

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE  
SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION  
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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

NAME: Michael J. Hunt



1. State your present principal occupation: **Chief Trial Assistant, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office**
2. Are you at least twenty-five (25) years of age? **Yes**
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **Birth (47 years)**  
(b) Have you been a resident of Jackson 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? **Since age 18 (29 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: **October 9, 1987**  
  
(a) Missouri Bar Number **34818**  
(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:

**Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO: 1980 – 1981**

**Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, MO 1981- 1984**

**Received: BS Business Administration - Minors in Management and Data Processing**

**University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, MO: J.D. Received - May 1987**

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.)

**1985 Edward L. Campbell & Jay Benson, 304 Franklin, Kirksville, MO 63501;**

**1986 – 1987 Turner & Boisseau, 1001 101st Terr., Kansas City, MO 64101**

**1988 to present Jackson County Prosecutor's Office 415 E. 12th St. Kansas City, MO**

**2000 – 2007 United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri, 400 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64106**

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 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 list.**

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

**Yes: United States Court of Appeals 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit & Missouri Court of Appeals,  
Western District of Missouri**

If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case. **See attached list.**

11. 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.

**While my primary function with Prosecutor's Office has been as a trial attorney, I have held and currently hold positions of management (Trial Team Leader, Chairman of the Homicide Unit, Chief Trial Assistant and Trial Director) in the Prosecutor's office. In these positions I have supervised attorneys and support staff, acted as a liaison with the police department and assisted in developing policies and procedures with the court to better the flow of criminal cases through the system. In my current position as Trial Director, I coordinate with the Presiding Judge and the Trial Judges the placement of cases for trial each week.**

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

**In 1992 I was promoted from a line trial attorney to Trial Team Leader of a general trial team. In 1993 I was given the position of Chairman of Homicide Unit, which I continue to hold at present. The Chairman of the Homicide Unit oversees the homicides reviewed and filed by the prosecutor. In 1996 I was assigned as a Trial Team Leader of a drug trial team. In 1998 I was promoted to Chief Trial Assistant of the Drug Unit. In 2002 a new unit in the prosecutor's office was developed to concentrate on violent crime, the Major Crimes Unit. As a result I was given the assignment of Chief Trial Assistant of the Major Crimes Unit. In 2004 I was given the additional duties as Trial Director for the Prosecutor's Office. As Trial Director it is my job to maintain the trial dockets and coordinate the trials through out the office.**

**In October of 1999 a joint effort was undertaken by the U.S. Attorney's Office, ATF, Kansas City Police Department and Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to reduce violent crime by prosecuting in Federal Court felons in possession of firearms. As a result in February of 2000 I was sworn in as a Special Assistant United States Attorney to coordinate with the U.S. Attorney's Office the designation of state level cases to be prosecuted in Federal Court and to assist in trying those cases. I tried 9 jury trials in Federal Court and briefed 10 cases, arguing three, before the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. The case work in federal court was in addition to my duties as full time Chief Trial Assistant of the Drug.**

**I have been asked to teach at the following classes and seminars:**

**2008 – Capital Litigation Conference – Jury instructions in a Death Case.**

**2008 – Trial Judge Trial Skills Seminar – Digital Evidence.**

**2005 – Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Fall Statewide Training –  
Subpoena Issues.**

**2003 – Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association – Changes in Missouri**

**Criminal Law Bifurcated Trials.**

- 2002 – Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Fall Statewide Training – Legislative Update.**
- 1999 – Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Spring Statewide Training - 1998 Changes to Criminal Charges and Jury Instructions.**
- 1998 – Missouri State Highway Patrol – Homicide Investigations.**
- 1998 – Regional Academy Kansas City Missouri Police Department – Courtroom Issues.**
- 1997 – Judicial College – Issues in Narcotics Prosecution**
- 1996 – Prosecution of a Capital Case – Charging Decisions & Pretrial Preparation.**
- 1993, 1994 & 1995 – Missouri Safety Center, Warrensburg, MO; Court Room Training for Police Officers.**
- Continuing Instructor for Kansas City Missouri Police Department Crime Scene School, Detective School & In Service Training programs – Search & Seizure, Courtroom Issues, Drug Issues & Interrogation Issues.**

13. 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:

14. 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:

**Citicasters, Inc WDAF-TV v. Claire McCaskill et al, 94-0748-CV-W-2, United States District Court Western District of Missouri. Case filed in 1994. Michael Hunt dismissed as a defendant January 1997. WDAF sued Clair McCaskill, Kansas City Missouri Police Department, individual officers and assistant prosecutor Michael Hunt for violation of civil rights in connection to a search warrant executed on WDAF-TV. Judge Fernando Gaitan dismissed defendant Michael Hunt for having qualified immunity.**

