## Phil A. LeVota

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# The Law Offices of Phil LeVota, L.L.C. – www.PhilLeVotalaw.com - 2006 to Present

Attorney/Managing Partner/Court Certified Mediator

- State and Local Government Practice
- Plaintiff Litigation; Wrongful Death/Personal Injury
- · Criminal Defense and Family Law
- Lobbying, Mediation, and Arbitration Services
- Licensed Missouri Real Estate Broker and Agent

# City of Lee's Summit, Missouri – 2006 to 2012 (Part-time as needed by city)

Assistant Municipal Prosecutor

Part-time position prosecuting municipal ordinances

# County of Jackson, Missouri – 2006 to Present (Part-time as needed by court)

Special Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney

Appointed by Court to prosecute conflict of interest felony cases

### Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: 1996-2006

Trial Team Leader – Community Justice Unit, 1999 to 2006

- Supervised and trained attorneys in prosecution trial work
- Tried over 40 jury trials including murder, assault, and drug cases
- Media contact and office spokesman / representative
- Constituent and citizen contact officer
- Worked on a variety of legislation with Missouri State Legislature

## Assistant Prosecutor / Trial Attorney, 1996 to 1999

- Member of Prosecutor's Death Penalty Review Committee
- Designated as Kansas City Police Department Gang Unit Prosecutor
- Experienced in domestic violence, general crime, & case initiation
- Jackson County Prosecutor's Homicide Review Committee
- Argued successfully before the Missouri Court of Appeals

#### State of Missouri – Division of Legal Services:

Administrative Hearing Officer, 1995 to 1996

- Quasi-judicial position presiding over administrative hearings
- · Conducted evidentiary hearings dealing with social services administrative law

## **State of Missouri – Division of Child Support Enforcement:**

Supervisor: 1990 to1994

- Supervised investigators in application of state administrative law
- Represented DCSE in public relations, media interviews, & speaking engagements

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#### **EDUCATION**

**University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law**, Kansas City, Missouri Juris Doctorate Degree

- UMKC Law School Law Review
- National Trial Team
- Top 10% First Year Law School Class

**Baker University,** Baldwin, Kansas Master of Science, Business Management

**Central Missouri State University,** Warrensburg, Missouri Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- KC Metropolitan Bar Association, Local Government Committee
- U.S. Dept. of Justice Education Program trainer/presenter
- National District Attorney's Association faculty member
- KC Police Dept. Crime Scene Investigation Academy Instructor
- Missouri Bar Association; Instructor & Moderator for continuing legal education.
- Missouri Office of Prosecution Services: Trainer / Presenter
- Eastern Jackson County Youth Court Program Legal Advisor
- International Homicide Investigators Association Member
- Midwest Gang Investigators Association Member,
- Member, Mensa International Association
- Kansas Bar Association, Criminal committee
- American Bar Association
- Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- UMKC School of Law Mentor Program Volunteer Mentor
- Annual Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition Coach and Judge
- Member of International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 42

#### CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board of Trustees; Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, Missouri
- Board of Directors: Hope House Shelter for Battered Women and Children
- Governor's Public Relations Task Force, DCSE, Former Chairman
- Host; Weekly Radio Talk Show "Dialogue with Phil LeVota," KCTE Radio, 1510 AM
- Board of Directors; Missouri Child Support Enforcement Association
- Commentator, "Monday Morning Political Match-up," KCMO 710 AM Talk Radio
- Commentator, FOX 4 News, WDAF TV, Kansas City, Missouri
- Commentator, 980 KMBZ Radio, Kansas City, Missouri
- Emmy Award winning host, "The Power of KC" television program
- Published Author/Writer/Columnist for magazines and "His Name Was Murder" book
- KKFI 90.1 FM Blues & Jazz Community Radio, former Board of Directors
- Paseo Corridor Safe Neighborhood Grant Advisory Council
- Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) graduation speaker
- Board Member; The Tyrann Mathieu Foundation