

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE
SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

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

NAME: Christopher Truman Patterson



1. State your present principal occupation: **Attorney, general practice**
2. Are you at least twenty-five (25) years of age? **Yes**
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **Since birth 7-27-55**
(b) Have you been a resident of Platte 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? **36 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:
Federal District Court, Western District of Missouri
5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri: **September 27, 1980**

(a) Missouri Bar Number **28732**
(b) Are you currently a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar? **Yes**

(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 law schools, colleges, and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

University of Missouri–Columbia, Bachelor of Journalism, December 18, 1976
School of Journalism
Administrative Offices
120 Neff Hall
Columbia, MO 65211-1200

University of Missouri–Columbia, Juris Doctorate, May 10, 1980
School of Law
203 Hulston Hall
Columbia, MO 65211-4190

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.)

McDonald's Restaurant, *Restaurant Employee*, 1973

City of Columbia Sewer Department, *Worker*, Summer 1974

University of Missouri-Columbia
Off Campus Housing Center, *Associate Director*, Summer 1975

Missouri House of Representatives, *Research Analyst*, 1977, 1978
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Law Office of Harvey M. Tettlebaum, *Law Clerk*, 1979
Jefferson City, Missouri
The law office is no longer in existence
Mr. Tettlebaum is now employed by Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP
235 East High Street
P.O. Box 1251
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Snowden and DeCuyper Law Office, *Law Clerk*, May – September 1980
Associate Attorney, September 1980 - 1984**

**DeCuyper and Lee Law Office
DeCuyper and Associates Law Office
6317 N.E. Antioch Road
Kansas City, MO 64119**

**Christopher T. Patterson, 1984 - 1999
Attorney at Law
1920 Swift Avenue, Suite 205
North Kansas City, MO 64116**

and

**7000 N.W. Prairie View Road, Suite 160 2001
Kansas City, MO 64151**

I have practiced law at the Prairie View address since 2001 as the following entities:

Christopher T. Patterson, Attorney at Law, 2001 – January 2, 2002

Patterson & Ferguson LLC, January 29, 2002

Patterson Law Office LLC, December 24, 2003

8. 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

9. 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.

See attached.

10. Have you briefed or argued any case in an 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.

***Commercial Openings, Inc. v. Mathews*, 819 S.W.2d 347 (Mo.banc 1991)**
This case involved a mechanic's lien issue. Trial court dismissed for failure to state a claim. I briefed and argued the appeal to the Western District, lost, and subsequently briefed and argued the case before the Missouri Supreme Court. I won the appeal.

***Newell v. Rammage*, 52 S.W.3d 625 (Mo.App.W.D. 2001)**

***Newell v. Rammage*, 7 S.W.3d 517 (Mo.App.W.D. 1999)**

I tried and won the original case in circuit court, involving custody and child relocation. I briefed and argued the appeal. The case was remanded, and I tried and won the case again at the trial court level, and won the appeal.

***Hernandez v. Hernandez*, 937 S.W.2d 766 (Mo.App.W.D. 1997)**

I tried a dissolution case in associate circuit court, and obtained maintenance, attorney's fees and a favorable division of property for my client. I briefed the appeal, and if memory serves me we submitted the matter without oral argument. The Court affirmed the judgment.

***Houchins v. Houchins*, 727 S.W.2d 181 (Mo.App.W.D. 1987)**

I tried a dissolution case after the trial court struck the appellant's pleadings. As attorney for Respondent, I briefed and argued the appeal. The case was reversed and remanded.

11. If your experience as an attorney is not in litigation, you may list up to five (5) of your most significant accomplishments in your law career.

Although I am primarily a litigator, I am very proud of the many cases I have served as guardian ad litem, representing the interests of minor children.

12. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.

I have been regularly appointed as guardian ad litem by all five Platte County judges.

I have spoken at a Clay County Bar CLE meeting on the subject of *Ethical Considerations for Guardians ad Litem* in May 2006.

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? **Yes**

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:

Gary D. Wylie, By next friend Seth R. Wylie (et. al.) vs. Patterson Law Office LLC and Christopher T. Patterson, Case Number 09AE-CV00628, In the Circuit Court of Platte County, Missouri. Filed February 18, 2009.

The Petition alleges that I made unintentional errors in drafting a Will and two beneficiary deeds, and that I was negligent in the advice I gave my now-deceased client (Gary D. Wylie) regarding those instruments. The suit is being brought by the deceased client's adult children and his first wife (ex wife).

I am being represented by Daniel Hamann, Deacy & Deacy, LLP, 920 Main Street, Suite 1900, Kansas City, MO 64105-2010. I am insured through The Bar Plan, and my policy fully covers the claims made. The Answer filed in the case denies liability, causation and damage. The matter is still pending.

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 were ever a member of the judiciary of the State of Missouri in the past, please state: **Not applicable**

(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:

(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:

(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:

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:

Platte County Bar Association
Clay County Bar Association

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

- **YOUNG LIFE**

- I was an active Young Life leader from 1982 through 2009, during which time I spent approximately 15 hours per week working with Platte County teenagers. For several years I have been a national and regional Young Life trainer for leaders and staff. I am the Young Life Gateway Region (Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska) Team Leader Coach. Young Life is an ecumenical Christian organization whose primary focus is youth.

