

### 3.2 CIVIL DIVISIONAL VENUE

(a) **Divisions within the Western District of Missouri.** The United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri comprises the following divisions:

**1. To Be Heard in Federal Court in Kansas City, Missouri:**

(a) **Western Division:** The Western Division comprises the counties of Clay, Ray, Carroll, Saline, Lafayette, Jackson, Cass, Johnson, Henry, Bates, and St. Clair.

(b) **St. Joseph Division:** The St. Joseph Division comprises the counties of Atchison, Nodaway, Worth, Gentry, Harrison, Mercer, Putnam, Sullivan, Grundy, Livingston, Daviess, Caldwell, DeKalb, Clinton, Platte, Buchanan, Holt, Andrew.

**2. To Be Heard in Federal Court in Jefferson City, Missouri:**

**Central Division:** The Central Division comprises the counties of Pettis, Benton, Hickory, Howard, Cooper, Morgan, Camden, Boone, Monteau, Miller, Callaway, Cole, and Osage.

**3. To Be Heard in Federal Court in Springfield, Missouri:**

(a) **Southern Division:** The Southern Division comprises the counties of Cedar, Dade, Polk, Greene, Christian, Taney, Dallas, Webster, Douglas, Ozark, Laclede, Wright, Pulaski, Texas, Howell, and Oregon.

(b) **Southwestern Division:** The Southwestern Division comprises the counties of Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Lawrence, Barry, and Stone.

(b) **Divisional Venue.**

1. Single defendant. All actions brought against a single defendant who is a resident of this district must be brought in a division where the defendant resides, or where the claim for relief arose.

2. Multiple defendants. All actions brought against multiple defendants all of whom reside in the same division must be brought in that division, or in the division where the claim for relief arose. If at least two of the defendants reside in different divisions, such action shall be filed in any division in

which one or more of the defendants, reside, or where the claim for relief arose.

3. Non-resident defendant. If none of the defendants is a resident of the Western District of Missouri, the action shall be filed in the division where at least one plaintiff resides, or where the claim for relief arose.

(c) **Location of Proceedings.** In all cases, the Court retains discretion to fix the location where any courtroom proceedings shall be held.

(d) **Other Venue Statutes.** This Local Rule shall be construed consistently with the text and definitions contained in 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c), (d), (e) and (f), 1392, 1446(a), 1404(a) and 1406(a) and (b).