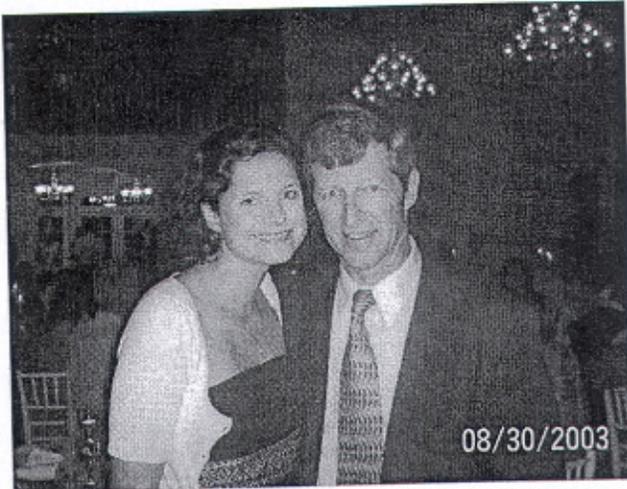


APPLICATION FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE
7TH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI (revised May 2008)



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Steven Douglas Wolcott

1. State your present principal occupation: Attorney and Counselor at Law
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? Yes
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? 56 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? 38 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:
None

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri: April 24, 1976
 - (a) Missouri Bar Number 25433
 - (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: UMKC School of Law from August 1973 to December 1975, J.D. degree; University of Missouri-Columbia, 1969-1973, Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.
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.) After graduating from UM-C and before starting Law School in August of 1973, I worked on the family farm in Livingston County, Missouri. I briefly worked for a market research company that was located in Ward Parkway Shopping Center after starting Law School. During September of 1973, I started working as a law clerk for Miller and O'Laughlin at 800 West 47th St., Kansas City, Missouri, and work there until January of 1976. I then clerked at Dorsey, Brannon, and Dorsey, 2102 Swift, North Kansas City, Mo. until I passed the bar exam and was sworn in as an Attorney. I continued to work there as an Associate for about one year. Burn and Wolcott law partnership was formed in 1977 located at 6510 N. Oak, Gladstone, Missouri and continued at that address until 1981. I was a sole practitioner at 6510 North Oak from 1981-1985. Enkelmann and Wolcott partnership was formed in 1985 and continued until 1991 at 6651 and 6812 North Oak, Gladstone, Missouri. In July 1991 I joined Withers, Brant, and Howard as Of Counsel, Two South Main, Liberty, Missouri, and then became a partner in January 1992 until leaving there in December 2003. I have been a sole practitioner at 104 West Kansas, Liberty, Missouri since January 2004.

I worked as an Assistant City attorney for Parkville, Mo., in 1976-77. I was Municipal Judge for Claycomo, Mo., from 1980-1981 and then served as it Village Attorney and Prosecutor until approximately 1993. I have been the City Attorney and Prosecutor for Holt, Missouri, since 1980. I was Special Counsel for the City of Gladstone for about three years prior to David Ramsay becoming their City Counselor. I currently represent several other cities as their City Attorney including City of Glenaire, Fleming, Missouri City, Excelsior Estates, and Homestead Village. I have served on the Clay County Board of Equalization since February 2005 and current serve as its Chair. My other miscellaneous income results from being a Missouri licensed high school soccer official for the past 9 years.

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.
- (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.
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. See Attached.
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.
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. In addition to litigation, I have represented many not-for-profit corporations over the years to obtain their tax exempt status, I am particularly proud of the accomplishments of Tri-County Mental Health Services and its role in providing mental health services to the indigent.
13. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney. Because I have welcomed challenges through out my legal career and have gained a reputation of being knowledgeable in several areas of the law, I have many referrals from fellow attorneys on such divergent subjects as School Law, Municipal Law—particularly in zoning; corporate law, particularly in the issue of forming not for profit corporations, along with estate planning, domestic cases with unusual issues, and probate law. I commonly receive calls from attorneys, whom I

consider much knowledgeable than me asking for my opinions or theories on their cases. I always welcome those opportunities to "brain storm".

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? 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:

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 received a formal letter of admonition from Div. II or the Region IV Disciplinary Committee from the representation of a domestic client whose husband filed for Bankruptcy. The matter started in 2006 and the letter is dated April 17, 2008. The issue was his buyout from Ford Motor Company and whether it was an asset of the marriage or income. He ultimately got his buyout and neither the trustee in bankruptcy nor my (now former) client saw any of that money. My office did not do a sufficient job of keeping my client informed of the progress or lack thereof.

