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Gov. Nixon appoints Kansas City attorney Mary F. Weir as Associate Circuit Judge for 16th Circuit (Jackson County)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – **Gov. Jay Nixon** today appointed **Mary F. Weir** as Associate Circuit Judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, which covers Jackson County. She will fill a vacancy on the circuit created by the retirement of the **Honorable Christine Sill-Rogers**.

Weir operates her own private practice in Kansas City, and also is of counsel to the Raith Law Firm. She works with several area domestic violence programs to represent victims of domestic violence in civil cases that include order of protection hearings, divorces, paternity actions, child support, and civil contempt. She also represents both juveniles and adults in Family Court proceedings. Weir is an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and has taught at the school since 2004.

Before going into private practice, Weir was an assistant public defender for the Missouri State Public Defender's Office, and was a law clerk in the 16th Circuit. She holds her undergraduate degree from UMKC and her law degree from Washburn University in Topeka.

“Mary Weir has many years of experience in advocating for some of our most vulnerable citizens, and I am pleased to appoint her to the bench in one of Missouri’s largest circuits,” **Gov. Nixon** said.

Weir 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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