



HONORABLE PATRICIA A. RIEHL

Education: Southeast Missouri State University, summa cum laude, 1979; University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law, with distinction, 1982; 23rd Judicial Circuit Mediation training 2000; mediation training Robert Benjamin, 2000.

Accomplishments: Judge Riehl served as a Circuit Judge, Associate Circuit Judge and Commissioner in the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Jefferson County, Missouri from 1987 to 2016. She previously served as the municipal court judge for the cities of DeSoto and Crystal City, Missouri. Prior to joining the state bench, she maintained a general civil litigation practice representing plaintiffs and defendants. After taking the state bench, she was tasked with implementing problem solving court programs for the circuit as her role as the circuit's only drug court commissioner. In 2006, she was elected to Associate Circuit Judge and continued in that position until selected by Governor Jay Nixon as Circuit Judge in February 2016. Judge Riehl was honored to serve as President of the Jefferson County Bar Association 1996. She was appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to serve as a disciplinary hearing officer concerning ethical complaints. Judge Riehl served her community by implementing truancy courts in two school districts in Jefferson County.

Affiliations: Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis – Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Jefferson County Bar Association, Womens' Bar Association of Jefferson County, National Association of Professional Women.