



16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County, Missouri

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David Kimminau Appointed as Family Court Commissioner

Attorney David Kimminau was appointed this afternoon as Family Court Commissioner of Division 43 by the Judges of the 16th Circuit Court at its Court en Banc meeting. He will assume the position presently held by Commissioner Susan E. Long who was recently appointed as an Associate Circuit Judge.

Kimminau has practiced in the field of family law since 1987. He is a shareholder in the Independence law firm of McElligott Ewan Hall & Kimminau where he has practiced law since 1985. His experience includes complex domestic litigation, mediation and his appointment by the Court as Special Master on occasion.

He says he applied for the commissioner position after a long career in domestic litigation because he was ready to change course in his career, but wanted to stay in the field in a different role. He has enjoyed his time as an attorney in this area of the law.

“I found in doing this as long as I have that there is never a dull moment when you are dealing with people,” Kimminau said. “Sometimes you are working with people at the darkest times in their lives, and helping people through these tough situations has its own rewards.”

He graduated with honors from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law in 1985. He graduated magna cum laude in 1974 from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. He has been active in the Missouri Bar Association serving in the past on its Supreme Court Form 14 Child Support Guidelines Committee. He is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association where he serves on the Family in the Law Section, and is a past chair of the Domestic Committee.

Susan Long was appointed as Family Court Commissioner by the Jackson County Circuit Court in May 2013. She was appointed in November 2015 as Associate Circuit Judge by Governor Jay Nixon, and will serve as the first judge of the newly created Division 34 in Independence.

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