



MICHAEL D. SANDERS
Jackson County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 08-09

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

**FROM: Michael D. Sanders
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DATE: February 6, 2008

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE MERIT SYSTEM COMMISSION

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MARY JO SPINO
COUNTY CLERK

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

William J. Gnefkow, Jr. to replace the expired term of Byron McCallum, for a term to expire December 31, 2011. A copy of Mr. Gnefkow's resume is attached.

Michael D. Sanders, County Executive

Date: 2/06/2008



WILLIAM J. GNEFKOW, JR.
610 North River Boulevard
Independence, Missouri 64050
(816) 254-0757 (home)

Legal Employment

Private law practice - sole practitioner

March 1997 - present

Office location: 400 West Kansas Avenue
Independence, Missouri 64050
Tel: 816-836-0427
Fax: 816-836-0139

Represents clients in defense of criminal, felony and misdemeanor charges in circuit courts and municipal courts.

Represents clients in domestic relation cases including dissolution of marriage, modification of decrees, paternity and child support.

Represents clients in juvenile law cases in the Family Court Division concerning child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights and juvenile crimes and delinquency.

Jackson County Counselor's Office

April 1984 - March 1997

Represented the Jackson County Assessment Department in all property tax appeals before the Missouri State Tax Commission and Jackson County Circuit Courts.

Served as legal advisor to Jackson County Board of Assessment

Represented Jackson County in all worker's compensation matters

Advised the Jackson County Collections Department concerning the collection of delinquent real estate and personal property taxes and represented Jackson County in all collection suits.

Prosecuted county ordinance violations

Represented Jackson County in all matters related to tax exemption status and bankruptcy

Represented Jackson County before the Missouri Court of Appeals and Missouri Supreme Court

Jackson County Prosecutor's Office

June 1975 - February 1984

Created the Sex Crimes Unit and served as lead counsel

Responsible for filing of all sex offenses and representing the State of Missouri in preliminary hearings and trials.

Supervised two attorneys and two non-lawyers

Served as trial team leader in Career Criminal Unit
Prosecuted felonies where defendants had prior violent felony convictions

Supervised two attorneys and one investigator

Trial Attorney, Career Criminal Unit
Preparation and trial of felony offenses

General Trial Attorney

Worked as law intern for prosecutor's office during third year of law school
Responsibilities included legal research and trial preparation

Speaking Engagements

KCMBA CLE, "Jackson County Tax Assessment Process and Options Available upon Assessment Dispute", May 16, 1995

Lorman Education Services, "Appeal of Assessment to County Board of Assessment", May 18, 1993

KCMBA CLE, "Challenging Real Property Tax Assessments", July 20, 1992

Education

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
Juris Doctorate May 1976

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington
September 1973-June 1975

Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri
Bachelors in Science in History March 1969

Membership

Missouri Bar Association
Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
Eastern Jackson County Bar Association