
Missouri Circuit Courts

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

The first circuit judges were appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. However, the life term of the judges and their method of appointment proved unpopular; in 1849, the Constitution was amended to provide for popular election. Most circuit judges are elected today, although judges in some circuits are selected under provisions of the Nonpartisan Court Plan.

Constitutional amendments approved by Missouri voters in 1976 provide that the circuit courts shall be courts of original civil and criminal jurisdiction. All trials start at this level. Former courts of limited jurisdiction became divisions of the circuit court on January 2, 1979.

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

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

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

The Constitution requires at least one resident associate circuit judge in each county. The statutes authorize additional associate circuit judges depending on county populations. Presently, 186 associate circuit judges are required by statute.

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

By statute each circuit judge appoints a court reporter and the court in each circuit appoints a

juvenile officer. A circuit clerk in each county is selected according to law and salaries are set by statute.

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

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

The Fine Collection Center

The Missouri Supreme Court established the Fine Collection Center (FCC) pursuant to Section 476.385, RSMo. The FCC is a central bureau authorized by statute to process certain traffic, water craft, and conservation violations for the courts of counties that voluntarily join the FCC's program. The FCC began collection of traffic fines for Boone and Callaway Counties on July 1, 1999. The FCC has steadily grown since then and 51 counties have joined the program as of July 1, 2001. Offenders who receive citations in participating counties will have the option of paying their fine and cost directly to the FCC or plead not guilty to the FCC and having their tickets sent to the county prosecutor for processing in the court system.

The Supreme Court appoints a Fine Collection Center advisory committee of at least seven associate judges. This committee establishes and maintains a uniform fine schedule to be used by the FCC. Counties that voluntarily join the program agree to use the uniform fine schedule. The schedule contains all traffic offenses that the FCC is authorized to process. Although the FCC is also authorized to process watercraft and conservation violations, it only processed state traffic offenses during its early operation. The FCC hopes to add watercraft and conservation offenses to its coverage by the end of 2001.

The FCC fine schedule sets uniform fines for the same offenses in all counties participating in the FCC, resulting in a fairer system for offenders (currently, fines vary widely based on where the violation occurs). Benefits of participating in the FCC include better accountability, improved collection rates, and reduction in clerical workload associated with processing traffic tickets (such reduction should allow staff to redirect their efforts to other areas). The FCC will also provide user friendly customer service at a toll free number that offenders can call from anywhere within the United States. The FCC accepts payment by check, money order, or credit cards, making payment more convenient for offenders. Many

courts will not accept personal checks and very few courts currently accept credit card payments for traffic offenses.

Additionally, the FCC is developing a new automated system that will allow offenders to obtain ticket information 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. This system will allow payment by credit card through either an interactive voice response phone system or over the Internet at the FCC Web page. When an offender pays a ticket to the FCC, the Center is legally authorized to issue a record of conviction. These records of conviction are prepared the next business day following the receipt of the offender's guilty plea and payment of the fine and court costs. The FCC sends these records of conviction to the Missouri Highway Patrol and to the Missouri Department of Revenue for entry on the offender's driving record.

The FCC sends payment of fines and court costs to member county treasurers twice per month. The FCC keeps no part of the fine or

costs. The county where the offense occurred receives all the fine money and all the county's share of court costs on each case. The FCC sends courts and fees designated for state agencies directly to those agencies.

The Fine Collection Center is staffed by a manager who is an attorney, a CPA, an accountant, accounting supervisors, customer service representatives, and account clerks. The FCC uses ACS Courts Software (commonly known as Banner) to process cases. This is the software that is being installed in courts throughout the state as part of the Missouri Court Automation Program. When tickets are transferred back to a county because of either a not guilty plea or failure to respond, the FCC can electronically transfer the ticket data to any court using the ACS Courts Software. This saves court personnel the time consuming work of re-entering ticket information in their database.

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Circuit 1

GARY DIAL

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

Home address: Rt. 1, Box 135-X, Memphis 63555.

Counties: Clark, Schuyler, Scotland.