- I authored a book – *THE ADVENTURE* – published by Young Life.

- **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD** from KCI/Northland regional Chamber of Commerce for my service to education.

- **PLATTE COUNTY R-III HIGH SCHOOL PIRATE HALL OF FAME**, for my service to the Platte County R-III student community.

21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? **No**

If yes, provide details:

22. Are you delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes?
Yes () No (X)

If your answer is yes, please state details.

23. 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:

No Military Service

24. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received:
25. No more than five (5) persons may mail a letter of reference with respect to your character and judicial qualifications. See instructions for deadline for submission. **DO NOT INCLUDE AS A REFERENCE ANY ACTIVE SITTING JUDGES FROM THE CIRCUIT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.** List the names of the persons from whom each member of the commission will receive letters.

**Peter M. Schloss
Jonathan Buschmann
Lowell Gard
Tamara Galichia
Brandon Gutshall**

26. State any additional information you deem relevant:

My wife is Jan Miller Patterson. We have been married since June 1, 1980. She teaches Physical Education at the Platte City Middle School, and is the High School Volleyball Coach.

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 Sixth 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 appointed to the office of Associate Circuit Judge of Platte County, Missouri, I will accept the appointment, qualify, and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

DATE: 2/19/2010

SIGNED: 

CHRISTOPHER T. PATTERSON

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 9

I was first chair in all these trials. All trials were judge tried. In the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) trials I represented the minor children, whom I have not named. In those trials I was an active litigator in my representation of the children, cross examining, offering evidence, and, in some cases, presenting witnesses. Since this response will be public record if the Commission appoints me to a panel, I will only use initials for the paternity cases.

Style	Case No.	Date Tried	Court	Represented	Opposing Counsel	Description
Thley W. Ise v. Erica P Ise	06AE-CV03484-02	01/28/10	Platte Div 4	GAL	Shelley L. Bishop, Attorney for Petitioner, 455 S. Sam Bar Dr. #209, Kearney, MO 64060 / Respondent Pro Se	Modification of existing custody judgment; decision pending.
J. M. G. v. T. H.	04CV83363-02	12/17/09	Platte Div 1	GAL	Frank S. Stewart, Attorney for Petitioner, 6405 N. Cosby, Suite 202, Kansas City, MO 64151 / Preston L. Cain, Attorney for Respondent, 1212 McGee, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64106	Modification of existing custody judgment. Physical custody transferred to father. Case heard by visiting Judge Gerald McBeth, who commended me for my work as GAL, stating it was the most thorough job he had ever experienced.
Michael D. Lee v. Peggy Ann (Lee) Walker	7CV101008435-02	12/16/09	Clay Div 8	Respondent	Richard Winkie, Attorney for Petitioner, 1517-D N.E. Parvin Rd., Kansas City, MO 64116	Motion to Modify to change custody, filed by Petitioner. Motion denied, and Petitioner's child support increased.
Sonya Lee Glassman (Wilson) v. Elliott Christopher Wilson	04CV82854-01	09/28/09	Platte Div 3	GAL	Jason Davey, Attorney for Petitioner, 7211 N.W. 83rd St., Kansas City, MO 64152 / Respondent Pro Se	Motion to Modify custody to restrict visitation of father. Court granted motion.
J. C. D. et al. v. T. D. A.	07AE-CV00223	09/09/09	Platte Div 1	GAL	Petitioner Pro Se / Jennifer Oswald Brown, Attorney for Respondent, 601 NW Jefferson St., PO Box 550, Blue Springs, MO 64013-0550	Petition for Paternity and Custody. Mother alleged restricted visitation was necessary. Court found it to be unnecessary.
J. A. S. v. E. G.	07AE-CV00430	08/19/09	Platte Div 1	GAL	Lloyd Koelker, Attorney for Petitioner, 411 Nichols Rd. #230, Kansas City, MO 64112 / Lyle Odo, Attorney for Respondent, 249 Main St., Platte City, MO 64079	Petition for Paternity and Custody. Court awarded shared custody, with residential placement with father and liberal parenting time to both parents. No abuse found.

