Hon. Lisa White Hardwick

Since 2001, Lisa White Hardwick has served as a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District. She was elected Chief Judge from 2010-2012 and is currently the senior member of the Court. Committed to matters of equity and justice, she co-chairs the Missouri Supreme Court Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts.

Judge Hardwick has 37 years of experience in the legal profession and service to Kansas City's civic and non-profit community. Before her appointment to the appellate bench, she was a trial court judge on the Jackson County Circuit Court and practiced law as a partner in the Shook Hardy & Bacon law firm. As an elected official, she served two terms as an at-large representative on the Jackson County Legislature from 1993-2000. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Truman Library Institute, St. Luke's Hospital, the Kansas City Crime Commission, the Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, the National Association of Corporate Directors (Heartland Chapter) and the Center School District Educational Foundation.

As a native of Kansas City, Judge Hardwick attended the University of Missouri-Columbia and obtained a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is a 1985 graduate of Harvard Law School.