



The Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel, an award winning initiative, enlists volunteers to undertake ***felony jury case assignments*** from the Missouri State Public Defender ("MSPD"), pending in the Circuit Courts of Jackson County, the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis County. We encourage our volunteers with this common sense entreaty:

*Weary of Being a Trial Preparer with No Prospect of a Jury Trial in Your Future?*

*Why Not Do a Good Deed and, in turn, Advance your Career as a Trial Lawyer*

Our volunteer attorneys have a realistic opportunity to gain priceless "first chair" jury trial experience, while also easing the caseloads of overworked and underpaid public defenders.

Almost 300 Missouri lawyers have taken the training presented by veteran MSPD trial lawyers. One Hundred Seventy (170) cases have been assigned, since the program began. The timing of when to take a case is left to the volunteer.

The Coalition has been honored with two awards – the "What's Right with the Region Award" presented by Focus St. Louis, and the "Pro Bono Award" presented by the Young Lawyer's Section of the Missouri Bar.

**First step to be eligible for a case assignment.....**

Complete the no cost, CLE qualified training on October 4-5, 2018 in the KC offices of Shook, Hardy. Space is limited.

Register now at <https://www.bamsl.org/PublicDefender201810>

For questions, please contact Richard Scherrer at [richard.scherrer@mspd.mo.gov](mailto:richard.scherrer@mspd.mo.gov) or (314) 340-7625, ext. 237.

**What Our Volunteers Are Saying:**

*"This hands on experience taught me lessons about trial practice that I simply could not learn through observation alone"*

*"I would encourage anyone looking for trial experience to consider investing time in this program."*

*"For trial advocacy purposes, this is one of the best CLE's I've attended. The training was practical and on point."*

*"So, this is where all the great trial lawyers are."*

*"Opportunities to conduct jury selection, present evidence, cross examine critical witnesses, and give opening statements and closing arguments at trial are virtually nonexistent for many young associates in big law firms."*