

**APPLICATION OF ROBIN RANSOM VANNOY**

**TO THE APPELLATE JUDICIAL COMMISSION FOR THE  
JUDGE COHEN VACANCY  
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, EASTERN DISTRICT**

***RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS THERETO,  
WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS NOMINATED FOR THIS VACANCY***

1. Present principal occupation or title: Circuit Judge
  
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? Yes ( X ) No ( )
  
3. (a) How many years have you been a citizen of the United States? 48  
  
(b) How many consecutive years immediately preceding your application have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? 30
  
4. State the date you were admitted to The Missouri Bar and whether your license is in good standing. If not, explain in detail. April 17, 1992
  
5. List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney.  
None
  
6. (a) State the name and address of all colleges and universities attended, other than law school, together with the dates and degrees received.

St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus

- 5600 Oakland Avenue
- St. Louis, Missouri 63110
- Spring 1984, Summer 1985

- Received 13 credit hours (Attended evenings while in Junior Year of high school and Summer after high school graduation)

Saint Louis University

- 221 North Grand Boulevard
- St. Louis, Missouri 63103
- Fall 1984 (Junior Yr. of High School; Honors History)
- Received 6 credit hours

University of Missouri – St. Louis

- One University Boulevard
- St. Louis, Missouri 63121
- Summer 1986 (Attended during Summer after Freshman year)
- Received 3 credit hours

Douglass College – Rutgers University

- 206 College Hall
- New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903
- August 1985 – May 1988
- Bachelor of Arts (Political Science & Sociology)

(b) List/describe any college or university activities, scholastic achievements and other awards or honors you think are relevant to the commission's decision.

None

7. (a) State the name and address of all law schools attended together with the dates and degrees received.

University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law

- 203 Hulston Hall
- Columbia, Missouri 65211
- August 1988 – May 1991
- Juris Doctor

(b) List/describe any law school activities, scholastic achievements and other awards or honors you think are relevant to the commission's decision.

None

8. State, in chronological order (starting with the earliest employment) (a) significant non-law-related employment prior to law school and (b) all employment from the beginning of law school to the present. To the extent reasonably available to you, include the name and address of each employer and the dates of employment, and, for legal employment, describe the positions you have held, e.g., associate, partner, law clerk, general counsel.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

- 1200 Clark Avenue
- St. Louis, Missouri 63103
- Data Processor
- June – August 1986

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

- 1200 Clark Avenue
- St. Louis, Missouri 63103
- Intern
- June – August 1988

Evans & Dixon LLC

- 211 N. Broadway, Unit 2500
- St. Louis, Missouri 63102
- Summer Law Clerk
- May – August 1989

Board of Education – City of St. Louis

- 801 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- St. Louis, Missouri 63101
- Substitute Teacher
- September – December 1991

St. Louis County Public Defender's Office

- 100 S. Central
- St. Louis, Missouri 63105
- Assistant Public Defender
- August 1992 – August 1995

University of Missouri – St. Louis Campus

- 8001 Natural Bridge
- St. Louis, MO 63121
- Adjunct Professor
- January – May 1993

St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

- 100 S. Central
- Clayton, Missouri 63105
- Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
- September 1995 – September 1996

St. Louis County Family Court

- 501 S. Brentwood Blvd.
- Clayton, Missouri 63105
- Staff Attorney
- October 1996 – December 2002

Family Court – Juvenile Division, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit

- 920 N. Vandeventer Boulevard
- St. Louis, MO 63108
- Family Court Commissioner
- December 27, 2002 – Present

22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit

- Civil Courts Building
- 10 North Tucker Boulevard
- St. Louis, MO 63101
- Circuit Judge

- September 11, 2008 – Present

9. If, as a student, you were suspended, placed on probation or expelled by school authorities for any reason, describe the circumstances.

N/A

10. Describe the nature of your experience in trial and appellate courts and explain how they demonstrate the quality of your legal work. *(You either may take as much space as you need here or attach your response on separate sheets. It is your responsibility to redact any confidential information.)* Include in your response:

- a) **Appellate Experience:** Please include a representative list of cases you have briefed and/or argued (if you are a judge, include representative cases from your practice prior to your judicial appointment) including, to the extent reasonably available to you, the style, date, and court and, if published, the citation; identify the client(s) you represented and opposing counsel; give a one-paragraph description of the case and your role. **SEE ATTACHED**
- b) **Trial-Level Experience:** Please include a representative list of cases and/or administrative hearings you have handled (if you are a judge, include representative cases from your practice prior to your judicial appointment) including, to the extent reasonably available to you, the style, date, and court; identify who you represented and opposing counsel; state whether the case was disposed of following a jury trial, bench trial or at what other stage; give a one-paragraph description of the case and your role. **SEE ATTACHED**
- c) **Judicial Experience:** If you are a judge, commissioner, or are serving or have served in other judicial capacity, please describe the nature and extent of your judicial responsibilities, including the dates you have served as a judge at each level, the types of dockets you have handled, and any special expertise you have developed that you believe is relevant to your qualifications for the position for which you are applying. **SEE ATTACHED**

QUESTION 10(a) APPELLATE EXPERIENCE:

(1) **State of Missouri v. Oscar L. Young, 869 S.W.2d 169 (Mo.App. E. D. 1993)**

In 1993, I represented the Defendant/Appellant Oscar Young in his appeal from a conviction of the Class C felony of Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and the felony of Armed Criminal Action, by preparing an appellate brief. The Court ruled on the basis of briefs submitted and there were no oral arguments.

Opposing Counsel: not known at this time

(2) **Long v. Seely, 975 S.W.2d 208, (Mo.App. E.D. 1998)**

Carol Long, Appellant/Intervenor, was the grandparent of two juveniles under the Family Court's Jurisdiction. The juveniles were in the legal and physical custody of the Division of Family Services. Ms. Long had sought to intervene in the custody case. The Family Court Commissioner denied Ms. Long's right to intervene and she appealed.