Biography: Born October 12, 1955, in Kirksville. Educated at 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, 1981–96; city attorney for Memphis. Member: Missouri and American Bar Associations. Appointed circuit judge on January 30, 1996; elected November, 1996 to fill an unexpired term. Re-elected November 3, 1998. Term expires December 31, 2004. Democrat.



Circuit 2

RUSSELL E. STEELE

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

Home address: Rt. 5, Box 72D, Kirksville 63501.

Counties: Adair, Knox and Lewis.

Biography: Born February 27, 1952, in Kirksville. Graduate of University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., economics, 1974; J.D. 1977. Married Teresa Michelle Terhune, 1996. In private law practice, 1977–97. Member: Missouri, Adair County and American Bar Associations. Appointed Circuit Judge in December 1997. Elected in 1998 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 3

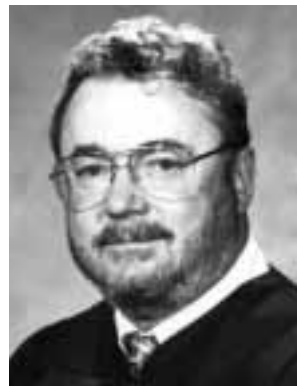
ANDREW A. KROHN

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

Home address: RR 2, Princeton 64673, phone (660) 748-3456.

Counties: Grundy, Harrison, Mercer and Putnam.

Biography: Presiding Judge. Born April 7, 1944, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., education, 1966; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D., 1971. Married Connie Jo Renfro, 1985. Between them they have seven children. Engaged in private practice and served as Prosecuting Attorney of Mercer County, 1973–92; Mercer County Associate Circuit Judge 1992–2000. Member: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church; Third Circuit Bar Association, former president; Missouri Bar Association; Princeton Rotary Club. Elected Circuit Judge on November 7, 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.





Circuit 4

ROGER M. PROKES

Office address: 305 N. Main, Suite 204, PO Box 218, Maryville, 64468; phone (660) 582-4231.

Home address: 6 Golf Tee Lane, Maryville 64468.

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

Biography: Born November 10, 1951, in Scottsbluff, NE. Graduate of University of Nebraska–Lincoln (B.S., business administration, 1973; J.D. 1976. Married Julia A. Willson, June 2, 1975. They have five children. Engaged in general practice of law in Northwest Missouri for 24 years. Former assistant professor of Business Law, and adjunct professor of Education Law, at Northwest Missouri State University. Elected circuit judge on November 7, 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.



Circuit 5—Division 1

RANDALL R. JACKSON

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

Home address: 2227 N. 22nd St., St. Joseph 64505.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born July 19, 1949, in St. Joseph. Educated at Missouri Western College; University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., political science, 1971; J.D., 1974. Married Vicki Leigh Burton, August 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; St. Joseph and Missouri Bar Associations. Received W. Oliver

Rasch Award for outstanding article in *Journal of Missouri Bar* 1999. Appointed circuit judge on February 8, 1988. Elected in 1988, 1994, and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.



Circuit 5—Division 2

WELDON C. JUDAH

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

Home address: 2222 Edgewater Dr., St. Joseph 64506.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born July 2, 1949, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Savannah High School; 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. Served in the Air National Guard, 1967–73, received honorable discharge. Admitted to the Missouri Bar, 1980; in private practice, 1981. Appointed Assistant Buchanan County Prosecutor, 1982–86; elected St. Joseph Municipal Judge, 1986–88; Buchanan County Associate Circuit Judge, 1988, 1990, 1994. Member: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church; Knights of Columbus (Fourth Degree); Missouri

Western State College Alumni Association. Former member, Laborers' Local 579. Appointed circuit judge, 1995; elected in 1996; re-elected in 1998. Term expires December 31, 2004. Democrat.

