

SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
APPLICATION FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE



1. State your full name.

(Wanda) Ann Hansbrough

2. State your date and location of birth.

July 7,1960 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri

3. State your present occupation, place of work, and job title.

Member-Attorney-Law Office of Stout & Hansbrough, LLC

4. Provide the following information concerning your eligibility for the office of Circuit Judge:

(a) Are you at least thirty years of age? Yes

(b) Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? Yes

(c) Have you been a citizen of the United States for at least ten years ? Yes

(d) Have you been a resident of Platte County for at least one year?Yes

5. State whether you are able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a Circuit Judge, including the ability to preside over trials, conduct legal research and analysis, attend court anywhere in the State of Missouri, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court.

I am able to perform the essential functions, referenced above, of a Circuit Judge.

6. State the year of your admission to the Missouri Bar and whether your license is and always has been in good standing. If not, please explain.

I was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1985 and my license is now, and has always been, in good standing.

7. List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you have been licensed as an attorney, and state whether your license is and always has been in good standing.

I am admitted in the following additional jurisdictions, and my license in these jurisdictions has always been in good standing:

- **United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri**
- **United States District Court for the District of Kansas**
- **Supreme Court of Kansas (Kansas State Courts)**

8. Provide the following information for all colleges or universities, other than law schools, you have attended:

(a) Name and location of institution

- **University of Missouri-Columbia
Columbia, Missouri**

(b) Dates attended and degrees received

- **Attended University of Missouri-Columbia from 1978 to 1982**
- **Bachelor of Journalism (1982)**

(c) Significant activities, achievements, honors, and awards

- **University Scholar**
- **Legislative Intern for Senator Roger Wilson**
- **Member of Kappa Tau Alpha Journalism Honorary Fraternity**
- **Member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority**
- **Editor of University of Missouri Rush Book (1981)**

9. Provide the following information for all law schools you have attended:

(a) Name and location of law school

- **University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law
Columbia, Missouri**

(b) Dates attended and degrees received

- **Attended University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law from 1982 to 1985**
- **Juris Doctor (1985)**

(c) Significant activities, achievements, honors, and awards

- **Recipient of American Jurisprudence Award for Highest Grade in Torts II
(Winter 1983)**
- **Elected Vice-President/Member of Executive Council of Board of Governors
of Student Bar Association by the Student Body of University of Missouri
-Columbia School of Law (1984)**
- **Elected Secretary/Member of Executive Council of Board of Governors of
Student Bar Association by the Student Body of University of Missouri-**

Columbia School of Law (1983)

- **Elected First-Year Class Representative to Student Bar Association Board of Governors (1982)**
- **Dean's Honor List for University of Missouri School of Law**
- **Member Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity**
- **Co-Chairman of Student Bar Association – Student Division**

10. State whether you have ever been suspended or expelled as a student from any school or educational institution. If so, please explain.

I have never been suspended or expelled as a student from any school or educational institution.

11. List, in chronological order, all non-legal and legal employment you have held post-high school. Include the name and location of each employer, job title, dates of employment, and reason for termination of employment.

- **Belknap Drug Store (Poplar Bluff, Missouri) - Cashier and Pharmacy Technician**
 - **Summer 1978 and 1979; Christmas Break 1978 and 1979**
 - **Left employment to return to college**
- **City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri – Lifeguard at Municipal Pool**
 - **Summer 1978 (Part-Time)**
 - **Left employment to attend to college**
- **Westwood Hills Country Club (Poplar Bluff, Missouri) - Lifeguard**
 - **Summer 1979; 1980 (Part-Time)**
 - **Left employment to return to college**
- ***Daily American Republic* Newspaper (Poplar Bluff, Missouri) – Journalism Intern**
 - **Summer Internship through University of Missouri School of Journalism (1981)**
 - **Left employment to return to college**
- **Katy Station Restaurant – (Columbia, Missouri) - Waitress**
 - **Spring and Summer 1982**
 - **Left employment to begin law school**
- **Brown, Willbrand & Simon Law Firm (Columbia, Missouri) – Law Clerk**
 - **Part-Time – 1984-1985**
 - **Summer Intern – Full-Time (1984)**
 - **Left employment to accept employment in Kansas City, Missouri**

