

TWENTY-SECOND CIRCUIT - CITY OF ST. LOUIS
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE



Revised April 2008

Information required by the Twenty-Second Circuit Judicial Commission on lawyers under consideration for nomination, in accordance with Const. of 1945, Art. V. Sec. 21, as amended January 2, 1979.

1. Full name: Theresa Counts Burke

2. Place and date of birth: Granite City, Illinois

Social Security Number:

3. Residence address:

Phone:

4. Is such residence address within the City of St. Louis? Yes

5. Present principal occupation or title: Attorney
Municipal Judge

6. Business address:

Phone:

Fax:

7. Give the branch and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other similar public service not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged, state the type of discharge received. If such service continues, so state:

n/a

8. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? 42 years
(b) How long have you been a resident of the City of St. Louis? 20 years
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? 20 years

9. Are you now duly licensed to practice law in Missouri? Yes

List any other states in which you are licensed as an attorney: Illinois

10. Date admitted to the Bar in Missouri: May 16, 1988

Bar Number: 36965

(In completing items 11 and 12, please account for all time periods between prelaw education and the date of this application).

11. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
State Route 157
Edwardsville, IL 62026
Attended August, 1983 to August, 1985
Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science

St. Louis University School of Law
3700 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
Attended August, 1985 to December, 1987
Juris Doctoris degree

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, MO 63130-4899
Attended October, 2006
Civil and Family Mediation Training

29. Please state any additional data deemed relevant:

Throughout my 20 years in the legal profession, my law practice has primarily consisted of litigation matters, including civil litigation, domestic relations, criminal law and administrative law. I have appeared at all levels of the Missouri court system, the Federal District Court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have represented indigent prisoners on appeal under appointment from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals through the filing of a Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court.

My 7 years as a Municipal Judge for the City of St. Louis have afforded me the opportunity to analyze cases from the viewpoint of the trier of fact as opposed to the advocacy aspect of representing a client. I have, among other things, had to judge credibility of witnesses, decide innocence or guilt, decide motions, sentence parties to a term of imprisonment, set bond amounts, assign parties to probation and, at times, determine whether they have violated the terms of that probation. Throughout my time on the bench I have worked successfully with numerous court personnel to insure that the public and their legal representatives are provided a fair and impartial review of their matters. I would endeavor to do the same if selected to the position of Associate Circuit Judge for the Circuit Court of St. Louis City.

By my signature to this form, I authorize the Commission by its Chairperson to make whatever inquiries and receive whatever information it shall desire with respect to my medical, police or disciplinary records, with the understanding such information is available only to the members of the Twenty-Second Judicial Commission presently serving or hereinafter named to such office. 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.

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 the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, I will accept the appointment, qualify and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

DATE: September 5, 2008



THERESA COUNTS BURKE

12. 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).

JD Hudson Fine Jewelers
19th and State
Granite City, IL 62040
June, 1983 to August, 1985

Callis & Hartman (Pratt & Callis)
1326 Niedringhaus
Granite City, IL 62040
May, 1986 to December, 1986

Summers, Compton, Wells & Hamburg, P.C.
8909 Ladue Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63124
January, 1987 to August, 1994

Theresa Counts Burke, Attorney at Law
1370 McCausland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63117
August, 1994 to Present

City of St. Louis
Municipal Court Judge
1430 Olive St.
St. Louis, MO 63103
July, 2001 to Present

Fontbonne University
Adjunct Professor - US & MO Constitution
6800 Wydown Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63105
January, 2007 to Present

13. Affiliations outside the legal profession:

Volunteer Service at Area Law Schools and High Schools

Williams Ninth Grade Academy, St. Louis City Public Schools, Guest Speaker,
Fall, 2006

Roosevelt High School, St. Louis City Public Schools, Guest Speaker,
Spring, 2006

St. Peters Elementary School, St. Peters, Missouri, Guest Speaker, Spring 2007

Highland Elementary School, Highland, Illinois, 6th Grade, Mock Trial Community
Liaison and Field Trip Coordinator, Fall, 2006.

Volunteer Service for Area Organizations

Pro bono legal services for St. Louis Metro Women's Homeless Shelter, 2008.

Trainer for St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department - Community Intervention Teams (CIT) which is designed to make police more aware of how to work with mentally ill individuals, specifically how to de-escalate situations. - 2008

South County Rotary Club, Guest Speaker, Fall, 2007.

14. Do you suffer from any health condition that would affect your ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court any where in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, or expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? If yes, please explain:

No

- (a) Are you aware of any condition that will restrict your performance of the duties of the position for which you seek appointment? If your answer is yes, what reasonable accommodations do you need to perform the duties of the position?