**Bruce Roath v. State of Missouri, Michael Hunt & Lee Nation 16CV96-06393, Circuit Court of Jackson County Missouri. Filed 3-21-1996, Dismissed 12-13-1996.**

**Bruce Roath v Michael Hunt 16CV98-02627 Circuit Court of Jackson County Missouri Filed 1-29-1998 Dismissed 2-23-1998.**

**Bruce Roath v Michael Hunt 16CV98-04263 Circuit Court of Jackson County Missouri Filed 2-23-1998 Dismissed 3-3-1998.**

**Bruce Roath filed successive lawsuits alleging “fraud upon the Court” from a criminal trial in which Roath was convicted of murder. Court dismissed actions for lack of merit.**

15. 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:

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

If yes, provide details:

17. If you were ever a member of the judiciary of the State of Missouri in the past, please state: **N/A**

- (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:

18. 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? **Yes**

If yes, provide details:

**On November 14, 1989 the Missouri Supreme Court Ethics Committee received a complaint for Oren Gamble an inmate of the Missouri Department of Corrections claiming ethics violations. Oren Gamble was a defendant whose rule 27.26 motion I prosecuted. I along with several other prosecutors were the subject of an ethics complaint from defendant Gamble. On December 4, 1989 the Committee issued a letter on file no. 89-150 stating that there was no action that the committee could or**

would take in the situation.

19. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates: **Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association**
20. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:  
**I have previously been on the planning committee for the MS 150 and MS Walk. I have previously been a board member for the Homeowners Association and helped draft the original bylaws.**
21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? **No**  
  
If yes, provide details:
22. 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.
23. 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**
24. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received:

**2008 Pat Hall, Trial Prosecutor of the Year, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office**  
**2005 Certificate of Appreciation from the Kansas City Police Department**  
**2000 Louis Lombardo Award Prosecutor of the Year, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office**  
**1995 Trial Prosecutor of the Year, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office**  
**1989 Warrant Officer of the Year, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office**  
**1988 Rookie Prosecutor of the Year, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office**

25. 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.

**James F. Kanatzar, Jackson County Prosecutor**  
**Paul S. Becker, Assistant United States Attorney**  
**Anthony J. Romano, Retired Associate Circuit Judge**  
**Robert Beaird, Retired Associate Circuit Judge**  
**Dennis R. Waits, Jackson County Legislator**

26. State any additional information you deem relevant:

**I have been an assistant Jackson County Prosecutor for twenty two years, prosecuting just about every kind of crimes that have committed in Jackson County, from property damage to Capital Murder. I have tried over 200 cases in my tenure with the Prosecutor's Office with 124 being lead counsel. My experience has led me to a position of management of other attorneys and staff, while maintaining a high trial case load. Because of these experiences I have been asked to teach and instruct other attorneys and law enforcement on many aspects of the law, those areas including drug prosecution, court room testimony, jury instructions and other subjects dealing with the practice of criminal law.**

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 Sixteenth Circuit Judicial Commission. Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10.28(e), 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 Associate Circuit Judge of Jackson County, Missouri, I will accept the appointment, qualify, and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

DATE:

5-28-10

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Hunt", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

