

APPLICATION (Revised September 2011)
TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
CIRCUIT JUDGE

RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED AS A NOMINEE.



NAME: Margaret Therese Donnelly

1. State your present principal occupation: Family Court Commissioner, Twenty-First Judicial Circuit
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? **Yes**
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **Since birth**
(b) Have you been a resident of St. Louis County for at least one year immediately prior to the date of this application? **Yes**
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? **35 Years**
4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? **Yes**

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney:

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **April, 1988**

Missouri Bar Number: **37358**

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

Name	Address	Degree	Date
St. Louis University School of Law	100 N. Tucker St. Louis, MO 63103	JD, cum laude Rank: 5/174	January, 1988
St. Louis University	221 N. Grand St. Louis, MO 63103	MSW, magna cum laude	May 1977
St. Louis University	221 N. Grand St. Louis, MO 63103	BSSW, summa cum laude	May, 1975
University of Missouri- Columbia	125 Jesse Hall Columbia, MO 65211	Attended	1973-1974 Term

7. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with earliest date, conclude with present.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Position
Illinois Bell	Alton, IL	June 1971-August 1972	Telephone Operator
Beverly Farms Inc	Alton, IL	May 1973-August 1973	Health Care Aide
Missouri Department of Social Services	PO Box 1527 Jefferson City, MO 65102	May 1974-August 1974	Social Work Intern
Missouri Department of Social Services	PO Box 1527 Jefferson City, MO 65102	July 1975- August 1976	Social Services Worker: Served families who were at risk for child abuse and neglect.
Ferguson-Florissant School District	1005 N. Waterford Florissant, MO 63033	September 1976-August 1977	Coordinator, Family and Home-Visiting Counseling Program: Established new family counseling program for at-risk students funded through a grant; supervised three employees
Germantown School District	W180 N11501 River Lane Germantown, WI 53022	September 1978-June 1980	School Social Worker: Served as school social worker for suburban Milwaukee District
Schuchat, Cook and Werner	1221 Locust St. Louis, MO 63103	Summer 1986	Summer Law Clerk: Assisted with the writing of an appeal of a federal class action lawsuit; researched and wrote legal memos.
Law offices of Mary Ann Sedey	2711 Clifton St. Louis, MO 63139	Summer 1987 April 1988-June 1989	Summer Law Clerk; Associate, Plaintiff's employment law firm.
Law Offices of Margaret Donnelly	230 S. Bemiston, Ste 510 St. Louis, MO 63105	September 1989-January 2009	Sole proprietor, Private Law Practice. Concentrated practice in family and juvenile law.

Missouri General Assembly	Missouri State Capitol Jefferson City, MO 65102	January 2003-January 2009	State Representative, District 73
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services	912 Wildwood Jefferson City, MO 65109	January 2009-December 2012	Department Director
St. Louis University School of Law	100 N. Tucker St. Louis, MO 63101	January 2013-January 2015	Health Policy Scholar in Residence (1/13-1/14) Adjunct (1/14 -1/15)
Saint Louis County Circuit Court	105 S. Central St. Louis, MO 63105	January 2014-Present	Family Court Commissioner – Domestic Docket

8. If you are presently an associate circuit judge and have served for two years or longer, attach a list of ten significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

(b) In addition, you may attach a list of cases you tried as an attorney in the last five years before becoming a judge. Set forth the style, cause number, date and jurisdiction and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair and the name and address of opposing counsel. State for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

9. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? **Yes**

10. If you have never served as an associate circuit judge or have served for fewer than two years, attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed.

A. I have been honored to serve since January, 2014 as a Family Court Commissioner in St. Louis County. My docket is domestic cases. I handle dissolutions, paternity and child custody and support actions, domestic violence cases, motions to modify and motions for contempt. Since assuming the position of Commissioner, I have presided over eight multi-day trials ranging from two to five days and over another twenty-five one day trials. This is in addition to weekly dockets of adult abuse and child order of protection hearings, motion hearings and non-contested hearings.

See attached **Exhibit A** for ten cases which I have presided over to completion.