No

15. Please attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Please 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. Please indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one-three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

Judicial Assignment:

I was appointed as a St. Louis City Municipal Court Judge in July of 2001 and continue in that position at this time. I am assigned to work Monday through Friday in divisions 1 and 5 where I preside over matters relating to all municipal ordinance violations, including but not limited to traffic offenses, alcohol related offenses, quality of life matters, patronizing prostitution, resisting arrest, weapons charges, housing violations and truancy matters. In my current assignment, I hear trials every Tuesday and Thursday. Each trial docket contains an average of ten (10) cases set for trial and approximately 2 of those cases are tried, while the remainder are resolved through plea agreements. Examples of recent trials include the following:

Case Style: City of St. Louis v. A.W.
Cause No.: 042018278-3 and 042018279-1
Charges: Leaving the Scene of an Accident and
No Proof of Financial Responsibility
Date of Trial: August 21, 2008
City Counselor: Drew Heffner
Defense Counsel: Charles Ferguson

Case Style: City of St. Louis v. J.L.
Cause No.: D593975-B and D593976-9
Charges: Disturbing the Peace of a School
Resisting Arrest
Date of Trial: July 17, 2008
City Counselor: Drew Heffner
Defense Counsel: Pro Se

Case Style: City of St. Louis v. F.M.
Cause No.: D593870-3
Charges: Disturbing the Peace
Date of Trial: July 29, 2008
City Counselor: Drew Heffner
Defense Counsel: Pro Se

Cases handled as an attorney:

Case Style: Michele Eveland, n/k/a Peretti v. Jerry Eveland
Cause No.: 973-4254
Court: St. Louis City Circuit Court, Division 15
Date: 5/15/03
Represented: Petitioner, Michele Eveland, n/k/a Peretti
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Theodore D. Dearing
Attorney at Law
211 S. Central Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105
314-863-2700
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Mark H. Neill
Description: Respondent filed a Motion to Modify Petitioner's award of
maintenance. Petitioner argued that said award was a property
division, not subject to modification. A Judgment was entered
finding said award to be a property division.

Case Style: Christine Martchink v. Jeffery Martchink
Cause No.: 03FC-124354
Court: St. Charles County Circuit Court, Division 9
Date: 8/18/03
Represented: Petitioner Christine Martchink
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Reginald P. Bodeux, III
Attorney for Respondent
131 Jefferson
St. Charles, MO 63301
636-949-9300
Steven W. Neimeyer
Guardian ad Litem
200 S. Bemiston
St. Louis, MO 63105
314-721-7010
Bench or Jury: Bench, Commissioner Elizabeth Swann
Description: Petitioner filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. The matter was tried as to property division and debt. A Decree of Dissolution was entered.

Case Style: William Sidwell v. Terry Scholtes
Cause No.: 03AC-15371
Court: St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 31
Date: 10/28/03
Represented: Defendant Terry Scholtes
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: William Sidwell, Pro se
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Barbara Ann Crancer (Visiting Judge Mitchell)
Description: Plaintiff filed a claim against Defendant seeking unpaid rent and late fees. Defendant filed a counter-claim for return of his security deposit and damages. Judgment was entered in favor of Defendant and against Plaintiff on all claims.

Case Style: Reginald Jones v. Denise Davis, f/k/a Jones
Cause No.: 003-05882B
Court: St. Louis City Circuit Court, Division 14
Date: 2/3/04
Represented: Respondent Denise Davis
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Reginald Jones, Petitioner
Attorney Pro se
4935 Rosalie
St. Louis, MO 63115
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Michael Mullen
Description: Respondent filed a Motion to Modify regarding child support. A Modification Judgment was entered increasing the child support and awarding attorney fees to Respondent.

Case Style: State of Missouri Child Support Enforcement and Marcie Beelek v. Delbert R. Horn
Cause No.: 99FC-124261
Court: St. Charles County Circuit Court, Division 4
Date: 4/6/04
Represented: Respondent Delbert R. Horn
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Emily Blood
Attorney for Petitioner Marcie Beelek
1148 S. Benton St.
St. Charles, MO 63301
636-916-5300
Kevin L. Wibbenmeyer
Guardian ad Litem
211 N. Third St.
St. Charles, MO 63301
636-949-2120
John Keath
Attorney for State of Missouri Child Support Enforcement
3737 S. Harry S. Truman Blvd., Suite 200
St. Charles, MO 63301
636-940-3139
Jeffrey M. Skoglund
Attorney for Intervenor St. Charles County
100 N. Third St.
St. Charles, MO 63301
636-949-7540
Bench or Jury: Bench, Commissioner Norman C. Steimel, III
Description: Respondent filed a Motion to Modify regarding changing custody. A change in custody was granted.

Case Style: Tracey Smith v. Roger Smith
Cause No.: 01FC125714-02
Court: St. Charles County Circuit Court
Date: 5/14/04
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Respondent Pro Se
Bench or Jury: Bench, Commissioner Elizabeth Swann
Description: Respondent filed a Family Access Motion alleging that Petitioner had denied her court ordered visitation. A court order was entered determining that certain dates of visitation had been denied and compensatory time was awarded.

Case Style: Mary Colombo v. Gregory Brunkhorst
Cause No.: 043-04237
Court: St. Louis City Circuit Court, Division 14
Date: 9/6/05
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Michael J. McAvoy
Attorney at Law
330 Water St.
Fenton, MO 63026
636-343-9743
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Calea Stovall-Reid
Description: Petitioner filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. The matter was tried as to property division and debt. A Decree of Dissolution was entered.

Case Style: Carrie Overstreet v. Stephen Overstreet
Cause No.: 04FC-005305
Court: St. Louis County Circuit Court, Division 35
Date: 4/25/05
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: W. Scott Pollard
Attorney at Law
330 St. Francois St.
Florissant, MO 63031
314-921-6600
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Thea Sherry
Description: Petitioner filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. The matter was tried as to child custody, visitation and support, property division and maintenance. A Decree of Dissolution was entered.