I wrote Arguments V & VI of Respondent's Brief. In addition, on June 10, 1998, I argued this case before Division III of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. The Court of Appeals held that the grandmother had standing to appeal as a party aggrieved and that the Division of Family Services and the Deputy Juvenile Officer failed to rebut the presumption that the grandmother had the right to intervene.

Opposing Counsel: Sarah Pleban

(3) **IN THE INTEREST OF M.M.H., C.E.C., J.C.C., & I.M.H., 16 S.W.3d 721 (Mo.App. E.D. 2000)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of Carolyn Howard. Ms. Howard, the biological mother of four juveniles, appealed the order of Commissioner Chester B. Hayes and Judge Melvyn Wiesman terminating her parental rights to the said minor children. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision of termination.

Opposing Counsel: John Bird

QUESTION 10(a) APPELLATE EXPERIENCE CONTINUED:

(4) **IN THE INTEREST OF A. M., 39 S.W.3d 556 (Mo.App. E.D. 2001)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural mother Karen McClain. The court, after finding that the natural mother placed the minor child at risk of physical harm on more than one occasion due to mother's drinking, terminated the mother's parental rights to the child. I represented the Juvenile Officer at Oral Argument. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision of termination.

Opposing Counsel: Catherine W. Keefe

(5) **IN THE INTEREST OF M.J.P., 50 S.W.3d 323 (Mo.App. E.D. 2001)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural mother Janet Paige. The court terminated the natural mother's parental rights due to the mother's psychological/psychiatric problems that prevented natural mother from providing the juvenile with a stable living environment. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision of termination.

Opposing Counsel: David Porta

(6) **IN THE INTEREST OF C. L. W., 46 S.W.3d 612 (Mo.App. E.D. 2001)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family court in an appeal of both parents, Stacy Williams and Jeremy Williams. The court terminated the parental rights of both parents to the minor child on the grounds of abuse & neglect and the parents' failure to rectify the conditions that brought the child under the court's jurisdiction. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision of termination.

Opposing Counsel: John Bird, David Porta

QUESTION 10(a) APPELLATE EXPERIENCE CONTINUED:

**(7) IN THE INTEREST OF T. N. H., 70 S.W.3d (Mo.App. E.D. 2002)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural mother Valerie Abbott. The court, after finding that the whereabouts of natural mother were unknown, found allegations of abuse & neglect true and assumed jurisdiction over the child. Mother questions whether the court had jurisdiction. I argued the case on September 26, 2001 in Division 5 of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision.

Opposing Counsel: Kayla Vaughn, Bill Grant

**(8) IN THE INTEREST OF C. W. & M. W., 71 S.W.3d 244 (Mo.App. E.D. 2002)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural mother Cheryl Welland. The court terminated the parental rights of the mother to the minor children on the grounds of abuse & neglect, the mother's failure to rectify conditions that brought the child under the court's jurisdiction, and 15 of 22. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision.

Opposing Counsel: David Porta

**(9) IN THE INTEREST OF D. F.G., III., 87 S.W.3d 890 (Mo.App. E.D. 2002)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural father Darnell Glover. The court terminated the parental rights of the father to the minor child on the grounds of abandonment and abuse and neglect. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision.

Opposing Counsel: Brian Seltzer

QUESTION 10(a) APPELLATE EXPERIENCE CONTINUED:

(10) **IN THE INTEREST OF R. W., 92 S.W.3d 323 (Mo.App. E. D.2002)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural father Louis West III. The Court terminated the parental rights of the father to the minor child on the grounds of abuse and neglect, failure to rectify and 15 out of 22. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision.

Opposing Counsel: John Bird

(11) **IN THE INTEREST OF C. R. H., 99 S.W.3d (Mo.App. E. D. 2003)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural father David Homan. The Court terminated the parental rights of the father to the minor child. Natural father did not appeal the grounds for termination. He appealed the finding by the trial court that termination of parental rights was in the best interest of the minor child. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision.

Opposing Counsel: David Shaller

(12) **IN THE INTEREST OF Z. Z., 108 S.W.3d 722 (Mo.App. E. D. 2003)**

I represented the Respondent/Juvenile Officer of the St. Louis County Family Court in an appeal of natural mother Tiffany Zornow. The Court terminated the parental rights of the mother on the grounds of abandonment, abuse and neglect, failure to rectify and 15 out of 22. The Court of Appeals affirmed the juvenile court's decision.

Opposing Counsel: Laura Sidel

QUESTION 10(b) TRIAL- LEVEL EXPERIENCE:

JURY TRIAL EXPERIENCE:

1. **STATE OF MISSOURI V. CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS**
  - 2192R-06144-01
  - January 11, 1994
  - Division 14 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit
  - Represented Defendant
  - Asst. Prosecuting Attorney – Steve MacDonell
  - Jury Trial
  - Defendant charged with felony stealing. Found guilty.
  
2. **STATE OF MISSOURI V. SAMUEL GILL**
  - 22921-03025-01
  - September 7 – 8, 1994
  - Division 20 of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit
  - Represented Defendant
  - Asst. Circuit Attorney – John Tucci
  - Jury Trial
  - Defendant charged with felony possession. Found not guilty.
  
3. **STATE OF MISSOURI V. PERRY F. BAKER**
  - 2192R-01365-01
  - September 27 – 28, 1994
  - Division 10 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit
  - Asst. Prosecuting Attorney – Bret Rich
  - Jury Trial
  - Defendant charged with Stealing a Motor Vehicle and Leaving the Scene felonies. Hung jury and mistrial declared.
  
