

**RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC
IF THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED AS A NOMINEE**



NAME: Paula Perkins Bryant

1. State your present principal occupation:

Associate Circuit Judge

2. Answer the following:

(a) Are you at least 30 years of age?

Yes.

(b) How long have you been a citizen of the United States?

Native born.

(c) How long have you been a resident of the City of St. Louis?

Since birth.

(d) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri?

Thirty years

3. For each jurisdiction in which you are or have been licensed to practice, state:

(a) The name of the jurisdiction;

State of Missouri.

- (b) **The date you were admitted to that bar and, if applicable, ceased to be a member of that bar; and**

September, 1984.

- (c) **Your bar number.**

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4. **State the name and address of each post-high school educational institutions you have attended, together with the dates and any degree received:**

University of Missouri – Kansas City	1975-1977
University of Missouri – St. Louis	1978-1980 Bachelor of Science
St. Louis University School of Law	1980-1983 Juris Doctoris

5. **List each position of employment you have held, beginning with your earliest, including non-legal employment, and for each state:**

- (a) **The name and address of the employer;**
(b) **The position(s) you held;**
(c) **The dates of employment;**
(d) **Whether the employment was full, part-time, or seasonal; and**
(e) **The reason(s) the employment ceased.**

St. Mary's Health Center 6420 Clayton Rd. Clayton, MO 63117 Dietary Department Part-time Left for college	1974-1975
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Master Charge Collection Department Commerce Bank Kansas City, MO 64110 Collector Part-time Moved back to St. Louis	1976-1976
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St. Louis Public Schools Substitute Teacher 911 Locust St. St. Louis, MO 63101 Substitute Teacher Part-time	1978-1980
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Entered law school

Stix, Baer & Fuller 1978-1979
Collection Department
601 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63101
Collector
Part-time
Job advancement

Sears, Roebuck & Co. 1979-1980
15 Crestwood Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63126
Retail Clerk
Part-time
Job advancement

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri 1980-1982
625 Euclid
St. Louis, MO 63108
Legal intern
Part-time
Job advancement

W.A. Thomas & Co. 1983-1984
209 E. Kirkham Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63119
Director of Collections
Full time
Job advancement

Harvey & Hughes (formerly) 1984-1986
231 South Bemiston
Clayton, MO 63105
Associate Attorney
Full time
Job advancement

Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit Court 1986-1987
10 North Tucker Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63101
Staff Attorney
Full time
Job advancement

Public Defender Office 1987-1990
1114 Market Street

**St. Louis, MO 63103
Assistant Public Defender
Full time
Job advancement**

**Rudloff, Nelson & Kelly (formerly) 1990-1993
6822 Olive, Ste. 200
St. Louis, MO 63130
Associate Attorney
Full time
Job advancement**

**Office of the Circuit Attorney 1993-2004
1114 Market Street, Room 401
St. Louis, MO 63103
Assistant Circuit Attorney
Full time
Job advancement**

**Sanford Brown College 2006-2012
Adjunct Professor
75 Village Square
Hazelwood, MO 63045
Adjunct Professor
Part-time
Campus closed**

**Webster University 2005-present
Adjunct Professor
470 E. Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119-3194
Adjunct Professor
Part-time
Still employed**

**Associate Circuit Judge 2004-present
Civil Courts Building
10 N. Tucker Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63101**

- 6. If you have served as a judge or commissioner, identify up to five 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.**

See attachment A

7. List up to ten cases which you have tried as either first or second chair. 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 whether each case was bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

See attachment B

8. List up to ten appeals or writs before appellate courts which you have briefed or argued. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you briefed, argued or both, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

N/A

9. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction.

No

10. Have you ever been a party to any litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? If yes, identify 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, and provide a one to three sentence description of the case and its outcome.

No

11. Have you ever been investigated, disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court, bar association, or any office or committee thereof? If yes, provide details.

No

12. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? If yes, provide details.

No

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

N/A

- (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? 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.**

N/A

- (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.**

N/A

14. **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 Judges
Missouri Bar Association
National Bar Association
Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis
Lawyers Association of St. Louis
Mound City Bar Association
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

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

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN St. Louis Public School
THE BREAKFAST CLUB – An Organization for Breast Cancer Support
and Awareness
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Role Model – City of St. Louis Schools
Member of the Catholic Church

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

Associate Circuit Judge

17. **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?**

N/A

18. **List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special**

recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received.

