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**Greene County Circuit Court appoints Family Court Commissioner**

Greene County Presiding Judge Dan Conklin has named John P. Lukachick as the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit's new Family Court Commissioner. Lukachick was appointed to a four-year term by the Greene County Court en Banc in a closed meeting Sept. 2. He will be sworn in and begin work later this month.

"We are excited about John Lukachick hearing Family Court cases and hope that his addition to the 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit will enable the court to work through our pending case backlog," said Conklin. "We feel he has the temperament to deal properly with the people that come before him, and that he will be fair and impartial in handling Family Court cases."

Greene County's new Family Court Commissioner position was approved by the Missouri General Assembly and Gov. Jay Nixon earlier this year. Lukachick joins three other Family Court Commissioners in Greene County's 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit. The commissioners hear cases involving Dissolution of Marriage, Legal Separation, Separate Maintenance, Child Custody and Modification actions, Annulment of Marriages, Adoptions, Juvenile proceedings, Paternity cases, Enforcement of Child Support orders, Adult Abuse and Child Protection cases.

Lukachick has practiced family law with Springfield law firm Tuck & Lukachick, P.C., since 1996, specializing in domestic relations and serving as a guardian ad litem, representing the best interest of children. He also worked in juvenile matters involving neglect, abuse and termination of parental rights.

He received a Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Communication from Southwest Missouri State University. He is an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America.

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