

TWENTY-SECOND CIRCUIT - CITY OF ST. LOUIS  
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE



Revised April 2008

Information required by the Twenty-Second Circuit Judicial Commission on lawyers under consideration for nomination, in accordance with Const. of 1945, Art. V. Sec. 21, as amended January 2, 1979.

1. Full name: **MICHAEL WARREN NOBLE**
  
2. Place and date of birth: **DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA (AMERICAN BORN ABROAD)**  
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
  
3. Residence address: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]
  
4. Is such residence address within the City of St. Louis? **YES**
  
5. Present principal occupation or title: **DRUG COURT COMMISSIONER**
  
6. Business address  
Phone:  
Fax:
  
7. Give the branch and dates of (a) military service, if any, or (b) other similar public service not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged, state the type of discharge received. If such service continues, so state:  
**UNITED STATES ARMY – 1988-1992 – HONORABLE**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE – 1996-2003 – HONORABLE**

8. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **42 YEARS**  
(b) How long have you been a resident of the City of St. Louis? **29 YEARS**  
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? **24 YEARS**

9. Are you now duly licensed to practice law in Missouri? **YES**

List any other states in which you are licensed as an attorney:

**PATENT BAR**

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

**BAR NUMBER: 55501**

10. Date admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **APRIL 2005**

Bar Number: **57093**

(In completing items 11 and 12, please account for all time periods between prelaw education and the date of this application.)

11. 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**

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – SAINT LOUIS, MO  
2004 – JD**

12. 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 – NUCLEAR WEAPONS OFFICER  
FIELD ARTILLERY FIRST LEUTENANT** **1988-1992**

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

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

UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE - COMPANY COMMANDER FIELD ARTILLERY CAPTAIN	1996-2003
SAINT LOUIS CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMM. – MANAGER 211 NORTH BROADWAY SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102	1995-1997
BAYER PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP – SALES 400 MORGAN LANE WEST HAVEN, CT 06516	1997-2001
ARMSTRONG TEASDALE, LLC – IP ASSOCIATE 1 METROPOLITAN SQUARE, SUITE 2600 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102	2001-2006
MO 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 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63101	2007-PRESENT

13. Affiliations outside the legal profession:

**THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE  
SIGMA PI PHI FRATERNITY, ETA BOULE**

14. Do you suffer from any health condition that would affect your ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court any where in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, or expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? If yes, please explain: **NO**

(a) Are you aware of any condition that will restrict your performance of the duties of the position for which you seek appointment? If your answer is yes, what reasonable accommodations do you need to perform the duties of the position? **NO**

15. Please attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Please 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. Please indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one-three sentence description of each case and its outcome. **SEE ATTACHMENT**

16. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court? **NO**

If so, please attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

17. Please 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. I assisted in the drafting of patent applications and amendments. After passing the patent bar while in law school, I became a Patent Agent and then a Patent Attorney after I passed the Missouri bar. My duties were 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. I was able to use the skills they taught me as an Assistant Public Defender. I defended indigent citizens charged in criminal matters with great success. I secured either not guilty verdicts or hung juries in eight out of twelve jury trials as first chair.

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. I preside over an Adult Drug Court docket, 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.

18. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? **NO**

If so, give details:

19. Have you ever been sued by a client? **NO**

If so, give particulars:

20. Have you ever been a party to any litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? **YES**

If so, give particulars, including the style of each such case and the case number, name of each court that considered such litigation and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and the approximate year 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**

21. 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 so, give particulars:

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

If so, give particulars:

23. If you are now or were heretofore 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 so, please state the nature of such breach for which you were so disciplined, the date such discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of such 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 so, please state the particulars, including date such order was made, the date of your consent, and specify the conduct from which you were ordered to cease and desist:

- (c) Whether you now are or have ever 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 so, please state the particulars: **NO**

24. Are you now or have you ever been under investigation by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? **NO**

If so, give particulars:

