

**APPLICATION (Revised April 2008)**  
**22nd CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**  
**ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE**

**RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS  
SELECTED AS A NOMINEE.**



NAME: Teneil Lee Kellerman

1. State your present principal occupation: **Attorney at Growe Eisen Karlen**
2. Are you at least 25 years of age? **Yes**
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **33 years**  
(b) Have you been a resident of the City of St. Louis for at least one year immediately prior to the date of this application? **Yes**  
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? **7 years**

4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? **Yes**

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney:

**US District Court – Eastern District of Missouri  
US Patent and Trademark Office**

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **9/17/2003**

Missouri Bar Number: **52971**

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:
  - a. Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Illinois 62026.  
August 1996 – May 2000, Degree: Bachelor of Arts, Major in Chemistry 2000.
  - b. Saint Louis University School of Law, 3700 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108.  
August 2000 – May 2003, Degree: Juris Doctorate 2003.
  
7. 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 earliest date, conclude with present.)
  - a. Dairy Queen, Pinckneyville, IL, 62274. Dates: 1994 – 1996. Position held: Cashier.
  - b. Applebee's Neighborhood Grill, 610 North Bluff Road, Collinsville, IL 62234.  
Dates: 1997 – 2001, periodically. Positions held: Server and Bartender.
  - c. Senniger, Powers, Leavitt & Roedel – Law Firm, 100 N. Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102. Dates: 2000. Position held: Assistant Accounting Clerk.
  - d. Brooks Brothers, 1155 St. Louis Galleria, St. Louis, MO 63117 and 35 West County Center, Des Peres, MO 63131. Dates: 2002 – 2005, periodically. Position held: sales associate.
  - e. Missouri State Public Defender, 1000 W. Nifong, Building 7, Suite 100, Columbia, MO 65203.
    - a. Volunteer Intern, Summer 2001 – Clayton Office
    - b. Rule 13 Intern, Summer 2002 – St. Charles Office
    - c. Rule 13 Intern, Spring 2003 – St. Louis City Juvenile Office
    - d. Assistant Public Defender, March 2004 – November 2007 – St. Louis City Office.
  - f. Kellerman Law, LLC – 7733 Forsyth Blvd, Suite 325, Clayton, MO 63105.  
Dates: November 2007 – May 2009. Position held: Solo Practitioner.
  - g. Growe Eisen Karlen, 7733 Forsyth Blvd, Suite 325, Clayton, MO 63105.  
Dates: May 2009 – present. Position held: Associate Attorney.

8. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? **Yes**
9. Attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed.

**See attached list**

10. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court? **Yes**  
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

**State ex. Rel Robert McCulloch v. Hon. Thea Sherry, SC92038. I filed suggestions in opposition to a Writ of Prohibition filed by the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney. This was based on an underlying criminal case, 2104R-04011, wherein based on my motion to set aside a conviction and withdraw a guilty plea, Judge Sherry granted my requested relief. The prosecutor's office filed for a Writ of Prohibition in the appellate court and was denied. The prosecutor then filed for a Writ of Prohibition in the Missouri Supreme Court. I filed my suggestions in opposition to the Writ. The Supreme Court denied the Writ.**

11. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.
  - a. **I successfully appealed a Department of Social Services finding of child abuse against my client, Ruben Cable, to the Child Abuse & Neglect Review Board.**
  - b. **During my service with the Public Defender, I held the position of Intern Coordinator for the St. Louis City Trial Office. As such, I was responsible for interviewing and hiring interns. I was also responsible for the supervision and scheduling of the interns. Each intern class (Fall, Spring and Summer) consisted of 10 – 15 interns.**

12. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? **Yes**

**If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction: I was charged with Minor in Possession of Alcohol in 1997. This charge occurred in Reynolds County, Missouri. I pled guilty and paid a fine. I have tried to locate the case number by contacting the court, prosecutor's office, REJIS and**

**other law enforcement checks, but have been unsuccessful to date.**

13. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? **Yes**

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated:

**I was the petitioner in a dissolution matter. The style of the case was Teneil Lee Hall v. Billy Roy Hall, Cause Number 01-D-1060. The jurisdiction was Madison County, Illinois. The judgment of dissolution was entered December 19, 2001.**

14. 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**

If yes, provide details:

15. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? **No**

If yes, provide details:

16. 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:

- (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.

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 a 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:

17. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? **No**

If yes, provide details:

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

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- St. Louis County Bar Association
- Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys
- Lawyers Association of St. Louis
- Women's Lawyers Association
- Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

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

I handle pro bono cases on behalf of Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. I also represent Kids In the Middle on a pro bono basis regarding any subpoenas they receive related to criminal cases. I attend many fundraising events for Boys Hope/Girls Hope St. Louis.

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

No

If yes, provide details:

21. 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:

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

- a. T. Parekunnel, T. Hirao, P.F. Bernath, M. Elhanine, T.L. Kellerman and L.C. O'Brien; "The visible transitions of CuCl," *J. Mol. Spectrosc.* 206, 27-32 (2001).
- b. L.C. O'Brien, K.M. Homann, T.L. Kellerman and James J. O'Brien; "Fourier transform and intracavity laser spectroscopy of NiCl System H: Identification of a [12.3]  $^2\Sigma^+$  state," *J. Mol. Spectrosc.* 211, 93-98 (2002).
- c. C.A. Rice, T.L. Kellerman, B.E. Owen, L.C. O'Brien, H. Cao and J.J. O'Brien; "Spectroscopy of NiCl: Identification of the  $X^2\Pi_{1/2}$  state," *J. Mol. Spectrosc.* 235 271-274 (2006).

23. 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:

- a. Gary A. Growe: Growe Eisen Karlen, 7733 Forsyth Blvd, Suite 325, St. Louis, MO 63105. 314-261-7304.
- b. Zachary Borowiak, 225 S. Meramec, Suite 301, Clayton, MO 63105. 314-537-2351.
- c. Randall Parker, 1015 Locust, Suite 428, St. Louis, MO 63105. 314-621-8011.
- d. Laura O'Sullivan: UMKC School of Law, 500 East 52<sup>nd</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64110. 816-235-1006.
- e. Matthew Becker, Purschke, White, Robinson & Becker, LLC. 316 East Locust St., Union, MO 63084. 636-583-5760.

24. State any additional data you deem relevant:

My legal practice includes the areas of criminal law, civil litigation, family law litigation, juvenile law, probate litigation and civil commitment litigation. My extensive and diverse litigation background would be a great asset to the bench. My work with the Public Defender, my solo practice and as an associate in a firm requires great organizational skills in order to be successful. I feel that those same skills are essential to the duty of running an effective docket.