## Cases Tried in the Past Five Years

- State v. Daryl Vaughn 16CR03001121-01 November 14, 2005 Division 70, Judge Forest Hanna 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court** Randy Schelegal Public Defender attorney for the defendant, The jury found the defendant guilty Murder in the First Degree, Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was First Chair. Vaughn was charged with shooting to death his ex-wife. Vaughn approached his ex-wife in the parking lot the apartment building she was moving into upon leaving Vaughn. Vaughn fired a 9mm handgun into his ex-wife at close range and returned to his home to burn the home. Vaughn's defense was not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect or defendant acted with diminished capacity. Evidence was presented through computer forensics that Vaughn had done computer searches on how to get away with murder and buying handgun which enhanced the State's evidence of deliberation.
- State v. Mitchell Robinson, 04CR204701-01 April 17, 2006 Division 10, Judge Charles Atwell 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court** Kevin E.J. Regan, 1821 Wyandotte, Ste 200, Kansas City, MO 64108 attorney for defendant. The Court found the defendant guilty Voluntary Manslaughter and Armed Criminal Action after a Bench Trial, I was First Chair. Robinson was visiting a friend in the apartment building where the victim lived. Robinson got into an argument with the victim outside the victim's apartment. Robinson ran to his friend's apartment where his shotgun was in a guitar case. When the victim opened the door, Robinson shot and killed the victim with the shotgun.
- State v. William Banks, 16CR04000084-01 April 24, 2006 Division 12, Judge Edith Messina 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court,** Dan Ross, 800 Westport Rd., Kansas City, MO 64111 attorney for defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty Murder in the Second Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was First Chair. Banks was charged with shooting and killing a man outside a club in downtown Kansas City. After a disturbance in the club Banks produced a gun and shot the victim in the head.
- State v. Myson Donahue, 04CR204012-01 October 16, 2006, Division 18, Judge Jon R. Gray 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court,** Todd Schultz, Public Defender attorney for defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty Murder in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action, after a Jury Trial, I was First Chair. Donahue was charged with celebrating his birthday by taking a sawed off rifle to a gas station and shooting and killing him a random person who was getting gas.
- State v. Anthony Davis 0516-CR06611-01 November 6, 2006, Division 13, Judge Jay Daugherty 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court,** Molly Hastings, Public Defender attorney for the defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty Robbery in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action and could not decide on a charge of Murder after a jury trial, I was First Chair. Davis went into a gas station with a handgun to rob the clerk. During the robbery Davis shot the clerk several times. The jury convicted on the robbery but was unable to decide the homicide.

**State v. Markus Lee 16CR0200610-01 November 13, 2006 Division 10, Judge Charles Atwell 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Tim Burdick, Public Defender, attorney for the defendant, The jury found the defendant not guilty 2 Counts of Murder in the Second Degree after a Jury Trial, I was First Chair. Lee was charged with 2 homicides the second was a witness to the first. At trial eye witnesses at both homicides testified that they did not remember the homicides nor did they remember telling the police that they had witnessed the murders and identified Lee as the killer.

**State v. Marlon Gill 0516-CR08492-01 January 29, 2007, Division 2, Judge Michael Manners 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, David W. Langston, 130 N. Cherry Street, Olathe, KS 66061 attorney for the defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty of Assault Second Degree after a Jury Trial, I was the Second Chair Gill was charged with assaulting his girlfriend by shoving a cell phone down the girl's throat. The cell phone lodged in the girl's throat nearly causing her death. Gill's defense was that the girlfriend tried to swallow the phone or the phone was pushed in by EMT's during the Heimlich maneuver. The State's experts showed that neither explanation was possible.

**State v. Anthony Davis 0516-CR06611-01 February 26, 2007, Division 13, Judge Jay Daugherty 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Molly Hastings, Public Defender attorney for the defendant, The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the Second Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Davis went into a gas station with a handgun to rob the clerk. During the robbery Davis shot the clerk several times.

**State v. Vincent Deleon, 0516-CR07298-01 April 16, 2007 Division 11, Judge J.D. Williamson 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Mikel Hagerdon, attorney for defendant, Hung Jury on Murder in the Second Degree after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Deleon was being chased in a rolling gun battle through the Northeast area of Kansas City at noon on a Saturday. The men chasing defendant were unable to keep up with the defendant and stopped, Deleon stopped his car and fired a shotgun down the street in the direction of the people chasing him. Robert Gonzales was walking down the street and was hit with a single pellet that caused his death.

**State v. Vincent Deleon, 0516-CR07298-01, May 7, 2007 Judge J.D. Williamson 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Mikel Hagerdon, attorney for defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the Second Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. This was a re-trial of the above case.

**State v. Doninick Burton 0516-CR03108-01 September 17, 2007 Division 10, Judge Charles Atwell 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Randall Schlegel, Public Defender, attorney for the defendant, The Court found the defendant guilty of Murder in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a Bench Trial, I was the First Chair. Burton was charged with shooting his ex-wife 3 times with a shotgun. Burton admitted the shooting but claimed that he was not guilty be reason of mental disease or defect or defendant acted with diminished capacity. Evidence was presented that Burton had composed an e-mail to send out after the murder that he was committing suicide and the victim was already

dead. The e-mail was composed 30 days prior to the murder.

**State v. Anotonio Smith 0716-CR02647-01 February 4, 2008 Division 70, Judge Charles Gene Martin 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Elizabeth Heuben, Public Defender, attorney for the defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the Second Degree, Armed Criminal Action, Robbery in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Smith was charged with assisting in taking a Kansas man out to a park in south Kansas City to rob the man. One of Smith's accomplices pulled a gun out, shooting and killing the victim. Smith provided his accomplice with a gun and drove the stolen car away.

