

Appellate District Diversity Seat

In recognition of the value of diverse opinions and viewpoints, and in an effort to increase the same on the YLS Council, three Section members who have unique experience and knowledge and represents diverse elements of the bar within the state of Missouri, including, but not limited to, race, sex, gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, geography, and areas and types of practice, are elected from separate appellate districts, as follows:

Counties comprising the Western District of the Court of Appeals

Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Carroll, Cass, Chariton, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Schuyler, Sullivan, Vernon, Worth

Counties comprising the Southern District of the Court of Appeals

Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Butler, Camden, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Greene, Hickory, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Maries, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Clair, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Counties comprising the Eastern District of the Court of Appeals

Audrain, Cape Girardeau, Clark, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Perry, Pike, Ralls, St. Charles, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis City, St. Louis, Scotland, Shelby, Warren, Washington

Any member of the section enrolled in a county within the appellate district shall be eligible for the seat; but no member may simultaneously serve as a diversity representative and serve as a council member from a numbered district described in Article III of the YLS By-Laws. A member is considered enrolled in the county in which the section member maintains their voting place for the purpose of voting for members of The Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

Nominations for the appellate district diversity seat shall be made by petition signed by not less than five (5) members of the section in good standing who are enrolled and entitled to vote in any county which shall be within the district during the representative's term.

A statement describing the nominee's unique experience, knowledge, and qualifications to represent diverse elements of The Missouri Bar must be attached to the nominating petition.

Nominations will be presented to the current YLS Council, and the council will, by majority vote, select a panel of at least two candidates for each appellate district seat. If there is only one nominee for the seat, such nominee shall be the diversity representative for that appellate district without need for an election. The selections will be made at the Summer Meeting of the Council.