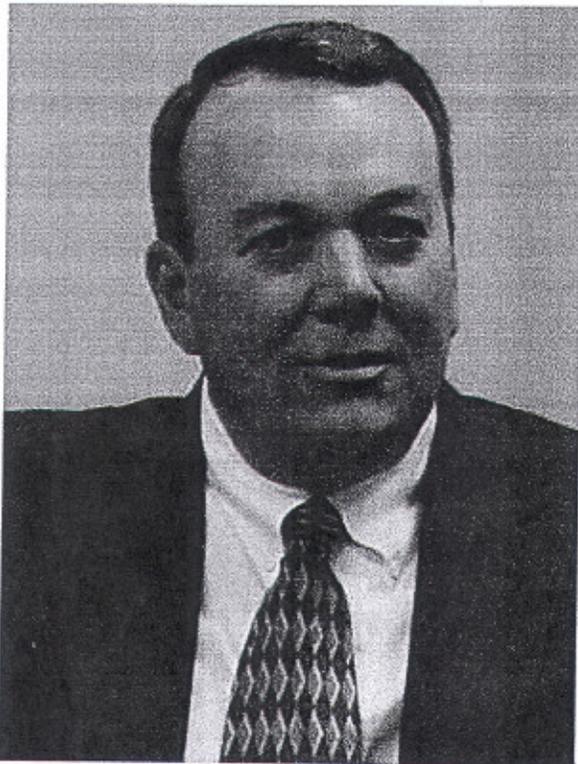


APPLICATION FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE
7TH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI (revised May 2008)

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

NAME: DONALD T. NORRIS



1. State your present principal occupation: Judge, Division 6
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? Yes
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States?
61 Years
- (b) Have you been a resident of Clay 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? _
40 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: 1978

(a) Missouri Bar Number 26192

(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:

I attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law from 1974 to 1977, graduating with a Juris Doctorate.

I attended Maple Woods Community College from 1970 until 1972, earning an Associate Degree. I was awarded the Waniko Foundation Scholarship for scholastic achievement. I was on the Dean's List both years.

I attended William Jewell College from 1972 to 1974 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. I was awarded the Dr. Will Adams' Scholarship and the Senior Political Science Major Award. I was on the Dean's List for the two years I attended William Jewell College.

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.)

United States Air Force – 1966 to 1970

Missouri State Highway Patrol – 1970 to 1973

Clay County Deputy Sheriff – 1974 to 1978

I began the practice of law as a private practitioner in an office located at 425 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. I opened the office in May of 1978. I moved the office to Liberty, Missouri in January of 1979. I practiced on the square across from the Clay County Courthouse under the name of Manis and Norris from January 1979 until June of 1979.

In June of 1979, I was hired to be a full time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the office of Bill Brandom, Clay County Prosecutor. I was a trial attorney in this office for the next five years. During my tenure as an assistant prosecutor, I tried one hundred and thirty jury trials.

In June of 1984, I left the Prosecutor's Office and went into private practice at 1180 West 152 Highway. I engaged in the general practice of law as a solo practitioner. In 1985, I moved my office to 2601 Kendallwood Parkway, Gladstone, Missouri. As a solo practitioner, I tried a variety of civil and criminal cases. In addition, I served as a part time Public Defender in the Clay County Public Defender's Office in 1985.

In 1987, I joined an association of attorneys, including Robert G. Duncan, Edward A. Coulson, Peter M. Schloss and J. B. Chancellor. This office was located at 2800B Kendallwood Parkway, Gladstone, Missouri. I remained with this firm until 1995. I continued to engage in the general practice of law, including civil and criminal jury trial work.

In 1995, I moved to 104 West Kansas, Liberty, Missouri with Peter M. Schloss, William E. Shull and Patrick Beeman. I engaged in the general practice of law at this address until being elected Prosecuting Attorney in 1998.

I assumed the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Clay County, Missouri on January 1, 1999. This office had a staff of approximately 55 people and a budget of approximately three million dollars annually.

I was appointed the Prosecutor of the City of Liberty, Missouri in 1984 and continued in that capacity until my election as Clay County Prosecutor in 1999. I also served as the Municipal Prosecutor of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri from 1992 until my appointment as Pleasant Valley Municipal Judge in 1997.

In 1994, I was appointed by the Presiding Judge James E. Welsh of the Clay County Circuit Court, to fill a vacancy as Municipal Judge of the City of North Kansas City, Missouri. I served as Municipal Judge until the next election in 1995. I served as the Municipal Judge of Pleasant Valley, Missouri from 1997 until December 31, 1998.

In September, 2004, I was appointed to serve as Associate Circuit Judge, Division 6, 7th Judicial Circuit, Clay County, Missouri. I am presently serving in that position.

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-three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

Earline Bidwell vs. Harrahs North Kansas City
7CV104004662
Jury Trial, Sept. 12, 2006

Toby Joseph Egan for Plaintiff
Egan and Cuezze
400 SW Longview Blvd
Suite 280
Lees Summit, MO 64081

Matthew Rowland Hubbard for Defendant
2345 Grand Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64108

A civil suit by Plaintiff claiming that Harrah's Casino failed to pay her for a winning slot machine payoff. Defendant claimed fraud. Defendant's verdict.

State of Missouri vs. J Eggleston
7CR105003457
Jury Trial, June 14, 2006

Shawn Blair for State of Missouri

Michael E. Reardon for Defendant
5716 N Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64118

Criminal domestic harassment matter. Not guilty verdict.

Christopher Woodward vs. Steve Dickerson
7CV105007691
Jury Trial, Oct. 29, 2007
James Worthington for Plaintiff
9 S. 11th St.
PO Box 280
Lexington, MO 64067

Michael T. Halloran for Defendant
5350 College Boulevard
Suite 102
Overland Park, KS 66211

Civil suit for money damages as a result of auto accident. Judgment against defendant 100% at fault. Plaintiff 0% fault.

