



16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

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News Release

Attorney Robert E. Gordon appointed as Family Court commissioner

The 16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri has appointed attorney Robert E. Gordon as the court's newest Family Court commissioner.

Gordon was named to the role following a vote by the court en banc during its meeting on January 17. He will fill the Division 42 vacancy created by the coming retirement of Commissioner Sherrill L. Rosen.

Gordon is a partner The Gordon Law Firm in Lee's Summit, where he currently practices with his wife, Shannon Gordon. He litigates family law matters and frequently serves as a guardian ad litem.

Gordon earned his law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2009. He is a former member of the U.S. Army and Missouri National Guard and won the 2024 Hon. Kelly J. Moorhouse Dedication to Children Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

Commissioner Rosen retires this month after serving as Family Court commissioner for 30 years. She earned her law degree from the University of Missouri in 1978, then worked at Legal Aid of Western Missouri until 1982, when she went into private practice in the area of family law. She was appointed as a Family Court commissioner in 1994.

In the last year, Commissioner Rosen has received multiple awards from the legal community, including a Women's Justice Award from Missouri Lawyers Media; the Roger P. Krumm Family Law from The Missouri Bar's Family Law Section; the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; and the Woman of the Year Award from the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City.

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