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News Release

Judicial Conference honors Judge Long, Commissioner Rosen

Two members of the 16th Judicial Circuit family were honored on September 18 during the annual meeting of the Judicial Conference of Missouri.

Judge Susan E. Long received the judicial excellence award for associate circuit judges, and retired Family Court commissioner Sherrill Rosen received a Chief Justice Special Award.

Judge Long joined the 16th Circuit as a Family Court commissioner in 2013. Governor Jay Nixon appointed her to the newly created Division 34 in 2015. She earned her law degree in 1989 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and had concentrated her practice in family law since 1991.

Chief Justice W. Brent Powell, a former 16th Circuit judge, noted that Judge Long “was my go-to expert on questions related to domestic law when I served on the trial bench.” He said Long has continued to serve on a number of state and local court committees and “has been a mentor, educator, and role model, inspiring other lawyers and law students,” demonstrating an “exemplary and longstanding commitment to the profession.”

Commissioner Rosen retired in January after serving three decades on the bench. She earned her law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1978 and 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.

“Her contributions to family law in Missouri are numerous and widespread” and her years of outstanding work “has been reflected in the lives of many, many children and families throughout the state of Missouri,” the chief justice said.

The full news release from the Judicial Conference is available [here](#).

The event was held in Branson in conjunction with the annual meeting of The Missouri Bar. During the meeting, Judge S. Margene Burnett had the honor of swearing in Kansas City attorney Athena Dickson as the newest president of the bar. Judge Burnett joined the court in 2003 as a deputy probate commissioner and was appointed to the circuit bench in 2013. She is scheduled to retire in October.

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