

APPLICATION (Revised April 2008)
22nd CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE

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

NAME: Jessica W. Kennedy



1. State your present principal occupation: Attorney
2. Are you at least 25 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 the City of St. Louis 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? Since I turned 18.
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:

United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? 1997

Missouri Bar Number: 46535

(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:

Tulane University
6823 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70118
BA, 1992

Washington University in St. Louis
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, MO 63130
JD, 1997

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.)

Westlake's Ace Hardware
1900 Business Loop 70 E
Columbia, MO 65201
1986-1992

Tulane University
6823 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70118
1988-1992

Boatmen's Bank of Mid-Missouri
800 E. Cherry St.
Columbia, MO 65201
1992-1993

San Antonio AIDS Foundation
818 E. Grayson Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78208
1993-1994

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
4232 Forest Park Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108
1995

St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
300 N. Second St., Suite 601

St. Charles, MO 63301
1995-1996
1997-1998

Office of the Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis
1114 Market St., Room 401
St. Louis, MO 63101
1996-1997
1998-2005

Carmody MacDonald PC
120 S. Central Ave., Suite 1800
St. Louis, MO 63105
2005-2010

Berry & Maxson, LLC
16150 Main Circle Drive, Suite 120
Chesterfield, MO 63017
2010 - present

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 trial 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.

River City Development v. Accurate Disbursing, et al.
08SL-CC03107

Filed 07/22/2008, St. Louis County Circuit Court
Represented Defendants, second chair

Opposing counsel: Gary Grove, 7733 Forsyth, Suite 325, St. Louis, MO, 63105
Jury trial

Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants failed to make full payment for the purchase and renovation of the historic Fulton Bag Building and Paddy O's. Defendants alleged that Plaintiffs were paid the agreed-upon price for the building and to complete the renovation, but were not entitled to a windfall for overestimating the cost of construction. On April 29, 2010, the jury rendered a complete defense verdict.

Lesslie Consulting v. R.W. Schmidt & Associates, et al.

09SL-AC09802

Filed 03/10/2009, St. Louis County Circuit Court, Associate Division

Represented Plaintiff, first chair

Opposing counsel: Defendant was pro se

Bench trial

Plaintiff alleged unpaid commissions from insurance referrals. Defendants alleged that, once the book of business was taken over by co-defendant, Plaintiff no longer had right to commissions. On December 17, 2009, Judge Ellen Ribaud found for Plaintiff and awarded \$13,155.54 in damages.

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.

Tamara Steffens, Appellant v. Christian Hospital NE-NW, Respondent

ED89044

Case was submitted on the briefs. I was the sole author of Appellant's briefs.

Frontenac Bank, Respondent v. Sierra Land Company I, et al., Appellant

ED94473

I authored the Respondent's brief with revisions by the partner on the matter, and I argued the case alone.

Frederick Peet, Appellant v. Marquis Financial Group, Inc., Respondent

ED96678

I co-authored the Appellants' briefs with two other attorneys from my office.

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

In addition to the above cases, I tried more than 25 jury trials and many more Bench trials as first chair during my eight years as a prosecutor. I second-chaired dozens of trials as a prosecutor, and one as an intern with the St. Louis County Public Defender's Office. In addition to trial work, I was appointed as the Acting Chief Warrant Officer for the City of St. Louis for the fall of 2004, during which time I supervised members of the felony and misdemeanor trial staff and acted as a liaison between the Circuit Attorney's Office and other law enforcement agencies. I also co-created and implemented the Circuit Attorney Community Education Program, a 10-week course designed to educate citizens of the City of St. Louis about the justice system. I began my legal career in family law at Legal Services, practiced as a criminal trial lawyer for more than 8 years and have now been a civil litigator for almost 8 years.

12. 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:

13. 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? No.

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:

14. 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:

15. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? No.

If yes, provide details:

16. 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. N/A.

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: N/A.

17. 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:

18. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with

any offices held and dates:

Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, Member
Board Member-At-Large, 2008-2010
Secretary, 2010-2011
Vice President, 2011-2012
President-Elect, present

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Member
Presidential Liaison 2000-2001

The Lawyers' Association of St. Louis, Member

St. Louis County Bar Association, Member

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

Board Member, Memorial Presbyterian Church Cemetery Trust
Volunteer On-Site Administrator, Habitat for Humanity St. Louis
Board Member, HotCity Theatre
Member, Backstoppers
Member, 28th Ward Regular Democratic Club
Member, Central West End Association
Member, St. Louis Alumnae Chapter, Kappa Alpha Theta
Member, Missouri Botanical Garden
Judge, Washington University Law School Mock Trial, Moot Court and Client
Counseling competitions
Past Evaluator, ABA Mock Trial Competition
Past Secretary, Bradford Court Condominium Association
Past Volunteer Instructor, Junior Achievement

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

If yes, provide details:

21. 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.
22. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received: N/A.
23. 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:

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120 S. Central Ave., Suite 1800
Clayton, MO 63105
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