



Name: Heather Sandison Heffner

1. State your present principal occupation:

22nd Judicial Circuit Court Family Court Staff Attorney

2. Answer the following:

(a) Are you at least 30 years of age?

Yes

(b) Are you at least 25 years of age?

Yes

(c) How long have you been a citizen of the United States?

45 years

(d) How long have you been a resident of St. Louis County?

7 years

(e) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri?

27 years

3. For each jurisdiction in which you are or have been licensed to practice, state:

(a) The name of the jurisdiction;

Missouri

(b) The date you were admitted to that bar and, if applicable, ceased to be a member of that bar;
and

September 17, 2003

(c) Your bar number.

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4. State the name and address of each post-high school educational institutions you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

Furman University: Greenville, SC	1993-1997	B.A. English
Washington University School of Law: St. Louis, MO	2000-2003	J.D.

5. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with the earliest date, conclude with present.)

- Velvet Freeze-Kirkwood, MO (no longer exists) 03/1992-07-1992
- The Limited-West County Mall, Des Peres, MO Summer 1993
- Grant's Farm-10501 Gravois, St. Louis, MO Summers 1994 & 1995
- Express-Haywood Mall, Greenville, SC Summer 1996
- The Painted Pot-Ballwin, MO (no longer exists) 06/1997-12/1997
- Creatives on Call-Clayton, MO 09/1997-12/1997
- Venture Stores Advertising Dept.-O'Fallon, MO (no longer exists)
01/1998-05/1998 (Closed)
- ABD Group-200 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 07/1998-07/2000
- Lacks & Newman: 130 S. Bemiston, Clayton, MO Summer 2001
- Limited Too: St. Louis Galleria, St. Louis, MO Summer 2001
- Kirkwood School District, Kirkwood, MO 10/2003-05/2004
- Restoration Hardware: St. Louis Galleria 10/2003-05/2004
- Washington University Dept. of Psychology, 01/2004-05/2004
- Missouri Public Defender System: Columbia, MO 05/2004-05/2006
City of St. Louis 05/2006-06/2008
- Heffner Law, LLC: St. Louis, MO 06/2008-08/2012
- Heffner & Banjak, LLC, St. Louis, MO 08/2012-12/2013
- 21st Judicial Circuit Court, Clayton, MO 01/2014-06/2015
- 22nd Judicial Circuit Court, St. Louis, MO 07/2015-Present

6. If you have served as a judge or commissioner, identify up to five significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

Not applicable. I am a provisional municipal judge, but have not had trials for any of those cases.

7. List up to ten cases which you have tried as either first or second chair. Set forth the style, cause number, date, court and judge, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate whether each case was bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

Please see Attachment 1.

8. List up to ten appeals or writs before appellate courts which you have briefed or argued. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you briefed, argued or both, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

Not applicable.

9. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?

No

10. Have you ever been a party to any litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem?

No

11. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof?

No

12. Have you ever been held in contempt of court?

No

13. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

(a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct? If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed: No.

(b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary. No.

If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:

(c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? If yes, provide details: No.

14. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates:

Missouri Supreme Court Access to Family Courts
Member (also on Forms sub-committee)

Co-Chair of Ad Hoc Committee to update the Self-Represented Litigant Page for OSCA

St. Louis County Bar Association

Women Lawyers Association

15. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:

Churchill Center and School Parents Association-Secretary, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Westchester Elementary School PTO, 2013-present
Read Across America, Hamilton School 2016, Dewey School 2017
Shelter Buddies Reading Program with Missouri Humane Society, 2017
Westchester Elementary Family Fun Night Staff, 2015, 2016
North Kirkwood Middle School Career Day, 2015

16. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position?

Yes

If yes, provide details:

Provisional Municipal Judge of Country Club Hills, 2019-Present
Provisional Municipal Judge of Uplands Park, 2017-2019

17. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? If military service continues, so state: Not applicable.

18. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award or a professional nature which you have received.