- **Swanson, Midgley, LLC**
 - **Positions Held:**
 - Associate (1985-1992)
 - Partner (1992–2004)
 - Managing Partner (1999-2003)
 - **First Woman Partner in Firm’s 112 year history**
 - **One of Three Managing Partners for Firm (1999 to 2003)**
 - **Director of Professional Development**
 - **Director of Facilities:**
 - **Supervision of office construction and details related to relocation of firm to Crown Center**
 - **Plan Administrator – Firm Retirement Plan**
 - **Founder and Director of Firm’s Volunteer Attorney Project**
 - **Broad Civil Trial Practice Experience:**
 - **Construction Litigation**
 - **Tort Litigation**
 - **Sports Litigation (Client: National Collegiate Athletic Association “NCAA”)**
 - Drug Testing
 - Tax Litigation
 - Not-for-Profit Issues
 - **Education Law (Park Hill School District)**
 - **Civil Rights Litigation**
 - **Fraud Litigation**
 - **Voluntarily left to begin new practice in Parkville, Missouri**
- **Law Offices of Stout & Hansbrough, LLC**
 - **Position: Member**
 - **2004 – Present**

12. Describe the nature and extent of your experience as a practicing attorney in the trial and appellate courts, and explain how such experience demonstrates the quality of your legal work.

The diverse nature of my experience as a practicing attorney for the past twenty-eight years has enhanced my ability to analyze cases, prioritize responsibilities and deal empathetically with my clients. As a young lawyer with the mid-size law firm of Swanson, Midgley, I was able to practice in several areas of law: from participating in high-level litigation for the NCAA; to assisting with corporate issues for the firm’s clients and handling smaller litigation matters at a young age. The nature of my appellate practice is also diverse, mirroring my litigation practice. The humbling process of reviewing trial transcripts, in preparation for appellate cases, helped me improve my advocacy skills as I could see where my representation was effective and learn to correct where it was not, thus enhancing the quality of my representation for the next client.

As an associate with a heavy case load at Swanson, Midgely, I learned to prioritize responsibilities and organize my obligations. My diligent work ethic and organizational skills resulted in my promotion to be the first female partner in the firm's one-hundred year history. Through excellent mentoring I received as a young trial lawyer at Swanson, Midgely, I learned to utilize my detail-oriented personality to carefully analyze every case at an early stage to begin preparation of the elements needed to support my client's position.

As I began to practice in the area of family law, I found myself empathizing with my clients as they were approaching a terrifying process addressing the most important issues in their life. I carefully studied each family individually and tried to create unique and creative methods to resolve their conflict. I am humbled every time a client vests me with that responsibility and work diligently to honor that trust. I also maintain my certification as a Guardian Ad Litem to enhance the quality of my legal services to my family law clients.

I believe the culmination of my legal experiences have resulted in my bringing the highest quality representation for my clients, in a personal and compassionate atmosphere. I also believe these qualities would translate seamlessly to enhance my service as a Circuit Judge if I were selected to serve in that capacity.

13. Provide a representative list of at least ten cases in which you served as the primary attorney at trial or an administrative hearing. The list should include the style of each case, court or administrative agency, identification of your client, and the nature and date of disposition.

Edward W. Thurston v. Popco, Inc. d/b/a Topsy's Popcorn Shoppe

- Client: Popco, Inc. d/b/a Topsy's Popcorn Shoppe
- Court: United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri (2001)
- Case Number: 98-6040-CV-SJ-8
- Opposing Counsel: Arthur A. Benson II of Arthur Benson & Associates

I served as first chair at this federal court jury trial in which Plaintiff, Edward W. Thurston, alleged he was denied service by Topsy's Popcorn due to his race in violation of the Federal Civil Rights Act. This case was tried before the Honorable Ortrie Smith. After a week long trial, the jury returned a defense verdict in favor of my client.