Circuit 5—Division 3

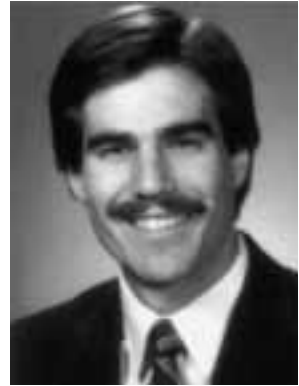
PATRICK K. ROBB

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

Home address: 4800 State Rt. H, S.E., Agency 64401.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born November 6, 1955, in Quincy, IL. Educated at Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., political science; University of Missouri–Kansas City J.D. Married Carol Ganter, November 22, 1986. They have two children. Served as assistant prosecuting attorney in Buchanan County and practiced law for seven years. Elected associate circuit judge in 1986. Member: Westminster Presbyterian Church; St. Joseph YMCA board of directors; St. Joseph Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Missouri Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Procedure. Elected circuit judge in 1988, 1994, and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 5—Division 4

DANIEL F. KELLOGG

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

Home address: 2807 Whitman Dr., St. Joseph 64506.

Counties: Andrew and Buchanan.

Biography: Born February 1, 1960, in St. Joseph. Graduate of Missouri Western State College, B.S.B.A., 1982; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1988. Married Jennifer Lang, December 30, 1988. They have three children: Xan, Joseph and Annaka. Engaged in private practice in Kansas City, 1988-90. Served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Buchanan County and practiced law from 1990-95. Appointed Associate Circuit Judge in 1995, elected in 1996 and 1998. Member: Wyatt Park Christian Church; American BarberBoys; MWSC Alumni Board; St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges; American, Missouri, Kansas City Metropolitan and St. Joseph Bar Associations. Elected circuit judge in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 6—Division 1

ABE SCHAFER

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

Home address: 21730 Hwy. M, Weston 64098.

County: Platte.

Biography: Born July 18, 1943 in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., business administration, 1965; University of Kansas, J.D., 1968. Married to Ann Shafer, and has two children. Served as a Platte County Prosecuting Attorney, Magistrate Judge and Associate Circuit Judge and practiced law for 29 years. Member: Weston Christian Church, American, Missouri and Platte (former president) Bar Associations. Appointed circuit judge September 28, 1999. Retained in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 6—Division 2

OWENS LEE HULL JR.

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

Home address: PO Box 248, Weston 64098.

County: Platte.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born September 1, 1943. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., public administration; University of Missouri—Columbia School of Law, J.D. Served in Platte County as: Prosecuting Attorney, 1975–76, 1977–February 1978; Magistrate Judge, February 1978–January 1979; associate circuit judge, January 1979–August 1998. Member: Missouri and Platte County Bar Associations; Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. Appointed circuit judge in August 1998. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 1

MICHAEL J. MALONEY

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 792-7711.

Home address: 9011 Catherine, Liberty 64068.

County: Clay.

Biography: Born August 4, 1938, in Kansas City. Educated at William Jewell College, B.A., history, 1960; University of Missouri—Kansas City, J.D., 1964. Married Barbara (Bobbie) Maloney, 1960. They have four children. Law clerk to Judge Wm. H. Becker, U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, 1964–66; engaged in private practice, 1966–91; assistant prosecuting attorney, Clay County, 1969–77; Clay County Associate Circuit Judge, 1991–96. Member: Clay County, Kansas City Metropolitan and Missouri Bar Associations. Former president of the Clay County Bar Association. Appointed circuit judge, December 1996. Retained in 1998. Term expires December 31, 2004. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 3

DAVID W. RUSSELL

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 792-7712.

Home address: 51 The Woodlands, Gladstone 64119.

County: Clay.

Biography: Presiding Judge. Born March 18, 1944, in Independence. Graduate of University of Missouri, B.A., 1966; J.D., 1968. Married to Jacklyn Russell, they have two daughters. Attends United Methodist Church. Private law practice in Kansas City, 1968–89; Gladstone city prosecutor, 1968–72; Gladstone municipal judge, 1972–89; Clay County associate circuit judge, 1989–91. Member: American, Missouri, Kansas City Metro and Clay County (former president) Bar Associations; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, former president; Missouri Association Criminal Lawyers, former president. Editor of first edition of Missouri C.L.E.,

Criminal Practice. Appointed circuit judge in November, 1991. Retained in 1994 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 7—Division 2

JAMES EDWARD WELSH

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 792-7713.

Home address: 803 N. Morse, Liberty 64068.

County: Clay.

