APPLICATION (Revised April 2008)
22ND CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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

NAME: **Christopher E. McGraugh**

1. State your present principal occupation: **Associate Circuit Judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit**

2. Are you at least 30 years of age? **Yes.**

3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **53 years.**
   (b) Have you been a resident of the City of St. Louis 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? **36 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:

   State of Missouri – 1987;
   United States District Court, Western District of Missouri – October 1987;
   United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri – January 1993;
   United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois – May 1996;
   United States District Court, Central District of Illinois – September 1994;
   United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio – September 2010;

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit – September 1993; and United States Supreme Court – September 1997.

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **October 17, 1987.**

   Missouri Bar Number: **MBE 36301**

(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:

   Bachelor of Arts - History (1983)
   St. Louis University
   221 North Grand
   St. Louis, Missouri 63103

   Juris Doctor (1987)
   St. Louis University School of Law
   100 North Tucker
   St. Louis, Missouri 63101

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.)

   1979-1983: **Mr. B's Pool Center (summer employment)**
   11420 Concord Village Avenue
   Afton, Missouri 63123
   Salesman

   1981-1983: **St. Louis University Housing Department**
   Resident Assistant – Fifth Floor, Griesedick Hall

   1983-1984: **Jesuit Volunteer Corp (South)**
   St. Monica Social Services Center
   B.W. Cooper (Calliope) Housing Project
   Manager Senior Citizen Program
   Tutoring, Case Worker and Bus driver

   1984-1985: **St. Louis University**
   Development
   Fundraiser

1985-1987: Leritz, Reinert & Duree, P.C.
812 North Collins
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
Law Clerk

1987-1989: Missouri State Public Defenders Office
St. Louis County
7900 Carondelet
Clayton, Missouri 63105
Senior Trial Staff

1990-1992: Missouri State Public Defenders Office
Capital Litigation Unit
Eastern District
1010 Market, Suite 1100
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Lead Counsel

1992-2012: Leritz, Plunkert & Bruning, P.C.
555 Washington Avenue, Suite 600
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Shareholder/Principal

2012-present: Associate Circuit Judge
22nd Judicial Circuit
10 North Tucker
Civil Courthouse Building
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

2013-present Adjunct Professor of Law – Trial Advocacy
St. Louis University School of Law
100 North Tucker
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

2014-present: Adjunct Professor of Law – Advanced Trial Advocacy
Washington University School of Law
1 Brooking Drive, Campus Box 1184
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

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-three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

1. *State of Missouri v. Carlton Porter*, Cause No. 1322-CR01103 – Jury Trial

Attorney Representing State: Aaron Levinson, Asst. Circuit Attorney
Carnahan Building
1114 Market Street, Suite 401
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Attorney Representing Defendant: Megan Beesley, Asst. Public Defender
Carnahan Building
1114 Market Street, Suite 602
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Defendant charged with trafficking cocaine base (crack) and phencyclidine (PCP) and possession with the intent to sell cocaine base and phencyclidine. Defendant was found guilty after a three day jury trial and sentenced to 12 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

2. *Veronica Cross v. City of St. Louis* – Cause No.: 1322-AC01631 – Jury Trial

Attorney Representing Plaintiff: Justin Meehan/Abdul Mohamed
2734 Lafayette Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Attorney Representing Defendant: Alexis Silsbe/Brent Dulle
City Counselor's Office
1200 Market Street, Room 314
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Plaintiff tripped and fell on an embedded cord on a city tow lot and alleged a dangerous condition on the premises. Plaintiff sought damages for medical treatment, future medical treatment and pain and suffering. Two day jury trial, verdict rendered for Plaintiff. Jury assessed damages at $18,200.00.

3. *State of Missouri v. Anton Thompson* – Cause No. 1222-CR06155 – Jury Trial

Attorney Representing State: Patrick Hamacher, Asst. Circuit Attorney
Carnahan Building
1114 Market Street, Suite 401
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Attorney Representing Defendant: Josh Sindel - Sindel, Sindel & Noble
8000 Maryland Avenue, Suite 350
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Defendant was charged with theft of a credit device. Two day jury trial, Defendant was found not guilty.