25. 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  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS**

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

If so, give details:

**SUPREME COURT ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT COURTS COMMITTEE:  
APRIL 2008 - CURRENT**

**Appointed April 2008 by Chief Justice Laura Denvir Stith. Currently serving on the committee with other commissioners and judges across the state to discuss issues/concerns regarding the effective use of alternative treatment courts.**

27. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received: **N/A**

28. You are requested to 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:

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**DIRECTOR, TECHNICAL SERVICES**  
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29. Please state any additional data deemed relevant:

By my signature to this form, I authorize the Commission by its Chairperson to make whatever inquiries and receive whatever information it shall desire with respect to my medical, police or disciplinary records, with the understanding such information is available only to the members of the Twenty-Second Judicial Commission presently serving or hereinafter named to such office. 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.

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 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: 9/15/08

SIGNED: 

**ATTACHMENT  
QUESTION 15**

**In the cases below I represented the defendant in a jury trial 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 Buchannan 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>, 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. 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. The opposing counsel was Asst. Circuit Attorney Dwight Warren.**

## **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. He resides in the Central West End with his two children.**

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COL James P. Carroll, US Army Reserve  
5878 Delor Street  
St. Louis MO 63109

Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker  
Missouri Court of Appeals  
815 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

September 19, 2008

Madam Judge:

I wish to take this opportunity to heartily recommend Drug Court Commissioner Michael W. Noble for Associate Circuit Judge.

I have known Comm. Noble since 1996 when I had the opportunity to be both his superior officer and mentor in the U.S. Army Reserve. Comm. Noble demonstrated to me the character and dedication that is the hallmark of a U.S. Army Officer, as well as a sense of patriotism and leadership. His enthusiasm and character were an inspiration to subordinates and superiors alike. He never shied away from increased responsibility, culminating in his being selected as a Company Commander. Comm. Noble was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his efforts and unswerving loyalty to his command and the U. S. Army.

During his tenure as Commander, his unit excelled in all rated areas, a direct reflection on his leadership. His Soldiers continually strived for excellence as a way to emulate him and the fine example that he set. His judgment, integrity, and devotion were inspiring to his troops, causing them to continually excel. He was a truly positive influence on more than 200 U.S. Army Soldiers.

Comm. Noble demonstrated to me personally, and to the U.S. Army Reserve, a calm deliberative manner when making decisions. He was able to weigh options despite higher headquarters pressure and the general background noise that accompanies many U.S. Army exercises.

Comm. Noble sets the example for selfless service and dedication to the nation. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Comm. Noble for Associate Circuit Judge.

Regards,



James P. Carroll



October 6, 2008

The Honorable Nanette A. Baker  
Chief Judge  
Missouri Court of Appeals  
Eastern District  
815 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

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Re: Application of Michael Warren Noble for Associate Circuit Judgeship

Dear Judge Baker:

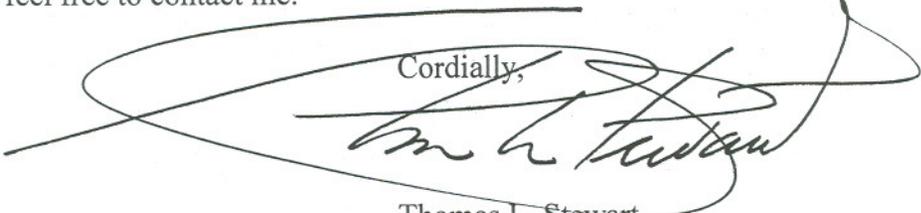
Please accept this letter in support of the application of Michael Noble for Associate Circuit Judge for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Association.

I had the privilege of instructing Michael in the *Trial Advocacy* program at St. Louis University School of Law and serving since that time as a mentor of sorts. Setting aside Mr. Noble's judgment in the selection of a mentor, I can state without reservation that Michael is an extraordinary man with a varied and exceptional educational and work background. Not many folks leave the comfortable confines of Armstrong Teasdale to do a stint with the public defender's office. When Michael told me of this move I was somewhat surprised except when I considered his penchant for public service and burning desire to obtain experience in the courtroom.

