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JEFFERSON COUNTY

Judicial Election Candidates

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Jefferson County Judicial Election Candidates

JEFFERSON Family Court JUDGE

Div. 1

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B.A. (1998)

Civic Involvement:

Gilda's Club of Louisville; Heuser Hearing Institute & Learning Academy (Butterfly Society); Women Lawyers Association; Louisville Bar Association; Second Presbyterian Church; Junior League of Louisville; Younger Woman's Club; YPAL; The Fillies; P.E.O. (Chapter AK); Tri Delta Alumnae Association; Louisville City Panhellenic; D.A.R. (John Marshall Chapter); Kentucky Country Day School; Friends of Locust Grove; Vanderbilt CorPS; Leadership Louisville Foundation; Louisville Estate Planning Council; Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, Partners in Mediation, Cincinnati Ohio

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Div. 3

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Civic Involvement:

Adelante Hispanic Achievers; The Center for Women and Families; Goodwill Industries of Kentucky; LBA Diversity Committee; Hispanic/Latino Business Council; LBA Latino Legal Clinic Committee; Louisville Metro Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Council; Racial Fairness Commission; University of Louisville School of Law Alumni Council; Woman's Club of Louisville

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Div. 5

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Civic Involvement:

Court Appointed Special Advocates; MB CARE (a joint project of Maryhurst and USPIRITUS); Child Sexual Assault and Exploitation Prevention Board

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JEFFERSON Family Court JUDGE

Div. 6

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Cumberland School of Law, Samford University
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J.D. (1995)
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B.A. (1992)

Civic Involvement:

American Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Alabama State Bar; Louisville Bar Association; Kentucky Collaborative Family Law Network; International Academy of Collaborative Professionals; Women Lawyers Association of Jefferson County; Northeast Family YMCA; Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure; Junior League of Louisville; Hurstbourne Baptist Church; Louisville Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association; Middletown Elementary School, Parent Teacher Association; Crosby Middle School, Parent Teacher Student Association; approved mediator for Jefferson Family Courts and Kentucky Court of Justice

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B.A. (1991)

Civic Involvement:

LBA Leadership Academy; Leadership Louisville; speaker/presenter on issues of domestic violence and empowering women and girls (UAW, LBA, Girl Scouts, church groups); Legal Aid Society; Bellarmine Alumni Association; Christian Business and Professional Women; Pleasure Ridge Park High School Senior Exit Program; Bellarmine Mock Trial Program; Louisville Education and Employment Partnership; Divine Steps Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery House; Ronald McDonald House Charities; Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association; Women Lawyers Association

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Div. 7

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Civic Involvement:

First Gethsemane Baptist Church; STARR Program; Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Louisville Alumnae Chapter; Dress for Success; Louisville Black Lawyers Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association; National Bar Association; National Association for Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys; C.A.R.E.; Legal Aid Society

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University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky
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Civic Involvement:

Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association; Kentucky Justice Association; Riverside, Farnsley-Moremen Landing; YMCA Youth Sports; Lyndon Recreation; St. Margaret Mary church

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Div. 8

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Teen Court prosecutor; Mom's Closet

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JEFFERSON District Court JUDGE

Div. 1

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Current Employer:

Education:
University of Louisville School of Law
Louisville, Kentucky
J.D. (2006)
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky
M.B.A. (2006)
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky
B.S. (2001)

Civic Involvement:
LBA Leadership Academy; KickStart18; Women In Transition; South Park Teenage Parent Program; Scholar House; Lincoln Foundation; Pleasantview Baptist Church; University of Louisville Upward Bound Summer Camp; Louisville Black Lawyers Association; LBA Young Lawyers Section; Legal Aid Society; YMCA of Southern Indiana DIAMONDS Program; Brandeis Law School/ Legal Aid Free Wills Clinic; Temple Development Nonprofit Corporation

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M.B.A. (1990)
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B.S. (1987)

Civic Involvement:
Family Scholar House; Restorative Justice Louisville; Louisville Bar Association, Pro Bono Consortium; Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee; Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee; Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Council; The Center for Women and Families; The Record; Highland Community Ministries Steering Committee; Citizens Foster Care Review Board; St. Agnes Parish; Kentucky Bar Association; Women Lawyers Association; Louisville Bar Association; Louis D. Brandeis American Inn of Court

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Div. 2

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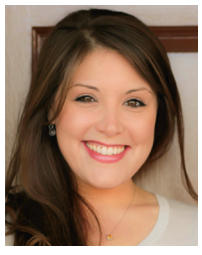

Years in Practice: 7

Current Employer: Jefferson County Attorney's Office

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Louisville, Kentucky
J.D.
University of Louisville
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Civic Involvement:
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Div. 3

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J.D. (1998)
University of Louisville
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JEFFERSON District Court JUDGE

Div. 5

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Education:
University of Louisville School of Law
Louisville, Kentucky
J.D. (1975)
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Civic Involvement:

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M.A.
University of Cincinnati
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Civic Involvement:

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Div. 8

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J.D.
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Civic Involvement:

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Years in Practice: 10

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J.D.
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky
B.A.

