

WENDY E. GARRISON

EDUCATION:

LEGAL

University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Juris Doctor Degree, December 1993

GPA: 3.034 Class Rank: 23%

- Dean's Honor Roll, 1993
- Board of Advocates
- Delegate, Student Bar Association, 2nd and 3rd year
- Distinguished Service, Student Bar Association, 1993
- Phi Delta Phi (Active Life Member)
- Chairperson, SBA Mentor Program, 2nd and 3rd year
- 1992-93 Outstanding Committee Chairperson
- The University of Tulsa Summer Program Abroad – Bratislava, Slovakia

University of Missouri Law School, Columbia, Missouri

Completed first year, 1984-1985

UNDERGRADUATE

Drury College, Springfield, Missouri

Bachelor of Arts, May 1984

Major: English

Minors: Political Science, Spanish

G.P.A. 3.20

- Rush Chairman, Pi Beta Phi Sorority
- Vice President, Drury College Smith Dormitory
- Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri

Undergraduate classes, 6 hours, Summer 1980

English graduate classes, 6 hours, Fall 1988

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

6/14/2010 – present Missouri State Public Defender, Springfield, Missouri
POSITION: Assistant Public Defender IV

DUTIES: Represent indigent clients to conclusion of case through plea, dismissal or trial.

- 2/2002 – 6/13/2010 Twibell, Johnson, Johnson & Garrison, Springfield, Missouri
POSITION: Law Partner
DUTIES: General practice in the areas of criminal, appellate, general litigation, bankruptcy, business and real estate law, employment and family law, including bench trials and jury trials.
- 2009 Christian County, Missouri: Appointed as special prosecutor on criminal case due to conflict within prosecutor's office.
- 11/1998 – 01/2002 Wendy E. Garrison, P.C. and Wells & Garrison, P.C., Neosho, Missouri
POSITION: Private Practice Attorney
DUTIES: General practice in the areas of criminal, appellate, general litigation, bankruptcy, business and real estate law, juvenile law, employment and family law, including bench trials and jury trials.
- 11/1998 – 6/13/2010 State of Missouri, Public Defender System
POSITION: Acceptance of Contract and Conflict Public Defender criminal cases.
DUTIES: To represent appointed clients to conclusion of case through plea, dismissal or trial.
- 09/1994 – 10/1998 Newton County Prosecuting Attorney, Neosho, Missouri
POSITION: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
DUTIES: General prosecutorial duties in all areas of criminal law, including bench trials, jury trials, and criminal appellate work.
- 10/1994 – 10/1998 Neosho Municipal Court, Neosho, Missouri
POSITION: Assistant City Attorney
DUTIES: Civil and criminal cases on behalf of the City of Neosho, participation in Neosho City Council meetings.
- 06/1994 – 08/1994 Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, Springfield, Missouri
POSITION: Law Clerk for The Honorable John C. Crow
(To complete term of prior clerk who had resigned)
DUTIES: Legal research, prepare memorandums, review opinions.

NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1986 – 1991 Travel Safaris, Springfield, Missouri
POSITION: Manager, 1988-1991
Travel Consultant 1986-1987

DUTIES: Travel consultant handling corporate business, individual and group travel plans

1985 – 1986 Travel Agents International, Springfield, Missouri
POSITION: Travel Consultant
DUTIES: Travel consultant handling corporate business, individual and group travel plans

PUBLISHED CASES:

04/23/2007 *Williams (Now Saiz) v. Williams*, 220 S.W.3d 858 (Mo.App. S.D. 2007).
03/23/2006 *In Re Adoption of T.J.D., J.W.G., S.D. and W.D.D.*, 186 S.W.3d 488 (Mo. App. S.D. 2006).
06/23/2003 *Fry v. Fry*, 108 S.W. 3d 132 (Mo.App. S.D. 2003).
6/23/2003 *Walters v. Walters*, 113 S.W.3d 214 (Mo.App. S.D. 2003).
02/20/2002 *Ozark Appraisal Service, Inc.*, 67 S.W.3d 759 (Mo.App. S.D. 2002).
06/27/2000 *Jacobs v. Roschevitz*, 20 S.W.3d 598 (Mo.App. S.D. 2000).
02/17/1998 *In the Interest of L.V.M.*, 961 S.W.3d 129 (Mo.App. S.D. 1998).
03/05/1996 *State of Missouri v. Susan M. Falcone*, 918 S.W.2d 288 (Mo.App. S.D. 1996).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

09/2011 – 2015 The Missouri Bar Board of Governors (Executive Committee 2013-2014)
Southern District Diversity Seat
04/1994 – Present The Missouri Bar Association, Jefferson City, Missouri
08/2013 – Present The Missouri Bar Foundation, Jefferson City, Missouri
Board of Trustees, 2016 - Present
02/2002 – Present Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, Springfield, Missouri
Chair 2009 and 2010, Commercial/Insolvency Law Committee
Member, Family Law Committee
Past Judge and Committeeperson, Mock Trial Court Competition
Participant, SMBA/KY3 Call-A-Lawyer Program
2007 – Present Christian County Bar Association, Ozark, Missouri

Vice President - 2010

10/1994 – 01/2002 Newton-McDonald County Bar Association
 President, December 1996 – December 1997
 Social Chairperson, December 1997 – January 2002

08/19/2004 “Discharging Income Taxes in Bankruptcy”
 CLE Speaker, SMBA Commercial/Insolvency Law Committee
 The Tower Club, Springfield, Missouri

2009 – 2015 Legal Services of Southern Missouri, Springfield, Missouri
 Attorney, Volunteer Lawyers Panel

10/2009 Ex Parte Orders of Protection: Innovative Stalking; Viewpoints from all
 Perspectives
 10/01/2009: CLE Speaker, Taney County Bar Association, Forsyth,
 Missouri
 10/16/2009: CLE Speaker, Christian County Bar Association, Ozark,
 Missouri

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

2011-2014 Judge for The Bob Bilyeu Winter Classic Debate Tournament, Parkview
 High School, Springfield, Missouri

2007 Host – Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Ozarks fundraiser
 Held at Nixa, Missouri

2004 & 2005 Assisted with Springfield Regional Opera’s Chef Center Stage fundraiser
 Springfield, Missouri

Various Dates Supporter – Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Ozarks, Springfield
 Symphony, Public Television of the Ozarks, Women In Need of the
 Ozarks, Muscular Dystrophy Association

MISCELLANEOUS:

2010 Springfield Business Journal, Twenty Most Influential Women of
 Southwest Missouri Award

2011 Springfield Business Journal, Selected as judge for Twenty Most
 Influential Women of Southwest Missouri

2015 Missouri Lawyers Media, Public Service Practitioner Award

2012-2017 Training Instructor for Missouri State Public Defender, New Defender Training

07/2016 Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College, Thunderhead Ranch, Dubois, Wyoming