



FRANK WHITE, JR.
Jackson County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER 17-04

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**


**FROM: FRANK WHITE, JR.
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2017

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE MERIT SYSTEM COMMISSION

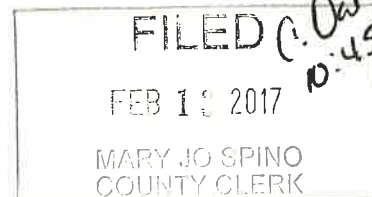
I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County Merit System Commission:

Venessa J. Maxwell-Lopez is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Tamara Morris, for a new term to expire December 31, 2020.



Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Dated: 2/13/17



VENESSA J. MAXWELL-LOPEZ

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT – 8/15 to current. Public Defender.
Represent indigent defendants in various criminal matters.

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL COURT – 7/07 to current. Public Defender.
Represent indigent defendants in various criminal matters.

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL COURT – 8/99 to current. Spanish
interpreter for municipal court defendants. Also interpret various legal documents for judges, defendants
and court personnel.

LAW OFFICES OF VENESSA J. MAXWELL-LOPEZ, LLC – 7/99 to current. Attorney.
General practice with emphasis on municipal court and criminal defense, immigration, personal injury,
workers' compensation. Provide Spanish translation and interpretation services for various municipal
courts, businesses and other legal professionals.

WATSON AND DAMERON, LLC. – 10/94 to 7/99 – Attorney.
General practice with emphasis on municipal court and criminal defense, immigration, personal injury,
workers' compensation.

QUITMEIER AND RALLS, LLC. – 10/91 to 10/94 – Attorney.
General practice with emphasis on municipal court and criminal defense, personal injury, workers'
compensation and domestic relations.

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – 8/90 to 10/91 – Rule 13 Certified
Legal Intern. Represented the prosecutor's office and the State of Missouri in court for various hearings
including probation violations, guilty pleas and various motions. Assisted prosecutors in trial and case
preparation and in researching and writing legal briefs.

McDOWELL, RICE AND SMITH, LLC – 6/90 to 10/90 – Summer Law Clerk.
Researched and prepared various legal documents including briefs, requests for discovery and motions and
assisted in trial preparation.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, 1991.
Class Rank: 25/152.

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, 1987.
Majors in Spanish and Political Science.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted in Missouri, October, 1991.
Admitted in Kansas, April, 1992.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Fluent in Spanish.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

COMBAT – Jackson County, Missouri - Drug Commissioner – October, 2008 to current.

Clay County Bar Association; Voy Spears, Jr. Elementary School, PTA Board; Church, Children’s Choir Director; Church, Children’s Sunday School teacher; Church, Camp Applause teacher; Church, Praise Team; Church, Missionary to Guatemala; Church, Governance Committee; Young Lawyer’s Section of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, former Executive Board Member; Continuing Legal Education speaker for UMKC School of Law CLE Department, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Hispanic Bar Association and the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association; Hispanic Bar Association, member, former treasurer ; Kansas City-Seville Sister City Commission; Provide pro bono immigration and legal counseling to several church and community groups.