B: In 2009 when I became the Director of Health and Senior Services, I had to close my practice, so there is not a five year window prior to my becoming a commissioner. See attached **Exhibit B** for a representative sample of cases which I tried throughout my career.

11. Have you briefed or argued any case before any appellate court? **Yes**
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.
See attached **Exhibit C** for appellate cases
12. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.

Member of the Missouri Legislature

During my six years in the legislature I constantly analyzed and wrote legislation. There were fewer than 20 lawyers out of the 163 members of the House of Representatives and as a result the lawyer members were often called upon to assist with drafting and review of legislative proposals in a broad range of areas. I was a member of varied committees. At times I was the only lawyer member. As a legislator participating as “the sausage was made”, I gained valuable perspective on statutory construction and interpretation. As a practicing attorney as well as a legislator, I was very conscious of how essential it was that we strive for precision and clarity as we crafted language for a bill.

Department Director, Department of Health and Senior Services

As the head of both the state public health agency and the state office on aging, I oversaw and was responsible for multiple statutorily created programs, including responding to disasters, regulating health care institutions and providing protective services to the elderly and disabled. On a daily basis, I met the challenge of implementing policy within the constraints of statutes and rules. I frequently testified before legislative committees about department operations. Making technical information accurate and understandable was an essential part of my responsibilities. It is a skill I call upon now in writing orders and judgments.

Local Government

Serving on a school board and the local transit agency, I participated in decisions on a variety of issues impacted by education and local governmental law. I developed a knowledge base in both areas.

Law School Teaching

In teaching as the Health Policy Scholar in Residence and as an adjunct faculty at Saint Louis University Law School, I co-taught a health policy seminar and worked with the health law faculty across the health law curriculum to connect health law course content with current issues, legislation and litigation in the public sector. Additionally, I focused on developing students’ advocacy skills and proficiency in making clear, cogent arguments.

13. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? **No**
If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction:

14. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem?
If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated:

a) I have never been sued by a client.

b) As a member of the Ferguson-Florissant Board of Education, METRO (the Bi-State Development Agency) and the Department of Health and Senior Services, I was named as a defendant when the entity was sued, but always in my official capacity. I have never been sued in my individual capacity.

(c) **Margaret Donnelly et al v. Sandra Collop et al**; Clay County (7th Circuit)
This lawsuit involved the recount and voting irregularities in my campaign for Attorney General in 2008. The parties reached a consent judgment after which the recount proceeded.

Margaret Donnelly v. Missouri Ethics Commission, Cole County (19th Circuit)
As a candidate for Attorney General, I sought an injunction in 2008 under the Sunshine Law to prevent the Missouri Ethics Commission from closing the hearings on candidate contribution limits violations. The injunction was denied.

Leggett v. Riedel et al, City of St. Louis, (22nd Circuit)
When my husband and I left Missouri in 1978 to move to Wisconsin, we did not receive the final personal property tax bill on our two cars. The City of St. Louis filed a lawsuit but we were never served. The lawsuit was dismissed for failure to effect service, and after our return to Missouri and learning of the prior lawsuit, we paid the property tax bill.

15. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof? **No**
If yes, provide details:

16. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? **No**
If yes, provide details:

17. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

(a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct? **No**

If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed:

- (b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary. **No**

If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:

- (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? If yes, provide details: **No**

18. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? **No**

If yes, provide details:

19. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates:

- **Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges**,
Legislative Committee, 2014-present
- **Family and Domestic Violence Council** of St. Louis County, 2015
- **Missouri Bar**
- **Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**, Family and Juvenile Law Committee
- **Women Lawyers Association**, Board Member 1999-2000

As a Family Court Commissioner, I have been a presenter at the following CLE's:

- **Family Law Conference**, "*Attorneys Fees*", August, 2015
- **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Fall Seminar** "*Effective Use of the Form 14*", **October, 2014**
- **Family Law Conference**, "*Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Family Law*"
August, 2014
- **Bench and Bar Conference**, "*Trying a Custody Case*", Judicial Panel, May, 2014

As a legislator, each year I participated in various legislative updates for lawyers:

- **Missouri Bar Annual Meeting and Telephonic CLE's**(2003-2007)
- **Women Lawyers' Association** (2003-2008).
- **Missouri Bar Family Law Conference** (2004-2007) (

As a legislator, I continued to work with the Missouri Bar and the judiciary on legislation important to the legal system and profession including: changes to the domestic violence statutes to make them more effective; continuation of the Basic Legal Services Fund; greater protections for children in custody determinations when the parent is a sexual offender; revision to the trust code; and revised procedures for collecting blood samples in drunk driving cases.

