

APPLICATION (Revised September 2011)
TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
CIRCUIT JUDGE



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

NAME: Jason David Dodson

1. State your present principal occupation: **I am the Managing Attorney of the Lasting Solutions Program at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. The Lasting Solutions Program is the unit that handles cases in family court for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.**
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? **Yes.**
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **Since birth (45 years).**
(b) Have you been a resident of St. Louis 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 the age of 18 (27 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 4, 1996.**

Missouri Bar Number: **45770**

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

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

**Bates College
2 Andrews Road
Lewiston, Maine 04240-6028
Bachelor of Arts, with honors in philosophy, 1988 to 1992**

**Washington University School of Law
Campus Box 1120
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, MO 63130-4899
Juris Doctorate, 1993 to 1996
Order of Barristers
Pro Bono Bronze Medal Recipient**

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.)

**The Stolar Partnership
The Lammert Building
911 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63101
Summer 1989, summer 1990, 1992 -93
Undergraduate Intern**

**George's Restaurant
7 Stephens Lane
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
Summer 1991**

**Center of Creative Arts - "COCA"
524 Trinity Avenue
St Louis, MO 63130
1992 - 1997
Instructor of West African Drumming**

**Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc.
4232 Forest Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63108
Summer 1994
Law Student Intern**

**The Nuclear Percussion Ensemble
St. Louis, MO
Self-employment
1993 - 2001
Musician**

**Gray & Ritter, PC (now known as Gray, Ritter & Graham, PC)
701 Market Street, Suite 800
St. Louis, MO 63101
1995 - 1996, Law Student Intern
1996 - 2000, Attorney**

Simon, Lowe & Passanante, LLC
800 Market Street, Suite 1700
St. Louis, MO 63101
2000 - fall 2002

Sole Practitioner
720 Olive Street, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63101
Fall 2002 - August 2003

Thomas J. Noonan, P.C.
701 Market Street, Suite 1400
St. Louis, MO 63101
August 2003 to December 2003

Ninth Street Deli
28 N 9th Street
Columbia MO, 65201
June 2004 to November 2004

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc.
4232 Forest Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63108
February 2005 - March 2006, In-House Volunteer
March 2006 - November 2008, Staff Attorney, Lasting Solutions Program
November 2008 - present, Managing Attorney, Lasting Solutions Program

8. If you are presently an associate circuit judge and have served for two years or longer, attach a list of ten significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.
Not applicable.

(b) In addition, you may attach a list of cases you tried as an attorney in the last five years before becoming a judge. Set forth the style, cause number, date and jurisdiction and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair and the name and address of opposing counsel. State for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.
Not applicable.

9. 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, I am able to perform all of the essential functions of a judge.

10. If you have never served as an associate circuit judge or have served for fewer than two years, 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.

Please see Exhibit A for the list of contested trials.

11. Have you briefed or argued any case before any appellate court? **Yes.**
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

Please see Exhibit B for the list of appellate cases.

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

I have spent my entire legal career as a litigator. I have a true passion for the pursuit of justice and for ensuring that all people have access to the judicial system and are treated fairly within it. The path of my work as a lawyer leads directly to a position as a judge.

I went to law school after being inspired by my parents' commitment to serving others in their careers. During the first year of law school I felt moved to assist victims of the 1993 flood in St. Louis and joined the volunteer effort coordinated through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri ("LSEM"). I then interned as a law clerk at LSEM during my first summer and was immediately entrusted to represent individuals in their appeals hearings for disability benefits before Social Security Administration Administrative Law Judges. I welcomed the responsibility, thrived with the work but knew that I wanted to end up practicing law in the courtroom. I have been doing that ever since.

My first trial was a jury trial in St. Louis County Circuit Court and came just months after being sworn in as a lawyer. I excelled at handling complex, catastrophic injury cases. I quickly earned a reputation for diligence, for excellent research and legal writing and for being able to spot and develop key issues in significant cases. I continued to handle jury trials on my own while also working with partners at the firm on complicated cases. I substantially contributed to cases that yielded the largest verdicts in Missouri in both 2000 and 2001 and several cases with the top settlement values. I was the principal author of an appellate brief that reversed summary judgment and ultimately resulted in a record verdict. I was routinely given the responsibility of coordinating experts on myriad issues in complex product liability cases. I was often primarily responsible for crafting legal theories, developing the facts to support them and then participating in trials. I also incorporated pro bono work

into my private practice by handling some housing and consumer cases for LSEM.