4. **STATE OF MISSOURI V. RAYMOND HARRELL**
  - 2195R-00659-01
  - June 28 – 29, 1995
  - Division 12 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit
  - Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Steve MacDonell

- Jury Trial
- Defendant charged with Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> and Stealing misdemeanor. Defendant convicted of lesser included Trespass 1<sup>st</sup> and stealing misdemeanor.

**BENCH TRIAL EXPERIENCE:**

1. **IN RE E. T.**

- Cause No. 0103520
- January 2, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney - Steven Dyer, 8039 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63119
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with a misdemeanor. Allegations found true.

2. **IN RE W. H.**

- Cause No. 0103528
- January 7, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Rosemary McGuire, 100 S. Central, 63105
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with a misdemeanor. Allegations found true.

3. **IN RE P. E.**

- Cause No. 0103639
- January 9, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem - Deborah Henry, 222 S. Central Avenue, 63105
- Mother's Attorney - Mark Kruger, 11 S. Meramec, 63105
- Bench Trial

- Case involved allegations of neglect against mother for lack of supervision and improper care. Allegations found true.

4. **IN RE J. P.**

- Cause No. 0102612
- January 13, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney - Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with the class misdemeanor assault. Allegations found true.

5. **IN RE J. S., N. S., D. D., & D. M.**

- Cause No. 0103182, 0103183, 0103184, 0103185
- January 27, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Glenn Hunt, 920 S. Vandeventer, 63108
- Father's Attorney - Jody Wolff, 10097 Manchester, 63122
- Father's Attorney - Jack Cavanagh, 8182 Maryland, 63105
- Mother's Attorney - Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, 63105
- Mother's Attorney - Patrick Howe, 906 Olive St., 63101
- Bench Trial
- Mother was charged with neglect by driving while intoxicated, having an accident, and the children suffered severe injuries. Allegations found true.

6. **IN RE C. R.**

- Cause No. 0103449
- January 29, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – William Grant, 11 S. Meramec, 63105
- Bench Trial

- Juvenile was charged with Statutory Sodomy. Allegations found not true.

7. **IN RE S. B.**

- Cause No. 0103899
- February 10, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Earlyne Thomas, 327 DeBaliviere, 63112
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with the class C felony of Assault. Allegations found true.

8. **IN RE H. P.**

- Cause No. 0103670
- March 20, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Deborah Henry, 225 S. Meramec, 63105
- Mother's Attorney - Ellen Siwak, 7900 Carondelet, 63105
- Father's Attorney – John Gumersell, 130 S. Bemiston, 63105
- Bench Trial
- Father was charged sexual abuse of the juvenile. Allegations found true.

9. **IN RE A. D.**

- Cause No. 0103968
- April 9, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Margaret Donnelly, 130 S. Bemiston, 63105
- Bench Trial
- Mother was charged with physical abuse of the juvenile. Allegations were found true.

10. **IN RE D. P.**
  - Cause No. 0104296
  - April 16, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile's Attorney – Carolyn Whitehorn, 920 N. Vandeventer, 63108
  - Bench Trial
  - Juvenile was charged with violation of his court order. Allegations
  
11. **IN RE Z. S.**
  - Cause No. 0104331
  - April 21, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Guardian ad Litem – David Shaller, 7751 Carondelet, Ste. 505, 63105
  - Father's Attorney – James Whitney, 8000 Bonhomme, 63105
  - Bench Trial
  - Father was charged with physical abuse of the juvenile. Allegations found true.
  
12. **IN RE J. J., M. P., & S. K.**
  - Cause No. 0104341, 0104342, 0104343
  - April 30, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile's Attorney – David Shaller, 7751 Carondelet, Ste. 505,
  - Juvenile's Attorney – Michael Burton, 7900 Carondelet, 63105
  - Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Katherine DiTraglia, 1221 Locust, 63103
  - Bench Trial
  - Juveniles were charged as co-defendants in a burglary second case. The allegations were amended and found true for the offenses of a trespass misdemeanor, and a misdemeanor stealing.

13. **IN RE S. B.**
  - Cause No. 0103811
  - May 12, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Guardian ad Litem – Dorothy Schuchat, 7325 Forsyth, St. Louis, Mo 63105
  - Father’s Attorney – John Bird, 906 Olive, St. Louis, MO 63101
  - Mother’s Attorney – Brian Seltzer, 130 Bemiston, St. Louis, MO 63105
  - Bench Trial
  - Parents charged with neglect. Allegations found true.
  
14. **IN RE J. R.**
  - Cause No. 0104568
  - June 9, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile’s Attorney – William Grant, 11 S. Meramec, St. Louis, MO 63105
  - Bench Trial
  - Juvenile was charged with statutory sodomy. Allegations found true.
  
15. **IN RE J. J.**
  - Cause No. 0104635
  - June 16, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile’s Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Mary Flanagan Dean, 1221 Locust, 63103
  - Bench Trial
  - Juvenile charged with the felony of statutory sodomy. The allegations were amended by the Court to a misdemeanor of sexual misconduct.

16. **IN RE E. H & A. D.**
  - Cause No. 0104767 & 0104768
  - July 9, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Annette Llewellyn, 1320 Market, 63103
  - Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jeff Goldfarb, 100 S. Central, 63105
  - Bench Trial
  - Juvenile's were co-defendants charged with the Class C felony of Tampering First Degree. Allegations found true.
  
17. **IN RE A. M.**
  - Cause No. 0104809
  - July 31, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Annette Llewellyn, 1320 Market, 63103
  - Bench Trial
  - Juvenile was charged with the misdemeanor assault. Allegations found true.
  