Biography: Born May 26, 1948, in Brookfield. Educated at Parks College of Aeronautical Technology; St. Louis Univ., B.S., aeronautics, 1969; St. Louis Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1975. Married Theresa M. Kaszko, 1968. They have two daughters. Worked for an astronautics company, 1969–75; law clerk to Judge Turnage, Missouri Court of Appeals, 1975–76; a law firm, 1976–85; Liberty municipal judge, 1983–85; associate circuit judge, 1985–88. Member: St. James Church; Missouri and Clay County Bar Assns. Served as vice president and president of Missouri Circuit Judges Assns. and Clay and Platte Municipal and Associate Judges Assn.; treasurer and secretary, Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Assn. Appointed circuit judge November 17, 1988. Retained in 1990 and 1996. Term expires December 31, 2002. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 7—Division 4

LARRY D. HARMAN

Office address: Clay County Courthouse, 11 S. Water, Liberty 64068; phone (816) 792-7714.

Home address: 1006 Wildbriar, Liberty 64068.

County: Clay.

Biography: Born August 29, 1953, in St. Joseph. Graduated from 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; special assistant attorney general, 1986–87. Active with various local service groups and charities. Appointed circuit judge on August 26, 1992. Retained in 1994 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 8

WERNER A. MOENTMANN

Office address: Ray County Courthouse, PO Box 346, Richmond 64085; phone (816) 776-3525.

Home address: 1404 S. Golf Club Dr., Richmond 64085.

Counties: Carroll and Ray.

Biography: Born January 17, 1940, in Norborne. Educated at the University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., J.D. Married to Sharon K. Thoeni on September 2, 1962. They have one son and two daughters. Served in U.S. Army in the Judge Advocate Generals Corp. Attorney with the estate and gift tax division, Internal Revenue Service. Engaged in private practice, 1972–95. Served on Board of Adjudication for Lutheran Church, Missouri district. Member: Faith Lutheran Church; Ray County and Missouri Bar Associations; Richmond Rotary Club, past president. Elected circuit judge 1994 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.





Circuit 9

GARY E. RAVENS

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

Home address: PO Box 315, Marceline 64658.

Counties: Chariton, Linn and Sullivan.

Biography: Born October 16, 1945, in St. Louis. Graduated from Southeast Missouri State University, B.S.; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Married to Eleanor I. Ravens. They have two children, Andrea and Jared. United States Army, Military Police Corps, 1969–71. General practice of law from 1972–94. Elected circuit judge 1994 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 10

ROBERT M. CLAYTON II

Office address: Marion County Courthouse, 10th and Broadway, Hannibal 63401; phone (573) 221-0579.

Home address: 905 Cardiff Dr., Hannibal 63401.

Counties: Marion, Monroe and Ralls.

Biography: Born December 24, 1940, in Hannibal. Graduate of Hannibal Public Schools; Duke Univ., A.B.; Univ. of MO–Columbia School of Law, J.D. Married to Frances Nicoll (Nicky) Price in 1966; they have two children. Practiced law in Hannibal for 32 years. Hannibal City Counselor, 1969–77. MO Bar, president, 1985–86; MO Gaming Commission, vice chair, 1993–97; Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges, 1988–93, chair, 1992–93. Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy; Fellow of the American Bar Assn.; Member: Trinity Episcopal Church; Presiding Judges' Executive Committee. Appointed circuit judge September 1997. Elected 1998 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 11—Division 1

ELLSWORTH CUNDIFF

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., Rm. 539, St. Charles 63301; phone (636) 949-7900.

Home address: 8 Wimby Pl., St. Charles 63301.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born December 18, 1939, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Educated at Northeastern State University, Oklahoma, B.A., 1961; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1966. Married Sheryl K. Cundiff. They have five sons: Terry R., Roger K., Bradley W., Craig A. and Jason K. Former county counselor, St. Charles County. Elected circuit judge on November 5, 1996. Term expires December 31, 2002. Republican.

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.

