



## Board of Alderman Request for Action

**MEETING DATE:** 1/4/2022

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**AGENDA ITEM:** Approve Resolution 1013 Appointing Shannon Ryser Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Resolution 1013, appointing Shannon Ryser as Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

**SUMMARY:**

Mayor Boley nominates Shannon Ryser to the position Alternate Prosecutor in accordance with Section 105.070.D of the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Ryser will serve as back up to the City appointed prosecuting attorney, Angela Ravkin, in the event she cannot attend a court date.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

Ms. Ravkin was appointed Alternate Prosecuting Attorney in 2019 and Prosecuting Attorney in 2021. With her appointment as Prosecuting Attorney, an Alternate is necessary.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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**RESOLUTION 1013**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHANNON RYSER AS ALTERNATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.**

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a vacancy in the position of Alternate Prosecuting Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, the City Prosecuting Attorney may need a back-up attorney to cover a Court docket; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the recommendation of the current Prosecuting Attorney, a candidate has been identified to fill this role; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor will nominate Shannon Ryser for the position of Alternate Prosecutor in accordance with Section 105.070.D of the Code of Ordinances;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI:**

**THAT** Shannon Ryser is hereby appointed as Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Aldermen and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Smithville, Missouri, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Drummond, City Clerk

Mayor Boley,

I am writing this letter in recommendation of Shannon Ryser as the backup prosecutor for the position of Smithville Municipal Prosecutor. Mr. Ryser has been an attorney for twenty three years and a Clay County Prosecuting Attorney for five years. Mr. Ryser possess numerous qualities that would make him a qualified and exceptional candidate for this position. Mr. Ryser is the hardest working prosecutor in Clay County. He is always the first in the office in the morning and the last there in the evening. His attention to detail is incredibly beneficial when preparing a case to be charged and eventually for trial. Mr. Ryser has conducted eleven felony and misdemeanor trials in the five years he has been with the Prosecutor's Office. He appears regularly in court and is well respected by the other Assistant Prosecutors, defense counsel and the judiciary. Judge Krauser is the primary Judge who hears the Smithville docket. Mr. Ryser was the assigned prosecutor in Judge Krasuer's courtroom for several months and he has a good working relationship with Judge Krauser and her clerk Melanie Ramirez. Mr. Ryser is a very reliable employee and will be easy reach by the officers and police clerk should any issues arise prior to any court dates.

I am fully confident in Mr. Ryser's ability to serve as my back up and represent the citizens of Smithville.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Angela Ravkin

# Shannon J. Ryser

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## **EXPERIENCE**

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## **Member of Missouri and Kansas Bars**

### **Clay County Prosecuting Attorney**

Kansas City, Missouri

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

May 2016 - Present

Responsible for prosecuting Missouri criminal offenses, from initial charging decision through arraignment, pre-trial motions, trial, and final sentencing, with an emphasis on sex offenses and crimes against children. Coordinate with law enforcement officers during investigations, including obtaining search warrants. Communicate with victims and interview witnesses. Negotiate plea agreements with defense counsel. Review juvenile cases for possible certification.

### **Bryan Cave LLP**

Kansas City, Missouri

Attorney

August 1999 - April 2016

Advised clients regarding federal tax law and estate planning issues, including transfer taxes, income taxes, property law, business succession, and trust administration. Researched tax and trust law issues and drafted opinions and legal memoranda. Extensive knowledge of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations, including federal tax laws applicable in an international context, specializing in grantor and nongrantor trust analysis, taxation of US beneficiaries of foreign trusts, controlled foreign corporation and passive foreign investment company analysis, and information reporting requirements of US settlors and beneficiaries of foreign trusts. Drafted wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate pleadings, premarital agreements, and other legal documents. Reviewed federal and state estate tax returns, fiduciary income tax returns, and other tax and information returns. Supervised probate administrations. Reviewed legal work prepared by associates and legal assistants.

### **UMB Bank, N.A.**

Kansas City, Missouri

Trust Officer

May 1998 - August 1999

Responsible for administering trusts and decedents' estates, including collecting assets, investing funds, making distributions, and filing pleadings in probate court. Met regularly with settlors, beneficiaries, and their attorneys regarding estate planning and administration issues. Coordinated a team of financial advisors, including tax and investment professionals. Analyzed wills and trust documents.

### **Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District**

Kansas City, Missouri

Judicial Clerk to Judge Laura Denvir Stith

August 1996 - May 1998

Researched various legal issues, read briefs, and drafted bench memoranda. Drafted and edited judicial opinions.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Washington University School of Law**

St. Louis, Missouri

Juris Doctor

May 1996

- Order of the Coif
- *Washington University Law Quarterly*
- Teaching Assistant, Legal Research and Writing

### **University of Missouri - Kansas City**

Kansas City, Missouri

Bachelor of Business Administration

May 1993