Case Style: Jane Michaelree v. Joseph Michaelree
Cause No.: 003-03207
Court: St. Louis City Circuit Court, Division 15
Date: 7/29/05
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Robert N. Hamilton
Attorney at Law
2016 S. Big Bend Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63117
314-333-4140
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Thomas J. Frawley
Description: Petitioner filed a Motion to Modify custody and visitation of the parties minor child. A Modification Judgment was entered.

Case Style: Kyong Davis v. Tyrone Davis
Cause No.: 99FC-005526
Court: St. Louis County Circuit Court, Division 35
Date: 10/3/05
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Glen Gammill
Attorney at Law
2025 S. Brentwood, Suite 10
St. Louis, MO 63144
314-968-6890
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Thea Sherry
Description: Respondent filed several garnishments in an attempt to collect maintenance allegedly due. Petitioner filed motions to quash said garnishments, objecting to the amount claimed by Respondent. Judgment was entered specifying the actual amount due by Petitioner to Respondent

Case Style: Dennis Cordia v. Patricia Cordia
Cause No.: 2105FC-7215
Court: St. Louis County Circuit Court, Division 65
Date: 5/18/06
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Greg L. Roberts
Attorney at Law
215 Chesterfield Business Parkway, Suite A
Chesterfield, MO 63005
636-489-4187
Bench or Jury: Bench, Commissioner Phillip E. Jones, Jr.
Description: Petitioner and Respondent filed cross-Petitions for Dissolution of their marriage. Judgment of Dissolution was entered dividing the property of the parties and denying Respondent's requests for maintenance and attorney fees. Respondent appealed the decision.

Case Style: David Davis v. Jamie Parker
Cause No.: 2107FC-02457
Court: St. Louis County Circuit Court, Division 16
Date: 8/13/07
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Pro Se Respondent
Rene' Lusser, Guardian ad Litem
400 N. 4th Street, Suite 2410
St. Louis, MO 63102
314-241-2020
Bench or Jury: Bench, Judge Michael Burton
Description: Petitioner filed a Paternity action in conjunction with a child endangerment action filed in Juvenile Court against Respondent. Custody of the minor children was awarded to Petitioner's mother in accordance with requests of Petitioner.

Case Style: David Kuithe v. Holly Hanselman
Cause No.: 07SL-DR344
Court: St. Louis County Circuit Court, Division 61
Date: 12/20/07
Represented: Petitioner
First Chair
Opposing Counsel: Pro Se Respondent
Adrienne Schaeffer, Guardian ad Litem
231 S. Bemiston, Suite 910
St. Louis, MO 63105
314-721-2955
Bench or Jury: Bench, Commissioner Kristine A. Kerr
Description: Petitioner filed a Paternity action in conjunction with a child endangerment action filed in Juvenile Court against Respondent. Custody of the minor child was awarded to Petitioner in accordance with his requests.

16. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court?

Yes

If so, please attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

Cases on which I had primary responsibility:

Missouri Cases:

Lacher v. Lacher, 785 S.W.2d 78 (Mo. 1990). Briefed and argued case before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District and the Missouri Supreme Court.

Platt v. Platt, 815 S.W.2d 82 (Mo.App. 1991). Briefed and argued case before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

Mehra v. Mehra, 819 S.W.2d 351 (Mo.banc 1991). Briefed and argued case before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District and the Missouri Supreme Court.

Biggs v. Missouri Com'n on Human Rights, 830 S.W.2d 512 (Mo.App.E.D. 1992). Briefed and argued case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

State v. Starling Plaza Partnership, 832 S.W.2d 518 (Mo.banc 1992). Briefed and argued case on behalf of secondary Defendant.

Rusk v. Rusk, 859 S.W.2d 751 (Mo.App.E.D. 1993). Briefed and argued case before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District and the Missouri Supreme Court.

In Re: Marriage of Julian, 868 S.W.2d 182 (Mo.App.E.D. 1994). Briefed and argued case before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

Eveland, n/k/a Peretti v. Eveland, ED83883. Briefed and argued case before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

State v. Driver, 913 S.W.2d 113 (Mo.App.E.D. 1995). Briefed and argued case before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

Hartford Fire Insurance Co. v. Kevin Buhlinger, d/b/a Buhlinger Roofing, No. 71772 (Mo.App.E.D.). Dismissed after briefs filed.

In Re: Marriage of Slay v. Slay, 21 S.W.3d 833 (Mo.App.E.D. 1999). Briefed and argued case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Dolan v. Dolan, 107 S.W.3d 438 (Mo.App.E.D. 2003). Briefed and argued case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Eveland v. Eveland, No. ED83883 (Mo.App.E.D. 2004). Briefed and argued case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Overstreet v. Overstreet, 214 S.W.3d 347 (Mo.App.E.D. 2007) Briefed and argued case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Colombo v. Brunkhorst, 217 S.W.3d 333 (Mo.App.E.D. 2007) Briefed and argued case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Cordia v. Cordia, 221 S.W.3d 481 (Mo.App.E.D. 2007) Briefed and argued case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Federal Cases:

United States of America v. Carr, 67 F.3d 171 (CA8 (MO) 1995). Briefed and argued case to United States Court of Appeals and filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to United States Supreme Court. Petition was denied.

