



16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County

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NEWS RELEASE

Judge Gregory B. Gillis to retire

Judge Gregory B. Gillis, 60, has announced that he will retire at the end of the year. Gillis has served since 2001 as an Associate Circuit Judge of Division 27. He was first appointed to the bench as a Drug Court Commissioner in November of 1999. Prior to that, he served from 1987 to 1999 as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney during which time he held the positions of: Chief Warrant Officer, Drug Unit Warrant Officer and Trial Team Leader. In total, Gillis has worked inside the Jackson County courthouse for 32 years.

Gillis states his two priorities as he retires are to spend more time with his school age children and to volunteer his time in service to the community.

“I look at some of the younger kids who are coming up today who show great promise, and I think those of us who are older have an obligation to try to motivate them to understand the importance of playing meaningful roles in their community,” Gillis said.

“Judge Gillis faithfully served the citizens of Jackson County for 20 years as Commissioner and Judge, rendering fair and impartial decisions based on the evidence presented to him,” said Presiding Judge David M. Byrn. “Litigants appearing before Judge Gillis always knew he would patiently and respectfully listen and offer them the full benefit of their day in Court. His service is greatly appreciated by the Court and he will be missed.”

During his tenure as a judge, Gillis served for 10 years on the board of directors of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. He graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science in 1981, and a law degree in 1984.

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