4. *Red Brick Management, LLC v. JWR, Inc., Dennis Jones, Rothschild Development* – Cause No.: 1122-AC06804 - Certified Civil Bench Trial

Attorney Representing Plaintiff: Timothy Lemen
Summers, Compton & Wells, PC
8909 Ladue
St. Louis, Missouri 63124

Attorney Representing Defendant: Daniel Brown
Bosley & Associates
611 North Tenth Street, Suite 300
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Plaintiff brought a breach of commercial contracts/lease action. Defendant sought damages by counterclaim on a breach of duty of fair dealing and good faith. Judgment rendered in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of $38,570.00.

5. *State of Missouri v. Keith Moody* – Cause No. 1022-CR04941

Attorney Representing State: Matthew Martin, Asst. Circuit Attorney
Carnahan Building
1114 Market Street, Suite 401
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Attorney Representing Defendant: Joseph Harvath
223 North Main Street, Suite 3
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

Defendant charged with possession of oxycodone – a controlled substance. After a two day jury trial, Defendant was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

6. *Tamika Diamond v. Don Deeton Real Estate, Inc. and Tekbowl, LLC* – Cause No. 1322-SC00250

Attorney Representing Plaintiff: Donald Biemdiek
Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry
10 North Tucker
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Attorney Representing Defendant: Bonnie Stroup
420 Strassner
St. Louis, Missouri 63144

Plaintiff sought wrongfully withheld security deposit and damages for past rental payments upon a claim of constructive eviction. Defendant counterclaimed for past due rental arrearage. After a bench trial, judgment rendered for Plaintiff in the amount of $1,600.00 and judgment rendered on Defendant's counterclaim in the amount of $282.50 for a net judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of $1,317.50.

7. *State of Missouri v. Robert Lockett* – Cause No. 1222-CR01298-01

Attorney Representing State: Edward Dowd, III/Matthew Martin
Assistant Circuit Attorney
Carnahan Building
1114 Market
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Attorney Representing Defendant: Sarah Lambright, Asst. Public Defender
100 South Central, 2nd Floor
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Defendant charged with phencyclidine (PCP). After a two day jury trial, Defendant was found not guilty.

8. *Michael Kunderman, et al. v. Michael Lauer, et al.* – Cause No. 1422-SC00091-01 – Certified Associate Bench Trial

Attorney Representing Plaintiff: James P. Sanders
120 South Central, Suite 700
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Attorney Representing Defendant: Brian T. McCarthy
2 Park Place Professional Center
Belleville, Illinois 62226

Plaintiff brought an action for breach of contract and failure to disclose defect in the sale of real estate. Prior to closing of a sale of a residential property, Plaintiff discovered a flooded basement. Plaintiff and Defendant executed a subsequent contingent real estate contract. Defendant maintained the subsequent executed contract was not valid. After a bench trial, judgment was rendered in Plaintiff's favor in the amount of $12,902.00.

9. *State of Missouri v. Brandon Watkins* – Cause No. 1322-CR02230-01

Attorney Representing State: Sarah Meese, Asst. Circuit Attorney
Carnahan Building
1114 Market Street, Suite 401
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Attorney Representing Defendant: Matthew Waltz, Asst. Public Defender
Carnahan Building
1114 Market Street, Suite 602
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Defendant was charged with forcible rape and the alternative sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic assault second degree and domestic assault third degree. After a two day jury trial, Defendant was found guilty of Count V, Domestic Assault Third Degree, a misdemeanor, found not guilty of the forcible rape, sexual assault and domestic assault in the second degree. The jury could not render a unanimous verdict as to the Sexual Abuse and, as such, a mistrial was declared as to Count II. Defendant was sentenced to one year in a medium security institution in the City of St. Louis.

10. *Valentino Colic v. Geico Casualty* – Cause No.: 1322-AC10112

Attorney Representing Plaintiff: Kevin Wayman
12620 Lamplighter Square, Suite 311
St. Louis, Missouri 63128

Attorney Representing Defendant: Jerry Crowder
319 North Fourth Street, Suite 810
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Plaintiff's cause of action was a suit on an insurance policy. Plaintiff's automobile was declared a total loss after an automobile fire. Defendant sought to enforce an exclusion within the policy and maintain Plaintiff had failed to prove actual damages. After a jury trial, verdict for Plaintiff in the amount of $2,730.00.

