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Hotline Attorney handoff happening

From Missouri Press Staff

Beginning June 1, Missouri Press Association will mark a momentous change as the Hotline Attorney role is officially taken over by Dan Curry.

Curry was hired in March by the Missouri Press Association and Service (MPA and MPS) boards of directors to replace Jean Maneke, who is retiring this summer. Maneke originated the Hotline Attorney role for MPA, starting in December 1992.

“It becomes clearer every day that issues related to the First Amendment, including freedom of the press, have never been more important to our democracy,” Curry said. “I look forward to giving my every effort to ensure Missouri Press’ member newspapers get the answers they need on everything from the Sunshine Law to court records to copyright issues.”

Maneke has been working with Curry to familiarize the new Hotline Attorney with ongoing issues MPA members are currently facing.

“Dan knows firsthand how important this role is, and like MPA’s members, he believes in the importance of strong journalism. I feel confident in leaving the Association’s Hotline Attorney in his

capable hands,” Maneke said.

With Maneke’s retirement, questions for the Hotline Attorney should be directed to Curry at (816) 756-5458 or by email at dan@brownandcurry.com.

MPA Executive Director Mark Maassen said Missouri Press is better because of the work Maneke has done over the last 30-plus years.

“Jean has made an enduring legacy that has improved journalism in Missouri,” Maassen said. “The members of Missouri Press are thankful for her patience and enthusiasm for finding answers to some of the toughest questions our industry has faced, all while helping to better inform lawmakers in Jefferson City and provide input on pending legislation.

“I know Dan will continue to provide the Association and its members with the high level of counsel they’ve come to rely on in today’s publishing world. I look forward to working with him over the coming months as we navigate Missouri Press through this transition, confident it will be smooth thanks to the stable footing put in place through Jean’s decades of diligence and hard work,” Maassen said.



Dan Curry



Jean Maneke

Courtroom training is in June

From Missouri Press Staff

Courtroom training for media is being planned for Thursday, June 13, at the Cape Girardeau County Courthouse in Jackson. The training will be held in conjunction with Southeast Missouri Press Association’s annual meeting.

While details are still being worked out and will be shared closer to the date, plans currently are for the courtroom training to last from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a break for lunch. After lunch, SEMO’s meeting will resume with a focus on newspaper-centric issues.

Tentatively, the courtroom training will address the state’s court structure and basic procedures for civil and criminal cases, as well as court records that are available through Case.net and why certain information is redacted.

Issues specific to media will include requests for cameras in the courtroom, proper dress and etiquette, electronics usage, courthouse security and questions to counsel and the judge.

Watch future Missouri Press newsletters for more details about the courtroom training and SEMO Press’ meeting, including how to register.

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Nominations wanted for '25 MPA Board

From Missouri Press Staff

The Missouri Press Association nominating committee will meet during the summer to decide on candidates for 2025 MPA Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors.

The terms of current directors Bryan Jones, *Morgan County Statesman*, Versailles, and Gary Castor, *Jefferson City News-Tribune*, are expiring Dec. 31, 2024. A third director's position formerly held by the late Kevin Jones will also expire at the end of 2024.

MPA Secretary Ron Schott, *Wright County Journal*, Mountain Grove, and MPA Treasurer Ken Garner, Garner Media Holdings, Maryville, are serving one-year terms which expire Dec. 31.

As current board members fill positions of leadership on the board, and accounting for the open director's seat, a fourth Director position will be left vacant by the election of an

existing Board member to Second Vice President.

Persons who wish to be considered for any of the positions, including those currently serving members whose terms are expiring, must complete a nomination form and return it to MPA by July 1.

A copy of the nomination form is available online or by contacting members of Missouri Press Staff.

Roger Dillon, *Shannon County Current Wave*, Eminence, immediate past president of MPA, is chairman of the nominating committee this year. Elections will be held during the MPA Business Meeting on Friday, Sept. 20, in Springfield during MPA's 158th Annual Convention.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact MPA Executive Director Mark Maassen at (573) 449-4167, ext. 308, or at mmaassen@mopress.com.

Share your experience with USPS changes, delivery

From John Galer

National Newspaper Association

This summer, the Postal Regulatory Commission will review the regulations that permit USPS to require postage increases twice a year. NNA needs your help.

Postage for Periodicals has increased by more than 35% since 2021. For some newspapers, the increase was even higher.

