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# Composition of Missouri Nonpartisan Courts by Gender and Race

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**T**he Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan governs the selection of judges at the circuit level in six jurisdictions including Clay, Greene, Jackson, Platte and St. Louis counties and St. Louis City as well as the Court of Appeals and Missouri Supreme Court. It has served as a national model and has been adopted by other states.

Under the nonpartisan plan, as vacancies arise, the relevant Judicial Selection Commission interviews applicants and selects three to recommend to the governor for appointment. The governor must select one of the three within 60 days.

The circuit-level judicial commissions comprise five members: two attorneys (A) who are elected by members of the bar association and live in the circuit, two citizen members who are appointed by the governor, and the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals for the circuit. Presiding judges generally serve two-year terms and are selected by their peers. The other four members of the commission serve 6-year terms, with staggered expiration dates.

For vacancies in the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, the Appellate Commission makes recommendations. This commission has seven members: an attorney from each of the appellate districts elected by bar members from their respective district ( Eastern, Western and Southern) and three citizen members selected by the governor representing each district. These six individuals serve six-year terms with staggered expiration dates. The seventh member of this commission is the chief judge of the Missouri Supreme Court, who is selected by the court members. This position generally rotates every two years.

Judges who are appointed through the nonpartisan court plan appear on the ballot, without partisan identification, within two years of appointment for retention to terms that range from 4 years to 12 years. The constitution dictates that all judges retire by age 70.

The Court of Appeals and Supreme Court have been guided by the nonpartisan system since the constitution was amended in 1940. Circuit judges in Jackson County and the city of St. Louis were included in the nonpartisan system at that time. St. Louis, Clay and Platte county voters adopted this system shortly thereafter. Most recently, Greene County citizens voted to switch to the nonpartisan plan in 2008.

The remaining 109 counties in the state elect circuit judges on a partisan ballot. These counties can adopt the nonpartisan system if approved by a majority of voters in the county.

## Greene County 31st Judicial Circuit

### Totals for all Judges

White Females:	0	0.0%	White Males:	9	100.0%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

### Totals for all officials of the Greene County 31st Judicial Circuit

White Females:	3	18.75%	White Males:	13	81.25%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Male:	0	0.0%
Total Females:	3	18.75%			
Total Minorities:	0	0.0%			

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## Judicial Commission Members

Appellate Judicial Commission	Term Expires
Hon. Richard Teitelman	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Mr. John T. Gentry	12/31/2014
Mr. Don L. Ross	12/31/2012
Mr. John Wooddell (A)	12/31/2013
Mr. J.R. Hobbs (A)	12/31/2015
Mr. Tom Burke (A)	12/31/2017
Jill Shurin (expired, not yet replace)	12/31/2010

Platte County 6 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Commission	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Hon. Lisa White Hardwick	12/31/2017
Mr. Keith Hicklin (A)	12/31/2013
Ms. Judy Stokes	12/31/2012
Mr. David Barth	12/31/2013
Mr. Scott Campbell (A)	12/31/2013

Clay County 7 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Commission	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Hon. Lisa White Hardwick	12/31/2012
Ms. Lisa Essig	12/31/2013
Mr. Lancer G. Gates	12/31/2011
Mr. James H. Thompson (A)	12/31/2014
Mr. Mike Shipley (A)	

Jackson County 16 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Commission	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Hon. Lisa White Hardwick	12/31/2017
Mr. James C. Morrow (A)	12/31/2016
Mr. Scott Bethune (A)	12/31/2012
Mr. Byron G. Thompson	12/31/2016
Rev. Eric D. Williams	

## Greene County 31st Judicial Circuit

<u>Associate Circuit Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Jason Brown	Male	White	2008*
Mark Fitzsimmons	Male	White	2008*
Dan Imhoff	Male	White	2008*
Mark Powell	Male	White	2008*

### Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females:	0	0.0%	White Males:	4	100.0%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

<u>Circuit Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Dan Conklin	Male	White	2008*
Michael Cordonnier	Male	White	2008*
Thomas Mountjoy	Male	White	2008*
David Jones	Male	White	2009
Calvin Holden	Male	White	2010

### Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females:	0	0.0%	White Males:	6	100.0%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

<u>Drug Court Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Peggy Davis	Female	White	2008*

<u>Family Court Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Sue Chrisman	Female	White	2008*
Jeff Marquardt	Male	White	2008*
Scott Tinsley	Male	White	2008*
John Lukachik	Male	White	2009

<u>Probate Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Carol Aiken	Female	White	2008*