11. *State of Missouri v. Carla Johnson* – Cause No.: 1222-CR05721-01

Attorney Representing State: Thomas Dudash
Assistant Circuit Attorney
Carnahan Building
1114 Market Street, Suite 401
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Attorney Representing Defendant: Terrance Niehoff
818 Lafayette
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Defendant was charged with possession of controlled substance, cocaine base, a C felony. After a two day jury trial, Defendant was found not guilty.

12. *Sharon McKinney v. Exclusive Imports* – Cause No.: 1322-SC00414

Attorney Representing Plaintiff: Mitchell B. Stoddard
Consumer Law Advocate
11330 Olive Blvd., Suite 222
St. Louis, Missouri 63141

Attorney Representing Defendant: Daniel R. Brown
Smith Brown, LLC
6609 Clayton Road, Suite 1E
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Plaintiff claimed Defendant violated the Missouri Merchandising and Practice Act, alleging that Defendant fraudulently represented the condition of a vehicle sold to Plaintiff. Defendant denied any defect existed in the vehicle at the time of sale. After a two day jury trial, verdict rendered for Plaintiff in the amount of $13,395.00.

(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-three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

1. *United States v. Jamaal Curry Johnson*
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
Jury tried before The Honorable Carol Jackson
First chair
Cause No. S1-4:10-cr-253 (CEJ)

Opposing Counsel: Dean Hoag
Assistant U.S. Attorney
111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Defendant Jamaal Curry Johnson in a two and a half week jury trial. Three days were dedicated to jury selection, in which in excess of 100 potential jurors were examined. The government called 51 witnesses in its case in chief. Defendant was charged with drug conspiracy over an eight year period where numerous incidents of assault with deadly weapons among rival gangs occurred. In one such incident, an individual was murdered. Although the death penalty was not sought, the Court determined this to be a capital case. Defendant was found guilty of all counts and is awaiting sentencing.

2. *United States v. Katherine Mock*
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
Tried before The Honorable Henry E. Autry
Cause No. S1-4:09-cr-679 HEA
Jury trial held before The Honorable Henry Autry, first chair, March 2012
Opposing Counsel: Thomas Dittmeier and Michael Reilly
Assistant U.S. Attorneys
111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Defendant Katherine Mock in a seven day jury trial. Defendant was charged with murder for hire and conspiracy to commit murder for hire. Defendant was found guilty on both counts.

3. *United States v. Meador*
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri – Cape Girardeau
Jury trial held before The Honorable Catherine Perry, first chair, April 2009
Cause No. S1-1:06-cr-134 (CDP)
Opposing Counsel: Thomas Dittmeier and Christian Stevens
Assistant U.S. Attorneys
111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Defendant, Michael Meador, in a capital murder trial held in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Defendant was charged with drug trafficking and capital murder. He was found guilty on both counts and received a life sentence.

4. *United States v. Robert Bolden*
United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
Jury Trial before The Honorable Carol Jackson, first chair, May 2006
Cause No. 4:02-cr-557
Opposing Counsel: Steven Holtshauser and Michael Reilly
Assistant U.S. Attorneys
111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Defendant in a capital murder trial. Defendant was convicted of killing a bank guard in the commission of a bank robbery. Defendant was found guilty and received a death sentence.

5. *United States v. Amesheo Cannon*
United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
Jury Trial before The Honorable Henry Autry, first chair, March 2005
Cause No. 1:01-cr-0073 HEA
Opposing Counsel: Thomas Dittmeier and Christian Stevens
Assistant U.S. Attorneys
111 S. Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Represented Defendant in a capital murder trial where Defendant was charged with Murder for Hire and Conspiracy to Commit Murder for Hire. Defendant was found not guilty of the Murder for Hire and guilty of the Conspiracy for Murder for Hire. Defendant received a life sentence.