18. **IN RE M. S.**
  - Cause No. 0101795
  - August 7, 1998
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Guardian ad Litem – Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, St. Louis, MO 63105
  - Father's Attorney – Margaret Donnelly, 103 S. Bemiston, St. Louis, MO 63105
  - Mother's Attorney – Timothy Walk, 2683 S. Big Bend, St. Louis, MO 63143
  - Bench Trial

- Mother was charged with violating a prior custody and visitation order of the family court. The allegations were found true.

19. **IN RE K. S.**

- Cause No. 0104729
- August 25, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Lawrence Wittels, 7701 Forsyth, St. Louis, Mo 63105
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with statutory sodomy. Allegations found true.

20. **IN RE M. K.**

- Cause No. 0103422
- October 5, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Margaret Donnelly, 130 S. Bemiston, St. Louis, MO 63105
- Bench Trial
- Mother was charged with contempt for violating an order of the family court.
- Mother held in contempt of court.

21. **IN RE D. W., D. W., & K. W.**

- Cause No. 0104481, 0104482, & 0104763
- October 15, 1998
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Timothy Walk, 2683 S. Big Bend, St. Louis, MO 63143
- Mother's Attorney – John Bird, 906 Olive, St. Louis, MO 63101
- Father's Attorney – Rene Lusser, 400 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63102
- Bench Trial

- Mother was charged with neglect/leaving the juveniles without proper care and supervision. The allegations were found true.

22. **IN RE T. S.**

- Cause No. 99824
- December 10, 1998
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified.

23. **IN RE M. W.**

- Cause No. 0105409
- December 10, 1998
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the Class C offense of Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

24. **IN RE R. M.**

- Cause No. 0105462
- December 14, 1998
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the Class A felony of Forcible Sodomy.

25. **IN RE I. W.**
- Cause No. 0103660
  - December 17, 1998
  - Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile's Attorney – Earlyne Thomas, 327 DeBaliviere, St. Louis, MO 63112
  - Bench Trial
  - Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the Class A felony of Assault 1<sup>st</sup> degree.
26. **IN RE W. W.**
- Cause No. 0105912
  - January 7, 1999
  - Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile's Attorney – John Bird, 906 Olive, St. Louis, MO 63101
  - Bench Trial
  - Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Certification denied.
27. **IN RE M. W.**
- Cause No. 0105912
  - January 7, 1999
  - Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Juvenile's Attorney – William Grant, 11 S. Meremac, St. Louis, MO 63105
  - Bench Trial
  - Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the Class B felony of Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> degree and the Class C felony of Assault 1<sup>st</sup> degree.
28. **IN RE M. I.**
- Cause No. 0106032

- February 11, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Tracey Coyle, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with misdemeanor assault and the status offense of runaway. Allegations were found true.

29. **IN RE G. H.**

- Cause No. 0106246
- February 18, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Harvey Feldman, 200 N. Broadway, 63102
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the felony of statutory sodomy.

30. **IN RE K. J.**

- Cause No. 85805
- March 2, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Timothy Walk, 2683 S. Big Bend, 63143
- Bench Trial
- Custodian of the juvenile refused custody due to the juvenile's failure to abide by rules. Allegations found true and juvenile placed in residential facility.

31. **IN RE C. H.**

- Cause No. 0106352
- April 1, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair

- Juvenile's Attorney – Earlyne Thomas, 327 DeBaliviere, 63112
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the Class C felony of stealing.

32. **IN RE L. O.**

- Cause No. 0102987
- April 8, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Margaret Donnelly, 130 S. Bemiston, St. Louis, MO 63105
- Bench Trial
- Mother petitioned the court to regain custody of the juvenile who had been placed with a residential facility due to lack of supervision by the mother. Mother's motion denied.

33. **IN RE E. D.**

- Cause No. 0106576
- May 6, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Patrick Conroy, 14 S. Central, 63105
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the Class B felony of Distribution of a Controlled Substance and the Class C felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

34. **IN RE C. B.**

- Cause No. 0106268
- May 21, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, 63105
- Bench Trial

- Mother was charged with abandoning her son. Allegations found true.

35. **IN RE A. S.**

- Cause No. 0106839
- June 3, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Michael Mullen, 1215 Pine, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Certification denied.

36. **IN RE S. S.**

- Cause No. 0106857
- June 3, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Barry Forman, 3659 Russell, 63110
- Bench Trial
- Presented case before the court for the certification of the juvenile to stand trial as an adult. Juvenile certified for the Class B felony of Distribution of a Controlled Substance.

37. **IN RE A. C.**

- Cause No. 0103673
- December 1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 1999
- Division 19 of the St. Louis County Circuit Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Marjorie Carter, 7710 Carondelet, 63105
- Attorney for Mother – Timothy Walk, 2683 S. Big Bend, 63143
- Attorney for Foster Parents – John Bird, 906 Olive St., 63101
- Attorney for Division of Family Services – Bruce Antrum, 111 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., 63101
- Bench Trial
- Termination of parental rights hearing. The foster parents sought the termination of parental rights of the natural mother to the

juvenile in order that they might pursue adoption. The Deputy Juvenile Officer and mother's attorney fought against termination. The Court held that there were sufficient grounds upon which to terminate the mother's parental rights pursuant to RSMo. 211.449 and said rights were terminated. The natural mother of said juvenile has filed an appeal.

38. **IN RE A. W.**

- Cause No. 0107923
- January 5, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial

Juvenile was charged with 2 counts of misdemeanor assault.  
Allegations found true.

39. **IN RE D. T.**

- Cause No. 0107586
- January 27, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial

Juvenile was charged with misdemeanor property damage.  
Allegations found true.

40. **IN RE A. M., G. J., & K. S.**

- Cause No. 0108228, 0108229, 0108230
- March 22, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Celeste Endicott, 124 W. Lockwood, 63119
- Mother's Attorney – Christopher Braeske, 222 S. Central, 63105
- Bench Trial

- Mother was accused of physical abuse. Allegations found true.

