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Composition of Missouri Nonpartisan Courts by Gender and Race

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The 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 interview and 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:	8	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	21.4%	White Males:	11	78.6%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Male:	0	0.0%
Total Females:	3	21.4%			
Total Minorities:	0	0.0%			

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Judicial Commission Appointees

	Term Expires
Appellate Judicial Commission	
Hon. William Ray Price, Jr.	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Mr. John T. Gentry	12/31/2012
Mr. Don L. Ross	12/31/2012
Mr. John Wooddell (A)	12/31/2014
Mr. Richard McLeod (A)	12/31/2009
Ms. Nancy Mogab (A)	12/31/2011
Ms. Jill Shurin	12/31/2010
Platte County 6th Judicial Commission	
Hon. Thomas Newton	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Mr. James D. Boggs (A)	12/31/2011
Ms. Judy Stokes	12/31/2013
Mr. David Barth	12/31/2012
Mr. Scott Campbell (A)	12/31/2014
Clay County 7th Judicial Commission	
Hon. Thomas Newton	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Ms. Lisa Essig	12/31/2012
Dr. Lancer G. Gates	12/31/2013
Mr. T. K. Thompson (A)	12/31/2011
Mr. Mike Shipley. (A)	12/31/2014
Jackson County 16th Circuit Judicial Commission	
Hon. Thomas Newton	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Mr. Tim E. Dollar (A)	12/31/2011
Ms. Cindy Reams Martin (A)	12/31/2009
Mr. Byron G. Thompson	12/31/2012
Ms. Anita Russell	12/31/2010

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*

Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females:	0	0.0%	White Males:	4	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 Appointees

St. Louis County 21 st Judicial Commission	Term Expires
Hon. Kenneth Romines	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Ms. Debbie Champion (A)	12/31/2011
Mr. Robert P. Dudley	12/31/2012
Mr. Gerard T. Noce (A)	12/31/2009
Ms. Laurie Westfall	12/31/2010

City of St. Louis 22nd Judicial Commission

Hon. Kenneth Romines	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Mr. Stephen F. Doss	12/31/2012
Ms. June Bosley Dabney Gray	12/31/2010
Mr. Thomas Schwartz (A)	12/31/2009
Ms. Mary Anne Sedey (A)	12/31/2011

Greene County 31st Judicial Commission

Hon. Gary Lynch	<i>Presiding Judge</i>
Ms. Linda Fowler	12/31/2014
Ms. Sara Hargis	12/31/2012
Mr. Clif Smart	12/31/2013
Mr. Brent Green	12/31/2011

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
Michael Wolff	Male	White	1998

Totals for all officials of the Supreme Court

White Females:	3	43%	White Males:	4	57%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Male:	0	0.0%
Total Females:	3	43%			
Total Minorities:	0	0.0%			

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
Donald 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>
Larry Kendrick	Male	White	1991
John Kintz	Male	White	1993
John Ross	Male	White	1999
Mark Seigel	Male	White	1994
David Lee Vincent	Male	Black	1997

Totals for Circuit Judge

White Females:	5	25%	White Males:	12	60%
Minority Females:	1	5%	Minority Males:	2	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>Deputy Probate Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Kimberly Coon	Female	White	

<u>Probate Commissioner</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Robert Weis	Male	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:	9	24%	White Males:	18	55%
Minority Females:	4	15%	Minority Males:	2	6%

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

White Females:	14	34%	White Males:	20	49%
Minority Females:	4	10%	Minority Male:	3	7%
Total Females:	18	43.9%			
Total Minorities:	8	19.5%			

Court of Appeals

Eastern District

<u>Appellate Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Nannette Baker	Female	Black	2004
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
George Draper Jr.	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

Totals for Appellate Judge - Eastern District

White Females:	4	29%	White Males:	8	57%
Minority Females:	1	7%	Minority Males:	1	7%

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
John Edward Parrish	Male	White	1990
Daniel Scott	Male	White	2006

Totals for Appellate Judge - Southern District

White Females:	1	14.3%	White Males:	6	85.7%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

*Vacant positions retain the race and gender of previous officeholder for statistical purposes until a successor is appointed.

Court of Appeals

Western District

<u>Appellate Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
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
(VACANT) Lowenstein*	Male	White	1981
Thomas Newton	Male	Black	1999
James Madison Smart Jr.	Male	White	1991
James E. Welsh	Male	White	2007

Totals for Appellate Judge - Western District

White Females:	2	18%	White Males:	7	55%
Minority Females:	1	9%	Minority Males:	2	18%

Totals for all officials of the Court of Appeals

White Females:	7	23%	White Males:	19	61%
Minority Females:	2	6%	Minority Male:	4	10%
Total Females:	8	25%			
Total Minorities:	6	19%			

*Vacant positions retain the race and gender of previous officeholder for statistical purposes until a successor is appointed.

St. Louis County 21st Judicial Circuit

<u>Associate Circuit Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
Ellen Ribauda	Female	White	2009
Mary Elizabeth Ott	Female	White	2008
Judy Draper	Female	Multi	2004
Sandra Farragut-Hemphill	Female	Black	1991
Brenda Stith Loffin	Female	Black	1993
Mary Bruntrager Schroeder	Female	White	1999
Thea Sherry	Female	White	1998
Lawrence J. Permuter	Male	White	2008
Douglas Beach	Male	White	2005
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:	4	31%	White Males:	6	46%
Minority Females:	3	23%	Minority Males:	0	0%

<u>Circuit Judge</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Bench Date</u>
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
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
Gary Gaertner Jr.	Male	White	2000
Steven Goldman	Male	White	1988
James Hartenbach	Male	White	1983
Michael Jamison	Male	Black	2005

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
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Drug Court Commissioner Gender Race Bench Date

David Fry	Male	White	2007
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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
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Totals for all Judges

White Females:	9	32.1%	White Males:	15	53.6%
Minority Females:	1	3.6%	Minority Males:	3	10.7%

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

White Females:	13	36.1%	White Males:	18	50%
Minority Females:	1	2.8%	Minority Male:	4	11.1%
Total Females:		14	38.19%		
Total Minorities:		5	13.9%		

Platte County 6th Judicial Circuit

Associate Circuit Judge Gender Race Bench Date

Daniel Czamanske	Male	White	1992
James Van Amburg	Male	White	1993
Gary Witt	Male	White	1998

Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females:	0	0.0%	White Males:	3	100.0%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	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	0.0%	White Males:	2	100.0%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

Totals for all Judges

White Females:	0	0.0%	White Males:	5	100.0%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Males:	0	0.0%

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

White Females:	0	0.0%	White Males:	5	100.0%
Minority Females:	0	0.0%	Minority Male:	0	0.0%
Total Females:		0	0.0%		
Total Minorities:		0	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
Don Norris	Male	White	2004

Totals for Associate Circuit Judge

White Females: 1	33%	White Males: 2	67%
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: 2	29%	White Males: 5	71%
Minority Females: 0	0%	Minority Males: 0	0%

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

White Females: 3	37%	White Males: 5	63%
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
Bob Beard	Male	White	2002
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: 5	55.6%
Minority Females: 0	0.0%	Minority Males: 1	11.1%

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
Jay Daugherty	Male	White	1991
Jack Grate	Male	White	2004
Brian Wimes	Male	Black	2007
Mike Manners	Male	White	2000
W. Stephen Nixon	Male	White	1998
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