6. *Driggot v. National Rent to Own*
22nd Judicial Circuit for the City of St. Louis
Jury Trial before The Honorable Dennis Schaumann, Division 12, second chair
Cause No. 022-10309
Opposing Counsel: Susan Herold
Rynearson, Suess, Schnurbusch & Champion
500 North Broadway, Suite 1550
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Plaintiff who was the mother of two children lost in a fire caused by a defective power cord to a printer purchased at National Rent to Own. The cause of action was a wrongful death/products liability. Verdict was for Plaintiff in the amount of $500,000.00.

7. *Jack Stufflebeam v. Dial Corporation*
22nd Judicial Circuit for the City of St. Louis
Jury Trial before The Honorable Evelyn Baker, Division 21, first chair
Cause No. 012-8748

Opposing Counsel: Michael McGuire
Brown & James
1010 Market Street, 20th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Plaintiff in a jury trial arising out of a dock collapse at a warehouse. The cause of action was a negligent/premise liability. Verdict was for Plaintiff in the amount of $60,000.00.

8. *Phan v. Terry*
22nd Judicial Circuit for the City of St. Louis
Jury Trial before The Honorable Philip Heagney, Division 10, first chair, May 2002
Cause No. 002-00837
Opposing Counsel: Steven Glassman
130 South Bemiston
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Represented Defendant in an automobile accident. Jury found my client, the Defendant, 30% at fault. Totally damages in the amount of $27,815.00, representing a net verdict against my client in the amount of $8,344.00.

9. *United States v. Qusai Mahasin*
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
Cause No: 4:02-CR-4 CEJ
Jury Trial before The Honorable Stephen N. Limbaugh, first chair, December 2002
Opposing Counsel: Thomas Mehan and Michael Reilly
Assistant United States Attorneys
111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Defendant who was charged with possession of heroin with the intent to distribute and possession of a firearm and the attempt to kill a witness. Defendant was found guilty on all counts.

10. *State of Missouri v. Marcellus Williams*
21st Judicial Circuit of St. Louis County
Capital Murder Trial before The Honorable Steven M. O'Brien, Division 11, first chair, June 2001
Cause No. 99CR-5297
Opposing Counsel: Keith Larner
St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorneys Office
7900 Carondelet
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Represented Defendant in a state capital murder trial. Defendant was accused of a home invasion, robbery/murder. Defendant was found guilty on all counts and sentenced to death.

11. *United States v. Wendel Fortenberry*
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
Cause No.: 4:99-CR-296-SNL
Jury Trial before The Honorable Stephen N. Limbaugh, first chair, August 2000
Opposing Counsel: Dean Hoag
Assistant United States Attorney
111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Represented Defendant who was charged with murder for hire and conspiracy to commit murder for hire. Defendant was found guilty on all counts.

12. *Brantley v. Sears*
21st Judicial Circuit of St. Louis County
Cause No.:
Jury Trial before The Honorable Emmet O'Brien, Division 11, first chair, July 1996
Opposing Counsel: Richard Hoemeyer
1128 18th Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Represented Defendant Sears as to a fire alleged to have been caused by defective dishwasher. Jury verdict was in favor of Defendant Sears.

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.

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.

See response to 8 (b).

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

Yes.

1. *United States v. Louis Cooke*
675 F.3d 1153 (8th Cir. 2012)
Briefed and argued.

2. *Mwesigwa v. DAP*, Inc.
637 F.3d 884 (8th Cir. 2011)
Briefed.

3. *United States v. Dinwiddie* (Meador)
618 F.3d 821 (8th Cir. 2010)
Briefed and argued.

4. *United States v. Cannon*
475 F.3d 1013 (8th Cir. 2007)
Briefed and argued.

5. *Link v. Luebbers*
469 F.3d 1197 (8th Cir. 2006)
Briefed and argued.

6. *United States v. Mahasin*
362 F.3d 1071 (8th Cir. 2004)
Briefed and argued.

7. *United States v. Washington* (Fortenberry)
318 F.3d 845 (8th Cir. 2003)
Briefed and argued.

8. *Phan v. Terry*
126 S.W.3d 1 (Mo. App. E.D. 2003)
Briefed and argued.

