



16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri
Jackson County

For release:
October 13, 2023

Contact: Valerie Hartman
816-881-3552

News Release

Family Court Commissioner Panel for Division 45 Announced

The Family Court Commissioner Selection Committee of the 16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri interviewed applicants on October 13, 2023, for the new Division 45 commissioner position that was created by the Missouri General Assembly. It selected a panel of three nominees to be voted upon by the judges at a meeting of the Court en Banc on November 17, 2023.

The panel includes the following attorneys:

Michelle Dixon, Office of the Guardian ad Litem

Jennipher M.C. Hawkins, Office of the Juvenile Officer

Michael A. Herrin, Herrin Law Firm, LLC

The Selection Committee is chaired by Family Court Administrative Judge Kevin D. Harrell. Committee members include: Presiding Judge Jalilah Otto, Judge J. Dale Youngs, Judge Jennifer M. Phillips, Judge John M. Torrence, Judge Mary F. Weir and Commissioner Sherrill L. Rosen.

Missouri law requires the Family Court commissioner to possess the same qualifications as a circuit judge. The commissioner will be appointed to serve a term of four years.

###