

MISSOURI

Originally part of the Louisiana purchase, the Missouri Territory was created when Louisiana was separated from it to become a state.¹ Missouri won statehood in its own right in 1821,² and in the following year was organized as a single district with full federal jurisdiction.³

MO.WD.01 is the original judgeship (see Judge Peck's succession line), and served the entire state until its reorganization into the Eastern and Western Districts in 1857.⁴ The division authorized a separate judge for the Eastern District. The 1922 judgeship legislation authorized a temporary position for each district (MO.ED.02 and MO.WD.02), and both positions were converted to permanent in 1935.⁵ In 1990, MO.ED.07 also was created as a temporary line. Seven years later its authorizing legislation was amended to allow vacancies on this court to be filled until ten years after the confirmation of Judge Stohr,⁶ at which point the first such vacancy will go unfilled.

MO.EWD.01 was created in 1936, and MO.EWD.02 was authorized as a temporary, "roving," line in 1942 that subsequently was converted in 1954.⁷ In each case, the position was created to serve both districts, but unlike most transient lines these were never assigned permanently to a regular judicial district.⁸

Missouri is a member of the Eighth Circuit with fourteen judges, distributed as follows: six (plus a temporary) in the Eastern District, five in the Western District, and two transient positions that serve both districts.

Statutory History		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
MO.ED.01	Act of March 3, 1857	11 STAT. 197
MO.ED.02	Act of September 14, 1922	42 STAT. 838

¹Act of June 4, 1812, 2 STAT. 743.

²Act of March 2, 1821, 3 STAT. 645.

³Act of March 16, 1822, 3 STAT. 653.

⁴Act of March 3, 1857, 11 STAT. 197.

⁵Act of August 19, 1935, 49 STAT. 659.

⁶Act of October 6, 1997, 111 STAT. 1173.

⁷Act of February 10, 1954, 68 STAT. 8.

⁸This situation is comparable to what occurred for FL.NSD.01.

MO.ED.03	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
MO.ED.04	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
MO.ED.05	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
MO.ED.06	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089
MO.ED.07	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089
MO.WD.01	Act of March 16, 1822	3 STAT. 653
MO.WD.02	Act of September 14, 1922	42 STAT. 838
MO.WD.03	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
MO.WD.04	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
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MO.EWD.01	Act of June 22, 1936	49 STAT. 1804
MO.EWD.02	Act of December 24, 1942	56 STAT. 1083

Seat Histories					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
MO.ED.01.01	Treat, Samuel	March 3, 1857	March 5, 1887	Retired	Democrat
MO.ED.01.02	Thayer, Amos Madden	February 26, 1887	August 9, 1894	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Democrat
MO.ED.01.03	Priest, Henry Samuel	August 9, 1894	January 1, 1895	Resigned	Democrat
MO.ED.01.04	Adams, Elmer Bragg	December 9, 1895 ⁹	May 20, 1905	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Democrat

⁹Recess appointment, May 17, 1895.

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MO.ED.01.05	Finkelnburg, Gustavus Adolphus	December 12, 1905 ¹⁰	April 1, 1907	Resigned	Republican
MO.ED.01.06	Dyer, David Patterson	March 1, 1907	November 3, 1919	Retired	Republican
MO.ED.01.07	Faris, Charles Breckenridge	October 13, 1919	January 31, 1935	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Democrat
MO.ED.01.08	Moore, George H.	May 28, 1935	January 19, 1962	Retired	Democrat
MO.ED.01.09	Meredith, James H.	March 16, 1962	August 31, 1979	Retired	Democrat
MO.ED.01.10	Cahill, Clyde S., Jr. ¹¹	May 21, 1980	April 9, 1992	Retired	Democrat
MO.ED.01.11	Perry, Catherine Delores	October 6, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
MO.ED.02.01	Davis, Charles B.	January 31, 1924	March 3, 1943	Deceased	Republican
MO.ED.02.02	Hulen, Rubey Mosley	July 8, 1943	July 7, 1956	Deceased	Democrat
MO.ED.02.03	Weber, Randolph H.	March 14, 1957	November 23, 1961	Deceased	Republican
MO.ED.02.04	Regan, John K.	April 2, 1962	April 7, 1977	Retired	Democrat
MO.ED.02.05	Filippine, Edward L.	July 21, 1977	June 11, 1995	Retired	Democrat
MO.ED.02.06	Webber, E. Richard	December 22, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat

¹⁰Recess appointment, May 20, 1905.

¹¹First African American district judge appointed from Missouri.

