

## Hon. Iris J. Goliday Ferguson

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The Honorable Iris J. Goliday Ferguson earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Lincoln University of Missouri in 1966. Judge Iris J. Goliday Ferguson began her career working as a vocational counselor with the Missouri Department of Labor – Division of Employment Security. Thereafter, she joined the planning staff of the Model Cities Agency, under a targeted redevelopment grant awarded to the City of St. Louis. She became the Director of Planning for Model Cities and was later assigned, on loan, as a consultant for the City to assist in developing its Manpower Development Program, currently call the St, Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE).

Following the completion, in 1978, of a dual degree program in Urban Studies and Law at St. Louis University earning a master's degree in Urban Planning and a Juris Doctorate, Judge Ferguson engaged in a general family law practice for more than 15 years. During that time, she also variously served as a consultant for the City of St. Louis' SLATE program, legislative aide for a Missouri State Senator, and estate planner for UAW Legal Services.

Prior to her appointment by Governor Mel Carnahan in 1993 as an Associate Circuit Judge, Judge Ferguson served a number of Missouri municipalities – as Municipal Judge in Pagedale and Kinloch, as Provisional Judge in St. Louis City, Pine Lawn Wellston, and as Prosecuting Attorney in Pagedale, Wellston and Pine Lawn. Judge Ferguson retired from the bench in 2006. She now serves as a Senior Judge for the Missouri Circuit Courts. Judge Ferguson has served on the Board of Directors for the St. Louis Transitional Hope House, the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, Hopewell Baptist Church, NBA/ECHO Emergency Children's Home, and the Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Judge Ferguson also served on the Lincoln University of Missouri Board of Curators from 2006-2012.