

# Whitney S. Miller

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## EDUCATION

**University of Missouri School of Law – Columbia, Missouri** – J.D. May 2011

*Missouri Law Review*

2011 Order of Barristers (top advocates) and 2009 Top Oral Advocate  
Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court; Griffiths Leadership Society for Women

**University of Western Cape School of Law – Cape Town, South Africa** June-July 2009 – Summer Program

**University of Missouri – Columbia, Missouri** – B.A. in Human Development and Family Studies. Dec. 2006  
Dean's List, Outstanding Senior in the School of Human Environmental Sciences

## EXPERIENCE

**Jackson County Counselor's Office**, November 2012-Present – *Deputy County Counselor*

Serve as civil legal counsel for Jackson County, Missouri with a focus on employment and tax law.

**Employment:** Provide counsel on issues related to hiring practices, discipline, retaliation, and discrimination; create and provide complex policy development and employee training; advise on legal changes to ensure compliance; defend administrative charges before the EEOC and MCHR; defend claims to state and federal courts; advise as to labor disputes and contract negotiations.

**Tax and other focus areas:** Brief and argue appeals of tax-foreclosure suits to the Western District Court of Appeals; manage over 900 property value appeals to the State Tax Commission; provide legal counsel to determine tax exemptions County-wide; prepare and defend civil jury trials; provide counsel to department directors to reduce the risk of litigation; review and negotiate county contracts; provide litigation support to outside counsel on outsourced cases; strategize and advise on complex business decisions.

**Missouri State Auditor's Office**, January 2012-November 2012 – *Staff Attorney*

Served as legal counsel to former State Auditor; represented the Auditor in litigation before Missouri courts; drafted numerous briefs for cases on appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court; researched issues and drafted pleadings related to the constitutional authority of the Auditor; provided legal advice regarding the State's auditing practices.

**Boone County Prosecutor's Office**, January 2011-October 2011 – *Law Clerk*

Assisted the Prosecuting Attorney by conducting discovery and synthesizing evidence for trial; researched legal issues related to the admissibility of evidence in murder trials.

**U.S. Attorney's Office**, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Summer 2010 – *Legal Intern*

Assisted in drafting legal documents filed in the Western District of Missouri and the Eighth Circuit; provided research assistance on numerous legal issues related to fraud and corruption.

**United States Senate**, Washington, DC, 2006-2008 – *Legislative Aide*

Updated Senator on trends in education and healthcare and suggested legislative changes; met with constituent organizations and national associations to evaluate legislative needs; assisted Senator in writing floor speeches and proposed healthcare legislation.

## COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Licensed to practice law in Missouri and Kansas

Mizzou Alumni Association, Kansas City Chapter – Member of the Board of Directors

Wilderness Camping and Retreat Center – Member of the Board of Directors