As a practitioner, I was a presenter at BAMSL or Missouri Bar CLE's seminars on family law topics and was an active member of the Missouri Bar Family Law section.

20. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:

My primary volunteer activities were serving as a volunteer in the public sector. I was a member of the Ferguson-Florissant Board of Education and a member of the METRO Board of Commissioner. In 1990, then County Executive Buzz Westfall asked me to serve as Chair of the Commission for Abused Women and Children which he had created. The Commission provided the leadership in establishing the first domestic violence shelter in St. Louis County.

In the non-profit world I previously served on the board of Ecumenical Housing Production Corporation (now known as Beyond Housing) whose mission is to provide safe affordable housing and the community services that are needed to stabilize neighborhoods. Additionally, I was a board member of Family Support Network, (now part of Epworth Family and Children's Services) which provides counseling and parenting support to families at risk of child abuse and neglect.

I participated in Leadership St. Louis, a year-long program whose goal is to educate leaders from all sectors about the challenges facing the St. Louis region and to better prepare them to respond to the community's needs.

21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? **Yes**
If yes, provide details:

Office	Dates	Type of Office
Board Member, Ferguson-Florissant R-2 Board of Education	April 1986-April 1992	Elected, one year as President, one year as Treasurer. Elected to two terms.
Commissioner, METRO (Bi-State Development Agency)	April 1999-December 2002	Appointed for a three year term
State Representative, District 73, Missouri House of Representatives	January 2003-January 2009	Elected to three terms
Director, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services	January 2009-December 2012	Appointed by Governor Nixon

22. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? If military service continues, so state: **N/A**

23. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received:

AWARDS

- **St. Louis University**, Women Law Students Association, Distinguished Honoree, 2014
- **Judicial Conference of Missouri**, Legislative Award, 2004 and 2006
- **Missouri Bar**, Legislative Award, 2004
- **Legal Communications of Missouri**, Women's Justice Award, 2006

- **Legal Advocates for Abused Women (LAAW)**, Special Recognition Award, 2007
- **Legal Services of Eastern Missouri**, Legislative Award, 2004
- **St. Louis County Family Court**, Guardian Ad Litem of the Year, 2001
- **Women Lawyers Association**, President's Award of Honor, 2001

During my years as a legislator and as the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, I was recognized for my work in a number of areas.

- **Children's Hospital**, Children's Advocate Award, 2009
- **Lutheran Family and Children's Services**, Bringewatt Award, 2009
- **Gateway Chapter of the Autism Society**, Advocacy and Policy Award, 2008
- **Family Support Network**, Guardian Angel Award, 2007
- **St. Louis Business Journal**, Legislative Award, 2007
- **Cardinal Glennon Hospital**, Crystal Wagon Award, 2007
- **MO Alliance for Children, Youth & Families**, Child Advocate of the Year, 2006
- **Head Start Association Region VII**, Legislative Champion Award, 2006
- **Regional Chamber and Growth Association**, Lewis and Clark Statesman Award, 2005
- **Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities**, Legislative Award, 2005
- **Life Skills**, Legislator of the Year, 2005
- **National MS Society**, Gateway Chapter, Committed Statesperson Award, 2005
- **St. Louis Children's Champions**, Outstanding Leader Award for Governmental Service, 2005
- **Paraquad**, Disability Rights Legislative Leadership Award, 2005
- **Missouri Votes Conservation**, Legislative Leadership Award, 2003

24. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:

Ms. Mary Bonacorsi
 Thompson Coburn
 One US Bank Plaza
 St. Louis, Missouri 63101-1693
 314-552-6014

