

Jacqueline Sommer

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Professional Summary

Dedicated legal professional with over 30 years of service in Jackson County, Missouri, specializing in government law, property taxation, and municipal representation. Represented Jackson County in Federal and Circuit Court. Expertise in tax sale confirmation hearings, delinquent land tax litigation, and public sector legal counsel. Experienced leader and community advocate with a strong commitment to public service and legal excellence.

Professional Experience

Jackson County, Missouri 1987 - 2017

Deputy and Assistant County Counselor | Assistant Prosecuting Attorney | Delinquent Land Tax Attorney

- Represented Jackson County in hundreds of tax sale confirmation hearings, presenting evidence of real and personal property value in Circuit Court.
- Provided legal counsel to the Jackson County Assessment Department and Collections Department.
- Litigated delinquent land tax cases, ensuring compliance with Missouri tax laws.
- Assisted in prosecutorial duties, handling legal matters on behalf of the State.
- Advised county officials on a wide range of legal issues, including property law and taxation.

City of Blue Springs, Missouri 2017 - 2022

City Attorney

- Provided legal guidance on municipal matters, ensuring compliance with city, state, and federal laws.
- Represented the city in legal proceedings and drafted municipal ordinances, resolutions, and contracts.
- Extensive knowledge of public body meetings, Roberts Rules of Order, and Missouri Sunshine Law.
- Worked closely with city officials and departments on legal and policy matters.

Leadership & Community Involvement

- **Chair, Independence, Missouri Charter Review Commission** – Led efforts to review and recommend updates to the city charter.

- **Chair, Independence Youth Court Board of Directors** – Oversaw initiatives to provide young individuals with hands-on legal experience in a peer-led court system.
- **President, Canterbury Trails Homes Association** – Managed subdivision affairs, including private streets, common areas, and sewer system.

Bar Memberships & Legal Credentials

- Inactive (retired) Member, Kansas Bar
- Inactive (retired) Member, Missouri Bar
- Inactive (retired) Federal District Courts in Missouri and Kansas