Home address: 1600 Watson St., St. Charles 63301.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Presiding Judge. Born June 28, 1948, 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. Married to Leon J. Schneider; they have two daughters. Practiced law in St. Charles, 1981–91. Board of Governors, Truman State University, 1987–95; Special Assistant Missouri Attorney General, 1989–91; Prosecuting Attorney, St. Charles County Juvenile Court, 1986–90; Special Assistant St. Charles County Counselor, 1986–87; appointed St. Charles County Associate Judge, 1991, elected in 1992 and 1994. Elected circuit judge in 1998. Term expires December 12, 2004. Republican.



Circuit 11—Division 3

LUCY RAUCH

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

Home address: 1022 Jefferson St., St. Charles 63301.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born November 3, 1949, in St. Charles. Educated at Duke University, B.A., English; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.S., library science; St. Louis University, J.D. St. Charles County prosecuting attorney's office, 1979–82. Elected associate circuit judge, 1982, 1986 and 1990. Served on Case Processing Time Standards Committee, 1992, and the Domestic Relations Committee, 1992–93. Member: St. Charles County Bar Association; Catholic Church; St. Charles Rotary Club; Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles, advisory board. Appointed circuit judge on October 1, 1991. Elected in 1992 (special election). Re-elected November 1994 and 2000. Served as presiding judge, 1995–98. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.



Term expires December 31, 2006.

Circuit 11—Division 4

JOSEPH R. BRISCOE

Office address: St. Charles County Courthouse, 300 N. Second St., St. Charles 63301-5415; phone (636) 949-3094.

Home address: 16 Belle Plaine Dr., St. Charles 63301-1666.

County: St. Charles.

Biography: Born January 31, 1937, in St. Louis. Graduate of St. Louis University, B.S., 1958; J.D., 1972. Admitted to the Missouri Bar, 1972. Married former Joan G. Foltz in Louisville, Kentucky, 1960. They have four children and 11 grandchildren. Municipal Judge, City of St. Charles, 1973–2000; St. Charles City Council, 1962–72. Past president, St. Charles Jaycees, St. Charles Civitan Club. Member: St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Charles Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus. Elected circuit judge November 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.





Circuit 12

KEITH M. SUTHERLAND

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

Home address: 8 Courtney Pl., Warrenton 63383.

Counties: Audrain, Montgomery and Warren.

Biography: Born June 29, 1945, in Washington, D.C. Educated at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, B.A., 1967 and University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D., 1973. Married Janet Haverkamp May 27, 1972. They have three sons. Served in U.S. Army 1969–71. Practiced law in Warrenton 1973–78. Elected Prosecuting Attorney of Warren County in 1974, re-elected in 1976. Elected Associate Circuit Judge of Warren County in 1978–98. Member: Municipal Judge Education Committee 1985–2000, chair 1988–2000; Coordinating Commission for Judicial Branch Education 1998–2000; Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges 1979–2000; board of directors, Crider Center for Mental Health; Friedens United Church of Christ. Elected circuit judge in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.

board of directors, Crider Center for Mental Health; Friedens United Church of Christ. Elected circuit judge in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.



Circuit 13—Division 1

GENE HAMILTON

Office address: Boone County Courthouse, 701 E. Walnut, Columbia 65201; phone (573) 886-4050.

Home address: 209 E. Ninth St., Fulton 65251.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Born October 31, 1942, in Bachelor. Educated at Westminster College, B.S.; University of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married August 12, 1967, to Marcia Flippen. They have three children. Served as a captain in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, 1968–69. Prosecuting attorney of Callaway County, 1970–80; in private law practice, 1970–82. Member: Old Auxvasse–Nine Mile Presbyterian Church; Fulton Breakfast Optimist Club; Delta Tau Delta; Phi Delta Phi; Masonic Lodge; Missouri, Callaway County and Boone County Bar Associations; Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, chair. Elected circuit judge in 1982–2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 13—Division 2

FRANK CONLEY

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

Home address: 209 S. Glenwood, Columbia 65203.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Presiding judge. Born September 30, 1932, in Columbia. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, LL.B. Married Carla Hayzlett, June 22, 1957. They have three children. Was a practicing attorney and prosecuting attorney of Boone County. Served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery. Member: First Presbyterian Church; Rotary Club; Phi Delta Theta; Phi Delta Phi; chair, Supreme Court Committee on Judge Transfer; Supreme Court Committee on Critical Issues; chair, Supreme Court Budget Committee. Elected circuit judge in 1970, 1974, 1980, 1986, 1992 and 1998. Term expires September 30, 2004. Democrat.

