

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

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

NAME: MICHAEL WARREN NOBLE



1. State your present principal occupation:

**DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER, 22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

2. Are you at least 25 years of age? **YES**

3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **46 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? **28 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:

**PATENT BAR BAR NUMBER: 55501**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 2004 (AGENT); JUNE 2005 (ATTORNEY)**

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **APRIL 2005**

**MISSOURI BAR NUMBER: 57093**

(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:

**UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY – WEST POINT, NY  
1988 – BS – GENERAL ENGINEERING, DEAN’S LIST**

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – SAINT LOUIS, MO  
2004 – JD – ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD – TRIAL ADVOCACY**

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.)

**UNITED STATES ARMY 1988-1992  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS OFFICER  
FIELD ARTILLERY FIRST LEUTENANT**

**DEKNATEL, INC 1992-1993  
SURGICAL SALES  
600 AIRPORT ROAD  
FALL RIVER, MA 02720**

**INFINITY BROADCASTING, WJFK 1993-1995  
RADIO SALES  
10800 MAIN STREET  
FAIRFAX, VA 22030**

**UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE 1996-2003  
COMPANY COMMANDER  
FIELD ARTILLERY CAPTAIN**

**SAINT LOUIS CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION 1995-1997  
SALES MANAGER  
211 NORTH BROADWAY  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102**

**BAYER PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP 1997-2001  
PHARMACEUTICAL SALES  
400 MORGAN LANE  
WEST HAVEN, CT 06516**

ARMSTRONG TEASDALE, LLC  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AGENT/ASSOCIATE  
1 METROPOLITAN SQUARE, SUITE 2600  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102

2001-2006

MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER  
1114 MARKET STREET, SUITE 602  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101

2006-2007

22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER  
1114 MARKET STREET, ROOM 526  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101

2007-PRESENT

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. 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 ATTACHMENT FOR DISCRIPTION OF DUTES**

10. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court? **NO**  
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.
11. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.

I have been a member of the legal community since 2001 when I accepted full-time employment at Armstrong Teasdale as a Patent Engineer. My duties were similar to those of a Patent Agent, assisting in the drafting of patent applications and amendments. After passing the patent bar while in law school, I became a Patent Agent. After passing the Missouri bar, I became a Patent Attorney and my duties increased to include preparation and prosecution of patent applications, amendments, and responses to office actions from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

During my final year of law school, I was fortunate to take Trial Advocacy with Criminal Defense Attorney Brad Kessler and Civil Attorney Thomas Stewart. I received the Academic Excellence Award in Trial Advocacy and earned a spot on the Trial Advocacy Team. The skills I gained as a result of this experience enabled me to enjoy great success as an Assistant Public Defender when I joined the Missouri State Public Defender's Office in 2006. I served more than 400 indigent citizens charged in criminal matters. I secured either not guilty verdicts or hung juries in eight out of twelve jury trials as first chair. I litigated all aspects of the cases through disposition at the trial court level and prepared the cases for appeal.

While working in the Public Defender's office, I was able to see the devastating effects that drugs and alcohol have on our society. I was appointed by the Court en Banc of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit as Drug Court Commissioner on October 1, 2007 and reappointed on October 1, 2011. I preside over three Adult Drug Court dockets, the Family Drug Court, and two Juvenile Drug Courts. I make daily decisions about the acceptance, promotion, and retention of participants as well as manage a ten person drug court team. During Family Drug Court, I make evidentiary rulings and findings of fact, and prepare orders regarding the physical and legal custody of children exposed to drugs and alcohol.

Throughout my tenure in the legal profession, I have worked to ensure public confidence in our justice system by making it accessible, providing a zealous defense, and honoring the rule of law. I am confident that my legal experience both in front of and on the bench has prepared me for the duties of an Associate Circuit Court Judge.

#### **CASES TRIED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF BECOMING DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER**

My tenure as a trial attorney at the Public Defender's office, I represented the defendant in the following jury trials as first chair:

**State of Missouri v. Chris A. Davis 22059-06960 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
July 2006**

The defendant was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. The jury returned a not guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Paula P. Bryant. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Berlin Madison.