City of Gladstone vs. Virginia Bergman
MR105000010, 7MR105000011
Jury Trial, Nov. 14, 2007

Douglas Wemhoff for Plaintiff, City of Gladstone
409 NE Shady Lane
Kansas City, MO 64118

J Michael Murphy for Defendant
1170 W 152 Hwy
Liberty, MO 64068

A Municipal Court appeal of ordinance convictions for Assault of a Law Enforcement officer and Resisting Arrest. Defendant convicted and sentenced to 10 days jail for Assault and a hung jury on Resist Arrest. Resist Arrest subsequently dismissed by Prosecutor Wemhoff.

State of Missouri vs. Aaron Lund
7CR105002210
Jury Trial, Aug 1, 2006

Anthony Bologna for State of Missouri

Jeff Eastman for Defendant
403 NW Englewood Rd
Gladstone, MO 64118

DWI charge filed as felony because of prior and persistent offenses. Defendant convicted and sentenced. Although upheld on appeal, judgment set aside by this court on RSMo 29.15, as a result of recent Supreme Court case.

Each Monday of the week, this court hears 25 to 80 Director of Revenue cases and Municipal cases, including delinquent tax cases, drivers license revocation cases and municipal appeals. Bench trials occur after the docket.

Each Tuesday, this court hears a criminal docket in the morning consisting of from 40 to 100 cases and about half that in the afternoon.

Each Wednesday, this court has a docket call consisting of 80 to 250 civil cases. The court hears bench trials in the afternoon with six trials scheduled each afternoon. Most are settled. Those that are not settled are tried.

Each Thursday, this court has a docket call consisting of 60 to 200 civil cases. The court hears bench trials in the afternoon with six trials scheduled each afternoon. Most are settled. Those that are not settled are tried.

Each Friday morning is set aside for pre-trial conferences on jury trials and carryover bench trials from the earlier week.

Each trial, whether it be a bench trial or jury trial is significant, especially to the parties. I have listed the most recent jury trials that I could find information on..

- (a) 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-three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

State of Missouri vs. Carl Freeman

CR100-000975F

Jury Trial, June 17, 2002

Division I, The Hon. Michael J. Maloney, Judge, presiding

Representing the State of Missouri, First Chair

Opposing Counsel was Kate Ladesh

Defendant was convicted of shooting a man in the back with a bow and arrow, and was sentenced to 24 years in prison; 10 years for voluntary manslaughter consecutive to 14 years armed criminal action. Conviction affirmed by the Western District Court of Appeals.

State of Missouri vs. John Wigton

CR101-000875FX

Jury Trial, May 13, 2002

Division I, The Hon. Michael J. Maloney, Judge, presiding

Representing the State of Missouri, First Chair

Opposing Counsel was Richard D. Jacoby

Defendant was charged with beating his wife to death. Defendant asserted the woman's death resulted after acts of self-defense. Defendant was convicted of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Conviction affirmed by the Western District Court of Appeals.

State of Missouri vs. Louis K. Whitton

CR199-001704F

Jury Trial, May 15, 2000

Division IV, The Hon. Larry D. Harman, Judge, presiding

Representing the State of Missouri, First Chair

Opposing Counsel, Kenneth C. Henssley

Defendant was charged with Statutory Rape and Sodomy, alleging he raped and sodomized his step-daughter. Defendant verdict.

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.

N/A

11. 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.

It was several years ago, when I was in private practice and I don't recall the details, events, or parties.

12. 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.

N/A

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

14. 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:

15. 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?

I have never been sued by a client.

I was sued in Federal Court in my official capacity as Prosecuting Attorney by a criminal defendant that was placed on the Sexual Predator list. I was one of a number of County Officials named. I was represented by the Clay County Counselor throughout the action. I was directed out of the case by the Judge. I do not know the style of the case or the Plaintiff. The County Counselor's Office accepted service on my behalf.

I am presently being sued by a disgruntled defendant in Federal Court, but have not been served, as of yet. I am not sure as to the cause of action. I think that he is suing me because I was supposed to disqualify myself in the case. I don't know how it came out because I disqualified myself in the case.

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:

16. 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?

If yes, provide details:

I had two private letters of admonishment from the Missouri Bar when I was in practice. One was for missing a court date and the other was a divorce client. I refused to return her phone calls and continue her case after she cursed at my secretary. I do not recall all of the details.

17. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? NO

If yes, provide details:

18. 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:

NO

- (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

19. 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?

If yes, provide details: See 16

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

Clay County Bar Association – Board Member - 1998
Kansas City, Missouri Bar Association
Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys
American Bar Association
Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation
Missouri Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association
Mo. Mun. & Assoc. Circuit Court Prosecutors Assn – Founding Member
American Trial Lawyers Association
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
National Child Support Enforcement Association
Missouri Child Support Enforcement Association
Northland Citizens Crime Crusade
National District Attorney's Association
COVERSA – Advisory Board
Northland Alternative Services Program
Mo Associate and Probate Judges Association – Board Member at present

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars – life member
Disabled American Veterans – life member
American Legion

22. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position?

If yes, provide details:

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Clay County Prosecuting Attorney, Clay County, Missouri from January 1, 1999 to September, 2004.

Associate Circuit Court Judge, Clay County, Missouri from September 2004 to present.

23. 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.

24. 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:

US Air Force, 1966 – 1970, Honorable Discharge

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 Seventh 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 Circuit Judge of Clay County, Missouri, I will accept the appointment, qualify, and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

DATE:

June 4, 2008

SIGNED:

Dave W...