\*Bench Date reflects the year Greene County switched to the nonpartisan system

## St. Louis City 22nd Judicial Circuit

<u>Circuit Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Steven Ohmer	Male	White	2000
John Riley	Male	White	1995
Dennis Schaumann	Male	White	1997
Edward Sweeney	Male	White	2005
Timothy Wilson	Male	White	1989

### Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females:	3	12.5%	White Males:	16	66.7%
Minority Females:	2	8.3%	Minority Males:	3	12.5%

<u>Deputy Probate Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Robert Ward	Male	White	2006

<u>Drug Court Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
James Sullivan	Male	White	2003

<u>Family Court Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Anne-Marie Clarke	Female	Black	
Michael Noble	Male	Black	2008
Timothy Finnegan	Male	White	2005

<u>Probate Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Patrick Connaghan	Male	White	2007

### Totals for all Judges

White Females:	5	16.1%	White Males:	18	58.1%
Minority Females:	5	16.1%	Minority Males:	3	9.7%

### Totals for all officials of the St. Louis City 22nd Judicial Circuit

White Females:	5	13.5%	White Males:	23	62.2%
Minority Females:	6	16.2%	Minority Male:	3	8.1%
Total Females:	11	29.7%			
Total Minorities:	9	24.3%			

## Judicial Commission Members

St. Louis County 21 <sup>st</sup> Judicial Commission	Term Expires
Hon. Kurt Odenwald	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Mr. Matthew Rossiter (A)	12/31/2017
Mr. Robert P. Dudley	12/31/2012
Mr. Rick Wuestling (A)	12/31/2015
Anthony Witherspoon	12/31/2016

### City of St. Louis 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Commission

Hon. Kurt Odenwald	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Mr. Stephen F. Doss	12/31/2012
Mr. Steven Groves (A)	12/31/2015
Mr. Michael Calvin (A)	12/31/2017
Vacant Position	

### Greene County 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Commission

Hon. Don Burrell, Jr.	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Ms. Linda Fowler	12/31/2014
Ms. Sara Hargis	12/31/2012
Mr. Clif Smart (A)	12/31/2013
Mr. Andy Bennett (A)	12/31/2017

(A) indicates attorney member

## Supreme Court

<u>Supreme Court Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Zel Fisher	Male	White	2008
Patricia Breckenridge	Female	White	2007
Mary Rhodes Russell	Female	White	2004
Laura Denvir Stith	Female	White	2001
William Price Jr.	Male	White	1992
Richard Teitelman	Male	White	2002
George Draper III	Male	Black	2011

### Totals for all officials of the Supreme Court

White Females:	3	43%	White Males:	43	%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Male:	14	%
Total Females:	3	43%			
Total Minorities:	1	14%			

## St. Louis City 22nd Judicial Circuit

<u>Associate Circuit Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Theresa Counts Burke	Female	White	2008
Paula Bryant	Female	Black	2004
Barbara Peebles	Female	Black	2000
Calea Stovall-Reid	Female	Black	2003
Elizabeth Hogan	Female	White	2005
Thomas C. Clark II	Male	White	2006
Michael Stelzer	Male	White	2004

### Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females:	2	28.6%	White Males:	2	28.6%
Minority Females:	3	42.9%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

<u>Circuit Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Robin Vannoy	Female	Black	2008
Angela Turner Quigless	Female	Black	2003
Lisa Van Amburg	Female	White	2003
Joan Moriarty	Female	White	1998
Margaret Neill	Female	White	1993
Julian Bush	Male	White	1995
Michael David	Male	White	1989
Robert Dierker	Male	White	1986
David Dowd	Male	White	2000
Jimmie Edwards	Male	Black	1992
Thomas Frawley	Male	White	1991
John Garvey	Male	White	2003
Thomas Grady	Male	White	1994
Phillip Heagney	Male	White	1996
Bryan L. Hettenbach	Male	White	2008
David Mason	Male	Black	1991
VACANT (McCullin*)	Male	Black	1999
Michael Mullen	Male	White	2008
Mark Neill	Male	White	2002

## St. Louis County 21st Judicial Circuit

<u>Circuit Judge (cont'd)</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
VACANT (Hartenbach)	Male	White	1983
Michael Jamison	Male	Black	2005
Douglas Beach	Male	White	2010
John Ross	Male	White	1999
Mark Seigel	Male	White	1994
David Lee Vincent	Male	Black	1997

### Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females: 6      30%    White Males: 11    55%  
 Minority Females: 1      5%    Minority Males: 1    10%

<u>Family Court Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Kristine Kerr	Female	White	2004
Victoria McKee	Female	White	
Phillip Jones	Male	Black	
Terry W. Wiese	Male	White	2002