Fultz v. White, 107 F.3d 875 (CA8 (MO) 1997). Briefed and argued case to United States Court of Appeals and filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to United States Supreme Court. Petition was denied.

Mitchell v. Kemna, 109 F.3d 494 (CA8 (MO) 1997). Briefed and argued case to United States Court of Appeals and filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to United States Supreme Court. Petition was denied.

Jordan v. Gammon, 105 F.3d 662 (CA8 (MO) 1997). Prepared Motion for Rehearing before the United States Court of Appeals and filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to United States Supreme Court. Petition was denied.

United States of America v. Thomas McGhee, No. 98-4076 EMSL. Briefed and argued appeal.

United States of America v. Claybran Powell, Jr., 231 F.3d 464 (CA8 (MO) 2000). Briefed and argued appeal.

United States of America v. Phillip Lloyd, No. 00-2020 EMSL. Briefed and argued appeal.

Cases on which I had secondary responsibility:

Missouri Cases:

Centerco Properties v. Boulevard, Inv., 795 S.W.2d 521 (Mo.App. 1990). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Hogan v. Hogan, 796 S.W.2d 400 (Mo.App. 1990). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Vincent v. Vincent, 801 S.W.2d 788 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Missouri Mirror, Inc. v. Local 513, 806 S.W.2d 469 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Rhein v. City of Frontenac, 809 S.W.2d 107 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Germania Bank v. Thomas, 810 S.W.2d 102 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

State ex rel. Kugler v. Maryland Heights, 817 S.W.2d 931 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Garcia-Otero v. Garcia-Otero, 817 S.W.2d 937 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Farrell v. Denson, 821 S.W.2d 547 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Nevels v. Board of Educ., 822 S.W.2d 898 (Mo.App. 1991). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Floyd v. Floyd, 830 S.W.2d 458 (Mo.App.E.D. 1992). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Frieberger v. Lawyer's Title Co., 831 S.W.2d 731 (Mo.App.E.D. 1992). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Drury Displays, Inc. v. Board of Adjustment, 832 S.W.2d 330 (Mo.App.E.D. 1992). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Camden v. Camden, 844 S.W.2d 75 (Mo.App.E.D. 1992). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Fuhrer v. Sheahan, 857 S.W.2d 439 (Mo.App.E.D. 1993). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Rombach v. Rombach, 867 S.W. 2d 500 (Mo.banc 1993). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Neill v. Klaus, 964 S.W.2d 884 (Mo.App.E.D. 1998). Secondary responsibility for briefs.

Federal Case:

Flegel v. Christian Hospital, 4 F.3d 682 (CA8 (MO) 1993) . Secondary responsibility for briefs.

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

I was involved in jury and non-jury trial litigation during my tenure at Summers, Compton, Wells & Hamburg. While with that firm I performed all pre-trial tasks necessary to prepare matters for trial and acted as second chair at numerous jury and non-jury trials, including but not limited to breach of contract actions, construction litigation, employment contract actions, employment discrimination actions, personal injury actions and medical contract actions. While at that firm I also acted as first chair on a number of jury and non-jury trials. Those jury trials included breach of construction contract cases and personal injury actions.

During my time as a sole practitioner, I have acted as first chair or sole counsel in numerous trials, including jury trials in a breach of construction contract case and a breach of real estate contract case. For the past fifteen (15) years I have represented a group nursing homes in the collection of their outstanding accounts. In that capacity I appear in the Associate Circuit Courts of St. Louis County, Missouri; Madison County, Illinois and St. Clair County, Illinois on a weekly basis.

Throughout my years as a sole practitioner I have provided jury and non-jury litigation support to other law firms on a variety of issues, including breach of contract actions, employment actions, personal injury actions, condemnation actions and actions involving real estate. I recently provided litigation support regarding a wrongful death action which was pending in the Circuit Court of St. Louis City. My involvement included the drafting of various pre-trial motions, performing research, preparing legal memoranda, appearing at motion arguments, preparing the case and witnesses for trial and drafting jury instructions. The matter settled on the eve of trial.

I have successfully conducted mediations of six matters since obtaining my mediation training through Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. Those cases include the dissolution of a business held as a joint partnership and a number of domestic matters.

As an attorney I have mediated a number of matters, including a Consumer Rights case involving a United States serviceman whose credit was stolen overseas and a dispute between two parties who were each attempting to become the guardian of a person and the conservator of his estate.

18. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?

No

If so, give details:

n/a

19. Have you ever been sued by a client?

No

If so, give particulars:

n/a

20. Have you ever been a party to any litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem?

Yes

If yes, give particulars, including the style of the case and the cause number, name of each court that considered such litigation and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated:

Theresa Counts Burke v. Kenneth Downey, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 41, Case No.: 21C97-12541. Suit to collect attorney fees. Consent Judgment entered 7/16/97.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Dale and Debbie Dennis, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 41, Case No.: 21C97-21474. Suit to collect attorney fees. Default Judgment entered 11/12/97.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Lonnie and Michelle Clayton, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 32, Case No.: 00AC-006180. Suit to collect attorney fees. Default Judgment entered 4/26/00.