41. **IN RE M. F.**

- Cause No. 0107951
- March 23, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile's Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with the felony of tampering in the first degree. Allegations found true.

42. **IN RE M. J., R. J., & R. H.**

- Cause No. 0106731, 0106732, 0106733
- April 12, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, 63105
- Bench Trial
- Parents accused of physical abuse. Allegations found true.

43. **IN RE T. S.**

- Cause No. 0108339
- May 12, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Timothy Walk, 2683 S. Big Bend, 63143
- Bench Trial
- Parents accused of educational neglect. Allegations found true.

44. **IN RE T. S.**

- Cause No. 0108339
- May 12, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair

- Guardian ad Litem – John Bird, 906 Olive, 63101
- Juvenile’s Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Tracey Coyle, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with assault of a law enforcement officer.

45. **IN RE J. H.**

- Cause No. 108457
- May 16, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile’s Attorney – John Bird, 906 Olive, 63101
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with assault in the second degree. The allegations were found true.

46. **IN RE J. P.**

- Cause No. 0100411
- June 2, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Juvenile’s Attorney – Asst. Public Defender Jacqueline Kutnik, 1221 Locust, 63103
- Bench Trial
- Juvenile was charged with the statutory rape of his sister. The allegations were not proven beyond a reasonable doubt and were dismissed.

47. **IN RE S. H., K. H., J. H.**

- Cause No. 0108405, 0108409, 0108410
- June 13, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Christopher Braeske, 222 S. Central, 63105
- Mother’s Attorney – David Porta, 8011 Clayton Rd., 63117
- Bench Trial

- Natural father of one of the juvenile's was accused of physically abusing a sibling. All three children were members of the same household and thus removed from father's custody. The allegations were found true.

48. **IN RE L. G. AND C. G.**

- Cause No. 0108577, 0108578
- June 14, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Guardian ad Litem – Janice Palozola, 9147 Meadowglen Ln., 63126
- Bench Trial
- Parents were accused of the educational neglect of their children. The allegations were found true.

49. **IN RE C. W., C. W., & C. W.**

- Cause No. 96688, 96687, & 0103651
- December 6, 2000
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – William Grant, 11 S. Meramec, Ste. 1330, 63105
- Mother's Attorney – Margaret Donnelly, 130 S. Bemiston, Ste. 706, 63105
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abuse & neglect and failure to rectify, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447. (Appeal Pending)

50. **IN RE R. C.**

- Cause No. 0107026
- December 20, 2000
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial

- Guardian ad Litem – Linda Bates, 300 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 1502, 63102
- The court terminated the parents’ parental rights on the ground of abandonment pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

51. **IN RE O. D.**

- Cause No. 0103818
- January 17, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Marjorie Carter, 7710 Carondelet, Ste. 405, 63105
- Father’s Attorney – Celeste Endicott, 124 W. Lockwood, Ste. 104, 63119
- The court terminated the parental rights of the parent’s on the grounds of abuse & neglect, failure to rectify and foster care for 15 of 22 months.

52. **IN RE B. W.**

- Cause No. 0100391
- January 25, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Margaret Donnelly, 130 S. Bemiston, Ste. 706, 63105
- The court terminated the mother’s parental rights on the grounds of abuse & neglect, abandonment, and failure to rectify.

53. **IN RE C. L. AND A. M.**

- Cause No. 0106935 & 0106936
- February 8, 2001
- Division 65 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Dorothy Schuchat, 7325 Forsyth, 63105

- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abuse & neglect and abandonment.

54. **IN RE M. H.**

- Cause No. 0108176
- February 22, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Laura Sidel, 7912 Bonhomme, Ste. 204, 63105
- The court adjudicated the juvenile as an abandoned infant and terminated the parental rights of both parents pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

55. **IN RE A. A.**

- Cause No. 0107706
- February 22, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Stanley Schechter, 43 Crestwood Drive, 63105
- The court terminated the parents' parental rights on the ground of abandonment and abuse & neglect pursuant to RSMo. 211.447. The parental rights of both parents were terminated.

56. **IN RE V. J.**

- Cause No. 0108157
- March 8, 2001
- Division of 65 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, Ste. 1123T, 63105

- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment and abuse & neglect pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

57. **IN RE K. L. & T. B.**

- Cause No. 0106445 & 0105478
- March 20, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – David Shaller, 7751 Carondelet, Ste. 702, 63105
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, failure to rectify, and foster care for 15 of 22 months, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

58. **IN RE. K. C.**

- Cause No. 108218
- March 27, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Laura Sidel, 7912 Bonhomme, Ste. 204, 63105
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment and abuse & neglect, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

59. **IN RE F. T.**

- Cause No. 106354
- March 27, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, Ste. 1123T, 63105

- The court terminated the mother's parental rights on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, failure to rectify and 15 out of 22 months in foster care, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

60. **IN RE A. B.**

- Cause No. 0108474
- March 27, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Kimasa Sindel, 7912 Bonhomme, Ste. 204, 63105
- The court terminated the parents' parental rights on the grounds of abandonment and abuse & neglect pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

61. **IN RE A. G. AND M. D.**

- Cause No. 0100936 & 0100935
- April 10, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Celeste Endicott, 124 W. Lockwood, St. Louis, MO 63119
- Mother's Attorney – Laura Sidel, 7912 Bonhomme, Ste. 204, 63105
- The court terminated the parents' parental rights on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, failure to rectify, and 15 out of 22 months in foster care, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

62. **IN RE C. W. AND M. W.**

- Cause No. 0107113 & 0107112
- April 11, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Derek Rudman, 2001 S. Hanley, Ste. 325, 63144