USPS has intentionally slowed the delivery of newspapers. The official delivery standard was slowed by only a day, but actual delivery is much slower for most of us. Also, our First-Class Mail has become unreliable, so that checks don't arrive as they should.

I need to know your experiences with these problems. Find a form you can fill out about your own experiences and submit to NNA here: https://nna.formstack.com/forms/usps_nna



letters. Or, please just write your own letter. The more specifics, the better.

NNA plans to file all of the letters on the record with the Commission. We need to help the Commission understand how the decline of mail service has hurt our industry. If you don't want your letter included on the public file, there is no need to respond to this letter.

But I hope you'll write a letter. Whatever the Commission decides is what we will live with for the next five years. Higher postage rates? Even worse service? I hope not.

You may use the form at https://nna.formstack.com/forms/usps_nna letters and NNA will take it from there or email your own letter to lynne@nna.org by June 1.

If you represent a group, you may fill this out and upload a document with your titles to include with this letter.



CALENDAR

June

- 6 — Kevin Jones 1st Amendment Golf Classic, Hermann
- 7 — Missouri Press Association, Service and Foundation Boards Meetings, Hermann
- 7 — Show-Me Press Association Meeting, Hermann
- 13 — Courtroom Training, Cape Girardeau County Courthouse, Jackson
- 13 — Southeast Missouri Press Association Meeting, Jackson

July

- 1 — Missouri Press Association Board of Director Nominations Due
- 4-5 — Missouri Press Offices Closed for Fourth of July Holiday

September

- 19-21 — Missouri Press' Annual Convention, Springfield
- 22-28 — Missouri Photo Workshop, Kennett

Did you know?

You can find all of the latest registration forms for Missouri Press' events online at www.mopress.com.

The website also has award nomination forms, board of director applications and much more.

Issue of legislators redacting constituent information could go before Missouri Supreme Court

It's unusual to get excited about a dissenting opinion. But in March of 2024, The Missouri Court of Appeals issued an interesting decision* that points the way forward for Sunshine Law requests directed to the Missouri House of Representatives.

[*The case is *The Sunshine and Government Accountability Project v. Missouri House of Representatives, et al.* No. WD86212.]

Back in 2019, a St. Louis-area attorney requested certain constituent communications with legislators. The attorney received documents in response, but emails and addresses of the constituents had been redacted from the communications. The redactions had been made pursuant to House Rule 127, which provided that House members “may keep constituent case files ... confidential.”

The attorney sued, arguing that House Rule 127* was unconstitutional and that the House had violated the Sunshine Law by redacting constituent information. After the trial court ruled against him, the attorney appealed to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

[* The 2019 version of House Rule 127 is currently identical to House Rule 126(a). The Senate, interestingly, does not appear to have a corresponding rule.]

The Court of Appeals issued a split-decision. The majority dodged the issue of whether the House of Representatives can issue its own Rule regarding open records in spite of the 2019 amendment to the Missouri constitution, Article III, Section 19(a), that explicitly made the Missouri legislature subject to the Sunshine Law.

The majority held that the attorney lacked standing to appeal because he had made the original Sunshine request under the name of his law firm, but when he filed suit, he did so in his own name. The majority also held that the attorney had not sufficiently alleged he was a “citizen” of the state.

So, on the surface, this decision

Judge Alok Ahuja dove into the issue of standing. He affirms that any “aggrieved person,” as well as any Missouri taxpayer or citizen may bring suit. Crucially, he found that the word “aggrieved” applied only to the word “person,” and not to the words “taxpayer” or “citizen.” This would mean that a Missouri citizen could or even a non-resident taxpayer could sue to enforce the Sunshine Law, regardless of whether the person was the actual records-requester.

offers very little in bankable guidance regarding the Sunshine Law – perhaps make sure you allege that you're a citizen or a taxpayer in your Sunshine Law lawsuit, and make sure the requester and the plaintiff are the same.

But where this decision gets interesting is actually in the lengthy*, well-reasoned dissent by Court of Appeals judge Alok Ahuja. After addressing some Appellate pleading niceties, Judge Ahuja dove into the issue of standing – who has the ability, under the law, to file a Sunshine Law lawsuit. He affirms – correctly in my opinion – that any “aggrieved person,” as well as any Missouri taxpayer or citizen may bring suit. Crucially, he found that the word “aggrieved” applied only to the word “person,” and not to the words “taxpayer” or “citizen.” This would mean

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[* If this opinion were a musical piece, Judge Ahuja's dissent would be one of the rare instances where the coda is longer than the principal song.]