Circuit 13—Division 3

ELLEN S. ROPER

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

Home address: Columbia 65201.

Counties: Boone and Callaway.

Biography: Born September 15, 1940, in Dallas, TX. Educated at Brandeis Univ., A.B.; Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, J.D. Married August 17, 1973, to Robert L. Roper Jr. They have two children. Served as assistant attorney general, deputy director and executive director, MO Commission on Human Rights. Member: Missouri, Boone County and Callaway County Bar Assns.; Judicial Administration and Civil practice and Procedure committees; Missouri Trial Judges Assn.; faculty, Nat'l. Judicial College; Rotary; Phi Alpha Delta; auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans. Appointed probate judge, January 1976, elected 1976 and 1978. Became circuit judge under the Court Reorganization Act of 1978, elected in 1982–2000. First woman to serve as circuit judge in Missouri. Term expires December 31, 2006. Republican.



First woman to serve as circuit

Circuit 14

RALPH H. JAYNES

Office address: 223 N. Williams, Moberly 65270; phone (660) 263-5105.

Home address: 122 1/2 E. Morrison, Fayette 65248.

Counties: Howard and Randolph.

Biography: Born November 8, 1940. Educated at Southwest Missouri State University; University of Missouri–Columbia. Was a practicing attorney and elected prosecuting attorney of Howard County 1968, 1970 and 1972. Elected probate and magistrate judge of Howard County in 1974; elected associate circuit judge of Howard County 1978–94. Elected circuit judge in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.



Circuit 15

DENNIS A. ROLF

Office address: 548 Main, PO Box 751, Concordia, 64020; phone (660) 463-5834.

Home address: 108 W. Fifth St., Alma 64001.

Counties: Lafayette and Saline.

Biography: Born December 7, 1958 in Warrensburg. Graduate of Santa Fe High School, Alma, 1977; Univ. of Missouri–Columbia, B.S., agricultural economics, 1980; J.D., 1983. Married Rebecca S. Owens in 1981. They have three children. Practiced law in Carrollton, 1983–84 and in Concordia, 1984–2000. Was 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; Municipal Judge, Alma, Higginsville, Lexington, Napoleon, Waverly and Wellington. Member: Trinity Lutheran Church, Alma; Santa Fe R-10 Foundation, Inc.; Missouri, Lafayette and Saline County Bar Assns. and the Missouri Bar Disciplinary Committee; active in youth activities. Elected circuit judge November 7, 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Democrat.





Circuit 16—Division 1

DAVID W. SHINN

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born February 25, 1932, in Kirksville. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.S., B.A.; William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, J.D. In private practice with Kansas City law firm, 1963–88. Appointed circuit judge on February 16, 1988. Retained in 1990 and 1996. Term expires December 31, 2002. Non-partisan.



Circuit 16—Division 2

MICHAEL W. MANNERS

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

Home address: Independence 64057.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born September 25, 1950, in Independence. Graduated from Truman High School, 1968; Central Missouri State University, B.A., history and political science, *summa cum laude*, 1972; University of Missouri—Kansas City Law School, J.D., 1976. He has two children. Practiced law in Independence for 24 years. Prosecuting Attorney for Smithville from 1982 to 2000. Appointed circuit judge on November 16, 2000. Term expires December 31, 2002. Non-partisan.



Circuit 16—Division 3

THOMAS C. CLARK

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

Home address: 412 W. 62nd St., Kansas City 64113.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born August 26, 1938, in Kansas City, Kansas. Educated at Univ. of Kansas, B.A., mathematics, 1961; B.S., engineering physics, with distinction, 1961; LL.B., 1964 and Univ. of Nevada—Reno, Master's in judicial studies, National Judicial College, 1997. Married to Margaret G. Cathcart, August 24, 1963, in Kansas City. They have two children. Engaged in private law practice, 1964–67. Assistant city prosecutor and assistant city attorney, 1967–87, Kansas City. Member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. Appointed circuit judge on October 13, 1987 to fill an unexpired term. Retained in 1990 and 1996. Term expires December 31, 2002. Non-partisan.

