



MICHAEL D. SANDERS
Jackson County Executive

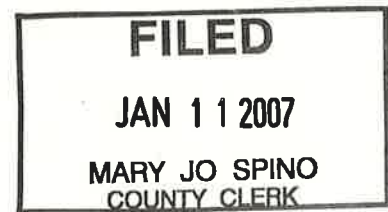
EXECUTIVE ORDER #07-09

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

**FROM: MICHAEL D. SANDERS
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DATE: JANUARY 11, 2007

RE: APPOINTMENT OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Jackson County Home Rule Charter, I hereby appoint James F. Kanatzar to the office of Prosecuting Attorney, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Michael D. Sanders, for a term ~~the~~ ^{to} expire December 31, 2008. .



Michael D. Sanders. County Executive

Date: January 11, 2007



JAMES F. KANATZAR

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- 1989-1992 University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
Juris Doctor
- 1985-1989 Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
Bachelor of Arts: Political Science
- 1981-1985 Rockhurst High School, Kansas City, Missouri

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2002-Present **Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office**
- Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
- Legal counsel to the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney.
 - Responsible for the administration of the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
 - Supervise seventy-seven assistant prosecuting attorneys.
 - Supervise one hundred and forty-eight support staff employees.
- 2001-2002 **Armstrong Teasdale, LLP**
- Associate in the Litigation Department.
 - Practice areas included premises liability, criminal defense, consumer fraud, securities fraud, commercial contracts, real estate, bankruptcy and collections.
- 1991-2001 **Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office**
- 1999-2001 Chief Trial Assistant for Eastern Jackson County
- Responsible for the review, filing of charges and prosecution of all state misdemeanors and felonies in Eastern Jackson County.
 - Supervised twelve assistant prosecuting attorneys.
 - Office envoy to the Eastern Jackson County law enforcement agencies.
 - Executive staff to the Jackson County Prosecutor

- 1997-1999 Chief Warrant Officer for Eastern Jackson County
- Supervised the review, filing and prosecution of all criminal cases up to the trial docket stage.
 - Supervised nine assistant prosecuting attorneys.
 - Office envoy to the Eastern Jackson County law enforcement agencies.
- 1996-1997 Trial Team Leader of the Independence Drug Unit
- Oversee the prosecution of all criminal cases filed in Eastern Jackson County after the preliminary hearing.
 - Responsible for the review, filing and prosecution of all narcotic investigations presented by municipal law enforcement agencies in Eastern Jackson County, Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Missouri Highway Patrol.
 - Supervised five assistant prosecuting attorneys.
- 1995-1996 Domestic Violence Unit
- Trial Team Leader responsible for the prosecution of all crimes involving domestic abuse.
 - Supervised three assistant prosecutors.
- 1996 White Collar Unit
- Special white-collar prosecutor for the investigation and prosecution of environmental violations, insurance, consumer and securities fraud.
- 1995 Appointed to Homicide Committee
- Review and file homicides with committee members.
 - Appointed lead counsel and second chair on murder prosecutions.
- 1993-1995 Jackson County Drug Task Force
- Trial attorney responsible for the review, filing and prosecution of over 200 cases investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.
 - Advisor to the agency in criminal law and procedure.
- 1992-1993 Drug Abatement Response Team
- Joint city and county task force. Investigated and vacated drug houses. Completed fire and code inspections, evictions, and forfeiture proceedings under CAFA.

- 1990-1991 **Office of the County Counselor, Jackson County, Missouri**
Law Clerk. Legal research and writing in areas of civil rights,
Section 1983 actions, land use and zoning.
- 1988-1989 **Douglas County, Nebraska District Attorney's Office**
Intern for the Victim – Witness Unit

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

Missouri Supreme Court Regional Disciplinary Committee

- Appointed by order of the Missouri Supreme Court to serve on its Regional Disciplinary Committee -Region IV.
- Review complaints regarding attorneys licensed in Missouri.
- Conduct hearings, recommend appropriate disciplinary action up to and including revocation of membership in the Missouri Bar.

Louis Lombardo Prosecutor of the Year- 2000

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Missouri Bar

- Criminal Law Committee
- Governmental Law Committee
- Professionalism and Ethics Committee
- Special Task Force on the Unauthorized Practice of Law

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: *cont.*

Kansas Bar

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Eastern Jackson County Bar Association