



## Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri

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To the Citizens of Jackson County, Missouri:

Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit website! We hope you find this website useful and user friendly. It is a great resource for general information about our court and specific information about civil, criminal, domestic and probate cases. Those who have been summoned for jury duty will also find helpful material.

As you know, there are three branches of government in our democracy as created by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Missouri – executive, legislative and judicial. The late Federal Appellate Judge Howard T. Markey said “the administration of justice is the heartbeat of democracy.” As the judicial branch of government, we strive every day to be the heartbeat of democracy as we fairly and impartially administer justice.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri covers all of Jackson County. We are one of the largest circuits in the state, comprised of four different courthouses, thirty-seven Judges and Commissioners and hundreds of dedicated employees who provide necessary judicial functions every day of the year. We are committed to serving you, our citizens and neighbors, as we strive to uphold and apply the rule of law and fulfill our responsibilities.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you each and every day.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Byrn", is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID M. BYRN  
Presiding Judge