



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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-11**

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

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

**DATE: March 22, 2019**

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNSELOR**

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MARY JO SPINO  
COUNTY CLERK

I hereby appoint Bryan O. Covinsky, as County Counselor for a term to expire on December 31, 2022. A copy of Mr. Covinsky's resume is attached.

  
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Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Date: 3/22/2019

**Bryan O. Covinsky  
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### **SUMMARY**

A highly successful and experienced attorney that has prosecuted all levels of crimes in the State of Missouri, specializing in the management and trials of violent crimes. As the Chief Trial Attorney, I lead a unit of over 10 prosecutors and a support staff that handled the most dangerous cases in Jackson County. I support cross divisional collaboration with all departments in my office, law enforcement and outreach to the community.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **JACKSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE: 2005 – Present**

- **2015, Appointed Chief Trial Attorney of the Violent Crime Unit** reviewing and assigning all violent crimes charged from the Assault, Robbery and Homicide units of the Kansas City Police Department. Coordinated and supervised bi-weekly homicide meetings between the prosecutor's office and police department to review charging and investigations of cases.
- **Contributed to national published report, "Investigating Violent Crime: The Prosecutor's Role"**
- **2014, Appointed Chief Warrant prosecutor of Eastern Jackson County** to oversee the Associate court dockets in Eastern Jackson County and concentrate on property and white collar crimes.
- **2013, Appointed Police Liaison** working with the police department to promote communication with Kansas City Police Department and improve the discovery practices for the county.
- **2012, Assigned community prosecutor** for the west side of Kansas City to establish improved communication with local groups and focus on area crimes.
- **2011, Senior attorney assigned to Jackson County Violent Crimes Unit.**
- **2011, Awarded Patrick B. Hall Trial Attorney of the Year, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office.**

#### **Drug Prosecution Unit: 2005 – 2011**

- Successfully managed and prosecuted a case-load of over sixty cases ranging from all grades of felony offenses.
- Trained new prosecutors in proper charging, trial preparation, evidence presentation and argument.
- Participated in the Homicide committee and a monthly on-call rotation for Kansas City Police Department Violent Crimes Unit.

#### **Law office of Bryan O. Covinsky, Solo Practitioner, Kansas City MO: 2002 – 2005**

Worked with Ross, Eufinger & Sausley Law Firm in an Of Counsel position

- Represented clients charged with felonies in both Kansas and Missouri.
- Represented over 60 clients in a national product liability settlement. My clients were from a small town in Kansas who did not have access to prepare their claims for inclusion into the settlement.
- Represented clients in federal court filing chapter 7 bankruptcies.
- Represented clients in contract disputes and real estate transactions.
- Appointed as Special Prosecutor on a number of complex criminal trials.

## **JACKSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE: 1998 - 2002**

- **2001, Received Jackson County Prosecutor's Victims Champion Award**
- 2002, successfully handled one of the largest trial loads in the office including drug, gang, arson, and violent crimes.
- **2000, Appointed Arson Prosecutor** responsible for all fire related cases in Jackson County from filing stage to resolution. On-call to all police departments in the County
- 2000, Attended national arson investigation training with the **Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in Columbia, South Carolina**
- 2000, Board member of the **Metro Insurance Fraud Task Force**, a monthly group that worked closely with local insurance companies to identify fraud and how to prosecute the cases
- 2000, Invited to join the **Jackson County Homicide Committee**
- **1999, Appointed Gang Unit Prosecutor** responsible for working with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department's Gang Unit in identifying and prosecuting gang members in the Metro area.
- 1998, Assigned to the drug unit to handle all type felony drug cases and violent crimes with a drug nexus. Reviewed, filed, and prosecuted through disposition all cases.

## **CASS COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE 1996 to 1998**

Handled all grades of felony cases including homicides, sex offenses, and traffic related offenses. Duties included handling the Circuit Court's Law Day, preliminary docket and trials.

- 1997, Promoted to Drug Prosecutor for the County, assigned to work with the Police and Sheriff Departments in reviewing, filing and prosecuting all felony drug cases.
- 1997, Established the Civil Drug Forfeiture unit under CAFA for Cass County.

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

<b>1993-1996</b>	<b>Juris Doctorate, University of Tulsa Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Certificate Articles Editor for the Energy Law Journal</b>
<b>1988-1992</b>	<b>Bachelor of Science from the School of Business, Business Administration Concentration in Communication Studies University of Kansas 1992</b>

## **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit Member 2004 - Present  
Worship Leader 2007 - 2011  
Board Member of Lee's Summit Football Association 2008 - 2018  
Lee's Summit Flag Football Commissioner 2008-2014**

**References available upon request**