<u>Probate Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Robert Weis	Male	White	
Kimberly Coon	Female	White	

<u>Traffic Commissioners</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Mary Fox	Female	White	
Peggy McCartney	Female	White	

### Totals for all Judges

White Females: 10      30%    White Males: 16    49%  
 Minority Females: 4      12%    Minority Males: 2    6%

### Totals for all officials of the St. Louis County 21st Judicial Circuit

White Females: 14      37%    White Males: 19    46%  
 Minority Females: 4      10%    Minority Male: 3    7%  
 Total Females: 18    47%  
 Total Minorities: 7    17%

## Court of Appeals

### Eastern District

<u>Appellate Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Patricia Cohen	Female	White	2003
Kathianne Knaup Crane	Female	White	1990
Mary Kathryn Hoff	Female	White	1995
Sherri Sullivan	Female	White	1999
Clifford Ahrens	Male	White	1991
Robert Dowd Jr.	Male	White	1994
VACANT (Draper III)*	Male	Black	2000
Lawrence Mooney	Male	White	1998
Glenn Norton	Male	White	2002
Kurt Odenwald	Male	White	2007
Roy Richter	Male	White	2006
Kenneth Romines	Male	White	2005
Gary Gaertner Jr.	Male	White	2009
Robert Clayton	Male	White	2011

### Totals for Appellate Judge - Eastern District

Minority Females: 0      0%    Minority Males: 1    7%  
 White Females: 4      29%    White Males: 9      64%

### Southern District

<u>Appellate Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Nancy Rahmeyer	Female	White	2001
Robert Barney	Male	White	1995
Jeffrey Bates	Male	White	2003
Donald E. Burrell Jr.	Male	White	2007
Gary Lynch	Male	White	2006
William Francis, Jr.	Male	White	1990
Daniel Scott	Male	White	2006

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## St. Louis County 21st Judicial Circuit

### Totals for Appellate Judge - Southern District

Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%
White Females:	1	14%	White Males:	6	86%

## Court of Appeals

### Western District

Appellate Judge	Gender	Race	Bench Date
Lisa White Hardwick	Female	Black	2001
Karen King Mitchell	Female	White	2009
Cynthia Reams Martin	Female	White	2009
Alok Ahuja	Male	Indian	2007
Joseph Ellis	Male	White	1993
Mark D. Pfeiffer	Male	White	2009
Victor Howard	Male	White	1996
Gary Witt	Male	White	2010
Thomas Newton	Male	Black	1999
James Madison Smart Jr.	Male	White	1991
James E. Welsh	Male	White	2007

### Totals for Appellate Judge - Western District

Minority Females:	1	9%	Minority Males:	2	18%
White Females:	2	18%	White Males:	6	55%

### Totals for all officials of the Court of Appeals

Minority Females:	2	6%	Minority Male:	4	13%
White Females:	7	25%	White Males:	21	66%
Total Females:	8	25%			
Total Minorities:	6	19%			

Associate Circuit Judge	Gender	Race	Bench Date
Ellen Ribaud	Female	White	2009
Mary Elizabeth Ott	Female	White	2008
Mary Bruntrager Schroeder	Female	White	1999
Judy Draper	Female	Multi	2004
Sandra Farragut-Hemphill	Female	Black	1991
Brenda Stith Loffin	Female	Black	1993
John N. Borbonus	Male	White	2011
Lawrence J. Permuter	Male	White	2008
Joseph Dueker	Male	White	2010
Patrick Clifford	Male	White	1979
John Essner	Male	White	1999
Dale W. Hood	Male	White	2005
Dennis Smith	Male	White	1992

### Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females:	3	23%	White Males:	7	46%
Minority Females:	3	23%	Minority Males:	0	0%

Circuit Judge	Gender	Race	Bench Date
Gloria Clark Reno	Female	Black	2009
Colleen Dolan	Female	White	1999
Maura McShane	Female	White	1994
Ellen Levy Siwak	Female	White	2008
Barbara Wallace	Female	White	1995
Carolyn Whittington	Female	White	2002
Thea Sherry	Female	White	2011
Richard C. Bresnahan	Male	White	2004
Michael Burton	Male	White	2004
Robert Cohen	Male	White	1994
Tom DePriest	Male	White	2000
Thomas Prebil	Male	White	2009
Joseph Walsh III	Male	White	2010
Steven Goldman	Male	White	1988

## Jackson County 16th Judicial Circuit

### Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females: 6 31.6% White Males: 10 52.6%  
 Minority Females: 1 5.3% Minority Males: 2 10.5%