9. *Johnston v. Luebbers*
288 F.3d 1048 (8th Cir. 2002)
Briefed.

10. *Witherspoon v. Purkett*
210 F.3d 901 (8th Cir. 2000)
Briefed and argued.

11. *Brantley v. Sears*
959 S.W.2d 927 (Mo. App. 1998)
Briefed and argued.

12. *State v. Roberts*
948 S.W.2d 577 (Mo. Banc 1997)
Briefed and argued.

13. *United States v. Robinson*
22 F.3d 195 (8th Cir. 1994)
Briefed and argued.

14. *Hughes v. State*
780 S.W.2d 357 (Mo. App. E.D. 1989)
Briefed and argued.

15. *Phillips v. State*
774 S.W.2d 844 (Mo. App. E.D. 1989)
Briefed and argued.

16. *Forniss v. State*
761 S.W.2d 759 (Mo. App. E.D. 1988)
Briefed and argued.

17. *Holt v. State*
756 S.W.2d 619 (Mo. App. 1988)
Briefed and argued.

18. *State v. Mitchell*
755 S.W.2d 603 (Mo. App. 1988)
Briefed and argued.

19. *State v. Terrell*
751 S.W.2d 394 (Mo. App. 1988)
Briefed and argued.

20. *Meyer v. Hawkeye*
72 F.3d 133 (8th Cir. 1995)
Briefed and argued. (unpublished opinion)

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

I was appointed by Governor Nixon in November of 2012 to the present position of Associate Circuit Judge. Since my appointment, I have primarily been assigned to three civil divisions in the City of St. Louis (Division 27, 28 and 29). Additionally, I have sat in Division 25, a Criminal Assignment Division and Division 14, a Domestic/Family Division. While presiding in the civil divisions, I have had the opportunity to hear cases ranging from simple landlord/tenant and small claim disputes to cases dealing with the Fair Debt Collection and Practice Act and the Missouri Merchandising Practice Act. In my assignment to Division 27 (the Civil Bulk Assignment Division), I presided over the resolution of over 17,000 cases. While in Division 29 and Division 28, the Civil Associate Jury Trial Division and the Civil Associate Bench Trial Division, respectively, I had the opportunity to preside and hear both associate and circuit civil jury and bench trials, ranging from slip and falls to complex contractual litigation. In addition, I have been assigned by the presiding judge to preside over a number of felony jury cases including narcotics, offenses against persons and property, and stealing offenses.

Prior to my appointment, I was engaged in the practice of law for 25 years. I appeared in 27 different judicial circuits within the State of Missouri and five United States Districts. While in the practice of law, I have tried in excess of 90 criminal and civil cases to jury verdict in both state and federal courts. The cases listed above represent a small sample of different types of litigation in which I have been involved. I cannot estimate with any precision the number of cases in which I have prepared for trial that were negotiated to a successful settlement or a plea of guilty. Those cases required me to exercise skills in client counseling, motion practice, and discovery, including both the taking and defending of depositions.

I am AV Peer Review rated, which is the highest ranking achievable for Martindale Hubbell and listed in the Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers. I was profiled in Missouri and Kansas City Super Lawyers Magazine from 2006 to 2012. I was selected by my peers to be included in the *Best Lawyers in America*, 19th Edition for work in the practice of criminal defense: white collar. I am the author of a bar journal article and was a frequent guest lecturer for the Missouri State Public Defender's Office Trial School, United States District Court, Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel, St. Louis University School of Law, Washington University School of Law and The University of Missouri. I prepared and presented the Criminal Law Update for the years 2010 through 2012 and prepared and presented the Criminal Procedure Update in 2013 on behalf of the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law 15 Hour Review of the Law. I am an adjunct professor of law at both St. Louis University School of Law and Washington University School of Law where I teach classes on Trial Advocacy, emphasizing court room procedure, presentation of evidence and oral and written advocacy.

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

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction:

No.

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?

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:

***Viviano vs. McGraugh*, City of St. Louis Circuit Court Cause No. 22970-10929**

This was a 1997 small claims dispute related to a kitchen remodeling. Cause was settled.