I switched gears in my career in 2005 after personal experiences pushed me toward helping more low-income people meet their basic survival needs. I believed that my experience and the skills I developed in my earlier practice could contribute to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's mission to provide high-quality representation for the indigent population in eastern Missouri. I was fortunate to be able to volunteer almost full-time for several months. In that capacity I handled a variety of matters including housing cases, domestic violence cases, consumer cases and immigration matters. I was a quick study and was soon hired as a Staff Attorney in the Lasting Solutions Program. There I was able to exclusively represent survivors of domestic violence in family court cases such as orders of protection, divorces, custody and paternity cases.

In less than three years at LSEM I was promoted to the Managing Attorney position for the Lasting Solutions Program. The responsibilities are great in this unit that handles the largest volume of cases at LSEM. I manage a staff of attorneys, a social worker, paralegals and volunteers. Along with the considerable management responsibilities, I review all of the intakes and triage all of the emergency cases coming in to Lasting Solutions and maintain a heavy caseload of my own. Many of these cases are contested and present a wide variety of procedural and evidentiary issues. I am constantly in court trying cases, negotiating custody and support orders or arguing motions. These are significant cases where success often means safety and long-term stability.

Because we cannot meet the great need for our services, I have dedicated myself to reaching out beyond our paid staff for assistance. I have provided training to hundreds of potential volunteer attorneys in private practice so that they may competently represent domestic violence survivors in family court. Further, since becoming the Managing Attorney, I have recruited, trained, mentored and supervised more than 17 lawyers who work and have worked as in-house volunteer attorneys with the Lasting Solutions Program. Each year I present at several continuing legal education ("CLE") events to both train and encourage pro bono work. I also helped to establish a system to engage volunteers in the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court since its inception in 2010. In 2015, I was appointed as the Co-Chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

In 2009, the Missouri Supreme Court appointed me to Missouri's Child Support Guidelines Review Subcommittee. I served on this committee with other attorneys, judges and family court commissioners in excess of four years where we reviewed and recommended revisions of the child support guidelines to the Family Court Committee of the Missouri Supreme Court. I was then asked to serve as an Advisory Member to the Family Court Committee (which consists only of members of the judiciary) as it formulated its official recommendations on child support guidelines revisions to the Missouri Supreme Court.

It is at LSEM where I have done my best work as a lawyer. I do not measure the quality of my legal work by the great outcomes in court that I have been able to achieve or other successes I have enjoyed. Rather, the success is in what my clients

are able to accomplish with the strong foundation those outcomes provide. Many of my clients are living lives free of violence as they become able to provide safe, stable homes for their children. Many are able to realize their dreams of finishing school or establishing a career. Most have reclaimed their voice, their control and their sense of hope and freedom.

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:

Jason D. Dodson, et al. v. Mercy Hospitals East, et al., 11SL-CC03684, St. Louis County Circuit Court. This is a wrongful death case for the death of my wife that was filed on 09/15/2011. The case resulted in a verdict in favor of my children and me. The court later entered judgment and the matter is pending on appeal before the Missouri Supreme Court in case number SC95151.

In re: Shannon Dodson, a/k/a/ Deceased, 11SL-PR00577, St. Louis County Probate Court. This is the probate case for my wife's estate that was commenced on 03/02/2011. I am the personal representative of the estate and the matter is pending.

State of Missouri v. Jason D. Dodson, 24T070001170, St. Francois County, Missouri This minor traffic-violation case commenced 05/12/2000 and concluded 08/07/2002 with a small fine for improper vehicle equipment.

Jason D. Dodson v. Jill S. Lemon, 2100FC-07761, St. Louis County. This family court case commenced 8/4/2000 and a consent judgment was entered 09/13/2000.

Daniel Loehr v. John Simon and Jason Dodson, 22012-08436, Circuit Court for the City of St. Louis. This case commenced on 06/19/2001 and was dismissed on 09/07/2001. The plaintiff then filed a notice of appeal on 10/22/2001 in cause number ED80330. The appeal was dismissed on 02/20/2002.

S. L. v. J.D., 22033-01072, Circuit Court for the City of St. Louis. This family court case commenced on 03/17/2003 and was dismissed on 04/02/2003.

Jill S. Lemon v. Jason Dodson, 2105FC-07548, St. Louis County. This family court case commenced on 08/10/2005 and a consent judgment was entered on 04/13/2006.