Civic Involvement:

Foster Care Review Board; Pro Bono Expungement Workshops; Sanders Moot Court Invitational; Atherton High School Peer Mentor program; Every 1 Reads; Project Women (currently Family Scholar House); Louisville Metro Democrats; Emerge Kentucky; Women Lawyers Association; adjunct professor; Metro Louisville Women's Political Caucus; Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association

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Div. 11

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B.S. (1985)

Civic Involvement:

Kosair Charities Advisory Council; Face It ® Movement (end child abuse); Sullivan University Paralegal Studies Board; American Association of University Women; Louisville Bar Association; L-Club (University of Louisville); Bonnycastle Homestead Association; Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); Exploited Children's Help Organization (ECHO), Christie's Kids in Court

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JEFFERSON District Court JUDGE

Div. 12

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Current Employer: Attorney at Law

Education:
University of Louisville School of Law
Louisville, Kentucky
J.D.
Centre College
Danville, Kentucky

Civic Involvement:

St. Baldrick's; KYLAP; Area 26, Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee; St. Matthew's Little League; Holy Trinity; Sacred Heart Model School; OLOL; Louisville Deaf Oral School

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Villanova, Pennsylvania
B.A. (1991)

Civic Involvement:

Enhanced Supervision Docket; Legal Aid Society; Louisville Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Indiana State Bar Association; Million Dollar Advocates Forum; Louisville Theatrical Association; Alliance Francaise de Louisville; Kentucky Lawyer Referral Service; CASA

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Div. 13

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Civic Involvement:

Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association; Metro Animal Services; JCPS, Parent Teacher Association; Riedlonn Neighborhood Association; Kentucky Emerge Graduate; Christ Church Methodist; Family Scholar House

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Civic Involvement:

Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association; Holy Trinity Parish; Elder Abuse Services Coordinating Committee; Mental Health Work Group; Warrant Process Committee; Child Fatality Review Team; Drug Court; Exploited Children's Help Organization (ECHO), Christie's Kids in Court; Dunn Elementary, Site Based Decision Making Council; Louisville Metro Police Department; Dare to Care

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Div. 14

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Civic Involvement:

Holy Trinity Church; Habitat for Humanity; YMCA SafePlace Services

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Civic Involvement:

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JEFFERSON District Court JUDGE

Court of Appeals JUDGE

Div. 16

Katie **KING**

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Current Employer: Jefferson District Court, Div. 16

Education:
University of Louisville School of Law
Louisville, Kentucky
J.D. (2005)
University of Louisville
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B.S. (2001)

Civic Involvement:

Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association; Women Lawyers Association; Greater Louisville Outstanding Women; Metropolitan Louisville Women's Political Caucus; Center for Women and Families; Habitat for Humanity; Assumption High School; L-Club (University of Louisville)

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Civic Involvement:

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Div. 17

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Turn it Around Program; New Beginnings; The dePaul School; Highland Presbyterian Children's Committee; Walden Theatre

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Civic Involvement:

Family & Children's Place; Governor's Scholar Program; University of Kentucky College of Law Alumni Association; Canaan Christian Church; Metro Louisville Women's Political Caucus; Norton Hospital Patient & Family Advisory Council; Kentucky Center for School Board Safety; Louisville Bar Association; LBA Young Lawyers Section; LBA Diversity Taskforce; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

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Dist. 4

Denise Guess **CLAYTON**

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Defiance College
Defiance, Ohio
B.A.

Civic Involvement:

Chief Judge Jeff Circuit Court; Chief Metro Region Judge Jefferson Circuit Court; Louisville Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Black Lawyers Association; Women Lawyers Association of Jefferson County; Summerbridge of Louisville; Norton Healthcare Foundation; Racial fairness Commission for Jefferson County Courts; Coalition for the Homeless; Plymouth Community Renewal Center; The Housing Partnership, Inc.

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Stan **Whetzel**

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A.B.

Civic Involvement:

Rotary Club of Louisville; Church of the Advent; Louisville Bar Association; LBA Appellate Practice Section; The de Paul School; LBA Member Services Committee; AIDS Task Force of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union; St. Jude Guild, Inc.; Bonnycastle Homestead Association; Duke University Alumni Advisory Admissions Committee for Louisville and Southern Indiana

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Div. 1

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B.A. (1971)

Civic Involvement:

Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association; Goodwill Industries of Kentucky; South Louisville Rotary Club; St. Matthews Rotary Club; Paul Harris Fellow; Louisville Executives Club; Sir Friendly "C"; Old Louisville Neighborhood Association; Irish Hill Neighborhood Association; Belknap Neighborhood Association; "Tex Rex" book TV series by Dr. Robert Greenberg

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Civic Involvement:

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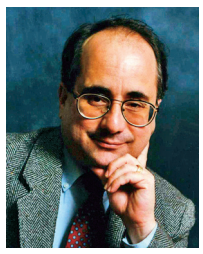
Div. 13

Sandy **BERMAN**



Years in Practice: 40

Current Employer: Jefferson County Attorney's Office

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Civic Involvement:

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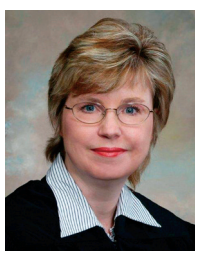
Ann Bailey **SMITH**



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Current Employer: Jefferson District Court, Div. 2

Education:
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Louisville, Kentucky
J.D. (1982)
University of Louisville
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B.A. (1979)

Civic Involvement:

Chief Judge, Jefferson District Court; Community Accountability Board; Jefferson County Planning and Coordinating Council; Mayor's Day of Service; Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake; Juvenile Re-entry Program; LBA Diversity Taskforce; Lawyers Advisory Taskforce for Strategic Planning for the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law; Louis D. Brandeis American Inn of Court; Louisville Metro Criminal Justice Commission; Jail Policy Committee; Kentucky Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee; Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention Planning Committee; Lean-In Louisville

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