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K. N. T. v. J. P. S.	06AE-CV00631-01	08/12/09	Platte Div 1	GAL	Petitioner Pro Se / Respondent Pro Se	Motion to Modify Custody. Court transferred residential custody from father to mother.
G. B. v. J. B.-M.	08AE-CV02632	03/18/09/ 03/23/09	Platte Div 1	GAL	Marilyn M. Shapiro, Attorney for Petitioner, 215 W. 18 th St. #222, Kansas City, MO 64108 / James D. Bogs, Attorney for Respondent, 6406 N.W. Cosby, Kansas City, MO 64151	Petition for Paternity and Custody. Court awarded residential placement of the child to mother.
an K. Warren v. Alyssa R. Warren	07AE-CV02756	01/22/09	Platte Div 3	GAL	Michael A. Kinder, Attorney for Petitioner, 1251 NW Briarcliff Pkwy, Suite 95, Kansas City, MO 64116 / Drew A. Davis, Attorney for Respondent, 7536 Wornall Rd, Suite 11, Kansas City, MO 64114	Petition for Dissolution, with custody issues. Mother received residential placement of child. No abuse found.
T. G. G., Jr. v. B. W.	CV102-4831DR	11/21/08	Clay Div 3	Respondent	Rob A. Redman, Attorney for Petitioner, 6405 N. Cosby #200, Kansas City, MO 64151 / Kelly J. Ruark, GAL, 105 W. Kansas #A, Liberty, MO 64068	Preliminary injunction hearing, brought by my client. Father enjoined from contact with daughter due to abuse.
A. S. v. A. H.	07CY-CV07630	07/29/08	Clay Div 8	GAL	Jill M. Katz, Attorney for Petitioner, PO Box 140555, Kansas City, MO 64114 / Respondent Pro Se	Paternity and custody. Custody to mother.
ndley W. Ise v. Erica Ise	06AE-CV03484-01	07/02/08	Platte Div 4	GAL	Shelley L. Bishop, Attorney for Petitioner, 455 S. Sam Barr Dr. #209, Kearney, MO 64060 / Respondent Pro Se	Motion to Modify, from father's Sole Legal and Physical. Court awarded joint legal and physical, and gave more equal parenting time.
Pamela Ratliff v. Johnathon K. Ratliff	05AE-CV03588	02/28/08	Platte Div 3	Respondent	Daniel R. Dykstra, 5555 NW Barry Road, Suite A, Kansas City, MO 64154	Petition for Dissolution, with custody issue. My client (father) received physical placement of his son.

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Melissa Ann McAdams v. Anthony W. McAdams	07CY-CV08407	02/26/08	Clay Div 8	Petitioner	Respondent Pro Se	Dissolution of Marriage. My client requested supervised visitation, due to father's anger issues. Court granted supervised visitation.
Douglas K. Lawrence v. Patricia L. Lawrence	06AE-CV03154	09/13/07	Platte Div 3	GAL	Christy L. Fisher, Attorney for Petitioner, 116 N. Main, PO Box K, Plattsburg, MO 64477 / Quint Shafer, Attorney for Respondent, 1099 Welt Street, PO Box 38, Weston, MO 64098	Dissolution of Marriage, with Custody issues. Court ordered joint legal and physical, and gave father residential custody of child.
H. v. O.		07/26/07	Platte Div 3	GAL	Sammie J. Edwards, Attorney for Petitioner, 819 Walnut, Suites 201-202, Kansas City, MO 64106/ Tammy Glick, Attorney for Respondent, 258 Main Street, Platte City, MO 64079	Paternity and custody matter. Mother requested supervised visitation. Court granted joint legal and physical custody, and did not order supervised visitation.
Tracy Barrow v. Laurie Ann Barrow	05AE-CV03963	06/29/07	Platte Div 5	GAL	Christie E. Sherman, Attorney for Petitioner, 2600 Grand Blvd. #350, Kansas City, MO 64108 / James D. Boggs, Attorney for Respondent, 6406 N.W. Cosby, Kansas City, MO 64151	Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. Custody issues. Court ordered joint legal and physical.
C. H. v. G. L. H.	06AE-CV02088	06/27/07	Platte Div 1	GAL	Petitioner Pro Se / Christina E. Gondring, Attorney for Respondent, 4420 Madison Ave. #150, Kansas City, MO 64111	Paternity and Custody proceeding. Residential custody to father.
C.L.A. v. J.L.W.	06AE-CV01610	06/13/07	Platte Div 1	GAL	Patrick M. Davis, Attorney for Petitioner, 11020 N.W. Ambassador Dr. #202, Kansas City, MO 64153 / Respondent Pro Se	Paternity and Custody proceeding. Residential custody to mother, with restrictions on father.
Jon Mark Juett v. Cheryl Diane Juett	05AE-CV01454-01	12/13/06	Platte Div 3	Petitioner	Philip O. Willoughby Jr., Attorney for Respondent, 9800 NW Polo #100, Kansas City, MO 64153	Respondent's Motion for Contempt, for Petitioner's failure to comply with court ordered division of property. Petitioner was found in contempt.

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R. V. v. C. B.	04 CV84854 04 CV85126	02/08/06	Platte Div 1	GAL	Jennifer Olsen Addadi, Attorney for Petitioner, 1102 Grand #804, Kansas City, MO 64106 / Rob Redman, Attorney for Respondent, 6405 N. Cosby #200, Kansas City, MO 64151	Paternity and Custody proceeding. Mother wanted Father to have no contact. Father was out of state. Court ordered joint legal and physical custody, with times of visitation throughout year.
K. v. T. M. S.	02CV84897	02/01/05	Platte Div 1	GAL	Laura J. Duchardt, Attorney for Petitioner, 5545 N. Oak Trfwy #8, Kansas City, MO 64118 / Kenneth D. Hassler, Attorney for Respondent, 5555 N.W. Barry Road, Suite A, Kansas City, MO 64154	Paternity and Custody proceeding. Residential custody given to father.