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**Governor Greitens Appoints Cory Atkins as  
Associate Circuit Court Judge for Jackson County**

Governor Eric Greitens has appointed Cory L. Atkins, of Independence, as Associate Circuit Court Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit, which covers Jackson County. He will replace Judge Jalilah Otto, whom Governor Greitens appointed to the circuit bench last year.

Atkins began his career as an assistant attorney general in the appellate division, where he represented the state of Missouri in upholding felony convictions for murder, sex crimes, and child abuse. He served as a law clerk to the Hon. Zel Fischer of the Supreme Court of Missouri. Atkins is an experienced litigator, having tried numerous cases to jury on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants.

Atkins received his law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and his undergraduate degree from Rockhurst University.

For the past three years, Atkins has been selected to the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list. An Eagle Scout, Atkins serves as a founding member of the Young Friends of Community Services League and as a member of the board of directors for the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation.

"I am excited to appoint Cory Atkins to Jackson County's Associate Circuit Court," said Governor Greitens. "His commitment to the community, along with his varied trial and appellate background, make him well-suited to serve the people of Jackson County."

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