August Dodson, a/k/a Minor, 14SL-PR00012, St. Louis County. This is a conservatorship for one of my children. I am appointed as conservator. This matter commenced on 01/03/2104 and is pending.

Eva Dodson-Lohse, a/k/a Minor, 14SL-PR00013, St. Louis County. This is a conservatorship for one of my children. I am appointed as conservator. This matter commenced on 01/03/2104 and is pending.

Jason Dodson, Jr., a/k/a Minor, 14SL-PR00014. This is a conservatorship for one of my children. I am appointed as conservator. This matter commenced on 01/03/2104 and is pending.

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 are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

(a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct?
If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed:

(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:

Not applicable.

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:

A former client made a complaint to the Missouri Bar in 2003. There was no discipline.

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

The Missouri Bar

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Pro Bono Committee Chair – 2015 to present

**St. Louis County Bar Association
Theodore McMillian Inns of Court, Inaugural Member
Barrister - 2010 – 2011
American Bar Association**

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

I am employed as a public interest lawyer representing low-income victims of domestic violence. A large part of my work outside of the courtroom is spent engaging with the community to help educate about domestic violence and work toward its prevention. I have been an Advisory Committee member for the St. Louis Family Violence Council, and active in many other area domestic violence groups. On several occasions I have presented to non-attorney advocates and laypeople about the legal rights of survivors of domestic violence. I have also spoken at area community colleges on parental rights and related legal issues.

In 2014 I joined the Board of Directors for Annie's Hope - the Bereavement Center for Kids. This nonprofit organization provides comprehensive grief support services for children, teens and their families. In December 2014 I was elected to the office of Secretary of this active board.

I also regularly volunteer for the veterans' clinic at the Veteran Administration's Hope Recovery Center in the city of St. Louis. In 2013 the Missouri Bar began a pilot project for attorneys to meet with veterans to provide advice on a range of legal issues. I have participated in these clinics and outreach efforts since the project began.

I have coached some of my children's sports teams including my oldest son's soccer teams for 3 years, his baseball team for three years and my daughter's soccer team for two years. I am a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church where my children and I attend regularly.

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

No.

If yes, provide details:

22. 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: **None.**

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

When I graduated law school in 1996, I received two awards from the faculty of the Washington University School of Law. First was the Order of Barristers for demonstrating excellent advocacy skills. The next was the Pro Bono Bronze Medal for my commitment to helping others and promoting pro bono work in law school.

In 1996 I co-authored the chapter on “Voir Dire and Jury Selection” of the Civil Trial Practice “Deskbook” published by the Missouri Bar.

In 2009 received the “Up and Coming Lawyer” award from the Missouri Lawyers Weekly. According to the Lawyers Weekly, Up and Coming Awards “recognize legal professionals 40 or younger, or within the first 10 years of practice, who fulfill both of the following criteria: (1) demonstrate a level of professional accomplishment, skill and leadership beyond their years, and (2) demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the community through their volunteer service and leadership.”

In its inaugural year of 2010, I was nominated for and accepted into the Theodore McMillan American Inn of Court as a Barrister. The American Inns of Court are devoted to improving the skills, professionalism and ethics of attorneys and judges.

In 2012 I co-authored the article “Representing Survivors of Domestic Violence in Order of Protection Cases in Missouri” that was published in the fall 2012 St. Louis Bar Journal (volume 59, number 2). The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis publishes the St. Louis Bar Journal. With the assistance of another attorney, I also coordinated the remaining articles and authors for this issue.

Since 2008, I have developed a number of written materials that are designed to train potential volunteer attorneys on how to handle order of protection cases for survivors of domestic violence. The materials educate on the legal issues, the related ethical responsibilities and provide practical advice for effectively handling these cases.

24. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:

- (1) **Debbie Champion, Esq.
Ryncarson, Suess, Schnurbusch & Champion, L.L.C.
500 N. Broadway, Suite 1550
St. Louis, MO 63102
(314) 421-4430**
- (2) **Dan Glazier, Esq.
Executive Director, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc.
4232 Forest Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-534-4200 ext. 1122**
- (3) **Maurice Graham, Esq.
Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C.
701 Market St., Suite 800
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 241-5620**

- (4) **Nora Mosby**
Advocate, Lydia's House
P.O. Box 2722
St. Louis, MO 63116
(314) 771-4411
- (5) **John G. Simon, Esq.**
The Simon Law Firm, PC
800 Market St., Suite 1700
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 241-2929

25. State any additional data you deem relevant:

This is a critical time for the Circuit Court of St. Louis County. There are many challenges ahead in trying to regain the confidence of the public in the judicial system. I believe that it is the responsibility of the judges to demonstrate fairness and impartiality in every case and integrity in every courtroom.

