

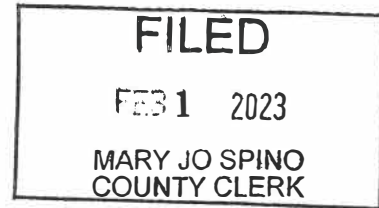


**FRANK WHITE, JR.**  
Jackson County Executive

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23-07**

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

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



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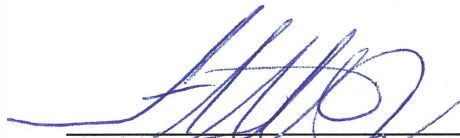
**DATE: February 1, 2023**

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF  
EQUALIZATION AND DESIGNATION OF CHAIR**

I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County Board of Equalization:

**Lauren Allen** is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of John B. Boyd, for a new term to expire December 31, 2025. A copy of Ms. Allen's resume is attached.

Further, I designate V. Edwin Stoll, current member, to serve as Chair of the Board of Equalization.

  
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Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Date: 2/1/2023



# LAUREN ALLEN

## J.D., LL.M

### CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL

**“DELIVERING EXCELLENT LEGAL SERVICE AND SMOOTH INTERNAL OPERATIONS IN GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE LAW ENVIRONMENTS”**

Performance-driven professional with extensive experience managing legal operations and delivering high-quality results in a fast-paced and dynamic environment. Reviews global level products, features, and initiatives to offer practical legal risk mitigation suggestions across multiple verticals. Provides expert advice on commercial transactions and legal affairs. Resolves litigation and business controversies through research, top-level case analysis and effective client advocacy advancement. Committed to creating and ensuring compliance with law and policies while collaborating with fellow industry experts and professionals to optimize an organization’s processes. Exceptionally skilled in developing comprehensive legal strategies and negotiating claims to boost organizational business development and implement legally defensible protocols and procedures.

Project Management	Regulatory Affairs	Legal & Business Consultation	Legal Risk Mitigation
Data Protection	Budgeting & Forecasting	Contract Interpretation	Legal Analysis & Research
Transactional Practice	Strategic Planning	Commercial/Corporate Law	Conflict Resolution

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Housing Authority of Kansas City, MO | Kansas City, MO**  
**General Counsel (2021 to Present)**

**2020 to Present**

Advise and represent the HAKC in legal matters, including commercial transactions, NDAs, SOWs, construction development, real estate purchases, compliance/governance issues, licensing agreements, contract negotiations/drafting, and litigation management. Perform daily supervision of legal department teams, including recruitment, promotion, and discipline. Utilize effective contract management skills to handle all outside counsel contracts.

- ✦ Develop and execute the paid legal internship program for second and third-year law school students.
- ✦ Initiate and implement policy changes at the local, state, and national levels.
- ✦ Guest Speaker at National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Conference (NAHRO); Missouri National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (MONAHRO); NAHRO Congressional Contact for Public Housing Authorities in Missouri.

**Legal Counsel (2020 to 2021)**

Ensured security interest of Housing Authority by offering legal advice while counseling stakeholders, board members, and leadership regarding policy changes. Facilitated Employment and Labor processes by creating and implementing an efficient onboarding Process for recruiting employees.

- ✦ Executed defensible litigation and business processes to save agency \$200k+ in legal fees in two years.
- ✦ Increased operational efficiency by designing and executing internal policies and procedures; implemented changes to comply with policy amendments and contract standardization.
- ✦ Updated and executed policies of ACOP/ADMIN Plan to carry out housing program in accordance with federal law and regulations.

**United Lex Corporation | Overland Park, KS**  
**Legal Consultant | other roles: Staff Attorney | Litigation Manager**

**2016 to 2020**

Drafted, negotiated, and managed multi-million-dollar contracts and commercial service agreements with multi-national corporations in the commercial market. Offered legal services, such as enlisting digital contracts, supervising transactions, assuring compliance management, protecting data, and accessing clients' internal legal departments.

- ✦ Served Fortune 50 clients by reviewing numerous documents from 5K to 2M+.

- ✦ Administered a \$20M+ budget while optimizing workflows and workforce to meet service level agreements.
- ✦ Led 84 attorneys in multi-state areas to complete major projects using strategic staff management skills.
- ✦ Maximized productivity and minimized error rate to less than 2% average by training attorneys on new workflow processes, including a system of checks and balances.

**Maryland Legal Aid DCSHC | Annapolis, MD**  
**Staff Attorney**

2014 to 2015

Enhanced awareness in public by responding to telephone and in-person queries, advising on completing and filing claims, and drafting motions to reach positive resolutions. Recommended suitable options to pro-se litigants in District Court cases for presenting self-representation.

- ✦ Developed an expertise in common civil matters related to landlord and tenant disputes, small claims, protection orders, and replevin/detinue, debt, and consumer protections.

**House of Ruth - Maryland | Baltimore, MD**  
**Staff Attorney**

2014 to 2014

Represented and litigated on behalf of domestic violence victims in District and Circuit Court to receive protective, peace, custody, and divorce decrees orders while coaching and assigning duties to Attorney Fellow(s).

- ✦ Carried out staff attorney operations, including maintaining cases, interviewing victims, developing fact summaries and other documents, revising evidence, and initiating negotiations with respondents.

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

American University | Expert Meeting Coordinator at Academy on Human Rights & Humanitarian Law | Washington D.C.  
 Delaware Department of Justice | Asst Attorney General & Law Clerk | Wilmington, DE  
 University of Georgia | Family Violence Clinic Student | Athens, GA  
 Chatham County Juvenile Court | Guardian Ad Litem & Law Clerk | Savannah, GA

### EDUCATION

**Juris Doctor (J.D.)** | The University of Georgia School of Law | Athens, GA  
**Master of Laws (LL.M)** (Law & Government/Gender & Law) | American University | Washington, D.C.  
**Education Abroad** | Oxford University | Oxford, England  
**Bachelor of Arts, English**, Minor: Philosophy | Philander Smith College | Little Rock, AR

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

**WorldCC Certifications**, Contract and Commercial Management  
**Maryland State Bar Association – MSBA**, Maryland State Bar  
**Missouri State Bar Association**, Missouri State Bar  
**Kansas City Missouri Bar Association**, KCMBA  
**Jackson County Bar Association**, JCBA

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**In-House Counsel Awards, Rising Star** • Issued by Missouri Lawyers Media (2020)  
**Honors Magna Cum Laude** • Presidential Scholar

### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT/BOARD PARTICIPATION

Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., (Present) • Board Member, Board of Trustees of City Trusts, (Present) • Board Member, St. James United Methodist Church (Present) • Board Member, Delta Educational and Economic Development (Present) • Board Member, Missouri National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (Present) • Advisory Member, Black Female Attorneys Network • Frmr Member, ACLU Legal Committee • Frmr Chairperson of the Board, Planet Play KC, •

### TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

Microsoft Office | Westlaw | Lexis | Elite