Calia and Byrd v. John Chezik Homerun, Inc. d/b/a John Chezik Honda

- Clients: John Calia, Ronald Byrd and Linda Byrd
- Court: Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri (1996)
- Case Number: CV-194-2569CC
- Opposing Counsel: Robert Luder (Ensz & Jester)

This was a jury trial with co-counsel (Bernard Brown); my participation was as second chair. We represented the plaintiffs in a suit for fraud and failure to disclose prior wreck damage to the used car they purchased from John Chezik Honda. Settlement was achieved just prior to the presentation of the closing argument.

Carlund Corporation v. Crown Center Redevelopment Corporation

- Client: Carlund Corporation
- Court: Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri (1989-1997)
- Case Number: CV90-0266
- Opposing Counsel: Peter Strand (Shook, Hardy & Bacon)
Greg Spies (Watson, Ess, Marshall & Enggas)
David Raymond (Blackwell, Saunders, Matheny, Weary & Lombardi)
Michael White (McDowell, Rice & Smith)

I served as second chair to Jim McLarney for initial two-week jury trial in the matter and assisted him with the Writ Application to the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District of Missouri concerning Carlund's corporate status in Missouri. I additionally assisted with the preparation for the second phase of the jury trial which settled just prior to the trial date. The case was initiated by subcontractor Carlund Corporation who filed a mechanic's lien alleging non-payment for participation in a cathodic protection project in the Crown Center Hotel Parking Garage. The case required extensive discovery regarding the cathodic protection process and involved an additional appeal to the Western District of Missouri on an issue by a secured lender for Carlund Corporation that claimed a right to intercept payments to Carlund's subcontractors. (Carlund Corporation and Capital Indemnity, Plaintiffs / Forest Lake State Bank, Appellant v. Crown Center Redevelopment and J.H. Mackay Electric, Defendants / W.P. Elgard Coproation, Respondent, 849 S.W. 2d 647 (Mo App. 1993)). These numerous legal proceedings explain the almost ten-year time span of the case. Our client, Carlund Corporation, was paid a compromise figure for its services just prior to second phase of jury trial.

Robbie A. Alberswerth v. Theresa L. Alberswerth

- Client: Robbie A. Alberswerth
- Court: Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri (2002)
- Case Number: 15V010100435
- Opposing Counsel: Scott Hamilton (Lexington, Missouri)
Weldon "Chip" Perry, Jr. (Lexington, Missouri)

I served as first chair of this lengthy custody trial representing businessman father requesting sole legal custody of his two children in lieu of their mother, an elementary school teacher. The Court found that my client was the appropriate party to have sole legal custody of the minor children.

Carolyn Reid Bond v. Christopher Samuel Bond

- Client: Carolyn Reid Bond
- Court: Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri (2003)
- Case Number: CV194-326DR
- Opposing Counsel: Louis J. Leonatti of Leonatti & Baker (Mexico, Missouri)

I served as first chair in this modification proceeding filed by my client, Carolyn Bond, requesting an increase in her maintenance due to substantial and continuing changes of circumstance which had arisen since the date of the parties' dissolution of marriage. One of the challenges of this case was to avoid being intimidated by the Respondent's photo (Senator Bond) hanging in the hallway just outside the courtroom. The trial court found that Carolyn Bond was entitled to an increase in her maintenance award. Although I don't recall a Motion to seal this file, this case is not accessible through Case Net.

Mary ("Margaret") Steele v. Allen E. Steele

- Client: Mary ("Margaret") Steele
- Court: Circuit Court of Platte County, Missouri (2009)
- Case Number: 08AE-CV02343
- Opposing Counsel: Gregory Harrison

I served as first chair in this dissolution of marriage trial before the Honorable Daniel Czamanske regarding custody and parenting time with the children. My client was awarded primary residency of the children and recovery of attorney fees in that action. The matter was appealed by Allen Steele but the trial court's determination was affirmed by The Western District Court of Appeals.