As a judge I would be unwavering in my efforts to meet these challenges. I have worked patiently with hundreds of people in times of high stress and crisis. I have worked at length with people who have no lawyer to represent them in court. All of these experiences do not make me overly sympathetic or predisposed to any particular party or position; they provide a foundation of experience and understanding that will inform my work as a fair, impartial and patient judge.

It is for these reasons that I humbly submit this application to serve the public as a circuit judge in St. Louis County.

Authorization

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 Twenty-First Circuit Judicial Commission. 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 as identified on the cover page of this application.

Question 10.

Exhibit A: Cases Tried in the Last Five Years

Claude Buchheit v. Mark Buchheit and Christina (Howard) Buchheit,
0711-CV06653

July 28 & 29, 2009, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented Defendant Christina Howard, first chair, jury tried

Plaintiff's counsel was Charles Gray, Jr., 1354 S Fifth St., St. Charles, MO 63301.

This case asserted various tort theories for recovery of money lent to the defendants. The case was tried before a jury over two days. There was judgment entered against my client.

P.E. v. Hector Estrada, 1011-FC01248

April 28, 2010, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se

My client sought an order of protection against her husband. The case was tried and my client prevailed, receiving a full order of protection.

Brian Gebert v. Cynthia Biggins, 0611-FC00126-01

June 3, 2010 and July 1, 2010, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried. Opposing Counsel was Frank

Conard, 4011 N St. Peters Parkway, St. Peters, MO 63304. Guardian ad Litem was

Charles Schroeder (ret.), 2270 Bluestone Dr., St Charles, MO 63303.

Father of my client's child brought this custody modification case. Case was tried over the course of two days. A judgment modifying custody was entered.

Sarah Brown v. George Brown, 0911-FC03512

July 21, 2010, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opposing Counsel was George Tillman, 228 North Main St., St. Charles, MO 63101.

Guardian ad Litem was Kevin Wibbenmeyer, 211 N. Third St., St. Charles, MO 63301.

This case for dissolution of marriage involved custody and child support. The case was tried and orders of custody and support were entered.

A.N. v. Gary Necker, 10SL-PN02707

August 26, 2010, St. Louis County Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner with the assistance of a Rule 13 certified student, bench tried.

Opposing counsel was present at trial but his entry of appearance was never filed and his identity is unknown.

My client sought an order of protection against her husband. The case was tried and my client prevailed, receiving a full order of protection.

J.S. v. L.C. 1111-FC03969

January 12, 2011, St. Charles County Circuit Court
I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se

My client was the respondent in this child protection order case. The case was tried and my client prevailed; the case was dismissed.

L.C. V. J.S., 1111-FC03979

January 12, 2011, St. Charles County Circuit Court
I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se

My client sought an order of protection against the father of her children. The case was tried and my client prevailed, receiving a full order of protection.

H.J. v. M.J. 1122-PN02719

October 12, 2011, City of St. Louis Circuit Court
I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se

My client sought an order of protection against her ex-husband. The case was tried and my client prevailed, receiving a full order of protection.

M.J. v. H.J., 1122-PN03150

November 9, 2011, City of St. Louis Circuit Court
I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se

Ex-husband filed and order of protection against my client. The case was tried and my client prevailed; case was dismissed.

E.M. v. Senad Muratovic, 11SL-PN05241

December 21, 2011, St. Louis County Circuit Court
I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se.

My client sought an order of protection against her husband. The case was tried and my client prevailed, receiving a full order of protection with orders of custody and substantial support provisions.

James R. Wilson v. Anna Jackson, 11SL-DR00582

May 23, May 25 and August 2, 2012, St. Louis County Circuit Court
I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opposing Counsel was Elaine Pudlowski, 231 S Bemiston Ave, St Louis, MO 63105.

Guardian ad litem was Robert Hamilton, 2016 S Big Bend Blvd, St Louis, MO 63117.

This case for paternity, custody and support was tried over the course of three days and had substantial post-trial, pre-judgment activity. My client obtained sole physical custody, joint legal and orders of child support.

