

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri
Juris Doctor, 1989

University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri
Bachelor of Journalism, 1986

EXPERIENCE

Jay Daugherty Mediation & Arbitration, Kansas City, Missouri
January 2026 – present

Practicing ADR in the areas of mediation, arbitration and as a court-appointed special master
Approved neutral, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Mediation Assessment Program

16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County, Missouri
Circuit Judge, May 2009 – December 2025
Family Court Administrative Judge, 2018 – 2019
Presiding Judge, 2021 – 2022

Served as a Circuit Judge for more than 16 years in Missouri's largest trial court
Handled a voluminous and varied civil, felony criminal and family law docket
Served a two-year term as the Court's Family Court Administrative Judge, presiding over child welfare and juvenile justice cases
Led the Court as its Presiding Judge in 2021 and 2022
Presided over nearly 100 jury trials and thousands of bench trials
Chaired numerous Court committees including the Court's Rules Committee, Public Administrator Reappointment Committees, several Commissioner Reappointment Committees, Family Court Committee, Executive Management Committee, and Budget and Audit Committee
Participated as a faculty member at new judge orientations as well as summer and fall judicial college programs, providing updates to judicial officers around the state on civil law and procedure
Mediated more than 30 civil and criminal cases to successful conclusion, including employment discrimination and other civil matters, as well as a variety of violent and other felony cases,

including cases involving homicides, serious assaults, and sexual offenses

Husch Blackwell, LLP, Kansas City, Missouri

Of Counsel, 2002 – 2006

Partner, 2006 – 2009

Member of the firm's business and commercial litigation and government investigations practice groups

Litigated a variety of complex civil and criminal matters representing plaintiffs, defendants, individuals, and companies of every size and type in a variety of types of litigation in courts and before government agencies and commissions around the country.

Missouri Attorney General's office, Kansas City, Missouri

Assistant Attorney General, 1996 – 2002

Deputy Chief Counsel, Western Region, 1999 – 2001

Director, High Technology & Computer Crime Unit, 2000 – 2002

Chief Counsel, Western Region, 2001 – 2002

Served as an Assistant Attorney General in the office's Consumer Protection and Public Safety Divisions

Managed a trial docket around the state of civil and criminal investigations and prosecutions of persons and entities suspected of violating Missouri consumer protection and securities laws, as well as other laws

As Director of the HTCCU, managed civil and criminal investigations and litigation regarding suspected internet and computer-related crimes, and worked with the unit's members to create, coordinate and conduct law enforcement training programs

Spradley & Riesmeyer, PC, Kansas City, Missouri

Associate, 1989 – 1995

Shareholder, 1995 – 1996

Practiced in the areas of business, commercial, personal injury, and products liability litigation

Litigated a wide variety of cases on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal trial and appellate courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings and before administrative agencies

**ADDITIONAL
PROFESSIONAL
AND COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES**

Missouri Circuit Judges Association

Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

Missouri Presiding Judge Executive Committee

Supreme Court of Missouri Civic Education Committee

Supreme Court of Missouri Trial Judge Education Committee

National Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Missouri Supreme Court, Disciplinary Hearing Officer

Mentor, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Trial Academy

Master, Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Board of Directors, 2004 – 2009

Legislative Affairs Committee, Chair, 2007 – 2009

Committee on Judicial Independence, Chair, 2007

Circuit Court/Civil Practice Committee, Chair, 2004

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation

Board of Directors, 2004 – 2009

Missouri Institute for Justice

President, 2006 – 2008

Missouri Bar Association

Computer and Technology Law Committee, Chair, 2004 – 2009

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Justice for All Steering Committee, 2008 – 2009

Eastern Jackson County Bar Association

Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City

UMKC School of Law

Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy I, 1993 – 2006

Kansas City, Missouri Nuisance Business Task Force

Hearing Officer, 2006 – 2009

Committee for County Progress

Member, 1999 – 2009

Treasurer, 2002 – 2004

President, 2004 – 2006

Sherwood Center

Board of Directors, Member, 1990 – 1995, 2002 – 2012

President, 1994 – 1995

Frequent presenter at CLEs and community events on a variety of legal topics

**PROFESSIONAL
AWARDS AND
RECOGNITION**

Member, Ingram’s “Forty Under Forty” Class of 2003

Named one of the “Best of the Bar” by Kansas City Business Journal, 2005

Named one of ten “Lawyers of the Year” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly, 2007

Named one of nine “Legal Leaders” by the Kansas City Daily Record, 2008