



The American Judicature Society

presents its

Herbert Harley Award

to

Keith A. Birkes, Esq.

*in recognition of his commitment to promoting
The Effective Administration of Justice*

In recognition of his efforts to improve the administration of justice in Missouri, the American Judicature Society presents its Herbert Harley Award to Keith A. Birkes, Esq.

As the Executive Director for The Missouri Bar for the past twenty-five years, Mr. Birkes has led efforts to educate the public about the justice system and the value of Missouri's Nonpartisan Court Plan. His strong leadership of Bar staff and close collaboration with Bar leaders have enabled Missouri to retain and improve upon the first merit selection system adopted in the United States. Mr. Birkes also has been a tireless proponent of equal justice under law both in the public defender system and in civil legal services, leading sustained efforts by The Missouri Bar to promote these priorities.

AJS salutes Keith A. Birkes for remarkable career of service to the Bar, the judiciary, and the public and is proud to honor him with the Herbert Harley Award.

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