Neumann v. Fessler

- **Client:** Debora Neumann
- **Court:** Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri (1992)
- **Case Number:** CV-191-007717 DR
- **Opposing Counsel:** Stephen Crain (Crain & Fluker)
- **Guardian Ad Litem:** Peter Schloss (Shull, Norris, Beeman & Schloss)

I served as first chair of multiple-day child custody trial. I represented a bulimic mother who (while hospitalized) had given the children to their father, who then moved with the children from Texas to Missouri. A bench determination by the Honorable James Welsh resulted in the two daughters being sent to live with my client in State of Florida. This favorable result achieved for client was despite adverse recommendation by the Guardian Ad Litem.

Elizabeth A. Mann v. Mark E. Mann

- **Client:** Mark E. Mann
- **Court:** District Court of Johnson County, Kansas (2002)
- **Case Number:** 00CV0062
- **Opposing Counsel:** Donna Manning (Olathe, Kansas)

I served as first chair in this divorce proceeding in which the Petitioner, Elizabeth A. Mann, requested the opportunity to move to St. Louis with the two minor children. After two years of discovery and expert evaluations, the trial resulted in a determination in favor of my client, Mark E. Mann, requiring that the children remain in the Johnson County, Kansas area.

Karl Arthur Bauer v. Heather Burdette

- **Client:** Heather Burdette
- **Court:** Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri (2011)
- **Case Number:** 07CY-CV04113
- **Opposing Counsel:** Larry Buccero
- **Guardian Ad Litem:** Jennifer S. Wagner

I served as first chair in this multiple-day bench trial. The case was filed by the father of the minor child requesting the Court's prohibition of a move by my client with the minor child to the State of Arkansas. Despite what all observers considered a "close call", the Court ruled that the minor child could not move from Missouri.

John O'Hara and Michael O'Hara v. O'Hara Painting Company

- Client: John OHara and Michael O'Hara
- Administrative Agencies: Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation; and
Kansas Division of Workers' Compensation (2000)

I served as first chair of this trial before both the Missouri and Kansas Division of Workers' Compensation on behalf of John and Michael O'Hara. (When the case was initiated, a partner at Swanson, Midgley was lead counsel but he later resigned from the firm leaving the case with me for resolution.) The O'Hara brothers were painting in an attic when an explosion caused life-threatening injuries to John O'Hara, with severe burns to both John and Michael O'Hara. The trial resulted in a total disability determination for John O'Hara and partial disability determination for Michael O'Hara. Due to an alleged lapse in the insurance policy for non-payment of premium by the employer, there were significant legal issues in the proceeding, in addition to the issue of injuries to the Claimants.

Although the following cases were resolved prior to trial, there are unique aspects to each that merit consideration by the Committee:

In Re the Marriage of Elizabeth Fields Cleveland and Carl S. Cleveland III

- Client: Carl S. Cleveland
- Court: Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri (2001)
- Case Number: 00-FC-206533 (Case was sealed due to proprietary information regarding the college.)
- Opposing Counsel: Robert J. Paden, Jr. of The Paden Law Offices
Thomas V. Bender and Megan Thornberry of Waters, Bender, Strohbehn & Vaugan.

This was a dissolution proceeding in which I represented Dr. Carl Cleveland, the grandson of the founder of Cleveland Chiropractic College. The most significant and cumbersome portion of the case was segregating the non-marital from the marital portion of the parties' property and addressing both parties' contribution to enhancement of the college. Through my diligent work to categorize the assets, a resolution of the case was achieved without the necessity of what would have been a lengthy trial. Due to the confidential nature of information regarding the college, the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri agreed to seal the file.