- Parents' Attorney – David Porta, 144 W. Lockwood, Ste. 100, 63119
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abuse & neglect, 15 of 22 months in foster care, and failure to rectify, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447. (Appeal Pending)

63. **IN RE K. C.**

- Cause 0108093
- April 12, 2001
- Division 65 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – William Grant, 11 S. Meramec, Ste. 1330, 63105
- The court terminated the father's parental rights on the ground of abandonment pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

64. **IN RE R. D.**

- Cause No. 0109081
- April 17, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Janice Palozola, 9051 Watson Rd., Ste. 126, Crestwood Square, 63126
- The court adjudicated the juvenile as an abandoned infant and terminated the parental rights of both parents pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

65. **IN RE Z. B.**

- Cause No. 90539
- April 17, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Laura Sidel, 7912 Bonhomme, Ste. 204, 63105

- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, failure to rectify, and foster care for 15 of 22 months pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

66. **IN RE K. B.**

- Cause No. 0107394
- April 17, 2001
- 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – John Bird, 906 Olive St., Ste. 1115, 63101
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect and foster care for 15 of 22 months pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

67. **IN RE B. E. AND B. E.**

- Cause No. 0107722 & 0107771
- May 21, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Celeste Endicott, 124 W. Lockwood, St. Louis, MO 63119
- The court terminated the parents' parental rights on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, failure to rectify, and 15 out of 22 months in foster care, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

68. **IN RE Z. S.**

- Cause No. 108260
- May 22, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Maria Perron, 275 N. Lindbergh Blvd., 63141
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abuse & neglect, foster care for 15 of 22 months, and failure to rectify pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

69. **IN RE L. W. & W. J.**
- Cause No. 0105967 & 0105968
  - June 14, 2001
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Bench Trial
  - Guardian ad Litem – Linda Colburn, 7730 Carondelet, Ste. 400, 63105
  - Mother’s Attorney – William Grant, 11 S. Meramec, Ste. 1330, 63105
  - The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abuse & neglect, failure to rectify and foster care for 15 of 22 months pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.
70. **IN RE T. H. AND C. H.**
- Cause No. 0107114 & 0107112
  - June 15, 2001
  - Division 65 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Bench Trial
  - Guardian ad Litem – Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, Ste. 1123T, 63105
  - Mother’s Attorney – Celeste Endicott, 124 W. Lockwood, Ste. 104, 63119
  - Father’s Attorney – Christopher Braeske, 222 S. Central, Ste. 502, 63105
  - The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abuse & neglect, failure to rectify, and foster care for 15 of 22 months, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.
71. **IN RE L. C. & M. C.**
- Cause No. 87849 & 0109424
  - June 19, 2001
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Bench Trial

- Guardian ad Litem – Kimasa Sindel, 130 S. Bemiston, Ste. 302, 63105
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents as to the juvenile L. C. on the grounds of abuse & neglect and failure to rectify pursuant to RSMo. 211.447. The court adjudicated M. C. as an abandoned infant and terminated the parental rights of both parents pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

72. **IN RE C. T.**

- Cause No. 0108103
- June 19, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Maria Perron, 275 N. Lindbergh Blvd., 63141
- The court terminated the parents' parental rights on the grounds of abandonment, abuse and neglect, and failure to rectify, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

73. **IN RE M. G.**

- Cause No. 0109583
- June 27, 2001
- Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – John Bird, 906 Olive St., Ste. 1115, 63101
- The court adjudicated the juvenile as an abandoned infant and terminated the parental rights of both parents pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

74. **IN RE A. S.**

- Cause No. 0109776
- July 6, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial

- Guardian ad Litem – Dorothy Schuchat, 7325 Forsyth, St. Louis, MO 63105
  - The court terminated the father’s parental rights pursuant to RSMo. 211.447 in that the father was convicted and incarcerated for the murder of the juvenile’s mother and sibling.
75.     **IN RE I. W., F. W., A. W., & F. L.**
- Cause No. 0103570, 0103569, 0103572 & 0103571
  - July 11, 2001
  - Division 62 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Bench Trial
  - Guardian ad Litem – Margaret Donnelly, 130 S. Bemiston, Ste. 706, 63105
  - Awaiting decision from the court as to whether the parental rights of the parents should be terminated.
76.     **IN RE D. G.**
- Cause No. 0107386
  - July 19, 2001
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Bench Trial
  - Guardian ad Litem – Steve Neimeyer, 200 S. Bemiston, Ste. 302, 63105
  - The court terminated the parents’ parental rights on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, and 15 of 22 months in foster care pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.
77.     **IN RE K. D. & R. B.**
- Cause No. 0104149 & 0104150
  - August 9, 2001
  - Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
  - Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
  - Bench Trial
  - Guardian ad Litem – William Grant, 11 S. Meramec, Ste. 1330, 63105

- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment and failure to rectify pursuant to RSMo. 2121.447.

78. **IN RE J. J.**

- Cause No. 0109228
- August 9, 2001
- Division 65 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Christopher Braeske, 222 S. Central, Ste. 502, 63105
- The court adjudicated the child as an abandoned infant and terminated the parental rights of both parents pursuant to RSMo. 211.447

79. **IN RE E. S.**

- Cause No. 85384
- August 21, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – David Shaller, 7751 Carondelet, Ste. 702, 63105
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, and 15 of 22 months in foster care, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

80. **IN RE E. H.**

- Cause No. 0108638
- August 21, 2001
- Division 61 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Janice Palozola, 9051 Watson Rd., 126 Crestwood Square, 63126

- The court terminated the parental rights of the father on the grounds of abandonment and abuse & neglect pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

81. **IN RE J. M.**

- Cause No. 0108764
- October 5, 2001
- Division 65 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – William Grant, 11 S. Meramec, Ste. 1330, 63105
- Mother’s Attorney – Dennis Curland, 225 S. Meramec, Ste. 1223T, 63105
- Father’s Attorney – Christopher Braeske, 222 S. Central, Ste. 502, 63105
- The court terminated the parental rights of both parents on the grounds of abandonment, abuse & neglect, and foster care for 15 of 22 months, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

82. **IN RE D. M.**

- Cause No. 0109086
- October 25, 2001
- Division 8 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem - Guardian ad Litem – Doug Pribble, P.O. Box 190277, 63119
- The court terminated the father’s parental rights pursuant to RSMo. 211.447 in that the father was convicted and incarcerated for the murder of the juvenile’s twin brother.