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:

- (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:

Not Applicable

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: No other than the answer to number 16.

20. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates: Missouri Bar Association, 1976 to date; family and local government committees and legislative sub-committee for family law; KCMBA, 1976 to 2007 but not every year, with membership on the family and local government committees. Clay County Bar Association, 1976 to date, secretary and publisher of Docket Call for two years.

21. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated: Claycomo Lions Club, about 1980 to 1993, serving in all offices except treasurer; Smithville Rotary Club, 1993 to present, currently President-elect; Smithville C-2000 since about 1994; Northland Coalition since 2000; Parrish Council at St. James, Liberty, including Chair and Vice- Chair for one year each; Song leader at St. James since about 1975.

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

If yes, provide details: See answer to number 7.

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:

Not applicable

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

None

26. 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.

Vickie Ward, Larry A. Schaffer, Larry E. Butcher, Peter M. Schloss, and Michael J. Svetlic

27. State any additional information you deem relevant:

From early in my life, I saw my parents volunteering in their local community, either through civic organizations or church. They instilled in me the obligation to give back to the community where I reside. In addition to those listed, my wife, daughters, nephew, and I have continued to be involved in many community organizations, not just as members but active participants. I feel that professional sin particular have the obligation to "give back" to others.

I am proud of the cases that I have handled and the clients that I have represented to this point in my legal career. I have always tried to give my very best effort for the good of the client. I would do nothing less if I should be appointed to Division One of the Clay County Circuit Court. Thank you for serving on the Commission and taking the time to read my application.

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 3, 2008
SIGNED: Steve W. Wolcott

CASES TRIED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS

I have attempted to list some of the cases tried in the past 5 years from my annual calendars. Many of these files are now closed and Casenet seems to only find the cases about 50% of the time! Unless noted, I was the lead and only counsel for these cases.

Beginning in June of 2003, I tried several Probate miscellaneous probate matters concerning either adult or minor guardianships along with a final adoption hearing. In July 2003, I tried a Ward dissolution of Marriage in Div. 8, Clay County; McCaslin in Div. 5 of Clay County; Logan-Bather contempt and other motions in Div. 5 and 3, Clay County, with Mike Murphy as chief attorney for Mr. Bather. This resulted in a Motion to Modify in Div. 3, an appeal, and a Jury trial later in Div. 2, Clay County followed by an appeal. Next in July is Taylor v. Lake Arrowhead which challenged the covenants of the subdivision. It was tried in Clinton County, Bill Shull represented Mr. Taylor, they appealed and that appeal was dismissed. In August I had a trial in Div. 5, Clay County involving the Irsiks, part of the Logan-Bather ongoing trials, a Leach trial in Div. 3; a Castillo hearing in Probate, Div. 4. In October, I tried Anderson modification in Div. 8 with Brent Winterberg as my opponent.

Realizing that I cannot give all details on up to 15 trials some months over this time period, I will try to only give major or jury trials for the balance of this. The Gladys Rupard estate trial involved discovery of assets from a David Lottell. Mike Murphy represented Mr. Lottell. After obtaining a Judgment in Div. 4 of Clay county, the Judgment was appealed, which I also handled for the Respondent and the Judgment was affirmed but modified as to the amount of damages. Logan v. Bather modification was tried in Div. 3 in March for 2.5 days and then appealed by Mr. Bather. In November, Bather-Logan civil jury was held in Div. 2 of Clay County and that Judgment was appealed by my clients.

In April 2005, I represented the Harrells in a four day jury trial in Div 2 concerning the conversion of property by the defendants who purchased a gun shop from my clients in Caycomo. Kevin Jamison represented the defendants at trial and Greg Harrison represented the appellants on the appeal. I briefed and argued the case for the Harrells. The Court en banc affirmed the Judgment in November 2007. On April 25 I tried real estate matter involving disputing relatives in a Judge trial in Ray County. The second Bather-Logan appeal was argued in December 2005. during this same period of time but I cannot locate the date on a criminal jury trial before Judge Nixon in Jackson County concerning Grover Robinson. I do not remember the Asst. Prosecutor on that case.

In 2006 we completed the probate trial in Ray county of Bellis v. Pennington. I had a several day trial in Platte County probate involving brothers, Bob and Monty Campbell. I also had several domestic trials of importance only to the litigants and their families.

I will not list the balance of trials at this point. None were jury trials in 2007. I have mentioned a few of the appellate cases that I handled during the past 5 years. I have briefed and argued a considerable number over my 32 years of the practice of law but do not have a ready list to provide.