Mr. Leonard Cervantes
 Cervantes and Associates
 1007 Olive Street, Fourth Floor
 St. Louis, Missouri 63101
 314-621-6558

Ms. Lilian Fernandez
 710 N. Hanley
 St. Louis, Missouri 63105
 314-727-6536

Reverend B.T. Rice
New Horizon Seventh Day Christian Church
206 Emerling Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63121

Ms. Mary Anne Sedey
Sedey, Harper LLC
2711 Clifton
St. Louis, Missouri 63139
314-773-3566

25. State any additional data you deem relevant:

When I entered the legal profession, I believed the law not only provided the way for individuals to resolve their specific problems, but also offered important and effective remedies to influence the larger issues of justice in our society. My professional life reflects those two paths.

Every day as a Family Court Commissioner, I witness individuals whose fate is placed in the legal system and I am reminded of the heavy responsibility borne by the judiciary in maintaining trust in that system. What happens in our courthouses will influence—for good or ill—how individuals view not only their particular case but also our democratic institutions.

Since joining the Court, I have become a member of the Budget Committee for our Circuit and have been asked to serve on the Family and Domestic Violence Council, and I participate in a committee looking at the effective use of Parent Coordinators in the Family Court. Having served in the other two branches of government I believe I can play a helpful role in fostering relationships with public officials in the other branches and in working on issues which impact the operation of the judicial system. The Circuit Judge position is a further opportunity to serve the public and the justice system.

Authorization

By my signature to this application, I authorize: (1) the Commission by its chairperson to obtain relevant information, including but not limited to documents, records and files with respect to my medical, police or disciplinary records, and (2) the Commission and its members to obtain additional relevant information regarding my qualifications as well as the accuracy of my responses to the questions on this application, with the understanding that the information described in (1) and (2) above is available only to the members of the Twenty-First Circuit Judicial Commission. Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10, as amended effective February 29, 2008, if I am one of the three nominees listed on the certificate of nomination sent to the Governor, I authorize the Commission to send a complete copy of this application to the Governor and publicly release a copy of the application with personal and confidential information redacted as identified on the cover page of this application.

I hereby certify that all my statements as made above are correct and that if I am

EXHIBIT A
(CASES TRIED AS COMMISSIONER)

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF BETH ANN GARTIN v TIMOTHY GARTIN

Cause # 13SL-DR01940

March 25, 26 and April 15, 2014

Attorneys:

Elaine Pudlowski (Petitioner)

231 S. Bemiston

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Peter Woods (Respondent)

1010 Market Street

Suite 1620

St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Deborah Henry (GAL)

222 S. Central, Suite 501

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dissolution: Custody was settled before trial. Court had to determine property, maintenance and child support.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: ROBERT MARGULIS v SALLY MARGULIS

Cause #11SL-DR05127

April 22, 23 and 30, 2014

Attorneys:

William Grant (Petitioner)

7733 Forsyth Boulevard

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Susan Block (Respondent)

165 N. Meramec Avenue, Suite 110

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Amy Diemer (GAL)

100 N. Tucker, Suite 726

St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Dissolution: Custody was settled before trial. Court had to determine property, maintenance and child support.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF PETER THURMAN v CECILIA THURMAN

Cause # 13SL-DR03681

April 28, 2014

Attorneys:

Joanne Descher (Petitioner)

2001 S. Big Bend Boulevard

St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Hardy Menees (Respondent)
121 W. Adams
St. Louis, Missouri 63122

Mark Kiesewetter (GAL)
10024 Office Center Avenue, #203
St. Louis, Missouri 63128

Dissolution: Property was settled before trial. Court had to determine maintenance, child custody and child support.

IN RE KH ET AL v. KELLIE WHITWORTH

Cause # 11SL-DR05249
April 29 and May 23, 2015

Attorneys:

Ben Aranda (Petitioner)
1750 S. Brentwood, #295
St. Louis, Missouri 63144

Armeta Cotten (Respondent)
2820 Lafayette
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Beth Lewandowski (GAL)
2010 S. Big Bend
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Motion to Modify: Both Petitioner and Respondent filed Motions to Modify child custody and support. There were changes made to the custodial schedule and child support was increased.