**State of Missouri v. Otha Kyles 22069-02082 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
July 2006**

The defendant was charged with Domestic Assault. The jury returned a not guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Paula P. Bryant. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Alison Vunkannon.

**State of Missouri v. Marlon Graves 22069-02504 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
September 2006**

The defendant was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. The jury returned a guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Paula P. Bryant. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Berlin Madison.

**State of Missouri v. Sandra K. McGee 22069-02740 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
October 2006**

The defendant was charged with Property Damage. The jury returned a not guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Paula P. Bryant. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Scott Stork.

**State of Missouri v. Angela Mapp 22069-00023 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
December 2006**

The defendant was charged with Animal Neglect. The jury returned a not guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Paula P. Bryant. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Dan Finney.

**State of Missouri v. Keyona Martin 0622-CR00035 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
January 2007**

The defendant was charged with Assault. The jury returned a not guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Michael Stelzer. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Zachery Borawiak.

**State of Missouri v. Ike Buchanan 22059-00887 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
January 2007**

The defendant was charged with Trespass and Resisting Arrest. The jury returned not guilty verdicts on both counts. The trial judge was Hon. Michael Stelzer. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Jason Steinmeyer.

**State of Missouri v. Jahmel Carey 22059-00964 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
March 2007**

The defendant was charged with Assault. The jury returned a guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Michael Stelzer. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Jason Steinmeyer.

**State of Missouri v. Charles Miles 22069-00662 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
March 2007**

**The defendant was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. The jury returned a not guilty verdict. The trial judge was Hon. Michael Stelzer. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Jeff Coleman.**

**State of Missouri v. Roosevelt Thurman 22069-00023 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
May 2007**

**The defendant was charged with Domestic Assault. The jury was hung. The trial judge was Hon. Michael Stelzer. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Rachel Schwarzlose.**

**In the cases below I represented the defendant in a jury trial as second chair:**

**State of Missouri v. Gus Grady 22041-03766-01 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
September 2006**

**The defendant was charged with Sodomy, two counts of Assault 1<sup>st</sup>, Kidnapping, and Armed Criminal Action. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and he was sentenced to life in prison. The trial judge was Hon. Mark Neill. First chair was Asst. Public Defender Collette Lewis. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Mary Benninger.**

**State of Missouri v. Irving Hall 22051-00215-01 Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit  
August 2007**

**The defendant was charged with Murders 1<sup>st</sup>, Armed Criminal Action, and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty on Murders 1<sup>st</sup> and Armed Criminal Action and the prosecution dismissed the Unlawful Use of a Weapon. The trial judge was Hon. Edward Sweeney. First chair was Asst. Public Defender Lyn Ruess. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Dwight Warren.**

12. 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:

13. 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:

**NOBLE v. NOBLE**  
**983-01013**  
**DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> CIRCUIT COURT**  
**PETITION FOR DIVORCE FILED: MARCH 1998**  
**DIVORCE GRANTED: OCTOBER 1998**

14. 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:

15. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? **NO**

If yes, provide details:

16. 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? **NO**  
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? **NO**

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? **NO**  
If yes, provide details:

17. 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? **NO**

If yes, provide details:

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

**THE MISSOURI BAR**

**UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE (PATENT BAR)**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT – EASTERN DISTRICT**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS**

**MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS**

**BOARD MEMBER, 2008 – PRESENT**

**PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2009**

**PRESIDENT, 2010 – 2012**

**CONGRESS OF STATE DRUG COURT ASSOCIATIONS**

**PERINATAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**SEN. McCASKILL**

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

**THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE**

**SIGMA PI PHI FRATERNITY, ETA BOULE**

**SKINKER DEBALIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**VICE-PRESIDENT, 2010-2012**



23. 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:

**KYMBERLY SMITH JACKSON, ESQ**  
**MANAGING PARTNER**  
THE PHOENIX LAW FIRM  
1425 K STREET NW, SUITE 350  
WASHINGTON D.C. 2005  
202.603.4242

**THOMAS L. STEWART, ESQ**  
**PROFESSOR, DIRECTOR OF TRIAL ADVOCACY**  
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW  
3700 LINDELL BOULEVARD  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63108  
314.997.4271

