

Prosecutor hires AG's appellate counsel

Cole County Prosecutor Bill Tackett announced Saturday his office has hired Breck Burgess, who was the senior appellate counsel for state Attorney General Jay Nixon's office.



Burgess

Burgess is a 17-year veteran of the attorney general's office, representing the state in more than 750 cases in the state appeals courts — including more than 55 cases before the Missouri Supreme Court — as well as the federal Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He's also represented the state at the trial level in a variety of cases, and provided advice to many Missouri prosecutors in thousands of cases, Tackett's news release said.

He has provided counsel to the state departments of Corrections and Public Safety.

And the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services often has used Burgess to train and lecture statewide prosecutors statewide on current legal issues and opinions about criminal law.

Burgess graduated magna cum laude in 1984 from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and completed Washington University, St. Louis, law school in 1987.

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