Theresa Counts Burke v. James Enright, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 32, Case No.: 00AC-6874. Suit to collect attorney fees. Default Judgment entered 5/3/00.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Max Richardson, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 32, Case No.: 00AC-013558. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 12/12/00.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Melinda Swayne, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 32, Case No.: 01AC-008482. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 8/15/01.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Steven Truesdell, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 32, Case No.: 01AC-008477. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 8/15/01.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Adrienne Buckley, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 39, Case No.: 03SC-001386. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 8/12/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Kenneth Campbell, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 32, Case No.: 03SC-001385. Suit to collect attorney fees. Consent Judgment entered 8/12/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Laverne Cunningham, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 45, Case No.: 03SC-001384. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 8/13/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Brenda Aubuchon-Greer, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 33, Case No.: 03SC-001383. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 9/10/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Dulce Hays, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 31, Case No.: 03SC-001382. Suit to collect attorney fees. Consent Judgment entered 9/15/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Carolyn Nance, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 45, Case No.: 03SC-001378. Suit to collect attorney fees. Default Judgment entered 9/16/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Michael Swisher, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 33, Case No.: 03SC-001379. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 9/25/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Sammy Brown, St. Louis County Small Claims Court, Division 45, Case No.: 03SC-001380. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 10/21/03.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Mary Colombo, St. Louis City Associate Circuit Court, Division 28, Case No.: 0722-AC18997. Suit to collect attorney fees. Dismissed 3/17/08.

Theresa Counts Burke v. David Davis, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 35, Case No.: 08SL-AC006422. Suit to collect attorney fees. Default judgment entered June 12, 2008.

Theresa Counts Burke v. Jeremy Moore, St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, Division 41, Case No.: 08SL-AC23160. Suit to collect attorney fees. Consent Judgment entered September 4, 2008.

21. 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 so, give particulars:

n/a

22. Have you ever been held in contempt of court?

No

If so, give particulars:

n/a

23. If you are now or were heretofore 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?

No

If so, please state the nature of such breach for which you were so disciplined, the date such discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of such 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.

No

If so, please state the particulars, including date such order was made, the date of your consent, and specify the conduct from which you were ordered to cease and desist:

n/a

- (c) Whether you now are or have ever 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 so, please state the particulars:

No

24. Are you now or have you ever been under investigation by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct?

No

If so, give particulars:

n/a

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

Mental Health Jail Diversion Program Steering Committee, Member 2007 to present.

Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association (MMACJA); 2001 to present.

Women Lawyers Association; (2007 to present)

Founding Member and Board Member of Lawyers for Kids, LLC., a Not-For-Profit Corporation (Previously known as Friends of Heritage House, Inc.)

Board Member since 2000 for annual fund raiser events. Co-Chairman of the July 2000 fund raiser. Lawyers for Kids was created to raise awareness and financial support for the Exchange Centers and Visitation Programs operated in conjunction with the Family Courts of St. Louis City, St. Louis County and other area Family Courts.

Downtown Community Court Operations Committee, Co-Chair from 2002 - 2004.

Committee Member of Angel Tree,

a program sponsored by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Co-Chairman of the 2000, 2001 and 2002 Christmas events, Committee Member 1997-2004. Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts and a Christmas party for approximately 2,500 St. Louis City children who have a parent in prison over the holiday season or who are currently in foster care.

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

Yes

If so, give details:

City of St. Louis
Municipal Court Judge
July, 2001 to present
Appointed by St. Louis City Mayor Francis Slay

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Theresa Counts Burke graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1985 and a Juris Doctoris from St. Louis University School of Law in 1988. Ms. Burke has been a licensed attorney in private practice since her graduation from Law School. Ms. Burke has served as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of St. Louis since 2001 and is also an Adjunct Professor at Fontbonne University teaching U.S. and Missouri Constitution.

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September 17, 2008

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Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker
Missouri Court of Appeals
815 Olive Street
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RE: Theresa Burke

Dear Judge Baker:

When I heard that Theresa Burke was applying for the open Associate Circuit Judge position, I asked if I could write a letter on her behalf. That is how strongly I believe that Theresa Burke would make a fine judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

I have dealt with Theresa Burke in her capacity as a Municipal Court Judge in the City of St. Louis. Judge Burke is in the trenches dealing with the Mental Health Docket, Truancy Court, Alcohol Docket, Drug Court and the Prostitution Docket. Judge Burke treats the citizens in front of her with dignity and respect. Judge Burke takes the time to explain the law to people and never talks down to them. I have never seen her lose her temper and she does not let being a judge go to her head.

I have seen Judge Burke do two bench trials. Judge Burke was the perfect umpire, not favoring the City or the defense. Judge Burke applied the law correctly and her fact finding abilities had much common sense. I remember thinking to myself, if I ever did a bench trial in front of her, my client would receive a fair trial.

As Chairman of the Public Defender Commission, I have seen many judges in action. I have spoken with many attorneys who also agree that Judge Burke would be a perfect Associate Circuit Judge.

Judge Burke has already proven herself an effective and fair judge in St. Louis City Municipal Court and has earned a promotion to become our newest Associate Circuit Judge.

