

# L. Kate Welborn

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## BAR ADMISSION Missouri, 2004

## EDUCATION University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Juris Doctor, 2004
- Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, cum laude, 2001

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Missouri State Public Defender System, Ava MO** **October 2014 – Present**

District Defender in a trial criminal defense office. Managed all aspects of a criminal defense docket, including misdemeanors, complex felonies, juvenile delinquency cases and probation violations in the 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, and 46<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits. Responsible for supervising attorneys and support staff, managing caseload responsibilities, making personnel decisions, monitoring office expenses, identifying conflicts of interest, developing office policies, interviewing and hiring new employees, serving as liaison between MSPD and the courts, local bar and the public, training and mentoring for staff and enforcing statewide MSPD policies.

### **Missouri State Public Defender System, Bolivar, MO** **August 2010 – October 2014**

Assistant Public Defender in a trial office. Managed all aspects of a criminal defense docket, including misdemeanors, complex felonies, juvenile delinquency cases and probation violations in the 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits. Performed legal research, drafted and argued criminal pleadings and motions. Interviewed clients and defense witnesses in both office and jail settings. Negotiated plea agreements with prosecuting attorneys. Prepared and conducted bench trials and probation violation hearings. Prepared for and participated as both first and second chair in felony jury trials.

### **Cass County Attorney, Harrisonville, MO** **July 2008 – November 2009**

- Assistant Prosecuting Attorney: Represented the State of Missouri in matters relating to child support enforcement, handled both criminal docket and civil contempt docket, conducted paternity hearings.
- Research Attorney: Performed legal research for the five judges in Cass County, prepared written memoranda, researched pleadings and motions as assigned by judges, assisted in the maintenance and upkeep of Cass County Law Library.
- County Counselor: Advised County Commissioners and other county offices on civil legal issues that arose, particularly in the areas of local government law, zoning and land use. Responsible for all employment law issues that arose through Cass County Human Resources.

### **Missouri State Public Defender System, Bolivar & Harrisonville, MO** **April 2006 – July 2008**

Assistant Public Defender in a trial office. Managed all aspects of a criminal docket, including misdemeanors, felonies, juvenile cases and probation violations in the 30<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits. Researched, drafted and argued various criminal pleadings and motions. Interviewed clients and defense witnesses in both office and jail settings. Negotiated plea agreements with prosecuting attorneys. Prepared and conducted bench trials and probation violation hearings. Prepared for and participated as second chair in felony jury trials.

**Law Office of L. Kate Welborn, LLC, Drexel, MO****Summer 2005 – April 2006**

Solo practitioner in a general practice firm. Practice areas included criminal defense, estate planning, real estate law, and family law.

**Law Library Reference Assistant, Columbia, MO****Academic Terms 2002 -2004**

Employed as reference assistant during 2L and 3L academic years at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library. Provided legal research and reference assistance to law students and pro se library patrons in both printed and online formats.

**Engineering Library Circulation Assistant, Columbia, MO****Academic Terms 1998 - 2002**

Employed as student circulation desk assistant at the University of Missouri-Columbia Engineering Library. Responsible for checking in and out library materials, assisted library patrons in locating library materials, shelved library materials, assisted library patrons with databases and reference materials.

**REFERENCES**

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