



16th Judicial Circuit of Jackson County, Missouri

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Circuit Court appoints new Family Court Commissioner

The judges of the 16th Circuit Court have appointed attorney Susan Long of Oak Grove as the new Family Court Commissioner of Division 43. Long fills the vacancy that was created in March when Governor Jay Nixon appointed Commissioner Patrick Campbell to Division 10 as a circuit court judge.

“Commissioner Long stood out among a field of highly qualified candidates, and we are very pleased that she will be joining the Court. I am confident that she will do an excellent job,” said Presiding Judge Marco A. Roldan, when announcing Long’s appointment.

Long has been practicing family law since 1989, and is currently with the firm of Blessing & Long, L.L.C. She has been a facilitator for the Missouri Bar Association in its Complaint Resolution Program since 2002. Since 2008, she has also served the Bar Association on its Lawyer-to-Lawyer Dispute Resolution Program Committee as a facilitator and arbitrator. She received her undergraduate education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she also obtained her law degree in 1989.

“I am excited to start this new chapter of my life, and look forward to serving the citizens of Jackson County, Missouri,” Long said.

Long was appointed on May 14 at a meeting of the Court en banc by a vote of all of the circuit and associate circuit judges. Commissioners serve a term of four years and the decision to reappoint them for additional terms is also made by the Court en banc.

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