Jason W. Grubb v. Stephanie J. Seiler-Grubb

- Client: Stephanie J. Seiler-Grubb
- Court: Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri (2006)
- Case Number: 06CY-CV04144
- Opposing Counsel: Nathalie Elliott of Levy & Craig

The significant aspect of this dissolution of marriage case was that it was resolved using “collaborative law”. That innovative method amicably resolved a case involving both custody of two young children and the valuation and division of the family business.

Jennifer Jeffrey v. Cody Hill

- Client: Jennifer Jeffrey
- Opposing Counsel: Thomas Ruane of Polsinelli, Shughart
- Date: June 2013

I participated in preparation of a prenuptial agreement for the son of the Dearborn lottery winners in anticipation of his marriage to girlfriend, Jennifer Jeffrey. I represented Jennifer Jeffrey in this procedure. The process involved several meetings with Ms. Jeffrey and negotiations with opposing counsel to create a fair resolution for both parties. The agreement was drafted, finalized and signed within a very short time-frame.

14. If you have appellate experience, provide a representative list of cases in which you served as the primary attorney on appeal. The list should include the style of each case, appellate court or administrative agency, identification of your client, and the nature and date of disposition.

National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”) v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue

- Client: National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”)
- Court: United States Court of Appeals – Tenth Circuit (1990)
- Case Number: 89-9005 (Written Opinion at 914 F.2d 1417)
- Opposing Counsel: Gary R. Allen, Robert S. Pomerance, Bruce R. Ellison; United States Department of Justice – Tax Division

My participation in this case began following an adverse determination for the NCAA by the United States Tax Court. I prepared the brief and formulated the argument which caused the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit to reverse the determination by the United States Tax Court. The issue before the Court was whether the promotional notices appearing in the NCAA's program for the Men's Final Four Basketball Tournament generated unrelated business taxable income. The Internal Revenue Service was so upset with the determination by the Tenth Circuit, they placed the following exception the Regulations related to unrelated business taxable Income (IRC§ 512(b)(2)).

IRS won't acquiesce in the 10th Cir holding in National Collegiate Athletic Assn., above. IRS asserted that time span of advertising activity should include time soliciting and preparing advertisements for publication, and so disagreed with 10th Cir conclusion that preparatory time shouldn't be considered. (AOD 91-015, 7/3/91)

Although the IRS issued the above statement regarding the outcome of this case, it chose not to appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court. Several years after the Tenth Circuit determination, we received a call from the IRS Office in Washington DC. The General Counsel for the IRS at the time of this case was tired and retiring and we were told that this case was his greatest frustration. They asked if we could send them something from the case that they could use at their "Roast" for his retirement; we sent them the Final Four Basketball Program that was marked as an exhibit in the case.

Phelan v. The Honorable Elizabeth Davis

- Client: Richard Phelan (Relator)
- Court: Missouri Court of Appeals – Western District (1998)
- Case Number: WD 54671 (Written Opinion at 965 S.W. 2d 886)
- Opposing Counsel: Jeffrey Bay (Van Osdol, Magruder, Erickson & Redmond)

I served as lead attorney in this Preliminary Writ of Prohibition proceeding which was made permanent against the Honorable Elizabeth Davis of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri. The issue before the Court was personal and subject matter jurisdiction with regard to dissolution of marriage proceeding in Missouri.

Robbie Arthur Alberswerth, Respondent v. Theresa Leann Alberswerth, Appellant

- Client: Robbie Arthur Alberswerth
- Court: Missouri Court of Appeals - Western District (2006)
- Case Number: WD65322 (Written Opinion at 184 S.W. ed 81)
- Opposing Counsel: Weldon "Chip" Perry, Jr. (Lexington, Missouri)

I served as lead counsel in this appeal of a modification determination tried before the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri in 2005 in which my client, Robbie Alberswerth, again secured sole legal custody of his minor children. On appeal, Theresa Alberswerth raised four issues: the need for statutory factors to be detailed in the custody Judgment; custody; the determination that all guardian ad litem fees be paid by Theresa Alberswerth; the award of attorneys' fees in favor of Robbie Alberswerth; and an issue regarding expert testimony admitted as evidence in the trial. The Court affirmed the award of guardian ad litem fees and expert witness issue and remanded the case for the Court to supplement the Judgment with statutory details regarding the custody determination and for further financial evidence in support of the attorneys' fee award in favor of Robbie Alberswerth.

