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The Honorable Cristian M. Stevens
Judicial Nominee to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
Research Summary

Age: 52 (born February 1973)

2021 – Present: Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District

2019 – 2021: First Assistant Attorney General & Deputy General for the Criminal Division, Missouri Attorney General's Office

2017 – 2019: Litigation Partner, Armstrong Teasdale LLP, MO

2002 – 2017: Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri

1999 – 2002: Associate Attorney, Bryan Cave LLC, MO

1998 – 1999: Law Clerk, The Hon. Pasco E. Bowman II, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Education: University of Missouri-Columbia (J.D.) 1998; University of Missouri-Columbia (B.A., Political Science) 1995.

Judicial Philosophy: No information has been located on this topic.

Faith & the Public Square: No information has been located on this topic.

Religious Liberty: No information has been located on this topic.

Sanctity of Life: No information has been located on this topic.

LGBT Issues: No information has been located on this topic.

Faith & Worldview:

- Stevens is a parishioner of a Catholic Church.¹
- He is married with three children.²
 - One of Stevens's children is adopted.³
- Stevens is a past-licensed foster parent.⁴

¹ Judge Cristian M. Stevens, MO. CTS., <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=182164>.

² Hon. Cristian M. Stevens, FED. SOC'Y, <https://fedsoc.org/contributors/cristian-stevens>.

³ S. Questionnaire, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/stevens_sjq.pdf, at PDF p. 6.

⁴ Judge Cristian M. Stevens, MO. CTS., <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=182164>.

- He is affiliated with White House Jesuit Retreat,⁵ a Catholic Jesuit retreat house offering retreats based on the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius.⁶

Second Amendment: No information has been located on this topic.

Educational Opportunity: No information has been located on this topic.

Administrative State: No information has been located on this topic.

History of Commitment to Causes:

- Stevens is a contributor to the Federalist Society.⁷
- Next, he is affiliated with the St. Louis Shamrock Club,⁸ a program “offering mental health treatment, substance use support, and basic needs assistance” through the St. Patrick Center, a ministry within Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.⁹
- Stevens is also affiliated with The Backstoppers, Inc.,¹⁰ a nonprofit that supports the families of first responders.¹¹
- Stevens volunteers his time by teaching at judicial conferences and continuing legal education programs, judging moot court competitions, and speaking to various groups about civil and criminal law, and trial and appellate procedure.¹²

Government Overreach:

- Stevens led the investigation of Michael Brown’s death after Brown was shot and killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri.¹³
- Stevens served as a special judge with the Supreme Court of Missouri in *Crown Diversified Industries Corp. v. Zimmerman*, a case in which taxpayers alleged ratio discrimination, stating their properties were assessed at a higher percentage of fair market value than other properties in the county.¹⁴

⁵ S. Questionnaire, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/stevens_sjq.pdf, at PDF p. 6.

⁶ Homepage, WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT, <https://whitehouseretreat.org/>.

⁷ Hon. Cristian M. Stevens, FED. SOC’Y, <https://fedsoc.org/contributors/cristian-stevens>.

⁸ S. Questionnaire, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/stevens_sjq.pdf, at PDF p. 6.

⁹ St. Patrick Ctr. History, ST. PATRICK CTR., <https://www.stpatrickcenter.org/history>.

¹⁰ S. Questionnaire, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/stevens_sjq.pdf, at PDF p. 6.

¹¹ How We Help, BACKSTOPPERS, INC., <https://backstoppers.org/how-we-help/>.

¹² S. Questionnaire, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/stevens_sjq.pdf, at PDF p. 47.

¹³ S. Questionnaire, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/stevens_sjq.pdf, at PDF p. 35.

¹⁴ S. Questionnaire, https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/stevens_sjq.pdf, at PDF p. 16. See *Crown Div. Indus. Corp. v. Zimmerman*, No. SC100219 (Mo. 2024), <https://law.justia.com/cases/missouri/supreme-court/2024/sc100219.html>.