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MO.ED.03.01	Webster, William H.	December 17, 1970	July 18, 1973	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Republican
MO.ED.03.02	Nangle, John F.	July 13, 1973	May 10, 1990	Retired	Republican
MO.ED.03.03	Hamilton, Jean C. ¹²	September 28, 1990	Active	Active	Republican
MO.ED.04.01	Hungate, William L.	September 25, 1979	October 1, 1991	Retired	Democrat
MO.ED.04.02	Jackson, Carol Elaine	August 12, 1992	Active	Active	Independent
MO.ED.05.01	Gunn, George F., Jr.	May 3, 1985	December 1, 1996	Retired	Republican
MO.ED.05.02	Autrey, Henry Edward	August 1, 2002	Active	Active	Independent
MO.ED.06.01	Shaw, Charles A.	November 20, 1993	Active	Active	Independent
MO.ED.07.01	Stohr, Donald Julius	April 8, 1992	Active	Active	Republican
MO.EWD.01.01	Collet, John Caskie	March 15, 1937	July 9, 1947	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Democrat

¹²First female district judge appointed from Missouri.

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MO.EWD.01.02	Harper, Roy Winfield	January 31, 1949 ¹³	January 5, 1971	Retired	Democrat
MO.EWD.01.03	Wangelin, H. Kenneth	December 17, 1970	May 10, 1983	Retired	Republican
MO.EWD.01.04	Limbaugh, Stephen N.	July 18, 1983	May 1, 1996	Retired	Republican
MO.EWD.01.05	Sippel, Rodney W.	November 8, 1997	Active	Active	Democrat
MO.EWD.02.01	Duncan, Richard M.	July 8, 1943	May 31, 1965	Retired	Democrat
MO.EWD.02.02	Collinson, William R.	August 11, 1965	August 19, 1980	Retired	Democrat
MO.EWD.02.03	Stevens, Joseph E., Jr.	September 16, 1981	July 1, 1995	Retired	Republican
MO.EWD.02.04	Laughrey, Nanette K.	July 24, 1996	Active	Active	Democrat
MO.WD.01.01	Peck, James Hawkins	April 5, 1822	March 8, 1836	Deceased	Jeffersonian Democrat
MO.WD.01.02	Wells, Robert William	June 27, 1836	September 22, 1864	Deceased	Democrat
MO.WD.01.03	Krekel, Arnold	March 9, 1865	June 9, 1888	Retired	Republican
MO.WD.01.04	Philips, John Finis	June 25, 1888	June 25, 1910	Retired	Democrat
MO.WD.01.05	Van Valkenburgh, Arba Seymour	June 21, 1910	March 18, 1925	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Republican

¹³Recess appointment, August 7, 1947.

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MO.WD.01.06	Otis, Merrill E.	December 14, 1925 ¹⁴	December 23, 1944	Deceased	Republican
MO.WD.01.07	Ridge, Albert Alphonse	April 3, 1945	June 15, 1961	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Democrat
MO.WD.01.08	Becker, William Henry, Jr.	September 8, 1961	February 8, 1977	Retired	Democrat
MO.WD.01.09	Clark, Russell G.	July 1, 1977	August 1, 1991	Retired	Democrat
MO.WD.01.10	Gaitan, Fernando J., Jr.	July 18, 1991	Active	Active	Independent
MO.WD.02.01	Reeves, Albert L.	January 24, 1923	February 2, 1954	Retired	Republican
MO.WD.02.02	Whittaker, Charles Evans ¹⁵	July 7, 1954	June 5, 1956	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Republican
MO.WD.02.03	Smith, Randle Jasper	July 2, 1956	January 8, 1962	Deceased	Republican
MO.WD.02.04	Oliver, John W.	April 2, 1962	November 3, 1980	Retired	Democrat
MO.WD.02.05	Bartlett, Daniel Brook	September 16, 1981	January 21, 2000	Deceased	Republican
MO.WD.02.06	Dorr, Richard Everett	August 1, 2002	Active	Active	Republican

¹⁴Recess appointment, February 23, 1925.

¹⁵Subsequently elevated to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Eisenhower. Confirmed by the Senate on March 19, 1957.

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MO.WD.03.01	Gibson, Floyd Robert	August 30, 1961	June 8, 1965	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Democrat
MO.WD.03.02	Hunter, Elmo B.	August 11, 1965	December 31, 1980	Retired	Democrat
MO.WD.03.03	Gibson, John Robert	September 16, 1981	March 9, 1982	Elevated to Eighth Circuit	Republican
MO.WD.03.04	Roberts, Ross T.	August 20, 1982	April 24, 1987	Deceased	Republican
MO.WD.03.05	Whipple, "Dean" Harold	December 8, 1987	Active	Active	Republican
MO.WD.04.01	Sachs, Howard F.	September 25, 1979	October 31, 1992	Retired	Democrat
MO.WD.04.02	Smith, Ortrie D.	August 11, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
MO.WD.05.01	Wright, Scott O.	September 25, 1979	October 5, 1991	Retired	Democrat
MO.WD.05.02	Fenner, Gary A.	July 10, 1996	Active	Active	Democrat

