

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

1. Full Name:

SSN:

2. Present principal occupation or title:

3. Residence address:

Phone:

4. Office address:

E-mail address:

Phone:

Fax:

5. Date and place of birth:

6. If married, spouse's full name:

7. Children's full names and ages:

8. How many years have you been a citizen of the United States?

9. How many years have you been a qualified voter of Missouri?

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

When admitted:

List any other state, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney.

11. Schools and colleges (other than law) you have attended, the dates you attended, and the degrees awarded.

12. (a) List every law school attended – degrees, activities, scholastic and other awards.
- (b) If you were placed on academic probation or a similar status at any law school, or if you were required to leave any law school for academic or other reasons, please describe the circumstances.
13. (a) Briefly outline your practice, including firms, corporations, partnerships, or governmental bodies with which you have been associated.
- (b) List, on a separate sheet, ten (10) legal cases you have tried.
- (c) Set forth the extent of your experience in trial and appellate courts listing the style of any cases that you feel demonstrate the quality of your legal work in either or both fields.
14. Affiliations and activities outside of legal profession:
15. Have you ever engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? Yes No If so, please specify.
16. Do you suffer from any health condition that would impair your ability to do legal research, attend oral argument, communicate clearly and effectively (both orally and in writing), or to expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? If yes, please explain.
17. Do you now hold, or have you ever held, any elective or appointive public office or position? Yes No If so, please give details.
18. Give the dates of (a) military service, if any, or (b) other similar public service not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, state the type of discharge received. If military or public service continues, so state.
19. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or judicial commission or by any bar association or committee thereof? Yes No If so, please give particulars.

20. Have you ever been arrested, taken into custody, indicted, convicted, tried for, or charged with a misdemeanor or felony? Yes No If so, please give details.
21. Have you ever been otherwise a party to or personally involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No If so, please give particulars.
22. List all bar associations and other professional societies of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates.
23. List any professional articles or books authored by you that have been published; list any special recognition or award of a professional nature that you have received.
24. You must provide at least one, but not more than three, writing samples that comply with the requirements set out in the instructions for applicants.
25. You are requested to furnish letters of reference. Please indicate the names and complete mailing addresses of not more than five persons as references with respect to your judicial qualifications. Provide your references with the attached Guidelines for References. Do **not** list as a reference a judge of the court involved. Please list **telephone** numbers and **electronic mail** addresses for each reference. 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; the Commission will not contact your references directly to request this information.

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

E-MAIL:

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I hereby certify that all of my statements made above are correct, and that if I am appointed I will accept the appointment, qualify and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of the office.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____, born on _____ at _____ and currently residing at _____

_____, hereby waive any and all objections and rights I have with reference to the privacy of any and all police, medical, disciplinary, or scholastic records I may have, and I authorize the Commission by its chair to make whatever inquiries and receive whatever information it shall desire with respect thereto, with the understanding and provided such information is available only to the members of the Appellate Judicial Commission presently serving or hereinafter named to such office and, in the event that I am among those nominated for the Governor's consideration, to the Governor's Office.

I further authorize and request every person, firm, corporation, government agency, law enforcement agency, court, association or institution having control of any documents, records, or other information pertaining to me personally to furnish to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, and the Appellate Judicial Commission any such information, including all medical records, credit reports or documents, records and files regarding charges or complaints filed against me, including any complaints erased by law, whether formal or informal, pending or closed, or any other pertinent data.

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

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Social Security Number: _____

SUPREME COURT RULE 10.28 PUBLICITY

When a vacancy occurs or when it is known that a vacancy will occur at a definite future date, the chair shall publicize the same and solicit the submission of names of individuals qualified for such vacancy. Prior to the meeting of the commission an appropriate questionnaire shall be sent to each person whose name is proposed, to be completed and returned to the chair of the commission. Copies of the completed questionnaire shall be provided each member of the commission prior to the meeting called for the taking of the formal action by the commission in making its nominations. No publicity shall be given by the commission of the names of persons under consideration for nomination for the reason that such publicity would tend to keep well qualified lawyers from permitting themselves to be considered and might encourage unqualified persons to enter their names to obtain public notice.

SUPREME COURT RULE 10.31 CANDIDACY AND SELECTION OF JUDGES

The conduct of candidates for any judicial office to be filled pursuant to section 25 (a)-(g) of article V of the Constitution shall be governed by and be in accord with the applicable provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Canons of Judicial Ethics. In particular, the aspiration of lawyers for judicial position should be governed by an impartial estimate of the lawyers' ability to add honor to the office and not by a desire for the distinction the position may bring to them. If a judge, or a person in an office of a judicial nature, becomes a candidate, the applicant should refrain from all conduct which might tend to arouse reasonable suspicion that the applicant is using the power or prestige of the judicial position to promote the candidacy. The applicant should not permit others to do anything in behalf of the candidacy that would reasonably lead to such suspicion.

It is the duty of the Bar to endeavor to prevent partisan considerations, political or otherwise, from outweighing judicial fitness in the selection of judges. The Bar should protest earnestly and actively against the selection of those who are unsuitable for the Bench.