Judge Ahuja next turned to the merits and found – again correctly in my opinion – that House Rule 127 violates the Missouri Constitution, following its 2018 amendment making legislative records subject to the Sunshine Law.

While the Missouri Constitution does give both houses of the General Assembly the authority to adopt their own rules, those rules cannot violate other provisions of the state constitution. This means that the House would not be able to use its rule-making power to avoid its obligation to disgorge public records in response to a Sunshine request.

A dissent, though, doesn't do much to help on its own. The attorney pursuing the case has sought transfer to the Missouri Supreme Court. I will keep an eye on this one and report back what happens.

One final note about this case. The attorney who issued Sunshine requests to various lawmakers actually did receive records in response, and some members even produced complete records without any redactions, something hard to imagine in the days before the 2018 amendment. Progress is evident.

Also, find Judge Ahuja's dissenting opinion in full linked with this column on www.mopress.com or click the pull quote box above in the PDF edition of the May Missouri Press Bulletin.



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Missouri Press Marketplace

SOUTHWEST GROUP: Three weekly newspapers in Jasper County are offered for sale as a group. One covers the county seat, the other two are long-time established newspapers.

All are legal publications. Owners wish to retire.

Email: jascocitizen@gmail.com. (5/1/2024)

KANSAS WEEKLY: Seeking new owners for a South Central Kansas weekly community newspaper with

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WEEKLY NEWSPAPER: Award-winning weekly newspaper in Howard County. Locally owned since 1840. Loyal advertising and readership. Excellent staff. Debt free.

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Email: jaddison@fayettenews.com (6/19/2023)

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Friday, June 7 | Hermann

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AGENDA

11:30AM Lunch at the Wurst Haus | 234 E. 1st Street, Hermann

MEETING AT TIN MILL RESTAURANT | CELEBRATION ROOM | 315 E. 1ST Street, Hermann

12:30PM **JEAN** Talk! Libel, CaseNet, Legislative Roundup and Impact of Generative AI!

1:15PM **Balderdash!** There is no such thing as a dumb question! In 32 years, Jean has heard it ALL and will tell ALL! Did your question make Jean's top 10?

1:30PM **Deal or No Deal!** Bring the problems you are dealing with and together we'll DEAL the solution!

2:00PM Break

2:15PM **Planning for Elections and Pre-Election Content**, Elizabeth Stephens, University of Missouri Community Newspaper Management Chair

3:00PM **Panel Discussion: Partnering with High Schools to Reach Future Journalists**

3:45PM Meeting Adjourns

4:00PM **Happy Hour at Hofgarten/Black Shire Pavilion, Appetizers & Tasting | 111 Gutenberg St.**

Missouri Press Marketplace

HELP WANTED

SPORTS REPORTER: The Springfield Daily Citizen, a nonprofit news website with the largest independent newsroom in southwest Missouri, is growing again and seeks to hire its first full-time sports reporter. The Sports Reporter creates highly engaging stories on college, high school and other sports in the Springfield (MO) metropolitan area, and assists in coordinating the work of freelance contributors covering sports and outdoor recreation. This is a new full-time position and requires relocation to Springfield, Missouri.

General description of duties:

- With direction from the Managing Editor, produces 6-10 stories per week on varied local sports topics, with an emphasis on college and high school sports.

- Produces occasional in-depth reports that feature multiple sources.

- Assists in managing the sports content on the website and in related digital products, including email newsletters and social media.

- Assists in coordinating the work of freelance contributors, including writers and photographers, covering sports and outdoor recreation.

A four-year degree in journalism or related field, or experience commensurate with four-year degree, is required. A minimum of two years daily journalism or similar experience is required, along with demonstrated reporting, editing, and digital content skills. Familiarity with sports in southwest Missouri is preferred. The pay range is \$41,000 to \$52,000 annually, depending on experience.

To apply, send a cover letter explaining your interest, along with a resume and 5-10 samples of your work to Chief Executive Officer David Stoeffler via email at dstoeffler@sgfcitizen.org.

(5/9/2024)

REPORTER: BridgeTower Media is seeking an experienced, digitally savvy Reporter who can work with a strong

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The content guide, accessible at the top of the front page, shows you everything you can learn, including multiple series covering everything from art and advertising illustration to layout to image adjustment and most things in between.

Russell even offers a small section on "practical jokes," although it might be more useful as a primer on what not to do within the various Adobe programs.

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