IN THE MATTER OF NICOLE BROWN v ANDREW VIRGA

Cause #12SL-DR01797
May 9, 2015

Attorneys:

Jenna Conley
60 Hill Pointe Court
Upper Level, Suite 200
St. Charles, Missouri 63303

Kathleen Shaull
7710 Carondelet
Suite 401
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

David Roither (GAL)
7733 Forsyth, #1855
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Motion to Modify: Both Petitioner and Respondent filed Motions to Modify child custody and support. Changes were made to the custodial schedule and child support was increased.

IN THE MATTER OF KW ET AL v. JESSICA DICANDIA
Cause #14SL-DR01236
July 30, 2014

Attorneys:
Thomas Harvey (Petitioner)
7751 Carondelet
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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

David Lacks (Respondent)
231 S. Bemiston
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Ron Wessel (GAL)
222 S. Meramec, #300
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Petition for Custody and Support: Court had to make initial determination of child custody and support.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF DAMON CAMPBELL v JAMIE CAMPBELL
Cause # 14SL-DR02175
Dissolution
November 5, 2014

Attorneys:
Elizabeth Christmas (Petitioner)
225 S. Meramec
Suite 500
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Joseph Briscoe (Respondent)
501 First Capitol Drive
Suite 2
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

Nicolette Klapp (GAL)
230 S. Bemiston, #1400
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dissolution: Court had to decide child custody and child support.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF REBECCA ST. CLAIR V. DOUGLAS ST. CLAIR
Cause #09SL-DR0738-01

December 12, 2014

Attorneys:

David Ferman (Petitioner)
16640 Chesterfield Grove Road
Suite 100
Chesterfield, Missouri 63005

Respondent Pro Se

Amy Diemer (GAL)
100 N. Tucker
Suite 726
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Motion to Modify: Mother filed a Motion to Modify custody. Father filed a Motion to Modify child support. Mother's motion granted; Father's motion denied.

IN THE MATTER OF JERMAINE WAGNER v ERICA KYLES

Cause # 13SL-DR07499

January 27, 2015

Attorneys:

Byron Cohen (Petitioner)
225 S. Meramec
Suite 1123
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Larry Thomason (Respondent)
6410 Morganford Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63116

Petition for Child Custody and Support: The court had to make an initial determination of child custody and whether to modify an administrative order of support. Parents awarded joint legal and joint physical custody and child support was decreased.

TROY KNIGHT V JESSICA BLACKBURN v VELMA BUIE

Cause #09SL-DR02545

March 2 and May 15, 2015

Attorneys:

Robert Parson (Petitioner and Third-Party Respondent)
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St. Louis, Missouri 63112

Nadine Nunn (Respondent)
P.O. Box 25902
St. Louis, Missouri 63136

Venus Jackson (GAL)
7584 Olive Boulevard
Suite 201
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

Motion to Modify: Father had sole legal custody and parents shared joint physical custody in the original judgment and Father and child lived with Grandmother. Father was incarcerated and child went to live with Mother who filed a Motion to Modify to grant her sole legal and sole physical custody. Grandmother petitioned the court for third-party custody and petition was granted.

EXHIBIT B
(CASES TRIED IN PRACTICE)

IN RE THE INTEREST OF A.G., A.G., AND K.G.
Court: St. Louis County, Div. 61
Date of Judgment: 10/30/06 (Bench Trial)
Representation: Mother

Attorney for DJO
500 S. Brentwood
St. Louis, MO 63105

Attorney for Father
Jan Catalona (Retired)

Guardian ad Litem
Stanley Schechter
43 Crestwood
St. Louis, MO 63105

Adjudication and Disposition of Child Abuse: This was the third time custody litigation was before the court and I had represented Mother at all stages beginning with the dissolution. At the time of this hearing the parties shared joint custody, but Father had limited parenting time with the daughter. Finding the allegations that Father had sexually abused the daughter were true, the court placed all of the children under the jurisdiction of the court, awarded sole custody to Mother and restricted Father's contact with all of the children.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF THERESA DRAKE v GARY DRAKE
Cause No: 913-1639
Court: St. Louis City, Div. 15
Date of Judgment: 8/4/95 (Bench Trial)
Representation: Guardian ad Litem