Sincerely,



Eric V. Barnhart
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September 16, 2008

Chief Judge Nanette A. Baker
Missouri Court of Appeals
815 Olive St., Room 304
St. Louis, MO 63101

Re: Applicant Theresa Counts Burke

Dear Chief Judge Baker:

I appreciate your time and consideration in allowing me the opportunity to express my support of Terri Burke for the judicial vacancy on the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Terri has been an attorney for over twenty years. I have known her for many of those years; particularly through my former law practice as well as through a continuing mutual involvement with charitable boards and legal organizations. There is no doubt that Terri has the requisite inherent and integral qualities that befit and equip her to be a member of the judiciary. Although she was a zealous advocate for her client she was also reasonable, diligent and courteous in her dealings with me and the courts. As a Municipal Court Judge she is empathetic and respectful for parties that are often the marginalized members of the community. This judicial experience coupled with the time she spent in a general private practice and her receptiveness to alternative dispute resolution make her a diverse, well-rounded and uniquely qualified candidate.

Terri Burke is vested in her commitment to the legal and social community and those it serves and her involvement with the St. Louis Metro Women's Homeless Shelter and with area schools in the City of St. Louis are some of the many ways this is manifest. For over ten years I have served with Terri on the board of Lawyers for Kids, which was formerly known as Heritage House. During this time Terri has dedicated countless hours and a tireless effort to raising awareness of, and financial support for, custody exchange and visitation programs for families in crisis. Terri acknowledges an obligation to give back to the community and to strengthen public opinion of the legal profession. Her work in these areas inures to the betterment of the entire Bar as well as the community.

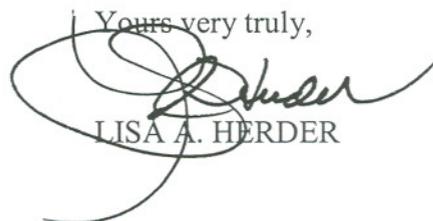
Daniel K. Glazier, Executive Director and General Counsel



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Terri is friendly and personable and is possessed with a moderate temperament and high intellect. She would be an asset to the judiciary. I hope that you and the other members of the commission consider her breadth of experience, the varied legal background she possesses, her commitment to public service and social justice and her fine personal attributes in making your selection of this panel.

Thanking you for your time and consideration of this superb candidate, I remain,

Yours very truly,

LISA A. HERDER

LAH/ljz
cc: Mary Ann Sedey, Esq.
Ms. June Bosley Dabney-Grey
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RE: Letter of support for Theresa Counts Burke

Dear Chief Judge Baker:

I am writing to you in support of the application of Theresa Counts Burke for the Associate Circuit Court judgeship created by the promotion of Judge Michael Mullen to the position of Circuit Court Judge. I have known Terri for the past several years and have found her to be both an excellent attorney and outstanding Municipal Court Judge for St. Louis City.

Terri and I first met while we were opposing counsel on a child support/child custody case. Our clients could not have seen their situation from more different perspectives and both had dug in their heels because of their shared history. While Terri strongly advocated for her client and pursued her client's position she recognized the benefits of compromise. I was greatly impressed by Terri's willingness to cut through non-relevant issues to deal with the core disagreements which allowed us to work out a compromise saving both clients time and money. Terri looked out for her client while we negotiated the settlement and kept her client on board when her client had to give on certain points to craft an agreement. This type of practicality is a key trait for a judge; not every case can, or should, go to trial. As a judge, you must you're your docket moving and encourage parties to seek settlement, whenever possible.

As a Municipal Court Judge, Terri Burke has shown that she has the temperament becoming a judge. She applies the law equally and gives the parties an opportunity to state their case. She is respectful toward all parties. She applies the law as it is. Terri has also dedicated countless hours of her time to public service—working to make the lives of our youth better through her work. She has volunteered at Williams Ninth Grade Center and Roosevelt High School; she has worked to raise awareness and funds for exchange centers, a safe and caring place for custodial exchanges of children of divorce. It is this commitment to the community which best exemplifies the qualities that make Terri Burke the type of person needed on the bench.

United Way
of Greater St. Louis



I believe that Theresa Counts Burke would make an excellent Associate Circuit Court Judge and would honorably serve the citizens of St. Louis City. I strongly recommend her to you and the rest of the Judicial Circuit Commission for the vacancy created by the promotion of Judge Michael Mullen to Circuit Judge.

Please contact me should you have any questions about Ms. Burke's qualifications; I can be reached at 314-256-8715.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Underwood', with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back to the left.

Daniel Underwood
Managing Attorney

cc: Mary Anne Sedey, Esq.
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RE: Application of Theresa Counts Burke

Dear Chief Baker:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Theresa Counts Burke in regards to the open circuit judge position in the 22nd Judicial Circuit. Should you have any follow up questions please do not hesitate to contact my office at the number listed above.

I have known Terri in her professional capacity since being admitted to the bar in 1999. Since that time I have observed her to be a professional of the utmost integrity. Whether working with her as opposing counsel in litigation, or appearing before her on the municipal dockets of St. Louis City, Terri is a consummate professional who understands the law, respects other professionals opposing opinions and representations, and applies the law in a manner that strives to attain "justice" in the context of the defendant's actions.

I have also had the pleasure to work with Terri through the non-profit agency Lawyers for Kids. In that capacity I have observed Terri to be a regular supporter, organizer and operator of the various functions and fundraisers for our organization. Her willingness to extend herself to our organization exemplifies the attitude that lawyers must look beyond their practice to provide volunteer time and services to the greater community.