Circuit 16—Division 4

JUSTINE E. DEL MURO

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

Home address: Kansas City.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born July 15, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. Educated at the University of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., speech and hearing sciences/psychology. Attended the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, 1981–84. Practiced law at Legal Aid, the Jackson County Public Defender’s Office, and The Popham Law Firm. Adjunct Professor at Rockhurst College 1990-91. Member: Association of Women Lawyers; Missouri, Hispanic and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations. Recipient of the David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award in 1990. Appointed circuit judge on July 30, 1993. Retained in 1994 and 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 5

W. STEPHEN NIXON

Office address: Jackson County Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Independence 64050; phone (816) 881-4405.

Home address: M-28 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Lotawana 64086.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born September 5, 1951, in Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Educated at Drury College, 1969–71; Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City, B.A., J.D. Married Betsy Ann Travostino Stewart in 1997. Member: MO Trial Judges Association; MO Judicial Conference; UMKC Law Alumni Association; Missouri Bar Association; past president of Eastern Jackson County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Association of Women Lawyers of Kansas City. Civic service: Mayor, City of Lake Lotawana, 1995–98; vice president, Lake Lotawana Optimist Club; director, Truman Heartland Community Foundation. Appointed circuit judge on March 2, 1998. Elected in 2000. Term expires December 31, 2006. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 6

JOHN R. O'MALLEY

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born April 9, 1948, in Kansas City. Educated at St. Louis Univ., A.B., English; J.D., 1973. Married to Kathleen Pearce O'Malley. He has three children: Colin J., Carey F., and Martin R. Served as assistant City Counselor for the City of St. Louis, 1973–75. Private law practice in Kansas City and Grandview, 1975–89. Served as Grandview Prosecuting Attorney, 1979–89. Taught business law at Rockhurst College, 1975–83; paralegal instructor at Avila College and area community colleges, 1984–present. Serves with the U.S. Army Reserve, rank of Lt. Colonel, Judge Advocate General's Corps. Member: Catholic Church. Appointed circuit judge on March 30, 1989. Retained in 1990 and 1996. Served as presiding judge 1995–95 and 1997–98. Elected to Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges 1995–2001; Executive Council on Judicial Conference 1994–2002. Current term expires December 31, 2002. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 16—Division 7

ANN MESLE

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Earned her Juris Doctor with Distinction from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law. Prior legal experience includes seven years with Southwestern Bell Telephone and four years with the firm of Achtenberg, Sandler & Balkin P.C. She was employed with the firm of Lathrop & Gage L.C. from 1993 until her appointment as Circuit Judge. Served as President of the Kansas City Metropolitan Area Bar Association, 1996. Earned many distinctions in her career, including being named UMKC Law School “Alumna of the Year”, 2000 and the Association of Women Lawyers “Woman of the Year”, 1999. Was appointed circuit judge by Governor Roger W. Wilson in November 2000. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 8

PEGGY STEVENS MCGRAW

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born December 5, 1951 in Mt. Ayr, IA. Educated at Worth County R-I High School; graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia, B.A., Economics, 1973; J.D., 1976. Married to Honorable Gary A. Fenner, one son, James Maxwell. Served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jack P. Pritchard, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, 1976–77; appointed clerk of the Court of Appeals, 1979; appointed associate circuit judge on June 29, 1995. Appointed circuit judge on January 2, 2001. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 9

KELLY MOORHOUSE

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born June 13, 1959, in Kansas City. Educated at University of Missouri–Columbia, A.B., political science; University of Missouri–Kansas City, J.D. Married 1981. Former attorney for Juvenile Officer, Jackson County. Practiced law at Legal Aid and with a private law firm. Served as Jackson County Family Court Commissioner from June 1995 until February 2000. Appointed circuit judge February 25, 2000. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 16—Division 10