Black Law Student Association Reports – Associate Editor	1981-1983
Sentinel Charities, Inc. Service Award	1996
Honorable Mention – Homicide Unit SLPD	1998
Trailblazer University of Missouri, St. Louis	2004
Outstanding Trial Attorney	
St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s Office	March 2004
Honoring Women of the Judiciary, Women Law Students’ Association of St. Louis University School of Law	March 2005

19. **Furnish the name, address, telephone number, and email address of up to five individuals, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications.**

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20. **Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work or which you believe to be relevant.**

As an Associate Circuit Judge, I handled both civil and criminal dockets, including presiding over numerous misdemeanor and felony cases. I have also presided over the assignment docket for the Circuit Court. In an effort to relieve a case backlog, I served as a volunteer Judge for St. Louis County for three weeks in 2011. I have presided over countless motions, hearings, pleas, and bench and jury trials, including civil jury trial matters. During my assignment in Division 25, I implemented a new pre-trial supervision program utilizing GPS technology, designed to monitor persons who have made bond while awaiting trial. The program is still being utilized today. In my previous assignment in Family Court, I developed a community service program for delinquent fathers in partnership with the Fathers Support Center and the SLATE program. I have also been appointed to a special committee that reviews bond procedures for the Bond Commissioner's Office. I am currently serving on the Public Education committee and have previously served on the Presiding Judge: Advisory Committees, Drug Court and the Personnel Committee.

In addition to my judicial duties, I participate in the St. Louis University School of Law Externship Program that expose law students to the legal process, as well as the internship programs for Webster University. Finally, I am an adjunct professor at Webster University in the Legal Studies Program.

Presentations:

Missouri Bar Association, "Experts and Hearsay: What Every Trial Lawyer Must Know", Moderator, November 2000
Mound City Bar Association, Criminal Law CLE Presenter, April 2000
Public Law Interest Seminar, St. Louis University School of Law, Speaker, 1997-2000
Law and Society Class, St. Louis University, Speaker, 1999-present
Criminal Law Class, Webster University, Speaker, January 2000, March 2001
Bench N Bar Conference 2012 Criminal Law Panel
Save our Sisters 2013 panelist on a community forum on domestic violence
Bench N Bar Conference 2013 Judicial Panel
Black Caucus Conference 2014 Criminal Code Discussion
Bench N Bar Conference 2014 Family Law Forum
African American Read - In February 2015
Bench N Bar Conference 2015 Judicial Forum
Extreme Faith Ministries Youth Camp Summer 2015

Authorization

PAULA PERKINS BRYANT

Biography: Born in St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, B.S. 1981; St. Louis University School of Law, J.D. 1983. Appointed to the bench in 2004 as an Associate Circuit Judge presiding over both civil and criminal matters. In addition to judicial responsibilities, I am an adjunct professor for Webster University 2005-present. Assistant Circuit Attorney, 1993-2004; and was assigned to the Specialized Homicide Unit, later promoted to a Team Leader position and received the Outstanding Trial Attorney award in 2004. Engaged in private practice in St. Louis, 1991-1993. Assistant Public Defender from 1987-1991, Staff Attorney for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court. I also participate in the St. Louis University School of Law Judicial Process Clinic Externship Program and the Webster University Internship Program. Active with several Bar Associations, a member of the Catholic Church, and affiliated with other community and educational organizations. Married with two children.

Question 6
Attachment A

State of Missouri v. Kevin Kirkwood Sr.

1522-CR00811

August 10th 2015

Judge Paula P. Bryant Presiding

Attorney for Plaintiff

Karelia Rajagopal
Assistant Circuit Attorney
1114 Market 4th floor
St. Louis, Mo 63101

Attorney for Defendant

Katherine Hummel
101 South Hanley Rd
Clayton Mo, 63105

Defendant was charged with stalking and property damage to the 2nd degree, after he followed the victim in his vehicle and later damaged her car with a tire iron. The Jury found him not guilty of stalking, and guilty of property damage.

State of Missouri v. Angela Roebuck

1522-CR02009

July 20^h 2015

Judge Paula P. Bryant Presiding

Attorney for Plaintiff

Karelia Rajagopal
Assistant Circuit Attorney
1114 Market 4th floor
St. Louis, Mo 63101

Attorney for Defendant

Clement Warr
Assistant Public Defender
1114 market 4th floor
St. Louis, Mo 63101

Defendant was charged with domestic assault and property damage when she punched her mother and damaged her phone. The victim claimed in trial that she was the aggressor. The jury found her not guilty of domestic assault in the 3rd degree and guilty of property damage.

