



16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI

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Judge Susan E. Long to retire

Associate Circuit Judge Susan E. Long has announced that she will retire from the 16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri, effective July 3.

Judge Long joined the 16th Circuit in 2013 when the Court en banc named her as a Family Court commissioner. In November 2015, Gov. Jay Nixon appointed her as the first judge of the newly created Division 34, which is based in Independence.

Judge Long had been practicing law since 1989, with an emphasis on family law since 1991. Her work included serving as a guardian ad litem, representing parents in parental rights cases, and representing minors in juvenile proceedings. She also served as a mediator and arbitrator in domestic relations cases.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Long was selected by the Supreme Court of Missouri to serve on its Regional Disciplinary Committee for Region IV. She also served as a facilitator for The Missouri Bar in its Complaint Resolution Program and on its Lawyer-to-Lawyer Dispute Resolution Program Committee as facilitator and arbitrator.

Judge Long earned her law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1989 and received her B.A. degree in English from UMKC in 1987.

The 16th Circuit Judicial Commission is accepting applications for the Division 34 vacancy until July 14 and plans to choose three finalists after interviewing applicants on August 11.

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