

RESOLUTION 217
THE HONORABLE ANNE-MARIE CLARKE

WHEREAS, Anne-Marie Clarke was sworn in as the 47th Chair of the Judicial Council Division of the National Bar Association on August 1, 2017 for a term of one year. As Chair, she led a delegation of nearly 200 judges, lawyers, friends and family members to the Dominican Republic for a service project working with children from Haiti and the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, her Honor has served as Family Court Commissioner (Judge) of the Family Court for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court, St. Louis City, since October 1, 1998. She served as Hearing Officer of the Family Court from January 1986 until her appointment as Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Clarke is a graduate of Rosati-Kain High School (St. Louis, MO). She attended Forest Park Community College (St. Louis, MO) and Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, MO). She completed her college education in only three years and received a bachelor of art degree majoring in Political Science. She received a Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in Missouri and is a member of the National Bar Association (Life Member), the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Mound City Bar Association where she served as President from 1981-1983. She was the first Black person to serve on the Board of Governors of The Missouri Bar (1986-1990 and 1991-1995). She served on the Board of Directors of the Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company from its inception in 1986 until October 1998; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Clarke, the first Black woman to serve on the Board of Police Commissioners for St. Louis City, was appointed to the Police Board by Governor Mel Carnahan on April 30, 1993. She was unanimously elected President of the five-member board on April 6, 1994 becoming the first woman to serve as President, a position she held until her resignation on September 30, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Clarke has been assigned to both the Juvenile Division and the Domestic Relations Division. In the Domestic Division, she instituted the Pro Se Dissolution Docket for individuals who were proceeding without legal representation in divorce cases. At the Juvenile Division, she has presided over cases involving children in foster care for more 30 years. She created the City's first Truancy Court which was held at Fanning Middle School. She established a review docket for juveniles placed on probation allowing the juveniles to return for periodic reviews as they progressed through probation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Clarke has received numerous awards including the MO Supreme Court "Judicial Excellence Award" and she was named a "Legal Legend" by the Mound City Bar Association. Other awards include the prestigious Jordan-McNeal Award presented by the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women's Justice Award—Public Official, a Volunteer Lawyers Service Award presented by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, and a Distinguished Citizen Award from the St. Louis Argus Newspaper. She received the Ina M. Boon Social Justice Award from the St. Louis City Chapter of the NAACP. Commissioner Clarke will be inducted in the Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame, its highest distinction, in a ceremony on January 25, 2019.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Anne-Marie Clarke is the daughter of the late Thomas P. Clarke, an attorney who practiced for many years at Legal Services for Eastern Missouri ("Legal Aid") and the late Mary V. Clarke, a registered nurse. She is married to Richard K. Gaines, president and CEO of Richard K. Gaines and Associates, an insurance brokerage firm. She is a charter member of the Saint Louis Metropolitan Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Life Member) and a member of St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and celebrate Commissioner Anne-Marie Clarke and acknowledge her accomplishments and contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution

across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 11th day of January, 2019 by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward
The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward
The Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
The Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward
The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward
The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderwoman 11th Ward
The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward
The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward
The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16th Ward
The Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward
The Honorable John Collins Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward
The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Scott Ogilvie, Alderman 24th Ward
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward
The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this 11th day of January, 2019 as attested by:

Lou Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen