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Gov. Nixon appoints Family Court Commissioner as Associate Circuit Judge for 16th Circuit (Jackson County)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – **Gov. Jay Nixon** today appointed **Susan Long** as Associate Circuit Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit, which covers Jackson County. She will fill the position created by legislation passed in 2014.

An attorney with more than 25 years experience, Long currently serves as the Family Court Commissioner for Jackson County. Prior to her appointment as Family Court Commissioner in 2013, Long had been practicing law since 1989, with an emphasis on family law since 1991. Previously, she was with the firm of Blessing & Long, L.L.C. There, her work included serving as a guardian ad litem, representing parents in parental rights cases, and representing minors in juvenile proceedings. She has served as a mediator and arbitrator in domestic relations cases. Long obtained her law degree in 1989 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School and received her B.A. degree in 1987 from UMKC.

“Susan Long has dedicated her career to strengthening families in her community and achieving justice,” **Gov. Nixon** said. “Her experiences will serve her well in this new role, and I am pleased to appoint her as Associate Circuit Judge from a panel of well-qualified applicants.”

Long was one of three applicants submitted to Gov. Nixon for consideration by the 16th Circuit Judicial Commission under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan.

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