



16th Judicial Circuit Court
Jackson County, Missouri

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Judges Appoint New Court Administrator for 16th Judicial Circuit Court

At a meeting of the Court en Banc on December 2, 2022, the Judges appointed Beverly A. Newman as the new Court Administrator of the Circuit Court in Jackson County which includes the Family Court. She will take on the role in February 2023.

Newman is currently employed by the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) in Jefferson City as its Court Programs Manager. Her responsibilities include managing programs related to pretrial services, treatment courts, juvenile justice and child welfare.

Newman has 34 years of experience in working in Missouri's court system. She began working for the 17th Judicial Circuit Court that serves Cass and Johnson Counties in March 1988, and worked in its Juvenile Division until joining OSCA in 2017. During her tenure, she served as its Chief Juvenile Officer in addition to operational and management positions including Detention Superintendent and Intensive Supervision Supervisor.

"We are excited to welcome Bev to our Court as our next Court Administrator," said Presiding Judge J. Dale Youngs. "Bev's extensive experience with the Missouri Court system at all levels will serve us and our constituents well. Thanks for Judge Jalilah Otto and the members of the Court Administrator Search Committee for their hard work in helping us find the right person for this important position."

Newman has been active in the judicial community including serving on the Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education and the Missouri Court Automation Committee. She is a past President of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association.

Newman is a graduate of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. In 2014, she became a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts.

She will step into the position currently held by Mary A. Marquez, 63, who announced her retirement in August 2022. Marquez will have served the 16th Judicial Circuit Court for 35 years upon her retirement in February, six years of which were as Court Administrator.

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