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MISSOURI SUPREME COURT JUDGE TO VISIT WESTERN CAMPUS

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 20, 2006—Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary Russell will give a presentation on the Missouri Supreme Court process, including how cases are received and decided, at 11 a.m. March 31 in Leah Spratt Hall, Kemper Recital Hall on the campus of Missouri Western State University. The event is free and open to the community.

Judge Russell is a native of Hannibal, Mo., and graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia (UM-C) School of Law in 1983. Upon graduation, she clerked for the Honorable George Gunn of the Supreme Court of Missouri; and then practiced law in Hannibal with the law firm of Clayton and Rhodes until her appointment to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, in 1995. At the Court of Appeals, she served as Chief Judge from 1999 to 2000. She was sworn into the Supreme Court in 2004 and her term will expire Dec. 31, 2006.

Judge Russell is active in many professional organizations, including the Missouri Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, and the Women Lawyers Association of St. Louis.

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She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Faculty/Alumni Award from UM-C; the Citation of Merit Award from the UM-C Law School; Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award; and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Truman State University.

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