



16th Judicial Circuit of Jackson County, Missouri

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Jackson County Deputy Probate Commissioner Appointed

Attorney Scott R. Manuel has been appointed as Deputy Probate Commissioner for the 16th Circuit Court in Jackson County. He was appointed by Circuit Judge Kathleen A. Forsyth of the Probate Division to a four year term.

“Scott has a strong background in civil litigation and has long served as a court appointed respondent’s counsel on adult guardianship cases,” said Forsyth. “In addition, Scott has practiced primarily in the areas of probate and trust law in recent years and has handled some very complex cases. This background and experience makes Scott uniquely qualified to serve as the next Deputy Probate Commissioner.”

At the time of his appointment on January 3, Manuel was a shareholder with the law firm of Humphrey, Farrington and McClain, P.C. in Independence, Missouri, where he practiced law for the past 24 years. Manuel’s practice was primarily in the areas of estate planning, probate, trust and guardianship law. He also has a background in civil litigation.

“I enjoy probate practice and this is something I felt like I wanted to do,” said Manuel.

He is a 1984 graduate of Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco, California. He obtained undergraduate degrees in Business Administration and Economics from Graceland University in Iowa. Manuel takes the place of Margene Burnett who was recently appointed by Governor Jay Nixon as circuit judge of Division 7, after serving as deputy probate commissioner for ten years.

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