

**APPLICATION TO THE
APPELLATE JUDICIAL COMMISSION FOR THE
JUDGE ELLIS VACANCY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN DISTRICT**

COVER PAGE CONTAINING PERSONAL OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

*Full Name:

SSN:

Missouri Bar Number:

*Date of Birth:

* Address of Residence:

Office Address:

Telephone Numbers: *(Please designate by underline or italics which number should be used should you be selected for the panel.)*

Office:

Cell:

Home:

Facsimile number:

E-mail:

*** NOTE: If the applicant is selected as one of the nominees for this vacancy, the applicant's name, birth date and city of residence will be made public in the news release announcing the nominees.**

7. (a) State the name and address of all law schools attended together with the dates and degrees received.

(b) List/describe any law school activities, scholastic achievements and other awards or honors you think are relevant to the commission's decision.

8. State, in chronological order (starting with the earliest employment) *significant non-law-related employment* prior to law school and to the present. To the extent reasonably available to you, include the name and address of each employer and the dates of employment.

9. State, in chronological order (starting with the earliest employment) *all law-related employment* from the beginning of law school to the present. To the extent reasonably available to you, include the name and address of each employer, the dates of employment, and describe the positions you have held, e.g., associate, partner, law clerk, general counsel.

10. If, as a student, you were suspended, placed on probation or expelled by school authorities for any reason, describe the circumstances.

11. Describe the nature of your experience in trial and appellate courts and explain how they demonstrate the quality of your legal work. *(You either may take as much space as you need here or attach your response on separate sheets. It is your responsibility to redact any confidential information.)* Include in your response:
- a) **Appellate Experience:** Please include a representative list of cases you have briefed and/or argued (if you are a judge, include representative cases from your practice prior to your judicial appointment) including, to the extent reasonably available to you, the style, date, and court and, if published, the citation; identify the client(s) you represented and opposing counsel; and give a one-paragraph description of the case and your role.
 - b) **Trial-Level Experience:** Please include a representative list of cases and/or administrative hearings you have handled (if you are a judge, include representative cases from your practice prior to your judicial appointment) including, to the extent reasonably available to you, the style, date, and court; identify who you represented and opposing counsel; state whether the case was disposed of following a jury trial, bench trial or at what other stage; and give a one-paragraph description of the case and your role.
 - c) **Judicial Experience:** If you are a judge, commissioner, or are serving or have served in other judicial capacity, please describe the nature and extent of your judicial responsibilities, including the dates you have served as a judge at each level, the types of dockets you have handled and any special expertise you have developed that you believe is relevant to your qualifications for the position for which you are applying.
12. Describe any additional legal experience that you believe may be relevant to the decision of the commission (e.g., work as a law professor, in government, as corporate or other legal counsel).

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

14. Describe your efforts (e.g., work on bar committees, pro bono efforts, CLEs presented, etc.) to contribute to the improvement of the law, the legal system and the administration of justice.

15. List your community activities, including any organizations not listed elsewhere with which you are affiliated.

16. Describe your activities (e.g., speeches, presentations, educational activities, etc.) undertaken to further public understanding of and respect for courts and the judicial system and to promote access to justice for all.

17. List any professional articles or books authored by you that have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature you have received.

18. Do you now hold or have you ever held an elective or an appointive public office or position? If yes, provide details.
19. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service or (b) other public service not otherwise disclosed in this application. If discharged from the military, state whether the discharge was other than honorable.
20. State whether you are able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of being an appellate judge, including participating in oral argument; performing legal research; communicating clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing; supervising the lower courts, serving on court committees and performing other administrative functions; and expeditiously deciding issues coming before the court.
21. Were you ever refused admission to the bar of Missouri or the bar of another state or the federal courts? If yes, provide details.
22. Have you ever been disciplined, admonished or cited for a breach of ethics or professional conduct by the Supreme Court of Missouri or by any court or bar association or committee thereof? If yes, provide details.
23. If you are or were a member of the judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:
 - a) Whether an order of discipline ever has 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, provide details.
 - b) Whether a reprimand or admonition ever has been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Supreme Court Rule 12.07. If yes, provide details.

24. Have you have ever been held in contempt of court? If yes, provide details.
25. 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?

If your answer is yes, state the style of the case, where it was filed, and explain in detail. If you are a judge and you have been sued in your judicial capacity, list only those cases where you are or were other than a nominal party.

26. Have you ever pleaded guilty, been convicted or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or misdemeanor in any state, federal or military court? *(Note that this question does not require that minor traffic offenses or other infractions be listed.)*

If your answer is yes, state the style of the case, where it was filed, and explain in detail.

27. Are you delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes? If yes, provide details.

28. You must attach to this application at least one, but not more than three, writing samples that comply with the requirements set out in the instructions for applicants.

29. List/describe any additional honors or awards you have received, activities you have performed, or any other information not set out above that demonstrates the quality of your work as an attorney or that you otherwise believe is relevant to the commission's decision.

Please list the names of *five* persons whom you will ask to provide letters of reference for you with respect to your judicial qualifications. Do **not** list as a reference a judge of the court involved. As to each of the five references, **please provide name, title, mailing address, telephone and e-mail address.**

Please note that it is your responsibility to contact your references, although if you intend to use as a reference a federal judge or other individual who only can provide a reference upon a specific request by the interviewing authority, please advise the commission and it will send that reference such a request.

The commission must receive all reference letters **by e-mail** no later than **5 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2016.**

Provide your references with the attached Guidelines for References. The commission must receive your letters of reference, **via e-mail**, to WDjudgevacancy@courts.mo.gov, by the date indicated in the Instructions to Applicants.

***AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF AND CERTIFICATION
OF ACCURACY OF INFORMATION***

By my signature on this form, I certify that all statements made in my application and attachments thereto are correct and that if I am selected by the commission and appointed to the office for which I seek appointment, I will accept the appointment, qualify, and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office as provided by law.

By my signature to this form, I further authorize: (1) the commission by its chairperson to obtain relevant information, including but not limited to documents, records, and files about me from educational, law enforcement and disciplinary authorities and from employers and others who may have control of any documents, records, or other information pertaining to my application and suitability for the appointment I am seeking, and (2) the commission and its members to make such additional inquiries and to receive and share amongst themselves such additional information they shall deem appropriate in determining my qualifications for the position for which I seek appointment and the accuracy of my responses to the questions in this application and in otherwise fulfilling its duties. The information obtained under (1) and (2) above shall be made available only to the members of the Appellate Judicial Commission and their staff as necessary to perform their duties.

Notwithstanding the above, by my signature on this form, and in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10, if I am one of the three nominees listed on the certificate of nomination sent to the governor, I authorize the commission to: (1) send a complete copy of this application and attachments to the governor, and (2) publicly release a copy of the application and attachments, so as to inform the public as to my qualifications for the position for which I am applying, and thereby waive any objections and rights I have with reference to the privacy of all information contained in the answers and attachments to this form, with the exception of the cover page (which contains personal and confidential identifying addresses, telephone numbers and similar information).

This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by me in writing.

By: _____

Dated: _____