

**MOUND CITY BAR ASSOCIATION
POLICY REGARDING LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR JUDICIAL
CANDIDATES**

Federal Administrative, Bankruptcy, Magistrate, District Court, Circuit Court and U.S. Supreme Court Appointments

Regarding vacant district court, circuit court, and U.S. Supreme Court positions, the Mound City Bar Association will only accept requests for letters of support for individuals who have been nominated by the President of the United States and awaiting confirmation by the United States Senate. Regarding bankruptcy, magistrate, and administrative judicial positions, the Mound City Bar Association will only accept requests for letters of support from individuals who have been granted an interview for a vacant judicial position.

Missouri Associate Circuit, Circuit Court, Appellate Court, and Supreme Court Appointments under the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan

The Mound City Bar Association maintains a two-tiered letter of support process for Missouri Associate Circuit, Circuit Court, Appellate Court, and Supreme Court judicial applicants under the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan.

During the initial application process under the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan, the Mound City Bar Association will accept requests for letters of support from any person applying for a judicial vacancy. MCBA may provide more than one letter of support during the initial application process on behalf of selected individuals directed to the Judicial Commission of the relevant jurisdiction.

After the Judicial Committee of the relevant jurisdiction selects a three person panel to recommend to the Governor for appointment to a vacant judicial position, any person selected for the panel may apply or re-apply for a letter of support from MCBA, notwithstanding whether the person received a letter of support during the initial application process. The Mound City Bar Association may provide a letter of support for more than one individual on a judicial panel.

Other Judicial Office and Non-Partisan Court Plan Judicial Commission Appointments

Individuals seeking state administrative, local municipal judicial positions, and appointments to Judicial Commissions pursuant to the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan may seek a letter of support at any time during the application or appointment process from the Mound City Bar Association.

Procedure for Requesting a Letter of Support

All individuals seeking a letter of support from the Mound City Bar Association must follow the procedures detailed below to receive consideration for a letter of support:

- (1) The individual must submit a Letter requesting support addressed to the members of the Mound City Bar Association.
- (2) The individual must meet the requirements for obtaining a letter of support based on the jurisdiction where the individual is seeking judicial office.
- (3) The individual must complete an Application for Letter of Support and submit it to the President of the Mound City Bar Association or the Chairperson of the Community Affairs Committee along with a current resume and a letter of reference from a current dues paid member of the Mound City Bar Association.
- (4) The individual must be available for an interview with the Executive Committee, Community Affairs Committee, and/or a subcommittee of the Community Affairs Committee of the Mound City Bar Association.