I can, without reservation, state that Michael would make an exceptional addition to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit. Any litigant would be well served to appear in front of a Judge of his caliber.

If I can provide you with any additional information on Michael's application, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,



Thomas L. Stewart

Cc: Thomas E. Schwartz, Esq.  
Stephen Doss, Esq.  
Mary Anne Sedey, Esq.  
June Bosley Dabney-Gray, Esq.

Wayman F. Smith III

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October 8, 2008

The Honorable Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker  
Missouri Court of Appcals  
815 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

**Re: Michael Noble**

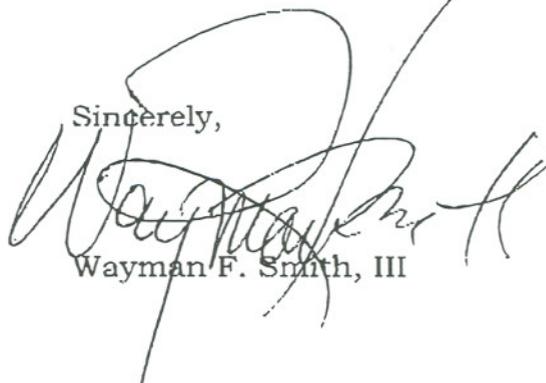
Dear Judge Baker:

I am both honored and pleased to write this letter to support Michael Noble's application to become an Associate Circuit Judge.

I have known Michael for his entire life. I have watched him grow and mature into an outstanding lawyer, Drug Court Commissioner, parent and citizen. He is a young man with excellent morals and character. He has the kind of temperament that would suit him well as a judge. He would be a real asset to the court.

I support his application with enthusiasm. I urge your support of this outstanding young man. His presence on the court will be a wonderful addition. I am proud to recommend him to you.

Sincerely,



Wayman F. Smith, III



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October 2, 2008

Chief Judge Nannette A. Baker  
Missouri Court of Appeals  
815 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

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**Re: Michael W. Noble**

Dear Chief Judge Baker:

I am pleased to submit this letter to recommend Michael W. Noble as an Associate Circuit Judge for the Twenty-Second Circuit – City of St. Louis.

I have known Mike since 2001, when he joined Armstrong Teasdale's Intellectual Property Group. He initially worked as a patent engineer, and then subsequently as a patent agent and a patent attorney. Mike's unique background, a West Point graduate with significant military and commercial experience, was extremely valuable to our group and clients. While at Armstrong Teasdale, Mike worked on securing patent protection on very sophisticated technology for some of the largest companies in the world. Notably, he also attended and graduated from law school while at Armstrong Teasdale. Mike always had a smile and an upbeat presence in the face of balancing the challenges and pressures of work, school, and family.

Mike left Armstrong Teasdale to become an assistant public defender. While his leaving was a real loss for the law firm, I admired his passion to work as a public defender and be in a court room. Just prior to leaving the Firm, Mike successfully secured the representation of a new and significant client, a major designer, developer, and manufacturer of military and commercial aircraft. I believe it is a strong testament to Mike's ability, integrity, and hard work that as a new associate, Mike secured this representation. I have not had any other new associate secure such a significant representation.

Having worked closely with Mike, I have no doubt that he possesses the capacity, balance, and perspective to serve as an Associate Circuit Judge. He will bring unique and valuable talents to our judiciary, as well as background and experiences that will serve him, and our community, well. Mike holds himself to high ethical standards, and works hard, always with integrity.



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If I can provide any additional information to the Commission, or if any of the Commissioners have any questions that I can answer, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. Beulick". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John S. Beulick

c: Mr. Stephen Doss  
Ms. Mary Anne Sedey  
Mr. Thomas Schwartz  
Ms. June Bosley Dabney-Gray