**JOHN S. BEULICK, ESQ**  
**PARTNER**  
ARMSTRONG TEASDALE LLP  
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SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102  
314.621.5070 EXT. 7426

**CHRIS FAERBER, ESQ**  
**CONTRACT BREWING MANAGER**  
SCHLAFY, THE SAINT LOUIS BREWERY  
2100 LOCUST AVE  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63103  
314-.452.8218

**M. KEITHLY WILLIAMS, ESQ**  
**DRUG COURT ADMINISTRATOR**  
22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DRUG COURT  
1114 MARKET ST  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101  
314.622-4924

24. State any additional data you deem relevant:

**Judicial related activities:**

- Presenter, Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP) Annual Training Conference, "RANT Pilots," Lake of the Ozarks, 2012**
- Presenter, Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention Committee Symposium, "Building a Better System of Care to Prevent Substance Exposed Infants," Richmond Heights, 2011**
- Presenter, MADCP Best Practices Training, "Eligibility Criteria," Frontenac, 2010**
- Panelist, MADCP Annual Training Conference, "Best Practice for Drug Courts," Lake of the Ozarks, 2010**
- Presenter, MADCP Annual Training Conference, "Due Process Concerns in Drug Court Practices," Lake of the Ozarks, 2010**
- Panelist, MADCP Annual Training Conference, "Ethics in Drug Court Practices," Lake of the Ozarks, 2010**
- Panelist, Urban League/STMPD, "Vashon Youth/Gang Summit," St. Louis, 2010**
- Panelist, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), "Youth Town Hall," Clayton, 2009**
- Presenter, 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Family court – Juvenile Division, "Multidisciplinary Training for Child Abuse/Neglect Cases," St. Louis, 2008**
- Participant, Office of State Courts Administrator, "New Judge Orientation," Jefferson City, 2008**
- Participant, National Drug Court Institute, "Comprehensive Drug Court Judicial Training," Annapolis, 2007**

**ATTACHMENT  
QUESTION 9**

**As the DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER for the 22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT since 2007 my duties have been:**

- preside over three Adult Drug Court dockets at the Carnahan Courthouse on Market Street;
- preside over the Family Drug Court and two Juvenile Drug Courts at the Family Court – Juvenile Division Courthouse on North Vandeventer;
- preside over frequent status hearings during the initial phases of each participant’s program to establish and reinforce the drug courts policies, ensure effective supervision of each drug court participant, give the participant a sense of how he or she is doing in relation to others, solicit information regarding participant’s progress from every team member in attendance;
- presides over a significant number of drug court participants at a single session in order to educate both the offender at the bench and those waiting as to the benefits of program compliance and consequences for noncompliance;
- assume a leadership position, effectively lead the team and assume ultimate authority and responsibility for team decisions, while promoting a productive work environment where each team member can participate without fear, regularly review protocols and procedures to assure there continued applicability, effectiveness, and utilization;
- lead the team to educate other members of the criminal justice system and the community on program goals and standards, act as a mediator to develop and maintain resources and improve interagency linkages, act as a spokes person for drug court at various community events;
- oversee the integrity of drug court program through quality assurance; disseminates information about drug court as frequently as possible;
- supervises payment of fees, fines, and/or restitution as a part of participant’s treatment. The judge supervises such payments and takes into account the participant’s financial ability to fulfill these obligations and ensure that no one is denied participation in drug court solely because of inability to pay fees, fines, or restitution;
- acquire a general knowledge of addiction, alcoholism, and pharmacology and apply that knowledge to respond to compliance issues in a therapeutically appropriate manner, and
- assist in collection of data regarding the drug courts impact on offender population, request and review process evaluation, ensure to reference original goals and objective when doing so, request and review outcome data, share positive information and address negative information resulting there from.

## **RELEASE**

**Commissioner Michael W. Noble – Commissioner Noble was raised in Saint Louis and graduated from Saint Louis University High School in 1984. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1988 and his Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law in 2004. He worked as a Patent Attorney for Armstrong Teasdale and an Assistant Public Defender in Saint Louis City. In 2007, Commissioner Noble was appointed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court en Banc to Drug Court Commissioner and reappointed in 2011. He resides in the Central West End with his wife and two children.**