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?

If yes, provide details:

No.

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

If yes, provide details:

No.

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:

(b) 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:

No.

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?

If yes, provide details:

No.

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

Missouri Bar Association;
Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis;
Women's Lawyer Association;
Mound City Bar Association;
Lawyer's Association of St. Louis; and
Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges.

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

I appear on behalf of the 22nd Judicial Circuit Public Information Committee as a speaker at neighborhood meetings throughout the City of St. Louis to offer the public information as to the role of the judiciary and answer questions citizens of the City of St. Louis may have regarding the judiciary. Formerly, I served on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM). I was the former chair of the Thomas Moore Society. In addition, I presently serve as a class representative on the De Smet Jesuit High School Alumni Board.

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

If yes, provide details:

I was elected to serve by the members of the Missouri Bar who reside in St. Louis to the 22nd Judicial Circuit Non-Partisan Nomination Committee. I served an unexpired term from 2002-2005. I was appointed to serve on the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee. I was appointed in 2008 to serve a four year term. I resigned the position upon my appointment to the bench.

I served as the Chairman for the Grievance Committee for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department from 1994 to 1996 and also served as a Hearing Officer for the City Public Safety Nuisance Maintenance Division.

I was appointed by the Board of Governors of the Missouri Bar to serve on the Client Security Fund Committee. I served from 2001 to 2006. I served as Chair in 2006. The Client Security Fund hears and adjudicates claims of aggrieved former clients of deceased, disabled and disbarred attorneys.

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:

N/A

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:

I authored a law journal article, "Hung Out to Dry," an Overview of the Federal Money Laundering Offenses. St. Louis Bar Journal, Fall of 1996.

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. **John A. Lally**
   Rhodes & Lally, LLC
   1401 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Suite 825
   St. Louis, Missouri 63144
   (314) 968-5577

2. **James G. Martin**
   Dowd Bennett, LLP
   7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1900
   St. Louis, Missouri 63105

3. **Robert J. Isaacson**
   Missouri Attorney General's Litigation Division Office
   Old Post Office Building
   815 Olive Street, Suite 200
   St. Louis, Missouri 63101
   (314) 340-7861

4. Herman Jimerson
Jimerson Law Firm, PC
225 South Meramec, Suite 508
Clayton, Missouri 63105

5. Marie Kenyon
Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry
100 North Tucker
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

25. State any additional data you deem relevant:

The last 22 months since my appointment as Associate Circuit Judge has been one of the most fulfilling experiences in my 27 years of practice of law. This opportunity has given me new insight and perspective as to the qualifications of a good jurist. As an Associate Circuit Judge and, by extension, a Circuit Judge, we have a real opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the people of the City of St. Louis and the State of Missouri. It was my goal and expectation to live up to and possibly enhance the reputation of the bench in the 22nd Judicial Circuit. It is my hope that I have effectively and expeditiously assisted to promote our legal system both for lawyers and non-lawyers. More importantly, it has been my intention that all individuals whether attorney, court staff, pro se litigants or jurors walk from my courtroom with the sensibility of respect and dignity.

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-Second 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.

I hereby certify that all my statements as made above are correct, and that if I am appointed to the office of 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 19, 2014

SIGNED:

CHRISTOPHER E. McGRAUGH

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Christopher E. McGraugh graduated with an undergraduate degree from St. Louis University in 1983 and received a Juris Doctoris from St. Louis University School of Law in 1987. Upon his admission to the Missouri bar, he began his legal career in the Missouri State Public Defender Office working in the St. Louis County Trial Division from 1987 to 1990. He was promoted to the Capital Litigation Division for the Eastern Division of Missouri as lead trial counsel for the Missouri Capital Litigation Unit in 1990 and remained there until 1992. From 1992 until his appointment, Judge McGraugh was a principal in the law firm of Leritz, Plunkert & Bruning, P.C. engaged in a civil, criminal and appellate practice. He was appointed as Associate Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit on November 8, 2012 by Governor Jeramiah "Jay" Nixon. Since his appointment, Judge McGraugh has presided over Associate Circuit and Circuit level cases in the areas of civil, equity and criminal matters.