83. **IN RE S. P.**

- Cause No. 0107739
- November 2, 2001
- Division 65 of the St. Louis County Family Court
- Represented the Deputy Juvenile Officer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- Bench Trial
- Guardian ad Litem – Christopher Braeske, 222 S. Central, Ste. 502, 63105
- Mother’s Attorney – Dorothy Schuchat, 7325 Forsyth, 63105
- Father’s Attorney – David Porta, 144 W. Lockwood, Ste. 100, 63119
- The court terminated the father’s parental rights on the grounds of abuse & neglect, failure to rectify and abandonment, pursuant to RSMo. 211.447.

## QUESTION 10(c) JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

I became a member of the Judiciary when selected by the Court en banc to serve as a Family Court Commissioner for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit. Although I was born and raised in the City of St. Louis, all of my work experience had been in St. Louis County, the 21<sup>st</sup> Circuit. I did not know the judges of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit when I applied for the commissioner vacancy, but I knew that I had the requisite Juvenile Law background to succeed if selected. After a presentation to the Court en banc, I was chosen and sworn in on December 27, 2002. It's one thing to have people that you know put their faith in you, but the judges of this circuit didn't know me and took a chance, knowing of my reputation alone.

I was immediately assigned to the Juvenile Division. In that role, I presided over hundreds of misdemeanor and felony bench trials, care and protection trials, guardianships, adoptions, termination of parental rights hearings and certification hearings. I prepared the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in every contested TPR trial that I heard.

On September 11, 2008, I was appointed to the position of Circuit Judge. I was asked to take the Family Court assignment that following January. Many of my colleagues who were unfamiliar with Juvenile Court believed that I had the requisite background to hear domestic matters. However, I had no experience whatsoever in the divorce arena. I accepted this assignment and was the judge hearing all of the contested divorces and newly filed motions to modify. This assignment was particularly challenging as I had to quickly familiarize myself with the law, the litigants and the family law attorneys as well as move the cases through the system as swiftly and efficiently as possible. My work day usually began at 7:00am and ended anywhere from 10:00pm to midnight, including weekends. This assignment was originally for a one year term but I volunteered for an additional year. While a grueling assignment, I loved the different legal issues presented and writing the decrees. It was also best for the circuit that I remain in the position to give continuity to the Family Division.

In January of 2001, I was assigned to a general trial division, presiding over criminal and civil matters. I've handled bench and jury trials, and in all bench trials, I prepared my Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. I remained in that

10(c) JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED:

general assignment until January of 2016 when I returned to the Family Court – Juvenile Division as a Circuit Judge. While my duties are the same as they were seven plus years ago when I was a Commissioner, I am now tasked with administrative and day to day operational decisions.

In all of my judicial assignments, I have demonstrated my strong work ethic and willingness to accept new challenges and conquer same. While I am at times teased for not being the most outgoing judge in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, I am well liked and respected by all of my colleagues, support staff and attorneys. I have been both a prosecutor and defense attorney, and I have handled criminal, civil, domestic and juvenile matters. My professional reputation, varied legal experience and dedication to being the best Judge that I can be makes me well suited to be a member of the Appellate bench.

11. Describe any additional legal experience that you believe may be relevant to the decision of the commission (e.g., work as a law professor, in government, as corporate or other legal counsel). NONE
12. List all bar associations and other professional societies of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates.

Other than the Missouri Bar, I am not currently a member of any local bar associations. I have in the past been affiliated with the Women Lawyer's Association and the Lawyer's Association of St. Louis.

13. Describe your efforts (e.g. work on bar committees, pro bono efforts, CLEs presented, etc.) to contribute to the improvement of the law, the legal system and the administration of justice.

Theodore McMillian Inn of Court:

In the Fall of 2015, I was chosen for membership in the Theodore McMillian Inn of Court, the local chapter of the American Inns of Court. The McMillian Inn of Court seeks to enhance the knowledge, professional skills and ethics of its participants. I am a Master Member of the organization.

Permanency Planning Project Subcommittee:

I was appointed December of 1999 by the Honorable William Ray Price, Jr., then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri, to serve on the this subcommittee. The purpose of this subcommittee was to develop a statewide approach to make sure that children in out of home placements were placed in permanent homes as quickly as possible. As part of this subcommittee, I assisted in identifying barriers to a child's placement in a stable home and also in making recommendations to eliminate said barriers. A written report of the subcommittee's findings was prepared for the Supreme Court.

Missouri's Business Education Roundtable:

I was appointed by Governor Bob Holden to serve in March of 2002. Business and educational leaders across the State of Missouri were invited to participate in discussions as to how to improve the

educational system in our state so that our schools produce a workforce capable of attracting business to the State of Missouri.

I have served on the following Supreme Court Committees/Subcommittees:

Family Law Committee of the Supreme Court  
Fostering Court Improvement Project Steering Committee

I was a presenter at a seminar sponsored by the Mound City Bar Association, "Navigating the Judicial Selection Process", on August 28, 2013

I was a presenter at a seminar sponsored by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, "Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Law" on March 9, 2007.