### Deputy Probate Commissioner      Gender      Race      Bench Date

S. Margene Burnett      Female      White      2003

### Drug Court Commissioner      Gender      Race      Bench Date

David Fry      Male      White      2007

### Family Court Commissioner      Gender      Race      Bench Date

Molly Merrigan      Female      White

Sherrill Rosen      Female      White

Geoffrey Allen      Male      Black

Patrick W. Campbell      Male      White      2006

Martina Peterson      Female      White      2008

### Probate Commissioner      Gender      Race      Bench Date

Daniel P Wheeler      Male      White      2003

### Totals for all Judges

White Females: 9 32.1% White Males: 14 50.0%  
 Minority Females: 1 3.6% Minority Males: 4 14.3%

### Totals for all officials of the Jackson County 16th Judicial Circuit

White Females: 13 36.1% White Males: 17 48.2%

Minority Females: 1 2.8% Minority Male: 5 13.9%

Total Females: 14 38.19%

Total Minorities: 6 16.6%

## Platte County 6th Judicial Circuit

### Associate Circuit Judge      Gender      Race      Bench Date

Thomas Fincham      Male      White      2010

James Van Amburg      Male      White      1993

Dennis Eckold      Male      White      2010

### Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females: 0 0% White Males: 3 100%

Minority Females: 0 0% Minority Males: 0 0%

### Circuit Judge      Gender      Race      Bench Date

Owens Lee Hull Jr.      Male      White      1998

Abe Shafer      Male      White      1999

### Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females: 0 0% White Males: 2 100%

Minority Females: 0 0% Minority Males: 0 0%

### Totals for all Judges

White Females: 0 0% White Males: 5 100%

Minority Females: 0 0% Minority Males: 0 0%

### Totals for all officials of the Platte County 6th Judicial Circuit

White Females: 0 0% White Males: 5 100%

Minority Females: 0 0% Minority Male: 0 0%

Total Females: 0 0%

Total Minorities: 0 0%

## Clay County 7th Judicial Circuit

Associate Circuit Judge	Gender	Race	Bench Date
David P. Chamberlain	Male	White	2008
Janet Sutton	Female	White	2002
Karen Krauser	Female	White	2012

### Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females:	2	67%	White Males:	1	33%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

Circuit Judge	Gender	Race	Bench Date
Shane Alexander	Male	White	2008
K. Elizabeth Davis	Female	White	2008
Larry Harman	Male	White	1992
A. Rex Gabbert	Male	White	2004

### Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females:	1	25%	White Males:	3	75%
Minority Females:	0	0%	Minority Males:	0	0%

Family Court	Gender	Race	Bench Date
Sherrill Roberts	Female	White	2005

### Totals for all Judges

White Females:	3	43%	White Males:	4	57%
Minority Females:	0	0%	Minority Males:	0	0%

### Totals for all officials of the Clay County 7th Judicial Circuit

White Females:	4	50%	White Males:	4	50%
Minority Females:	0	0%	Minority Male:	0	0%
Total Females:	3	37%			
Total Minorities:	0	0%			

## Jackson County 16th Judicial Circuit

Associate Circuit Judge	Gender	Race	Bench Date
T.K. Rigby	Female	White	1997
Margaret Sauer	Female	White	2000
Christine Sill-Rogers	Female	White	1993
Kenneth Garrett III	Male	Black	2010
Jeffrey L. Bushur	Male	White	2000
Gregory Gillis	Male	Black	2001
Vernon Scoville	Male	White	1991
Richard Standridge	Male	White	1993
Robert Trout	Male	White	1987

### Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females:	3	33.3%	White Males:	4	44.4%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	2	22.2%

Circuit Judge	Gender	Race	Bench Date
Justine Del Muro	Female	Hispanic	1993
Kathleen Forsyth	Female	White	2003
Peggy Stevens McGraw	Female	White	2001
Ann Mesle	Female	White	2000
Edith Messina	Female	White	1984
Sandra Midkiff	Female	White	2002
Joel May	Female	White	2009
David Bryn	Male	White	2008
Charles Atwell	Male	White	1996
Jack Grate	Male	White	2004
Brian Wimes	Male	Black	2007
Mike Manners	Male	White	2000
Charles McKenzie	Male	White	2011
James Kanatzar	Male	White	2011
J. Dale Youngs	Male	White	2009
Marco Roldan	Male	Hispanic	1999
Robert M. Schieber	Male	White	2006
John Torrence	Male	White	2001
Wesley Brent Powell	Male	White	2008