State of Missouri v. Karman Hubbard

February 23, 2015
Judge Paula P. Bryant, Presiding

Attorney for Plaintiff

Nicole Pleasant
Assistant Circuit Attorney
1114 Market, 4th floor
St. Louis, Mo 63101

Attorney for Defendant

Earlyne Thomas
7842 Underhill Drive
St. Louis, Mo 63133

Defendant was charged with two counts; one count for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana, and one count for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. The Defendant was stopped by police while driving her cousin's car because the car only had one license plate. Defendant consented to a search of the vehicle, and the police officer found a mason jar of marijuana under the drivers seat. Defendant claimed that it was not her vehicle. The jury found her not guilty.

State of Missouri v. Abdurahman Mohamed

22029-01084
22049-05641A
December 2, 2011
Judge Paula P. Bryant, Presiding

Attorney for Plaintiff

Kristen Skelly
Assistant Circuit Attorney
1114 Market, 4th floor
St. Louis, Mo 63101

Attorney for Defendant

Raymond Bolourtchi
Cofman & Bolourtchi, LLC
8866 Ladue Road, Suite 250
St. Louis, MO 63124

Parties appeared to argue defendant's motion to set aside guilty pleas from 2002 and 2005, pursuant to Rule 29.07 (d). Defendant claimed that his pleas of guilty should be set aside because they were not voluntary and knowingly made due to the fact he was not advised of the possible immigration consequences of his pleas of guilty along with advisories set forth under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. The case involved discussion of **Padilla v. Commonwealth of Kentucky**, 559 U.S. , 130 S. Ct. 1473 (2010) and whether it could be applied retroactively under the procedural posture of the case at bar. Ultimately, the motion was denied on the basis the Court lacked authority to grant the relief requested.

Linda Binns v. Front Door, LLC d/b/a Lindell Towers

0622-AC-07753

June 12, 2007

Judge Paula P. Bryant, Presiding

Attorney for Plaintiff:	Joseph V. Neill 5201 Hampton Ave. St. Louis, MO 63109
Attorney for Defendant:	David P. Hart 3701 Lindell St. Louis, MO 63108

Bench trial

Plaintiff sued for money paid to defendant on behalf of her son. Defendant claimed plaintiff's son damaged their property and was threatening to file criminal charges and alert St. Louis University, where he was a student. Plaintiff paid immediately as demanded. Investigation revealed her son was not the person who caused the damage, Front Door refused to refund the money. Court ruled in favor of Plaintiff.

QUESTION 7
Attachment B

1. **State v. Laterence Thigpen**

991-4056

February 2001

Division 21, City of St. Louis, Judge Phillip Haegney

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: Nellie Ribaud

Public Defender – City of St. Louis

1320 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Jury Trial

Defendant was charged with Count I: Murder 1st Degree; Count II: Armed Criminal Action; Count III: Assault 1st; Count IV: Armed Criminal Action. Defendant shot two people during a drug deal. One person was killed and another one was injured. Jury found defendant guilty as charged.

2. **State v. Antwone Williams**

001-0336

January 2001

Division 17, City of St. Louis, Judge Patricia Cohen

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: Valerie Held

Public Defender – St. Charles County

200 N. Second, St. Charles, MO 63301

Jury Trial

Defendant was charged with Count I: Murder 1st Degree; Count II: Armed Criminal Action; and Count III: Burglary 1st. Defendant decided to shoot the victim after his fellow gang member requested his help during an argument. Jury was hung on Counts I and II and found the defendant guilty on Count III.

3. **State v. Christopher Starks**

991-4030

October 2000

Division 21, City of St. Louis, Judge Phillip Haegney

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paul P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: Paul Yarns

Office of the State Public Defender

3402 Buttonwood, Columbia, MO 654201

Jury Trial

Defendant along with another were charged with Count I: Murder 1st Degree; Count II: Armed Criminal Action; Count III: Robbery 1st Degree; Count IV: Armed Criminal Action; Count V: Assault 1st; and Count VI: Armed Criminal Action. Defendant and his friend decided to hold up a Chinese food place. This defendant would patronize this place almost every day. Defendant entered the place with his friend and killed the owner and shot at his wife.

Jury found defendant guilty of Murder 2nd Degree and all other counts as charged.

4. **State v. Willie James Crenshaw**

001-2003

July 2000

Division 23, City of St. Louis, Judge Joan Burger

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: Terence Niehoff

2734 Lafayette, Clayton, MO 63105

Jury Trial

Defendant was charged with Count I: Murder 1st Degree; Count III: Forcible Rape; and Count IV: Sodomy. Defendant sodomized, raped and killed his fourteen-year-old stepdaughter.