Finally, I know Terri to be a staunch advocate for the City of St. Louis. Unlike other public officials Terri is supportive of the City, its government, culture, educational system and history. When considering someone for public office I find it imperative to promote those most vested in the public services and community one purports to represent and work on behalf of. Terri has

been a court official for the City of St. Louis for some years whose child will be attending St. Louis City Schools along with my own child.

I wholeheartedly support Terri and ask you to support her by nominating her to Governor Blunt for selection as a circuit judge in the City of St. Louis. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I remain

Very Truly Yours,

MEDLER & ROITHER, L.L.C.

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David A. Roither

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September 11, 2008

Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker
Missouri Court of Appeals
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Re: Theresa Counts Burke - Associate Circuit Judicial Appointment

Dear Judge Baker:

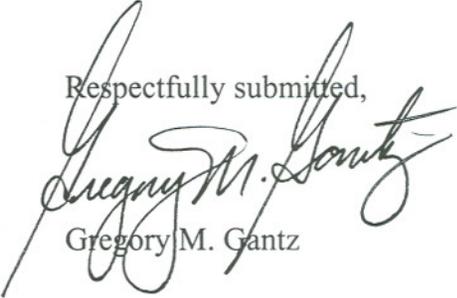
I am writing in support of the nomination of Theresa Counts Burke for appointment as an Associate Circuit Judge in the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

I have known Terri Burke for several years, and have had the privilege of encountering her on a professional basis both as opposing counsel, and in her capacity a Municipal Court Judge in the City of St. Louis.

In my experience, she has always conducted herself in a professional and reasonable manner, and has demonstrated the bearing appropriate to that of an individual suited to hold judicial office.

The 22nd Circuit would be enhanced by the presence of Theresa Counts Burke, and I enthusiastically support her to that end.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory M. Gantz



September 12, 2008

Chief Judge Nannette Baker
Missouri Court of Appeals
815 Olive
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Chief Judge Baker,

During the past six plus years, I have had the pleasure of working with St. Louis Municipal Court Judge Theresa Burke on many projects regarding the Downtown Community Improvement District. I welcome the opportunity to provide a recommendation on her behalf for the Associate Circuit Court Judge's position that has opened in the St. Louis City Circuit Court system.

She has been an integral part of many endeavors that have benefited the development of downtown St. Louis and its constituents. Through the Municipal Court system, Judge Burke's work in such projects as Mental Health Court, Drug and Alcohol dockets and the Community Court has been exemplary. The stern yet compassionate decisions that she bestowed on the people that came before her in court are unequalled. Her superior analytical skills combined with her diligent and dedicated volunteer service has made her a valuable asset to our community.

As President of the Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District, it is my hope that you will look favorably on appointing Judge Theresa Burke to the position of Associate Circuit Court Judge.

Thank you,

James A. Cloar
President and CEO
The Partnership *for* Downtown St. Louis

Theresa Counts Burke

Attorney at Law

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September 5, 2008

Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker
Missouri Court of Appeals
815 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63101

Re: Application for Associate Circuit Court - St. Louis City Circuit Court

Dear Judge Baker:

Enclosed please find my Application for the position of Associate Circuit Judge for the Circuit Court of St. Louis City. I have also enclosed the biographical information requested. I will contact your office in a few days to schedule an interview for the position.

If there are any questions or if you need additional information, please feel free to call me at any of my listed telephone numbers.

Very truly yours,



THERESA COUNTS BURKE

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Stephen Doss
Ms. June Bosley Dabney-Gray
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September 8, 2008

The Honorable Nanette A. Baker
Chair, 22nd Judicial Commission
Missouri Court of Appeals
815 Olive St.
St. Louis, MO 63101

Re: Theresa Counts Burke

Dear Judge Baker:

I write to you in your capacity as chair of the 22nd Judicial Commission. I ask the Commission to consider favorably the application of Theresa Counts Burke for Circuit Court Judge in the City of St. Louis.

I first met Terri when we were both young attorneys in private practice. We were on the opposite sides of a case, but we always got along well. Terri was always prepared and a vigorous advocate for her client, but she was also always professional and courteous.

More recently I have encountered Terri in her position as provisional municipal court judge in the City of St. Louis. From personal experience I can tell you that Terri has the diligence, intelligence and temperament needed to serve as a judge. Her actions as a provisional municipal judge give me great confidence that she would make an excellent circuit court judge.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,



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Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker
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RE: St. Louis City Judicial Appointment
Position of Associate Circuit Judge

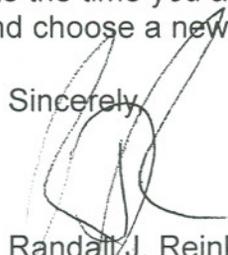
Dear Judge Baker:

I am writing this letter to you and the Commissioners to voice my strong support for Terri Burke. I understand that there is an opening for an Associate Circuit Judge.

I have practiced law for over 20 years with many cases in the Associate Division as well as the Circuit levels of the City of St. Louis. I am in the City Court every week and sometimes every day. These appointments are very important to me.

Terri Burke is just the kind of person we need as an Associate Circuit Judge. In my opinion, Terri also has the kind of experience that a Judge should have before being considered. She is bright, fair, and approachable. I know you must receive many such letters and the process is daunting. I hope you find my comments helpful and I appreciate the time you and your staff have had to invest to review the many candidates and choose a new Associate Circuit Judge.