14. List your community activities, including any organizations not listed elsewhere with which you are affiliated.

As a life-long resident of the City of St. Louis, I have always been Active in my community. I was active in the Tower Grove Heights neighborhood association, and served as President-elect, then President of said organization. I have served as a board member for SLACO (St. Louis Association of Community Organizations) which is an organization of collective neighborhoods in St. Louis City. In these endeavors, I worked to promote St. Louis City living, and to assist citizens in the community in maintaining safe, diverse neighborhoods.

In 2001-2002, I worked with the United Way as an allocations member for the Services to Persons with Disabilities Panel. That position allowed me to be a part of the fiscal management for organizations whose main goal was to provide quality care and supportive living services to special needs individuals. This was a rewarding experience because I had to visit the sites and facilities, thereby getting a firsthand look at the positive work being done by the United Way to assist individuals with disabilities.

I served as a "Big" in the St. Louis Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program from 2000 – 2005. I was assigned the same "little sister" for

five years. I was also a guest on the December 13, 2004 radio broadcast of St. Louis On the Air on the KWMU, NPR network. I was interviewed about restorative justice programs at the Family Court and the success of same.

I have also served as a Truancy Court Judge for Vashon High School and Long Elementary School. The goal of the truancy court program is to improve the attendance of children who are habitually absent from school without excuse or justification.

My second child was born in 2005 and it was at that point my volunteer activities were curtailed. While no longer actively participating in community groups, I have always made myself available to speak to neighborhood and school groups about the Justice System.

In 2008, I planned a Tea Party for girls on the care and protection caseload and had radio personality Cheryl Daniels as the guest speaker. While at Juvenile Court, I also held an annual softball game and picnic between the staff and children on the delinquency caseload.

15. Describe your activities (e.g. speeches, presentations, educational activities, etc.) undertaken to further public understanding of and respect for courts and the judicial system and to promote access to justice for all.

I am frequently a speaker at neighborhood meetings throughout the City of St. Louis, attempting to educate the public about the Justice System, and how concerned citizens can access the courts.

I was also a participant on more than one occasion as a guest lecturer for the Missouri Bar's Mini Law School for the Public that was supported by the St. Louis University School of Law.

16. List any professional articles or books authored by you that have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature you have received.

On April 11, 2008, I received the Clarence Darrow Public Interest Advocate Award from the Public Interest Law Group of Saint Louis University School of Law.

17. Do you now hold or have you ever held an elective or an appointive public office or position? If yes, provide details.

I was a candidate for the St. Louis City School Board in April of 2001, hoping to better the lives and opportunities for children in the city. Though I was not successful in my campaign, it was a rewarding experience.

18. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service or (b) other public service not otherwise disclosed in this application. If discharged from the military, state whether the discharge was other than honorable.

NONE

19. State whether you are able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of being an appellate judge, including participating in oral argument; performing legal research; communicating clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing; supervising the lower courts, serving on court committees and performing other administrative functions; and expeditiously deciding issues coming before the court.

I am able to perform the essential functions of being an appellate judge.

20. Were you ever refused admission to the bar of Missouri or the bar of another state or the federal courts? If yes, provide details.

NO

21. Have you ever been disciplined, admonished or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by the Supreme Court of Missouri or by any court or bar association or committee thereof? If yes, provide details.

NO

22. If you are or were a member of the judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

- a) Whether an order of discipline ever has 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, provide details.

NO

- b) Whether a reprimand or admonition ever has been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Supreme Court Rule 12.07. If yes, provide details.

NO

23. Have you have ever been held in contempt of court? If yes, provide details.

NO

24. 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 your answer is yes, state the style of the case, where it was filed, and explain in detail. If you are a judge and you have been sued in your judicial capacity, list only those cases where you are or were other than a nominal party.

NO

25. Have you ever pleaded guilty, been convicted or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or misdemeanor in state, federal or military court? (*Note that this question does not require that minor traffic offenses or other infractions be listed.*)

If your answer is yes, state the style of the case, where it was filed, and explain in detail.

NO

26. Are you delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes? If yes, provide details.

I disputed a federal tax debt. I subsequently lost the appeal and a payment plan was arranged. Payments are current and made promptly.

27. You must attach to this application at least one, but not more than three, writing samples that comply with the requirements set out in the instructions for applicants. **SEE ATTACHED**

Bernich v. Bernich, Cause No. 1022-FC00200: this case was a 3 day dissolution trial.

Rodney Lincoln v. State of Missouri, Cause No. 22821-02021: this case involved an inmate's motion for release due to DNA findings.

State of Missouri v. Trevor Feldt, Cause No. 1422-CR01694-01: this case involved a bench trial in which the defendant was charged with possession of child pornography.

28. List/describe any additional honors or awards you have received, activities you have performed, or any other information not set out above that demonstrates the quality of your work as an attorney or that you otherwise believe is relevant to the commission's decision.

I have been a defense attorney, prosecutor and judge handling criminal, family, juvenile and civil matters. I demonstrated my legal abilities and my efficiency in case management. I am well liked and respected by my judicial colleagues as well as attorneys who have practiced before me. As a kid, my father used to recite the poem Desiderata by Max Ehrmann. The first few lines have always been my guide in life:

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.  
As far as possible without surrender  
be on good terms with all persons.  
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;  
and listen to others,  
even the dull and the ignorant;  
they too have their story.

I am a humble person, honored to have had a judicial position for the last 14 years, and further humbled by the opportunity to be considered for the appellate vacancy.

Please list the names of *five* persons whom you will ask to provide letters of reference for you with respect to your judicial qualifications. Do **not** list as a reference a judge of the court involved. As to each of the (5) references, **please provide name, title, mailing address, telephone and e-mail address.** SEE ATTACHED

*Please note that it is your responsibility to contact your references,* although if you intend to use as a reference a federal judge or other individual who only can provide a

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