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EXECUTIVE ORDER # 06-17

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

**FROM: KATHERYN J. SHIELDS
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DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS AND
CITIZEN COMPLAINTS**

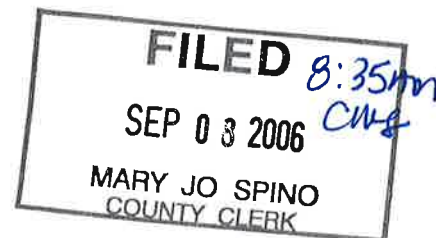
I hereby reappoint **Keith Curnutt** to the Commission on Human Relations and Citizen Complaints, such term to expire on March 1, 2010. I appoint the following:

1. **Howard Lotven** to replace the expired term of Robert Hernandez, such term to expire March 1, 2010.
2. **Renee Paluka** to replace the vacant term of Michael Curry, such term to expire March 1, 2009.

Copies of Mr. Lotven's and Ms. Paluka's resumes are attached.


Katheryn J Shields, County Executive

Date: 9-7-06



Renee J Paluka
3416 S Marshall CT
Independence, MO 64055
8716-478-8641

Resident of Independence 43 years

Employed Missouri Gas Energy 28 years

Elected April 2000 City of Independence City Council

Appointed Mayor Stewart to Street Oversight Committee

Appointed Audit and Finance Committee

Appointed State Lagers Committee

Served Hope House advisory committee

Member IBEW Local 53. Served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Chief Steward, member coordinated bargaining committee, 1st and only woman to serve as Treasure of the Local.

Secretary State Democratic Party

Chairman Jackson County Democratic Committee

Treasure Jackson County Democratic Committee

Member Fifth District Democratic Women's Club. Served as 1st, 3rd, and 4th Vice Presidents and Treasure.

Recipient Democratic Woman of the year award

Missouri State Committeewoman

Democratic National Delegate 2000

Wife, Mother, Grandmother

Howard L. Lotven
1125 Grand Boulevard, Suite 1200
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 471-0070

RESUME

EXPERIENCE:

Howard L. Lotven, P.C.	1125 Grand, Suite 1200, Kansas City, MO	10/1/84 to present
City of Kansas City, MO Assistant City Prosecutor	1101 Locust, Kansas City, MO	6/1/85 - 12/31/85
City of Harrisonville, MO City Attorney - City Prosecutor	300 E. Pearl, Harrisonville, MO	June, 1989 - July, 1991
City of Napoleon, Missouri City Attorney - City Prosecutor	Napoleon, MO	Februar y, 2001- Present
City of Lake Lafayette, MO City Attorney - City Prosecutor	Lake Lafayette, MO	February, 2001- Present

BAR ASSOCIATION AND LEGAL GROUPS MEMBERSHIPS:

1. Missouri Bar Association: October 1, 1984 to present:
 1. Young Lawyers Council Representative: 1986 - 1988
 2. Criminal Law Committee: 1989 - present, Co-Chairperson: 1991 - 1992
 3. General Practice Committee: 1989 - present, Executive Committee: 1993 - 1999
 4. Solo and Small Practice Seminar Committee: 1997 - 1999
 5. Lecturer: Practicing in Municipal and Traffic Courts: 1987 - 1990, 1992, 1997
 6. Law Day Speaker: 1986, 1996

2. **Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association:**
 1. **Municipal Court Committee: 1984 - 1989, 1999 - present, Secretary, 1988; Vice-Chairperson, 2001; Chairperson, 2002**
[As chairperson of the Kansas City Bar Association Municipal Court Committee, I participated in Municipal Court Judicial Meetings. Our agenda included review and implementation of needed changes in both administrative policies and court procedures. In addition, I was consulted regarding policies and procedures of Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Housing Court and in updating of the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court computer system.]
 2. **Family Law Committee: 2002 - present**
 3. **Missouri High School Moot Court Judge: 1992, 1994**
 4. **Lecturer: Practicing in Municipal and Traffic Courts: 1999 - present**
 5. **CASA Volunteer Attorney: 1986 - present; Attorney of the Year, 2002**
 6. **Volunteer Attorney Project, 1992 - present; Volunteer Attorney Project Award, 1994**
3. **United States District Court - Western District: 1984**
4. **American Bar Association; 1984 - 1987**
5. **American Trial Lawyers Association: 1986 - 1990**
6. **Municipal Court Prosecutor's Association of Western Missouri: 1992 - present**

LEGAL FIELDS AND EXPERIENCE:

Presently, I primarily represent clients in Municipal Courts and Traffic Courts. I have been either a prosecutor or defense attorney in over 100,00 cases. I also represent clients in Family Law matters including divorce, paternity, modification of child support, custody and visitation. In the past and currently a portion of my practice is in personal injury cases/auto accidents.

I have also argued six cases in front of the Missouri Court of Appeals - Western District:

1. **Lane v. Amsted Industries, Inc. - Product Liability Claim - Appeal regarding the appropriateness of jury's consideration of a Plaintiff's worker's compensation claim in a suit for product liability.**
2. **Eimer v. Board of Police Commissioner of Kansas City, Mo - Worker's Compensation Claim - Appeal regarding the appropriateness of an employee's employment history being entered into evidence in a worker's compensation**

claim.

3. Todd v. Lohman - Driver's License Suspension - Appeal regarding the procedures under the Missouri Department Of Health Code Of Regulations that a lab technician must follow to have a valid test for blood alcohol content.
4. Peterson v. Summit Fitness, Inc. - Personal Injury - Appeal regarding the standard for "open and obvious danger" defense as it relates to children.
5. In Interest of R.C. - Termination Of Parental Rights - Appeal regarding whether evidence regarding the child's statements made to other children is admissible and whether sufficient evidence of abuse was presented to terminate parental rights.
6. Baldrige v. Director of Revenue - Driver's License Suspension - Appeal regarding reinstatement of Petitioner's driver's license when Circuit Court Judge found the police officer's testimony not credible.

CIVIC AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

1. Hyde Park Neighborhood Association: 1985 - present
 - a. Hyde Park Crime Patrol: 1985-1991
 - b. Hyde Park Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Committee: 1993 - 1997
 - c. South Hyde Park Planning Committee: 1997 - 2001
1. Pilgrim Chapel/Pilgrim Services, Inc. - 2001 - 2005, Board of Trustees
2. Heart of America Stand Down: (U.S. Veteran's Assistance Program - Municipal Court Defense Attorney) 1995 - present, volunteer
3. Heartland United Way, 1985- 1986, volunteer
4. Committee for Community Progress, 2004 - present
5. Western Missouri Coalition To Abolish The Death Penalty: 1995 - present
 - a. Board of Directors: 2004 - present
6. House Rabbit Society: 1988 - present
7. Kansas City Men's Senior Baseball League: 1990 - 1998
 - a. Federal Division Commissioner: 1992 - 1998
8. Negro Leagues Baseball Museum: 2002 - present
9. Kansas City Community Farm, Inc., 2006 - present, Board Of Directors

AWARDS/HONORS:

1. Who's Who in the Law
2. Who's Who in the Midwest
3. Who's Who in America

4. **Who's Who in the World**
5. **Outstanding Americans**
6. **Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Society**
7. **CASA Attorney of the Year, 2002**
8. **Volunteer Attorney Project Award, 1994**

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