The Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel, an award-winning initiative, enlists volunteers to undertake *felony jury case assignments* from the Missouri State Public Defender ("MSPD"), pending in the Circuit Courts of Jackson County, the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and Greene County. We encourage our volunteers with these common sense and principled entreaties:

Weary of Being a Trial Preparer with No Prospect of a Jury Trial in Your Future?
Why Not Support your Local Public Defender, Join the Fight for Racial Justice
and Equity, and, in turn, Advance your Career as a Trial Lawyer?

Our volunteer attorneys have a realistic opportunity to gain priceless "first chair" jury trial experience, advocating for the indigent, while also easing the caseloads of overworked and underpaid public defenders.

Almost 400 Missouri lawyers from 43 law firms have taken the training presented by veteran MSPD trial lawyers. Two hundred twenty- five (225) cases have been assigned, since the program began.

The Coalition has been honored with two awards – the "What's Right with the Region Award" presented by Focus St. Louis, and the "Pro Bono Award" presented by the Young Lawyer's Section of the Missouri Bar.

To be eligible for a case assignment, complete the MSPD two-step FREE training.

First, a half-day of live, remote CLE accredited training, the afternoon of November 5, 2020,
followed by a series of 30 minute on-demand proprietary videos, viewed when convenient.

What Our Volunteers Are Saying:

"This hands- on experience taught me lessons about trial practice that
I simply could not learn through observation alone"

"I would encourage anyone looking for trial experience to consider
investing time in this program."

"For trial advocacy purposes, this is one of the best CLE's I've attended.
The training was practical and on point."

"So, this is where all the great trial lawyers are."

To sign-up for step one of the training, please email Richard.scherrer@mspd.mo.gov.
Video conferencing instructions will be provided shortly before the event.