

**SUPREME COURT NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICANT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION**

DATE: 5/5/2025

FULL NAME: Meryl Carver-Allmond

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Lawrence, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Pittsburg State University, Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies, August 1999-May 2003.

University of Kansas School of Law, Juris Doctorate, August 2003-December 2005.

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

General Counsel to Chief Justice Marla Luckert, Kansas Supreme Court (January 2024-present)

Adjunct Professor, Washburn School of Law (January 2024-present)

Training Director, Kansas Board of Indigents' Defense Services (October 2021-December 2023)

Capital Appellate Defender, Kansas Capital Appellate Defender Office (August 2012-October 2021)

Assistant Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office (February 2008-August 2012)

Research Attorney, Hon. Gary W. Rulon, Chief Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals (January 2007-February 2008)

Research Attorney, Kansas Court of Appeals Central Staff (February 2006-December 2006)

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DATE: May 9, 2025

FULL NAME: Carl Adrian Folsom, III

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Lawrence, KS

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

University of Kansas School of Law, 2002 – 2005, J.D.

University of Kansas, 1998 – 2002, B.A. Political Science

Johnson County Community College, 2000 – 2001, no degree earned

Kansas City Kansas Community College, 1997 – 2000, no degree earned

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Kansas Appellate Defender Office

Kansas Appellate Defender: September 2005 – January 2010

Bell Folsom, P.A.

Partner: January 2010 – October 2012

Office of the Federal Public Defender, Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma

Research-and-Writing Specialist: September 2012 – June 2013

Assistant Federal Public Defender: July 2013 – October 2014

Office of the Federal Public Defender, District of Kansas

Assistant Federal Public Defender: October 2014 – November 2022

Rev. April 2025

University of Kansas School of Law

Lecturer, Trial Advocacy: January 2018 – present

Douglas County District Court

District Judge: December 2022 – present

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FULL NAME: Amy Jane Hanley

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS: Lawrence, Kansas

**LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED,
INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.**

Bethany College
Attended August 1993 to May 1994

Kansas State University
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science conferred May 1998
Attended August 1994 to May 1998

Drake University Law School
Juris Doctorate conferred May 2001
Attended August 1998 to May 2001

**DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER
OF ANY STATE BAR.**

August 2002 to June 2009; Saline County Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney

January 2003 to June 2009; Salina City Prosecutor's Office; Pro Tem Municipal Court Prosecutor

February 2004 to August 2006; Brown Mackie College; Adjunct Legal Instructor

June 2009 to December 2016; Office of Kansas Attorney General; Assistant Attorney General

October 2009 to present; Washburn University School of Law; Adjunct Legal Instructor

August 2010 to November 2016; United States Attorney's Office, District of Kansas; Special Assistant United States Attorney

October 2011 to present; National Institute for Trial Advocacy; Program Director and Faculty for Advocacy Programs

December 2016 to present; Seventh Judicial District for the State of Kansas; District Court Judge

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FULL NAME: Randall Lee Hodgkinson

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Topeka, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Hutchinson Community College
Wichita State University, B.S. (Math and Computer Science) 1989
Arizona State University, J.D. 1991
Asbury Theological Seminary, M.Div. 2020

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DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Judicial Clerk, Arizona Court of Appeals, Phoenix, AZ
Assistant Public Defender, Sedgwick County Public Defender Office, Wichita, KS
Assistant Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS
Lecturer, Park University, Parkville, Missouri
Judicial Clerk, Arizona Court of Appeals, Phoenix AZ
Associate, Law Offices of Stephen Lee, Kingman, Arizona
Assistant Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS
Deputy Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS
Adjunct Professor of Law, Washburn University Law School, Topeka, KS
Assistant Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS

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FULL NAME: Krishnan Christopher Jayaram

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Lenexa, Kansas
(April 2025-present)

Overland Park, Kansas
(May 2013-April 2025)

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Texas Christian University; Fort Worth, Texas; 1989-1991.

University of Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas; 1991-1993.
Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Science (May 1993)

Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College; Portland, Oregon; 1994-1997.
Juris Doctor (May 1997)

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Smith Freed Heald & Chock, P.C.; September 1997-September 1999.
Associate Attorney; Civil Litigation

Horn Aylward & Bandy, LLC; October 1999-February 2021.
Associate attorney (1999-2006); Civil Litigation
Partner (2007-2021); Civil Litigation

District Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial District, Division 12; March 2021-present.
Family Court Judge (2021-2023)
Civil Court Judge (2023-present)

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DATE: May 7, 2025

FULL NAME: Laura Ellen Johnson-McNish

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

- Marysville, Kansas
- Troy, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

- J.D., Washburn School of Law Spring 1991
Graduated Dean's Honors
Washburn Law Journal: Writer, Assistant Editor, Published.
- B.B.A. Accounting, Washburn University Spring 1983

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- District Judge, 22nd Judicial District
- District Magistrate Judge, Doniphan County
- Marshall County Attorney
- Division of Property Valuation, Department of Revenue: Attorney, Deputy Director, Appraisal Supervisor
- Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, Attorney

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FULL NAME: Brant Mitchell Laue

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Lenexa, Kansas

Topeka, Kansas

Hanover, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED .

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, J.D., May 1986

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, B.A. , May 1983

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Law Clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge Roger Wollman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit,
Pierre, South Dakota, 1986-1987

Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division,
United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, 1987-1988

Associate/Partner in Kansas City law firms from 1988 to 2013, including
Stinson, Mag & Fizzell; Rouse, Hendricks, German, May & Shank, P.C.;
Shank, Laue & Hamilton, P.C.; and Armstrong Teasdale LLP

Chief Counsel to Governor Sam Brownback and Governor Jeff Colyer, Topeka, 2013-2019

Solicitor General of Kansas and Deputy Solicitor General, Office of
Attorney General Derek Schmidt, Topeka, 2019-2023

Private Practice of Law/ Laue Ranch, Topeka and Hanover, Kansas, 2023-2025

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FULL NAME: Kathleen M. Lynch

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Kansas City, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE
ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Kansas City Kansas Community College 1987 Associates Degree

University of Missouri Kansas City 1989 Bachelor of Business Administration

Washburn University School of Law 1992

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE
BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR

1992 to 1994 Research Attorney to the Honorable J. Patrick Brazil Kansas Court of
Appeals

1994 to 1996 City Attorney Kansas City Kansas

1996 to 1998 Associate at Horner and Duckers.

1998 to 2006 Associate and later Partner at Higgins, Lysaught, Tomasic and Lynch

2006 to current District Court Judge 29th Judicial District Wyandotte County
Kansas

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FULL NAME: Brian Lee Mizer

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Arlington, Virginia 2015-2023

Lawrence, Kansas 2023-present

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Creighton University, B.A. International Studies May 1997

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D. May 2000

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September 2000-July 2009: U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps

July 2009-July 2014: Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Virginia

July 2014-May 2018: US. Air Force Legal Operations Agency

May 2018-January 2025: U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps

January 2025-present: Department of Defense Office of General Counsel

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FULL NAME: Cheryl Ann Rios

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Topeka, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas
Juris Doctor, 1993

University of West London, United Kingdom
Law School Study Abroad Program, Summer 1991

St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City, Kansas
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1989

Stormont Vail School of Nursing, Topeka, Kansas
Nursing Diploma, 1986

Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas
Undergraduate Nursing Candidate, 1984

St. Mary's University, Leavenworth, Kansas
High School Advanced Placement Program, 1982

Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas
High School Advanced Placement Program, 1981

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Shawnee County, Third Judicial District Court of Kansas
October 10, 2008, to present

City of Topeka Municipal Court, Associate Judge
September 2005 – September 2008

City of Topeka Municipal Court Judge, *pro tem*
March 2004 – September 2005

Kansas Criminal Justice Recodification, Rehabilitation & Restoration (CJ3Rs) Committee, Project Coordinator
January 2004 – February 2005

Shawnee County Assistant District Attorney
March 2001 – September 2004

Washburn University, Adjunct Professor
January 2003 – August 2004

Solo/Private Practitioner
April 2000 – March 2001

Kansas Mutual Medical Insurance Company
September 1998 – March 2001

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Division of Law and Justice
August 1994 – September 1995

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FULL NAME: Anthony F. Rupp

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Olathe, KS

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Creighton University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1979

Creighton University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1983

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1983 – 1985	Honorable Dale E. Saffels United States District Court for the District of Kansas
1985 - 2013	Polsinelli, P.C. (previously Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, P.C.)
2013 - Present	Foulston Siefkin LLP (Kansas City office)

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FULL NAME: Krystal Lynn Vokins

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Lawrence, Kansas

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Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS, Juris Doctor, May 2010

Washburn University, Topeka, KS, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 2007

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

September 2010 – September 2012: Research Attorney, Johnson County District Court

September 2012 – December 2017: Member Attorney, Vokins Law Office, LLC

December 2017 – November 2020: Of Counsel Attorney, Sloan, Eisenbarth, Glassman, McEntire & Jarboe, LLC

November 2020 – September 2024: Deputy Disciplinary Administrator; Counsel to the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys, Office of the Disciplinary Administrator

September 2024 – present: Assistant Training Director, Kansas Board for Indigents' Defense Services

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FULL NAME: **Larkin Evans Walsh**

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

**Leawood, Kansas, 2018–present
Overland Park, Kansas, 2013–2018**

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED,
INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

**University of Kansas School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2004
Southern Methodist University, BA, BFA, 2001**

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER
OF ANY STATE BAR.

Kansas Supreme Court
Research Attorney, Carol A. Beier, 2005–2008 & 2012–2013

U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
Law Clerk, Hon. Carlos Murguia, 2008–2012

Chinnery Evans & Nail PC
Attorney, November 2016–July 2017

Sharp Law LLP (fka Rex A. Sharp, PA)
Partner, January 2020–December 2024;
Attorney, July 2017–December 2019

Stueve Siegel Hanson, LLP
Senior Counsel, January 2024–present;
Of Counsel, June 2013–2016

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Full Name: Kristen Diane Wheeler

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Wichita, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED:

University of Kansas, B.S. *with honors* in Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, May 2003

Washburn University School of Law, J.D. *magna cum laude*; Certificate in Natural Resources Law *with distinction*, May 2006

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- a. **Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy, Chartered**
Associate Attorney/Of Counsel, September 2006 – October 2016
300 N. Mead, Suite 200, Wichita, Kansas 67202
- b. **Robinson Law Firm, LLC**
Attorney, October 2016 – August 2018
218 N Mosley St., Wichita, Kansas 67202
- c. **United States District Court, District of Kansas**
Law Clerk to Senior United States District Court Judge J. Thomas Marten,
August 2018 – May 2021
401 N. Market, Room 423, Wichita, Kansas 67202
- d. **Kansas Board of Tax Appeals**
Chair, July 2021 – Present; Attorney Member, May 2021 – June 2021
Eisenhower State Office Building
700 SW Harrison St., 10th Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66603

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FULL NAME: Robert James Wonnell

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Olathe, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Phillips University, B.S. 1994-1998

University of Kansas School of Law, J.D. 1999-2001

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Attorney - McAnany, Van Cleave and Phillips, P.A. 2002-2014

Judge - 10th Judicial District of Kansas, 2015-Present