**State v. Terry Blair 04CR203141-01 March 10, 2008 Division 6, Judge John O'Malley 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, David Kenyon & Cindy Dryden Public Defender, attorney for the defendant. The Court found the defendant guilty of six counts Murder in the First Degree after a Bench Trial, I was the First Chair. Blair was originally charged with eight counts of Murder and 4 counts of rape and assault, know as the Prospect Corridor Killer. Blair was tried to the Court on the six homicides that were connected by 911 calls by the defendant. The Court found Blair guilty on all six homicides and sentenced Blair to six consecutive life sentences without parole.

**State v. Eddie George 0616-CR06786-01 May 12, 2008 Division 5, Judge Stephen Nixon 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, John Picerno, 405 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64106 attorney for the defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the First Degree, Armed Criminal Action, Assault in the First Degree, and Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was the Second Chair. George was charged with killing his best friend's mother and assaulting his best friend's father. George was a certified juvenile who plotted the murder of Joe & Pam Marquez.

**State v. Paul Dudley 0616-CR06711-01 June 9, 2008 Division 11, Judge J.D. Williamson 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Carrie Allen Public Defender, attorney for the defendant. The jury found the defendant guilty Murder in the Second Degree and Unlawful Use of Weapon after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Dudley was charged with firing 7 rounds a group of his neighbors a house away. On round hit woman who lived two houses from Dudley and killed her. Defendant claimed self defense stating that a member of the victim's family had flashed a gun at defendant. The jury found Dudley guilty of felony murder.

**State v. Frank Roby, 0516-CR05980-01 July 21, 2008 Division 13, Judge Jay Daugherty 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Daniel Ross, attorney for defendant. The jury found the defendant not guilty Murder in the Second Degree and Assault in the First Degree after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Defendant charged with shooting two men during a dispute on defendant's sister's front porch. One man died, the second man survived with a gunshot through the abdomen. Defendant claimed self defense, the jury acquitted him stating that the jury did not believe either the surviving victim or the defendant.

**State v. Lamar Quarles, 0716-CR02648-01 September 8, 2008 Division 12, Judge Edith**

**Messina, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Dave Rowan Public Defender, The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the First Degree, Armed Criminal Action, Robbery in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Defendant convicted of in taking a Kansas man out to a park in south Kansas City to rob him. Quarles took the man out of the car and shot him in the abdomen. Quarles and his co-defendant's then took off in the victim's car where they were later arrested.

**State v. Shauntay Henderson, 0616-CR05443-01 November 17, 2008 Division 15, Judge Robert Schieber, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Patrick Peters, attorney for defendant, The court found the defendant guilty Voluntary Manslaughter and Armed Criminal Action after a Bench Trial, I was the First Chair. Defendant was convicted of shooting Deandre Parker while in a pickup truck in the parking lot of a gas station. Henderson claimed the victim tried to run her over so she had to shoot the victim. Court found that Henderson did not act in lawful self defense but the victim's actions did provoke sudden passion by the defendant.

**State v. David Briggs, 0816-CR00437-01 December 8, 2008, Division 6, Judge John O'Malley, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Jeff Gedbaw, Public Defender. The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the First Degree, Armed Criminal Action, Robbery in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Defendant convicted of shooting and killing Aaron Ponder and taking his vehicles.

**State v. Victor Hernesto, 0816-CR03933-01 February 17, 2009, Division 15, Judge Robert Schieber, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Matthew Johnson, Public Defender. The jury found the defendant guilty Robbery in the First Degree after a Jury Trial, I was the First Chair. Defendant was convicted of robbing a young girl and her four year old son in the parking lot of the Apple Market on Independence Avenue.

**State v. Jarvis Williams, 0516-CR08018-01 March 30, 2009, Division 12, Judge Edith Mesina, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Jeffrey Gedbaw, Public Defender. The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the Second Degree, three counts of Assault in the First Degree and four counts of Armed Criminal Action after a jury trial, I was the First Chair. Williams was convicted of firing into a car with 4 passengers with an AK47. Williams killed one passenger and injured the other 3.

**State v. Terrance Wainright, 16CR97008547 August 17, 2009, Division 18, Judge Brian Wimes, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**, Horton Lance, Public Defender. The jury found the defendant guilty of Murder in the First Degree, Assault in the First Degree and two counts of Armed Criminal Action after a jury trial, I was First Chair. This was a re-trial of a 1990 trial that had been overturned on appeal. Wainright was convicted of shooting and killing his 14 year old step-daughter and shooting his 10 year old step-son. The defendant's defense was that five mental health experts claimed that defendant could not have coolly reflected about the killing. The jury disregarded this defense and convicted

the defendant of Murder in the First Degree.

