



November 15, 2023
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*Salute to the New Judges of
the 31st Judicial Circuit*

*The Honorable Kaiti Greenwade
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The Honorable Derek Ankrom
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Judge Ankrom by the Honorable Kevin Austin

Judge Taylor by the Honorable Todd Myers

Judge Poppen by the Honorable Mark Millsap

Judge Stockard by the Honorable Margaret Palmietto

Judge Wichmer by the Honorable Jerry Harmison

Judge Christensen by the Honorable Ron Carrier

Judge Greenwade by the Honorable Andy Hosmer

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By Jarica Oeltjen, SMBA President

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Second Place**

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Third Place**

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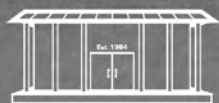
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Division 24



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Division 25



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Division 26



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RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION SALUTING THE NEW JUDGES OF THE 31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI

Whereas on December 16, 2022, Governor Parson appointed the Honorable Josh Christensen as Circuit Judge, Division Six and the Honorable Kaiti Greenwade as Associate Circuit Judge, Division 21, and

Whereas on January 17, 2023, Governor Parson appointed the Honorable Dan Wichmer as Circuit Judge, Division Three, and

Whereas on March 10, 2023, Governor Parson appointed the Honorable Jody Stockard as Associate Circuit Judge, Division 25, and

Whereas on March 27, 2023, the 31st Circuit Court en Banc appointed the Honorable Kyle Kanable as Commissioner, Family Court One, and

Whereas on June 2, 2023, Governor Parson appointed the Honorable Kaiti Greenwade as Circuit Judge, Division Two and the Honorable Kirsten Poppen as Associate Circuit Judge, Division 24, and

Whereas on August 15, 2023, the 31st Circuit Court en Banc appointed the Honorable Holly Clouse as Probate Commissioner, and

Whereas on August 18, Governor Parson appointed the Honorable Derek Ankrom as Circuit Judge, Division One and the Honorable Nathan Taylor as Associate Circuit Judge, Division 21, and

Whereas those nine judicial officers join Presiding Judge Jerry Harmison, Judge Todd Myers, Judge Margaret Palmietto, Judge Andy Hosmer, Judge Ron Carrier, Commissioner Susan Jensen, Commissioner Mark Millsap, Commissioner John Lukachick, Commissioner Kevin Austin, and a soon to be named seventh circuit judge of the 31st Judicial Circuit, and

Whereas, on this 15th day of November, 2023 the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association held a celebratory lunch to honor those seven judges and two commissioners appointed to the 31st Judicial Circuit in the past eleven months.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association salutes Judges Christensen, Greenwade, Wichmer, Stockard, Poppen, Ankrom and Taylor and Commissioners Kanable and Clouse, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution will be preserved in the permanent archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, a copy will be issued to the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit for filing, and a copy will be issued to each of the new judicial officers with the respect and very best wishes of the members of this association.

This resolution is duly adopted November 15, 2023