Attorney for Petitioner/Mother
Judy Freiberg
857 Coalport
St. Louis, MO 63141

Attorney for Respondent/Father
Bradley Dede
211 S. Central, Ste 100
St. Louis, MO 63105

Cross-Motions to Modify Custody, TRO: Mother sought to change sole custody from Father to her and Father sought to terminate Mother's parental rights. Because of an increasingly volatile situation pre-trial, I sought and the court granted a temporary restraining order, transferring custody to Mother and restricting Father's visitation. At

trial the court granted sole legal and sole physical custody to Mother consistent with my recommendation.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF MARTY GLADDING v DAVID KELL

Cause No: 598256

St. Louis County, Div. 35

Date of Judgment: 6/15/99 (Bench Trial)

Representation: Guardian ad Litem

Attorney for Petitioner/Mother

Charles Todt (Deceased)

Attorney for Respondent/Father

Thomas Osterholt

1 N. Brentwood, Ste. 1000

St. Louis, MO 63105

Motion to Modify, Motion for Contempt : Mother sought to change the child support and parenting plan from the dissolution. The increase in child support was denied, but the parenting plan was modified consistent with my recommendation with respect to custodial periods.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF BETTY HAWLEY v. RICHARD HAWLEY

Cause No: 97FC-001521

Court: St. Louis County, Div. 63

Date of Judgment: 1/7/98 (Bench Trial)

Representation: Petitioner

Attorney for Respondent

Lawrence Gillespie

120 S. Central, Ste. 650

St. Louis, MO 63105

Dissolution The parties disagreed on the question of whether the health problems of the youngest child triggered the statutory exception for extended child support, but they eventually settled this issue. Property division, involving considerable separate property, and maintenance were tried. Petitioner received an award of maintenance.

IN RE MARRIAGE OF REBECCA ISLAND v. CONNIE EUGENE ISLAND,

Cause No: 548390

St. Louis County, Div. 16

Date of Judgment: 9/10/93 (Bench Trial)

Representation: Guardian ad Litem

Attorney for Petitioner and Intervenors

Nancy Emmel

7711 Bonhomme, Ste. 815

St. Louis, MO 63105

Attorney for Respondent

William Haller
187 Clarkson Road
Ellisville, MO 63011

Motion to Modify: Mother/Petitioner and Grandparents/Intervenors filed a motion to modify because the two minor children had been living with the Grandparents for several years. Although Father had consented to this living arrangement, he contested the motion. The motion was sustained and Grandparents were awarded sole legal and sole physical custody consistent with my recommendation.

IN RE THE INTEREST OF K.H.

Cause No: 98FC-02264
Court: St. Louis County, Div. 19
Date of Judgment: 7/6/98 (Bench Trial)
Representation: Petitioners/Grandparents

Attorney for Mother

Tim Kelly (Deceased)

Attorney for Father

Jeffrey Gavin
5701 Columbia
St. Louis, MO 63139

Guardian ad Litem

John Bird
906 Olive Street, Ste 1115
St. Louis, MO 63101

Guardianship of Minor: Parents had voluntarily left minor child with Grandparents. When Grandparents applied for appointment as guardians, parents objected. The Application for Appointment as Guardian was granted.

SUSAN LIEBER v. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Court: Federal District Court, Southern District of Illinois
Date of Judgment: 11/17/88 (Jury Trial)
Representation: Plaintiff (Associate with Mary Ann Sedey Law Office)

Attorney for Defendant

John Gilbert
Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard
101 W. Vandalia, Ste 300
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Employment Discrimination Claim: Plaintiff, a nurse practitioner at the student health

clinic, sued the University alleging discrimination. There was a Plaintiff's verdict after a seven-day trial. As an associate at the firm, I helped prepare for and assisted Mary Ann Sedey during the trial.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF MARTIN NEEDLES v. THERESA NEEDLES

Cause No: 654274

Court: St. Louis County, Div 38

Date of Judgment: 5/10/94 (Bench Trial)

Representation: Respondent

Attorney for Petitioner

Ellen Dunne

120 S. Central, Ste. 1650

St. Louis, MO 63105

Dissolution: Division of property, maintenance and child support were tried. Custody of minor child was settled before trial.