Carolyn Reid Bond, Appellant v. Christopher Samuel Bond, Respondent

- Client: Carolyn Reid Bond
- Court: Missouri Court of Appeals - Eastern District (2003)
- Case Number: ED81747

I served as lead counsel in this appeal following a trial before the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri. The Judgment by the trial court was that Carolyn Reid Bond was entitled to an increase in her maintenance award granted at the time of her dissolution of marriage from Christopher Samuel Bond. The appellate issue raised by Carolyn Bond was that a more substantial increase in her maintenance was established by the evidence at trial. The trial court's determination was affirmed on appeal.

Mary ("Margaret") Steele v. Allen E. Steele

- Client: Mary ("Margaret") Steele
- Court: Missouri Court of Appeals - Western District (2010)
- Case Number: WD71936
- Opposing Counsel: Gregory Harrison

Allen Steele appealed the trial court's determination regarding custodial issues for the children and the award of attorneys' fees. I served as lead counsel on behalf of Margaret Steele. The Judgment was affirmed by the Appellate Court in favor of Margaret Steele.

State ex rel. Carlund Corporation v. The Honorable William F. Mauer

- Client: Carlund Corporation
- Court: Missouri Court of Appeals - Western District (1993)
- Case Number: WD 46833 (Written Opinion at 850 S.W. 2d 357)
- Opposing Counsel: Peter Strand (Shook, Hardy & Bacon)
Greg Spies (Watson, Ess, Marshall & Enggas)
David Raymond (Blackwell, Saunders, Matheny, Weary & Lombardi)
Michael White (McDowell, Rice & Smith)

This was a Writ of Prohibition action filed by our client, Carlund Corporation, seeking the appellate court's order prohibiting enforcement of the order by the Honorable William F. Mauer (Judge in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri) staying Carlund's affirmative claims in the pending lawsuit regarding the Crown Center Hotel Parking Garage project. Jim McLarney served as lead counsel and I assisted with the Writ application. We were successful in having the stay lifted so Carlund could proceed with its affirmative claims.

15. If you are serving or have served in a judicial capacity, describe the nature and extent of your judicial responsibilities, the types of dockets handled, and any special expertise developed.

I have not served in a judicial capacity.

16. If you are serving or have served in a judicial capacity, provide a representative list of at least ten cases over which you have presided to completion. The list should include the style of each case and the nature and date of disposition.

Not Applicable

17. If you do not have significant experience in litigation or in a judicial capacity, describe any other legal experience or accomplishments in the legal profession that may qualify you to serve in the office of Circuit Judge.

Not Applicable

18. List all bar associations and law-related organizations of which you are or have been a member, with any offices held and dates of membership.

- **Member Platte County Bar Association (1994-Present)**
- **Secretary – Platte County Bar Association (2013)**
- **Treasurer – Platte County Bar Association (2012)**
- **Member Association of Woman Lawyers (1985-Present)**

- Volunteer – Judge for Missouri State High School Mock Trial Competition (2013)
- Member of Missouri Bar Association (1985-Present)
 - Committee Memberships:
 - Law Firm Management (1999-2003)
 - Family Law (1990-Present)
- Member Lawyer’s Association of Kansas City (1985-1994)
- Editor of Lawyer’s Association Newsletter, The Advance Sheet,(1989-1990); (1986-1987)
- Steering Committee Co-Chairman for Lawyer’s Association Participation in Kansas City Corporate Challenge (1988-1989); (1987-1988)
- Program Committee: Lawyer’s Association of Kansas City (1988-1989); (1987-1988)
- Event Coordinator for Lawyer’s Association Participation in Kansas City Corporate Challenge (1989-1990); 1987-1988); (1985-1986)
- Public Service Committee Member for Lawyer’s Association–Young Lawyer’s Section (1986-1998)
- Member of Lawyer’s Association– Young Lawyer’s Section (1986-1996)
- Member of Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (1985-2005)
 - Committee Memberships:
 - Family Law
 - Women in the Profession
 - CLE Subcommittee for the “Women in the Profession”
- Member of American Bar Association (1990-2005)
 - Committee Memberships:
 - Family Law
- Member of Kansas Bar Association (1994-2004)

