



Board of Aldermen Request for Action

MEETING DATE: 5/21/2024

DEPARTMENT: Administration

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Resolution 1355, Appointing Gina Simone Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

A motion to approve Resolution 1355, appointing Gina Simone as Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

SUMMARY:

Mayor Boley nominates Gina Simone to the position of Alternate Prosecutor, in accordance with Section 105.070 (D) of the Code of Ordinances. The current Prosecuting Attorney and current Alternate Prosecuting Attorney are both unavailable for the June 3, 2024, court date. This action will appoint a second Alternate Prosecutor Attorney, Gina Simone, who will fill in on this date.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

N/A

POLICY ISSUE:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Letter of Recommendation
Gina Simone Resume | |

RESOLUTION 1355

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GINA SIMONE 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 Gina Simone 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 Gina Simone 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 21st day of May 2024.

Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Drummond, City Clerk

Members of the Smithville City Council and Mayor Boley,

I am writing this letter in support of Gina Simone to serve as my temporary replacement as the Smithville municipal prosecutor. I have worked with Gina for several years as a defense attorney and then more recently as a co-worker when she joined the Clay County Prosecutors Office. She has handled traffic cases in her private practice as a defense attorney and now serves as the lead traffic attorney for the Clay County Prosecutor's Office.

Gina has been practicing law in Missouri for 35 years. She is well versed in Missouri law and will have no problem handling our Smithville docket. Gina regularly handles dockets in front of both Judge Karen Krauser and Judge Louis Angles, the two judges who handle our Smithville docket. I am confident that she will show professionalism and integrity while serving the citizens of Smithville in this temporary capacity.

Thank you for continuing to allow me to serve Smithville in this capacity.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Ravkin". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Angela Ravkin

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Clay County Prosecutors Office
<i>Assistant Prosecuting Attorney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Representation of the State on Criminal and Traffic Dockets | 2024 - |
| Law Office of Denise Kirby
<i>Associate Attorney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Representation of criminal defendants charged with DWI offenses | 2021-2024 |
| Law Office of Charles A. Kellogg
<i>Associate Attorney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Representation of criminal defendants in municipal and state criminal cases | 2013-2021 |
| Mark Ferguson, LLC.
<i>Associate Attorney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Representation of criminal defendants in municipal, state, and federal criminal cases▪ Handling of plea negotiations, hearings and trials in both Kansas and Missouri courts▪ Performing legal research and drafting motions, pleadings, and writs | 2008-2013 |
| Law Offices of Chris Kopecky
<i>Associate Attorney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Representation of criminal defendants in municipal and state criminal/traffic cases | 2008 |
| Spencer, Fane, Britt & Brown
<i>Employment Law Litigation Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Assist in management of complex litigation in employment law cases▪ Perform legal research and draft memoranda of law▪ Review and analysis of documents and transcripts in preparation for trial | 2006-2008 |
| Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLC
<i>Intellectual Property Litigation Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Assist in management of complex patent, copyright, and trademark cases▪ Review and organization of documents and transcripts▪ Preparation for and participation in federal trials, depositions, and arbitration proceedings▪ Perform legal research and draft memoranda of law | 2001-2006 |
| Law Offices of Gina L. Simone <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ General Practice including criminal, traffic, workers compensation | 1998-2000 |
| Law Offices of Vincent H. Rigby
<i>Associate Attorney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ General practice including criminal, personal injury, worker's compensation, domestic, and landlord/tenant matters, municipal ordinance violations | 1994-1997 |
| Law Offices of Steven K. Bogler
<i>Associate Attorney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ General practice including probate, personal injury, workers compensation, criminal, domestic, and landlord/tenant matters, municipal ordinance violations and juvenile court appointments | 1991-1994 |

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

1989-1990

Associate Attorney

- Representation of indigent defendants regarding municipal ordinance violations, trials de novo

EDUCATION

University of Missouri - Kansas City, School of Law, J.D., 1988

- American Jurisprudence Award, Estates and Trusts, 1987
- Tax Research Assistant for Professor Edwin T. Hood, 1987-1988
- Student Board of Governors, 1987-1988

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
- Missouri Society of Criminal Justice

CIVIC & CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

- Volunteer Attorney Project
- Mental Health Court
- Member of the Kansas City Municipal Court Attorney User Task Committee in order to recommend changes to be implemented for the first ever paperless, live court computer system
- Member of the MoBar Net Focus Group, which reviewed and discussed changes in order to improve its record access database and document management system for attorney users