



16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Jackson County, Missouri

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The Circuit Court of Jackson County is mourning the passing of Associate Circuit Judge Margaret L. Sauer of Division 29, who died on Sunday, February 9.

"It is very difficult to put into words the loss of Judge Sauer to the 16th Judicial Circuit," said Presiding Judge Marco A. Roldan. "The friendships she has developed with members of the Court during her twenty plus years of service are irreplaceable. Judge Sauer's experience and institutional knowledge will also be a great loss to the citizens of our county. All employees of the 16th Judicial Circuit will forever miss her, but Judge Sauer will not be forgotten."

Judge Sauer, 62, was appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan in May 2000. Prior to her appointment, Judge Sauer served as Deputy Probate Commissioner of the Circuit Court from 1991 – 2000. She also served as Legal Counsel for the Probate Division from 1985 – 1991. She was Legal Counsel for the Jackson County Public Administrator from 1983 – 1985.

"Margaret will be missed by her many friends in the Probate Division and the probate bar," said Judge Kathleen Forsyth. "During her tenure with the Probate Division, she became an expert in estate and trust law and shared that expertise with probate practitioners through educational programs and as a contributor to the Probate Procedures Manual, an invaluable tool for estate attorneys."

Judge Sauer was very active in the legal community. She served as President of the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City in 1996. From 2005 -2007, she served on the Board of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. She also had served on the Board of Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance (LEAP), and on the Executive Council of the Missouri Judicial Conference.

Judge Sauer received the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Foundation Public Service Award in 1994, and the Judicial Recognition Award from the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City in 2000.

Judge Sauer earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1983. Prior to obtaining her law degree, she taught school for several years in the Kansas City, Missouri School District and later administered the hospital based school program at Children's Mercy Hospital. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She earned a Master of Science degree in Special Education from the University of Kansas.

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