19. List any published articles or books you have authored and any significant programs or events for which you served as a primary speaker.

I have served as a speaker at family law seminars and prepared accompanying articles for those presentations. I additionally prepared a handbook for the Gardner School District entitled: *What to do when Irreconcilable Differences Invade the Classroom.*

20. Do you now or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? If so, please explain.

I have never held an elected or appointed public office.

21. Provide the branches and dates of any military service or other public service not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, state whether the discharge was other than honorable.

I have not served in the military or other public service.

22. Describe your community and volunteer service activities, including any organizations (outside the legal profession) with which you are affiliated and any offices held.

- **Member: Harvest Ball Society – Charitable Fundraising**
- **Board Member: Park Hill South High School Booster Club (Girls' Basketball) (2006-Present)**
- **Fundraising Director: Park Hill South Booster Club (2012-2013)**
- **Director: Holiday Hoops Youth Basketball Tournament (Fundraiser for Park Hill South) (2007 to 2011)**
- **Member: Grade Card Subcommittee: Park Hill School District (2004-2005)**
- **Sponsor - Junior Assembly Northland (2007 to 2010); (2013–Present)**
- **Adult Volunteer with Park Hill South High School Student Council (2008-Present)**
- **Member of Platte Woods United Methodist Church**
- **Graduate of First Leadership Northland Class (Kansas City Northland Chamber of Commerce)**
- **Delta Delta Delta Sorority Alumni Association (1985-Present)**
- **Member Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (2000-2004)**
 - **Kansas City International Airport Committee**
 - **Member of “Airport Report Card” Subcommittee**
 - **Member University of Missouri Alumni Association**
- **Board Member – Riss Lake Neighborhood Swim Team (2004-2007)**
 - **Vice President (2005-2007)**
 - **Volunteer of the Year (2005)**
- **Board Member – Vice-President – North Lakes' Homes Association**

23. List any significant honors or awards you have received that otherwise have not been covered in this application.

- **Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers – Peer Review Selected Top 5% of Women Lawyers (2011-2013)**
- **Board Member – United Security Insurance (2010-Present)**
 - **Vice Chairman of the Board**
 - **Chairman: Compensation Committee**
- **AV Preeminent Rating – Martindale-Hubbell (2000-Present)**
- **Selected as “Super Lawyer” for Missouri (2008-2011)**
- **Selected as “Super Lawyer” for Kansas (2008-2011)**
- **Board Member “Meritas Law Firms Worldwide” (2000-2003)**
 - **Organization of 6500 Attorneys in 60 countries**
 - **Served Three-Year Term with Twenty International Board Members**
 - **Chairman: “Women in the Profession” Committee**
- **Author: *What to do when Irreconcilable Differences Invade the Classroom; A Guide for the Gardner School District.***
- **Volunteer Service Award from Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association**
- **Nominated by Johnson County, Kansas Judiciary for Membership in**

“Kansas Inn of Court”

- Winner of “I Supply” Award from General Electric Supply for Construction Litigation

24. Are you delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes? If so, please explain.

I am not delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes.

25. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or received a suspended imposition of sentence in any federal, state, or military court? If so, please explain and provide the style of the case (including case number), the court, the date of the conviction, and the sentence or fine imposed.

I have never been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or received a suspended imposition of sentence from any court.

26. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? If so, please explain.

I have never been held in contempt of Court.

27. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any litigation, other than as a guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem, or defendant ad litem? If so, please explain and provide the style of each case, the court, your role as plaintiff or defendant, and the nature and date of disposition.

I have never been sued by a client nor have I ever had a complaint made against me by a client.

I have been a named plaintiff in two cases, both involving property damage to my home.

David C. Stout and W. Ann Hansbrough v. Stewart’s Tree Mend Us Tree Care

Case Number: 05AE-CV02331 (2005)
Court: Circuit Court of Platte County, Missouri

In this case, my husband and I filed this action against a tree company that, when removing a tree from our neighbor’s yard, destroyed our air conditioning unit when the tree fell on the unit. The case was resolved soon after the tree company’s insurance company was notified of the lawsuit.

David C. Stout and W. Ann Hansbrough v. Whirlpool Corporation

Case Number: 7CV196008407 (1997)
Court: Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri

In this subrogation case, my husband and I were the named plaintiffs in this action filed by our homeowner's insurance company to recover damages they paid to repair our home after a malfunctioning Whirlpool washing machine flooded our home. Neither my husband nor I had any active participation in the case and to the best of my knowledge; the matter was settled by our homeowner's insurance company with Whirlpool.

28. 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 so, please explain.

I have never been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by any court or bar association.

29. 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 so, explain the details of such breach and the date, 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 so, explain the details of such cause and the date and nature of the discipline imposed.
 - (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you are the subject of a complaint that is currently under investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline. If so, explain that nature of such complaint and the status of the investigation.

Not applicable.

30. Provide any additional information that you consider relevant to your qualifications for the office of Circuit Judge.

An aspect of my life experiences that enhances my ability to empathize with potential criminal victims is that I have been a victim of violent crime and just recently endured the horror of one of my daughters being the victim of a violent attack. My experience was in 1989 when I was the victim of a "bump and rob" on the highway when driving home late from the office. Thankfully, I was able to keep

the attacker out of my car and escape with only a bloodied face and torn clothing. The same perpetrator killed a woman just two nights after my attack. In my daughter's encounter, she and her boyfriend were attacked by a gang in St. Louis in February of 2013 when they were walking across a city street at 6:00pm in the evening. The St. Louis Police were familiar with the style of attack and characterized it as a "gang initiation". I believe these life experiences put me in the unique position of having genuine empathy for victims of violent crimes that might appear before me if I were selected to serve as Circuit Judge.

31. List the names and contact information (title, mailing address, telephone, and email address) of the **five** persons whom you have requested to provide letters of reference regarding your character and judicial qualifications. Do not list as a reference any judge who currently sits in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.
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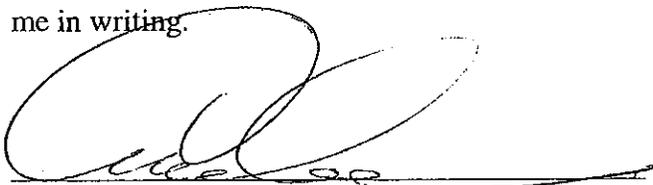
**CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

By my signature to this form, I certify that all statements made in my application for the office of Circuit Judge and attachments thereto are truthful and correct. I further certify that if I am nominated by the Sixth Circuit Judicial Commission and appointed to the office of Circuit Judge, I will accept the appointment and perform the duties of that office as provided by law.

By my signature to this form, I authorize: (1) the Commission, through its Chairperson, to obtain relevant information, including but not limited to documents, records, and files, with respect to my medical, law enforcement, 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. It is my understanding that the information obtained pursuant to this authorization shall be made available only to the members of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Commission and their staff as necessary to perform their duties.

Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10.28 (e), if I am one of the three nominees listed on the certificate of nomination sent to the Governor, I authorize the Commission to send a complete copy of this application to the Governor and publicly release a copy of the application with personal and confidential information redacted as identified on the cover page of this application.

This certification and authorization shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by me in writing.



Signature of Applicant

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