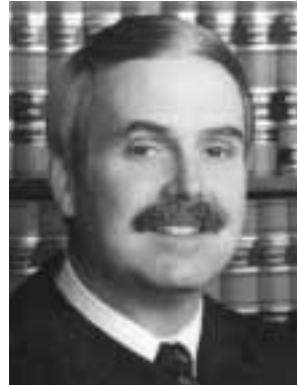
CHARLES E. ATWELL

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

Home address: 638 W. 69th Terr., Kansas City 64113.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born April 1, 1950, in Kansas City. Graduate of Univ. of Kansas, B.A., education, 1972; UMKC, J.D., 1978. Married to Janel Ann Robinson, they have two children. Former history teacher, 1973-75; adjunct professor of law, 1981-2001; Instructor, Nat'l. Institute of Trial Advocacy, Univ. of Kansas and Northwestern Univ., 1981-97; Loyola Univ., Chicago 1998; Asst. Jackson Co. prosecuting atty., 1978-81; asst. U.S. Atty., Western District of MO, 1983-84; pres., MO Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1989-90; board member, Nat'l. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1991-96. Member: Second Presbyterian Church; Supreme Court committee on post conviction relief; MO Supreme Court MAI Criminal Instruction Comm.; 2000-01 presenter for Missouri Supreme Court education committee on criminal law for annual state judicial college. Appointed circuit judge in 1996; retained in 1998. Term expires December 31, 2004. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 11

J.D. WILLIAMSON JR.

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

Home address: 10821 Milton Thompson Rd., Lee's Summit 64086.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Educated at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, B.B.A., 1963; J.D., 1965; L.L.M., trial practice, 1972. Engaged in private practice of law from 1965 until his appointment to the bench. Member: Missouri, Kansas City Metro Bar Assn., past president Eastern Jackson County Bar Assn., founding member and past president Missouri Assn. Criminal Defense Lawyers; former member, board of trustees, UMKC Law Foundation; past president, UMKC Law Alumni Assn. Served as assistant City Counselor, Independence, 1965-66; assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson County, 1970-77. Appointed circuit judge July 24, 1995. Retained in 1996. Term expires December 31, 2002. Nonpartisan.



Circuit 16—Division 12

EDITH L. MESSINA

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born January 7, 1945, in Kansas City. Educated at Avila College; University of Missouri-Kansas City, B.A., English literature; J.D. She is single. Served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Northern Nigeria, 1966-68, working in both teaching and community development. Engaged in private law practice, 1976-81; was with the Missouri Public Defender's Office, 1974-76 and 1981-84. Member: St. Thomas More Catholic Church and Phi Alpha Delta. Appointed circuit judge on October 1, 1984. Retained in 1986, 1992 and 1998. Term expires on December 31, 2004. Nonpartisan.





Circuit 16—Division 13

JAY A. DAUGHERTY

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

Home address: Kansas City.

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born September 20, 1955, in Hermann. Educated at the Univ. of Mo.—Columbia, B.S., public administration; Univ. of MO—Kansas City School of Law, J.D.; Univ. of Nevada—Reno, the National Judicial College, M.J.S., Masters in Judiciary; graduate of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Married Lyn Elizabeth Goertemiller, September 21, 1985. They have two children. Former assistant attorney general of Missouri, three years; administrative law judge, seven years. Member: Country Club Christian Church; ALS Association (Lou Gehrig's Disease), board of directors; UMKC Law Foundation; Nat'l. Judicial College Foundation; American Bar Assn.,

Judicial Administration Division; Missouri and Kansas City Bar Associations. Appointed circuit judge on October 25, 1991. Retained in 1992 and 1998. Term expires December 31, 2004. Nonpartisan.

Circuit 16—Division 14

VACANCY

Circuit 16—Division 15

K. PRESTON DEAN II

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

County: Jackson.

Biography: Born November 9, 1946. Graduate of University of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., J.D.. Married August 14, 1970, to Cathy Pitman. Former assistant attorney general of Missouri, 1971–82; company counsel, Missouri Public Service Company, 1982–84; associate with a law firm, 1985–87; assistant United States attorney, Western District of Missouri, 1987–89. Appointed circuit judge on September 25, 1989. Retained in 1990 and 1996. Term expires December 31, 2002. Nonpartisan.