Sincerely,



Randall J. Reinker

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September 8, 2008

Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker
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Dear Judge Baker:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of St. Louis City Municipal Court Judge Theresa Counts Burke's Application for appointment of Associate Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

I have had the honor of appearing before Judge Burke on numerous occasions since 2001. At each appearance I have found Judge Burke to be extremely well-prepared, knowledgeable about the facts in each case and skillful in her application of the law. Her sense of fairness is beyond reproach.

During this time I have come to learn that members of the St. Louis Bar hold Judge Burke in high esteem as a result of their similar experiences. Clearly, this is an excellent jurist worthy of your strongest consideration.

I have also had the pleasure of practicing with Judge Burke in her capacity as a private attorney. Again, I found her to be extremely knowledgeable, conscientious and well-prepared. I have truly enjoyed working with her.

Equally important, I have found Judge Burke to be a person of character with a deep moral base. I can report with confidence that she has an outstanding reputation as a concerned parent and a strong community participant.

In fact, Judge Burke has taken her education and experience and put it to good use assisting children in the community. Her role as a founding board member of Lawyers for Kids clearly demonstrates her commitment to children and the legal profession.

Having previously served as the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee from 1997 through 2001, I am keenly aware of the important role members of the judiciary play for citizens of this State.

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Based on my political and legal experiences I strongly believe that the citizens have the right to expect that their judges be fair, reasonable, open-minded and hard-working. They would be well-served to have such an excellent public servant as Terri Burke serving on the St. Louis City Circuit Court.

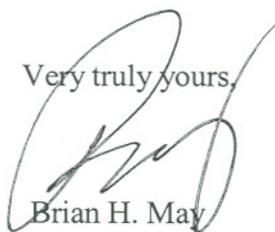
I believe that it is important to note that Judge Burke interacts with attorneys and litigants on a daily basis. I have personally witnessed her treating members of the Bar and the public with the utmost courtesy and respect.

Thus, I am proud to strongly endorse Judge Burke and respectfully request that you consider her for elevation to the Circuit bench.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and the vital service you are providing to the members of the Bar and the citizens of the State.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian H. May", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brian H. May

cc: Honorable Theresa Counts Burke (via email)

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September 9, 2008

Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker
Missouri Court of Appeals
815 Olive St.
St. Louis, MO 63101

RE: Theresa Counts Burke

Dear Judge Baker:

It has come to my attention that Theresa Burke has applied for a position as Circuit Court Judge in the City of St. Louis. I am writing this letter in support of her application.

I have known Theresa for several years in her capacity as an attorney. We have had cases together, and I know her to be bright, hard working, conscientious, and excellent in personal relations.

I know her to be an outstanding lawyer with a broad range of experience, and she is also very intelligent and has a good temperament that would serve her well in a position as Circuit Court Judge.

I would urge you to consider her for appointment to the position of Circuit Court Judge in the City of St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

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Deborah Benoit

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September 25, 2008

Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker
Missouri Court of Appeals
815 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Re: Application of Theresa Counts Burke
22nd Judicial Circuit

Dear Chief Judge Baker:

Theresa Counts Burke is an applicant for the associate circuit judicial position open in the City of St. Louis. Ms. Burke and I graduated St. Louis University School of Law together in 1988. Ms. Burke and I have maintained both a professional relationship and a personal friendship since we first met.

Ms. Burke is a bright and conscientious litigation attorney who has been in solo practice since 1994. Over the years since graduation, I have made numerous referrals to her, particularly in the area of family law. She has an exceptional working knowledge of the law and an ability to be fair and honest which makes me very comfortable in referring clients to her. She is an experienced trial and appellate advocate. Her trial experience as well as her honesty, fairness, and integrity make her an excellent candidate for the judicial seat opening in St. Louis City.

In addition to her private practice, Ms. Burke has served as a Municipal Judge in the City of St. Louis since July of 2001. This is an accomplishment of which she is quite proud and which I believe would allow her to bring unique qualifications to the St. Louis City Circuit Court. Her experiences as a Municipal Judge have also broadened the scope of her knowledge of the law.

In addition to her professional activities, Ms. Burke has contributed her time to numerous Bar and social activities which benefit both the legal community and general public. Ms. Burke has participated in the Law Students Services Committee of the Young Lawyers Section of Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL). Ms. Burke and I served on this committee together for two years. She took the position of co-chair of the committee when the Honorable David Mason resigned his position as chairman due to his appointment to the circuit bench of St. Louis City. Ms. Burke's

activities on the Law Students Services Committee were recognized by Judge Mason as outstanding and he recommended her and Michael Todt to replace him as Co-Chairpersons. Ms. Burke exhibited exceptional organizational and leadership skills as the co-chair of this committee.

Ms. Burke has actively participated in the Angel Tree Program sponsored by BAMSL. She is also on the Board for Friends of Heritage House and volunteers her services to local high schools as a Moot Court Judge.

Overall, I believe Ms. Burke is well qualified for the judicial position available in the City of St. Louis. She is a well-rounded, honest and principled individual. Her professional experience and personal interests would make her an outstanding addition to the Bench of the St. Louis City Circuit Court. If you have any questions or would like to speak to me personally regarding my recommendation of Ms. Burke for the available judicial opening, please call.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Reitz