1987–93. Appointed circuit judge on September 7, 1993. Retained in 1994. Appointed to the Court of Appeals November 1, 1999. Retained in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2012. Nonpartisan.





JAMES MADISON SMART JR.

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

Home address: Kansas City.

Biography: Born June 28, 1945, in Mexia, Texas. Educated at College of William and Mary, A.B., 1966; University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1969. Married Talaine S. Alexander, December 12, 1970. They have two children. Order of the Coif; article editor, *Missouri Law Review*; U.S. Army JAGC, 1970–74; military judge, 1973–74; Army Commendation medal; assistant prosecuting attorney, Jackson County, 1960–70; private practice of law, 1974–91; attorney, Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners, 1990 and 1991. Member: board of directors, Greater Kansas City Foundation for Citizens with Retardation, 1991–98; board of elders, Westbrooke Church; American Judicature Society; chair, Deficit Reduction Task Force, Center School District No. 58, 1996. Awarded honorary life

membership, Missouri Congress December 13, 1991. Retained in November 1994. Term expires December 31, 2006.



EDWIN H. SMITH

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Home address: 12100 Victory Dr., St. Joseph 64505.

Biography: Born December 8, 1951, in St. Joseph. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., sociology, 1974; J.D., 1977. Married Deborah J. Lacy, June 17, 1978. They have two daughters, Maddison and Jensen. Admitted to the Bar in 1977. Was in private practice until elected Associate Circuit Judge of Andrew County in 1978; re-elected in 1982 and 1986. Elected Circuit Judge, Fifth Circuit, November 1988, to fill an unexpired term, re-elected in 1992. Member: United Methodist Church, Savannah; Missouri and Kansas City Metro Bar Associations; Missouri Assn. of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, past president; American Judicature Society; Certified Court Reporter Board, chair; Masonic Lodge; Scottish Rite; Moila Shrine; advisory committee, Pony Express Council, B.S.A. Appointed to the Court of Appeals October 15, 1995. Retained in 1996. Term expires December 31, 2008.



ROBERT G. ULRICH

Office phone: (816) 889-3602.

Home address: Lee's Summit.

Biography: Born in St. Louis. Educated at William Jewell College B.A., history; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., LL.M.; University of Virginia, LL.M. Married JoAnn Demark, July 3, 1965. They have two daughters. U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, colonel (Retired). practiced law; assistant U.S. attorney; U.S. attorney, Western District, 1981–89. Appointed to Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, 1984, chair, 1986–89; Department of Justice Economic Crime Council; Department of Justice Resource Board; Personnel Management Board; National Executive Review Board, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. Served on advisory committee and Sentencing Guidelines Education Committee, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit. Member: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, American Judicature Society; National Association

of Former U.S. Attorneys; Association of Judicial Administration. Appointed to the Court of Appeals March 30, 1989. Retained in 1990. Term expires December 31, 2002.