**State v. Damon Simpson, 0816-CR04848-01 October 19, 2009, Division 15, Judge Robert Schieber, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Theresa Linneger-Morman, Public Defender.** The jury was hung on Murder charges after a jury trial, I was First Chair. Defendant was charged with a killing for hire in which the defendant was supposed to make the killing look like a robbery gone bad.

**State v. Markus Lee, 0716-CR01286 November 9, 2009, Division 15, Judge Robert Schieber, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Molly Hastings, Public Defender.** The Court granted the defendant's request for Mis-trial during the Jury Trial for Murder, Assault and Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, I was the First Chair. The defendant was charged with 16 counts including murder, assault and assault on law enforcement officers. The court granted a motion for mis-trial with prejudice with is currently on appeal by the State.

**State v. Damon Simpson, 0816-CR04848-01 November 16, 2009, Division 15, Judge Robert Schieber, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Theresa Linneger-Morman, Public Defender.** The defendant was found guilty of Murder in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action after a jury trial, I was the First Chair. The Defendant was convicted after a retrial of a hung jury. Simpson was convicted of taking money to commit a homicide and make the homicide look like a robbery.

**State v. Matthew Davis, 04CR200501 December 7, 2009, Division 15, Judge Robert Schieber, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Patrick Peters, Attorney for the Defendant.** The defendant was found guilty of Abandonment of a Body after a bench trial, I was First Chair. This was a bench trial after a plea of guilty had been overturned. Defendant placed the body of his girlfriend in his car for several days after she died of an overdose.

**State v. Rayshawn Taylor, 0716-CR01287-01 February 8, 2010, Division 15, Judge Robert Schieber, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Kenneth Salaway, Attorney for the Defendant.** The defendant was found guilty of Murder in the First Degree, 3 counts of Assault in the First Degree, 4 counts of Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer in the First Degree and 8 counts of Armed Criminal Action, I was the First Chair. Defendant and two others drove by a tire store firing assault rifles at men in the tire store killing 1 and injuring 3 others. A police car was at the scene when the shooting took place and gave chase. The chase went throughout the city during rush hour traffic, with the occupants firing at the police officer who were chasing.

### **Appellate Cases Briefed and Argued**

**U.S. v. Jonathan Arther, 192 Fed.Appx. 564, 2006 WL 2372159, C.A.8 (Mo.), August 17, 2006(No. 05-3576.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, briefed** for Appellee.

**U.S. v. Seno Carter, 166 Fed.Appx. 888, 2006 WL 346393, C.A.8 (Mo.), February 16, 2006(No. 05-1447.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, briefed,** for Appellee.

**U.S. v. David Henson, 160 Fed.Appx. 551, 2005 WL 3526869, C.A.8 (Mo.), December 27, 2005(No. 04-3218.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, briefed** for Appellee.

**U.S. v. Clyde Hedger, 145 Fed.Appx. 564, 2005 WL 2511166, C.A.8 (Mo.), October 12, 2005(No. 04-3997.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, briefed** for Appellee.

**U.S. v. Antonio Slater, 411 F.3d 1003, 2005 WL 1522740, C.A.8 (Mo.), June 29, 2005(No. 04-2315.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, briefed** for appellee

**U.S. v. Jerry Petty, 367 F.3d 1009, 2004 WL 1091914, C.A.8 (Mo.), May 18, 2004(No. 03-3388.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, argued and briefed** for appellee.

**U.S. v. Jamey Canaday, 88 Fed.Appx. 959, 2004 WL 188323, C.A.8 (Mo.), February 02, 2004(No. 03-2718.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, briefed** for Appellee.

**U.S. v. Odell Hampton, 346 F.3d 813, 2003 WL 22319279, C.A.8 (Mo.), October 10, 2003(No. 03-2039.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri; **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, briefed** for appellee.

**U.S. v. Anthony Paden, 330 F.3d 1066, 2003 WL 21295102, C.A.8 (Mo.), June 06, 2003(No. 02-2018.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri; **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney., argued and briefed** for appellee.

**U.S. v. Frenklyn Piggie, 316 F.3d 789, 2003 WL 132448, C.A.8 (Mo.), January 17, 2003 (No. 01-3170.)** Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri; for appellant, **Michael J. Hunt, Spec. Asst. U.S. Attorney, argued and briefed** for appellee.

**State of Missouri v. Markus D. Lee, WD71924,** In the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District. Appeal from the Circuit Court of Jackson County Missouri, **Michael J. Hunt, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney briefed** for the Appellant.