I wrote, argued and won a Motion to Suppress in Missouri v. G.G. 05BA-CR02732 (Arson I, Arson II), which resulted in the prosecutor entering a Nolle Prosequi. This Motion was later used in teaching new Public Defenders at the Winter Workshop. A copy of this motion may be provided upon request.

19. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers, of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:

Hon. Thomas Frawley (retired)
Lincoln County Courthouse
45 Business Park Dr.
Troy, MO 63379
(314) 313-1397

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165 North Meramec Ave., Suite 110
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St. Louis, MO 63105
(314) 727-5519

Marie Kenyon
Director of Peace and Justice Commission
Archdiocese of St. Louis
20 Archbishop May Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 792-7062

20. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work or which you believe to be relevant.

Missouri State Public Defender's office: I tried nine felony jury trials as first chair (2 not guilty verdicts, 2 hung juries, 5 guilty verdicts). I also handled several bench trials and hundreds of pleas on cases ranging from juvenile infractions to Murder in the First Degree.

Private Practice: I took on many cases but spent quite a bit of time in the City working as a court appointed GAL. During this time, I expanded my knowledge of civil and family law.

Self-Represented Litigants: Since 2014, I have worked with self-represented litigants in family law cases. This involves communication with the litigants to ensure legal sufficiency of petitions prior to their court dates. It also entails working closely with the Family Court judges and assisting them in preparing cases for resolution, preparing their orders, and doing any necessary legal research.

Clerk College 2014: I was invited to speak at the Clerk College on the subject of self-represented litigants.

22nd Judicial Circuit Clerk Training: In conjunction with Circuit Clerk Tom Kloepfinger and Circuit Judge Theresa Counts Burke, I presented to the clerks on the subject of communications with self-represented litigants.

Webster University 2016: I was invited to speak at a pre-law class on the subject of guilty pleas in felony cases through the Missouri Supreme Court's Civic Education Committee.

Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Courts: I have been instrumental in revamping the Family Law Forms to make them easier to understand and to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on same-sex marriage.

National Meeting of State Access to Justice Chairs 2017: I was invited to be one of three representatives of Missouri at this ABA conference to learn and share information with participants from all 50 states and US Territories.

Domestic Violence Benchbook 2017: I was invited to assist the Domestic Violence Subcommittee of the Missouri Supreme Court's Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission in their creation of this benchbook for use by Family Court judges throughout the state.

Missouri Association for Court Administration 2018: I presented on the issue of how clerks may and may not assist self-represented litigants.

Show Me the Constitution Competition 2019: I judged high school students on their understanding of and arguments for and against the continuation of the Electoral College and the current application of the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Missouri Court Administration Institute 2021-2022: Recently accepted into the program.

I have dedicated the bulk of my career to public service. Even when not employed by a government entity, I worked as a court appointed guardian ad litem. I am completely comfortable in a court room and would have no trouble taking on any kind of associate or circuit docket. It is my goal to serve as a St. Louis County judge, where I feel like I can be of even more benefit to the community than I am now.

Heather S. Heffner-Attachment 2

Heather Heffner attended Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, graduating in 1997 with a B.A. in English and attended Washington University School of Law graduating in 2003 with a J.D. Prior to going to law school, Ms. Heffner worked in retail advertising for two and a half years. She spent 4 years in the Public Defender's office, in both Boone County and the City of St. Louis, handling everything from misdemeanors to first degree murders. In private practice, Ms. Heffner represented clients in criminal cases, estate planning, and family law cases, in addition to working as a court appointed Guardian ad Litem. In 2014, Ms. Heffner returned to government employment as a contract attorney for the 21st Judicial Circuit Court. Finally, Ms. Heffner currently works as the family court staff attorney for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court, where she works as a liaison between the family court judges and self-represented litigants, as well as generally overseeing the operations of the family court. Ms. Heffner is a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Access to Family Court, Forms Sub-Committee, and has presented to both the Clerk College and St. Louis City clerks on the issue of self-represented litigants.