IN THE MATTER OF DANIEL TAYLOR V. CYNTHIA EVERETT Cause No: 983-4961

Court: St. Louis City, Div. 15

Date of Judgment: 4/27/01 (Bench Trial)

Representation: Guardian ad Litem

Attorney for Petitioner/Father

Cynthia Garnholz

7710 Carondelet

St. Louis, MO 63105

Attorney for Respondent/Mother

Bernhard Klippel

225 S. Meramec, Ste. 1100

St. Louis, MO 63105

Motion to Modify: Father had a judgment of paternity and child custody and support and was very involved with the child. Father sought a motion to modify to award him primary physical and legal custody. The trial court awarded Father sole legal and sole physical custody consistent with my recommendation.

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF RICHARD VOYLES v. REGINA VOYLES

Cause No: 663646

Court: St. Louis County, Div. 9

Motion to Modify

Date of Judgment: 6/29/98 (Bench Trial)

Representation: Respondent/Mother

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Issue: Respondent/Mother sought to modify the decree of dissolution to transfer sole legal and physical custody from Father/Petitioner to Mother/Respondent. The motion was sustained in part. Mother was awarded joint custody and additional parenting time with the child.

EXHIBIT C
(APPEALS)

1. Wrote or co-wrote brief

IN THE INTEREST OF B.L.M., a minor, 39 S.W.3d 75 (Mo. App.E.D. 2001)

My representation: Appellant/Mother

Mother appealed the termination of her parental rights. I represented Mother throughout the trial and on appeal.

IN THE INTEREST OF D.B., a minor child, ED74667 (consolidated appeal) (unreported)

My representation: Appellant/Father

Father and Mother appealed the termination of their parental rights. I represented Father throughout the trial and on appeal.

IN THE INTEREST OF D.L.M., a minor, 31 S.W.3d 64 (Mo App. E.D.2000)

My representation: Guardian ad Litem

Mother appealed the termination of her parental rights. I was the guardian ad litem for several years before and during the termination of parental rights trial. I supported the termination at the trial and co-wrote and submitted a brief jointly with Respondent/Juvenile officer.

IN THE INTEREST OF S.K., S.K., C.W., C.K., AND A.K., minor children, ED76579
(unreported)

My representation: Appellant/Mother

Mother appealed the termination of her parental rights. I represented Mother throughout the trial and on appeal.

2. Consulted on Brief

In each of the following three cases, I was the guardian ad litem for the children for an extended period in prior juvenile court hearings, and then in the termination of parental rights trial. In each case I was in agreement with the position of the juvenile officer/petitioner and I worked with the other attorneys in preparing the record for appeal and consulted with them on the issues for appeal. The attorney for the Respondent wrote and submitted the appellate brief in support of the trial court's decision.

IN THE INTEREST OF F.N.M., a minor, 951 S.W.2d 702 (Mo. App. E.D. 1997)

My representation: Guardian ad Litem

IN THE INTEREST OF M.J.P, a minor, 50 S.W.3d 332 (Mo App. E.D. 2001)

My representation: Guardian ad Litem

IN THE INTEREST OF A.M.S., a minor, ED 77002 (unreported)

My representation: Guardian ad Litem

Commissioner Margaret T. Donnelly

Commissioner Margaret Donnelly is a Family Court Commissioner in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County. Previously, she was an attorney in private practice for twenty years concentrating in family and juvenile law. Commissioner Donnelly spent six years (2003-2009) in the Missouri House of Representatives representing part of St. Louis County. From January 2009 through December 2012 she served as the Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Throughout her career, Commissioner Donnelly has been active in the community. She was a member of the Ferguson-Florissant Board of Education from 1986 to 1992, and a member of the METRO Board of Commissioners from 1999 to 2002. She chaired the St. Louis County Commission for Abused Women and Children in 1991 which established the first domestic violence shelter in St. Louis County.

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