The jury found defendant guilty as charged.

Judge gave a directed verdict in regard to Count II: Armed Criminal Action. The Court determined that hands are not a dangerous instrument.

5. **State v. Travis Like**

981-2012A

January 2000

Division 17, City of St. Louis, Judge Julian Busch

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: Jeffery Estes

Public Defender – St. Louis County

100 So. Central, Clayton, MO 63105

Jury Trial

Defendant was charged with Murder 1st Degree, four counts of Armed Criminal Action and three counts of Assault 1st Degree. Defendant was a passenger in a truck of a drive-by and fired his weapon.

The jury found defendant guilty as charged.

6. **State v. Ruben Harold**

981-2012B

November 1999

Division 18, City of St. Louis, Judge Michael David

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: David Bruns

Special Public Defender – City of St. Louis

1320 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Jury Trial

Defendant was charged with Murder 1st Degree, four counts of Armed Criminal Action, and three counts of Assault 1st Degree. Defendant and others decided to do a drive-by of what they believed were rival gang members. Mr. Harold was armed with an AKA-47 assault rifle. They drove by a crowd of people and fired their weapons, killing a six-year-old child.

The jury found the defendant guilty.

7. **State v. Cleveland Jackson (A)**

State v. Antwan King (C)

971-2699 A & C

May 1999

State recommendation: Death

Division 17, City of St. Louis, Judge Michael Calvin

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: (A) Beth Davis-Kerry (lead attorney)
Capital Public Defender Office
1221 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

(B) Valerie Leftwich (lead attorney)
Capital Public Defender Office
Columbia, MO 65203

Defendants were charged with two counts of Murder 1st Degree, three counts of Armed Criminal Action, one count of Robbery 1st Degree, and one count of Assault 1st Degree. Defendants decided to rob a dope dealer at his home. Around 11:00 p.m. they kicked in the apartment and executed two people, one who was five months pregnant. They then tried to kill the ten-year-old daughter; however, the mother covered the child with her body.

The jury found the defendants guilty and assessed life without probation or parole.

8. **State v. Anthony Cooper (B)**

State v. James Howard (F)

State v. Cedrick Franklin (E)

971-4189 B, F, E

August 1998

Division 22, City of St. Louis, Judge Henry Autrey

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: (B) Robert Lundt
Public Defender – City of St. Louis (former)
1320 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103
(F) David Bruns
Special Public Defender – City of St. Louis (former)
(E) Doug Hartig
(F) Public Defender – St. Louis County (former)
100 So. Central, Clayton, MO 63105

Jury Trial

Defendants were charged with Murder 1st Degree, four counts of Armed Criminal Action, two counts of Robbery 1st Degree, two counts of Burglary 1st Degree, one count of Assault 1st Degree, and two counts of Forcible Sodomy. Defendants and two other defendants decided they were going to rob a dope dealer. The defendants broke into an apartment and tortured the family inside. They soon realized that they were in the wrong apartment and went next door to torture and murder those people inside that apartment.

The jury found the defendants guilty.

9. **State v. Sherron Wilson**

971-2527

March 1998

Division 11, City of St. Louis, Judge Floyd McBride

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: Joel Schwartz

7700 Bonhomme, Suite 400, Clayton, MO 63105

Jury Trial

Defendant was charged with two counts of Murder 1st Degree, three counts of Armed Criminal Action, and one count of Assault 1st Degree. The fifteen-year-old defendant killed two brothers at a card game because he believed they owed him ten dollars for marijuana.

The jury found defendant guilty.

10. **State v. Phillips Croft (A)**

State v. Joshua Maniure (B)

941-3798 A & B

November 1996

Division 18, City of St. Louis, Judge John Riley

Assistant Circuit Attorney: Paula P. Bryant

Opposing Counsel: (A) Lois Drossman

Public Defender – City of St. Louis

1320 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

(B) David Kenyon

Public Defender – St. Louis County

100 So. Central, Clayton, MO 63105

Jury Trial

Defendants were charged with Count I: Assault 1st Degree; Count II: Armed Criminal Action; Count III: Assault 1st Degree; Count IV: Armed Criminal Action; Count V: Assault 1st Degree; and Count VI: Armed Criminal Action. The defendants were identified by the minor children as the ones driving by and shooting at them.

The jury found defendant, Phillips Croft, guilty as charged.

The jury found defendant, Joshua Maniure, who drove the car, not guilty.