



16th Circuit Court, Jackson County, Missouri

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Jackson County Circuit Court Appoints Kea Bird-Riley as Family Court Commissioner

The judges of the Jackson County Circuit Court appointed Kea Bird-Riley as Family Court commissioner to Division 41 today at a meeting of the court en banc. She fills the position left vacant by the recent appointment of former Commissioner Martina Peterson as judge to the Kansas City Municipal Court.

At the time of her appointment, Bird-Riley was an attorney with the law firm of Krigel & Krigel, P.C. Her legal experience includes representing clients in matters involving dissolutions, custody modifications, adoptions, child abuse and neglect, paternity, and protective orders. She has served as a mediator in family law matters, and has been a presenter for Guardian ad Litem training seminars. Her prior practice included insurance litigation.

“Commissioner Bird-Riley brings a broad range of professional and life experience to the bench and will be a great asset to our Family Court,” said Presiding Judge John M. Torrence.

Bird-Riley earned her law degree in 2007 from the University of Missouri – Kansas City Law School. She obtained a B.S. Degree in Communications from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi.

“The majority of my legal career has been in service to Jackson County families,” said Bird-Riley. “I am truly honored to serve Jackson County families in my appointment as commissioner.”

Bird-Riley was appointed to a four year term of office.

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