Nelson Pineda v. Jessica Pineda, 1011-FC02978

October 11, 2012, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opposing Counsel was Joel Eisenstein, 60 Hill Pointe Ct, St Charles, MO 63303.

Guardian ad Litem was Edie Jansson, 220 Salt Lick Road, St. Peters, MO 63376.

This dissolution of marriage case involved issues of custody, visitation and support. My client received the relief she sought after trial.

Wesley Kemple v. Jessica Thomas, 1011-FC00989-01

November 14, 2012, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opposing counsel was Robert Wohler, 225 S Main St, #100, O'Fallon, MO 63366.

Guardian ad Litem was Christine Hendrix, 120 O'Fallon Plaza, O'Fallon, MO 63366.

This case involved issues of paternity, custody, extremely restricted visitation due to alleged sexual abuse and support. The case was tried and my client received the relief she sought to protect and support her child.

L.R. v. Aaron Miller, 1322-PN00029

January 16, 2013, City of St. Louis Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opposing counsel was Joseph Howlett, 7777 Bonhomme, Suite 1603, Clayton, MO 63105.

My client sought an order of protection against the father of her child. The case was tried and my client prevailed, receiving a full order of protection.

Christopher Miller v. Vickie Miller, 11SL-DR04138

April 30, 2013 & July 3, 2013, St. Louis County Circuit Court

I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opposing counsel was Margaret Murphy, 7120 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63117.

Guardian ad Litem was Robert Hamilton, 2016 S Big Bend Blvd, St Louis, MO 63117.

This dissolution of marriage case was tried over the course of two days. The case involved issues of supervised visitation, custody, division of assets and debts, child support and maintenance. The court's judgment awarded my client the relief she wanted in terms of custody, supervised visitation and the division of assets and debts.

Crystal Wilkes v. Jasmine Wilkes, 1222-FC02649

May 7, 2013, City of St. Louis Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried

Opponent had representation during the pendency of the case but was pro se at trial.

These companion cases for dissolution of marriage and paternity involved issues of custody, visitation, division of assets and child support. My client prevailed on all issues.

Cierra Carless v. James Neal – 1322-FC02033

July 8, 2013, City of St. Louis Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se, Guardian ad Litem was Marie Kenyon, 100 N. Tucker, Suite 726, St. Louis, MO 63101

This was a petition for a writ of habeas corpus brought to recover a child from the state of Georgia after the putative father of the child absconded with him. My client prevailed and the final custody orders were entered in the paternity case that was filed later.

Alisha Kramer v. John Kramer, 0922-FC01659-01

October 9, 2013, City of St. Louis Circuit Court

I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was represented by Sarah Barbarash, 225 S. Meramec Ave, Suite 511, Clayton, MO 63105. Guardian ad Litem was Marie Kenyon, 100 North Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101.

This was an action for a temporary restraining order (“TRO”) on custody issues. The TRO was denied but a modified temporary custody schedule was entered.

C.G. v. Carlos Mendoza, 1322-PN02525

October 24, 2013, St. Louis City Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried. Opponent was pro se at trial.

My client sought an order of protection against the father of her children. The case was tried and my client prevailed, receiving a full order of protection.

Cierra Carless v. James Neal – 1322-FC02839

March 12, 2014, City of St. Louis Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se, Guardian ad Litem was Marie Kenyon, 100 N. Tucker, Suite 726, St. Louis, MO 63101.

My client sought a judgment establishing that the respondent was the father of the child in question and a restricted custody schedule because of respondent’s abuse and mental health. My client prevailed.

Michael Medina v. Jill Goodman – 13SL-DR05684

March 24, 2014, St. Louis County Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was represented by Geordie McGonagle, 1533 Locust St., Kansas City, MO 64108, Guardian ad Litem was David Roither, 7733 Forsyth, #1850, St. Louis, MO 63105.

My client sought orders declaring him to the father of the children at issue, orders of sole legal and physical custody, and supervised visitation to the children’s mother. My client prevailed and he obtained the orders sought.

Kelly Baugh v. Terrell Porter, 0711-FC03769-01, 1311-PN00066, 1311-PN00067

April 1, 2014, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent had counsel but eventually was pro se. Guardian ad litem was Angelyn Zimmerman, 400 North 5th Street, #201, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Three cases were tried together in which my client received a full adult order of protection, a child protection order and a modified custody judgment. The effect of the cases was that my client received protection from the Respondent. The children were also protected from their abusive father by limiting him to only visitation that was supervised by a professional.

A.V. v. E.V. – 1422-PN00477

April 30, 2014, St. Louis City Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was represented by Greg Kessler, 231 South Bemiston Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105.

My client sought an adult order of protection against her husband. The order of protection was denied but the court entered orders prohibiting husband from having contact with wife in the companion divorce case.

Enisa Muratovic v. Senad Muratovic – 13SL-DR04431

May 2, 2014, St. Louis County Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent previously had counsel but was pro se at trial. Guardian ad Litem was David Roither, 7733 Forsyth, #1850, St. Louis, MO 63105.

This dissolution of marriage case involved custody, child support, division of property and debts and domestic violence. The case was tried and judgment was entered granting my client sole legal and physical custody of the children, awarding her the marital home, child support and ordered supervised visitation to the father.

Evgeniy Vanyulin v. Alexandra Vanyulina – 1422-FC00957

January 7, 2015, St. Louis City Circuit Court

I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was represented by Greg Kessler 231 South Bemiston Ave, Suite 1111, Clayton, MO 63105. Guardian ad litem was Marie Kenyon, 100 North Tucker, Suite 726, St. Louis, MO 63101.

I represented the respondent in this dissolution of marriage case that involved custody, child support and allocation of marital property and debts. The case was tried and my client received sole legal custody and joint physical custody, child support and possession of certain property and responsibility for certain debts.

H.C. v. S.O. – 1311-FC00086

February 4, 2015, St. Charles County Circuit Court

I represented the respondent, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent had counsel during the pendency of the case but was pro se at trial. Guardian ad litem was Mayra Flesner, 820 South Main St., Suite 200, St. Charles, MO 63301.

This was a case to establish paternity, custody and support orders. My client obtained sole legal and physical custody of the parties' child along with past and future child support orders.

A.S. v. Raymond Brown – 1422-PN02135

February 18 & March 10, 2015, St. Louis City Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was represented by Gaylard T. Williams, PO Box 4542, St. Louis, MO 63108.

My client sought and obtained a full adult order of protection against her husband.

Ashley Silerio v. Raymond Brown – 1422-FC02007

February 18 and March 10, 2015, St. Louis City Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was represented by Gaylard T. Williams, PO Box 4542, St. Louis, MO 63108.

Guardian ad litem was Prudence Kramer, 100 North Tucker, Suite 726, St. Louis, MO

63101. The State of Missouri was represented by Denise Gabel, Assistant Attorney General.

This dissolution of marriage case was tried over the course of two days. My client sought and obtained sole legal and physical custody of the parties' child, child support and the husband received supervised visitation.

S.H. v. Daymond Hayes – 1522-PN00012

February 19, 2015; St. Louis City Circuit Court

I represented the petitioner, first chair, bench tried.

Opponent was pro se.

My client sought and obtained a full order of protection against her husband.

Question 11.

Exhibit B – Appellate Cases

1. ***Stroot v. Taco Bell Corp.***, 972 S.W.2d 447 (Mo. Ct. App. 1998)
I wrote the brief and argued the case before the Eastern District Court of Appeals.
2. ***Dorman v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.***, 992 S.W.2d 231 (Mo. Ct. App. 1999)
I wrote the brief that was submitted after partners on the case made minor edits. I did not argue the case.
3. ***Dierkes v. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Missouri***, 991 S.W.2d 662 (Mo. 1999).
I substantially contributed to the brief. I did not argue the case at either the appellate or Supreme Court level.
4. ***State ex Rel. Lochmoor Development, Inc. v. The Honorable Michael B. Calvin***, Cause number, ED78064, 2000
I wrote the Suggestions in Opposition to the Petition for Writ of Mandamus. The case was not argued and is unreported.
5. ***Claude v. Ceccarini***, 110 S.W.3d 843 (Mo. Ct. App. 2003)
I wrote the brief and the case was submitted without argument.
6. ***Fugate v. Fugate***, 254 S.W.3d 181 (Mo. Ct. App. 2008)
I wrote the brief and argued the case before the Eastern District Court of Appeals.
7. ***State ex Rel. Claybon v. The Honorable Thomas Clark, II***, Cause number ED91449, 2008
I wrote portions of, and edited, the Petition for Writ of Mandamus and Suggestions in Support. The case was not argued and is unreported.
8. ***Eman Hamdan v. Ahmad Saramah***, Cause Number ED93103, 2009
I co-wrote, edited and supervised the brief. I argued the case before the Eastern District Court of Appeals. This case is unreported.