

Henry B. Robertson

Henry Robertson has long experience as an appellate litigator in the state and federal courts of Missouri. As a public defender and then in solo practice he has argued numerous cases in the Missouri Supreme Court, Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District, and the Eighth Circuit. He has also conducted hearings in circuit court on post-conviction relief motions and declaratory judgment actions and in juvenile court.

Since coming to Great Rivers Mr. Robertson has concentrated on energy issues, working primarily in the Missouri Public Service Commission. He has appealed a decision by the PSC authorizing Kansas City Power & Light to build a new coal-burning power plant. When AmerenUE filed an Integrated Resource Plan as “highly confidential,” he intervened on behalf of environmental groups to challenge the designation and to demand that the utility make a serious commitment to energy efficiency programs and renewable energy sources. He assembled another coalition of environmental groups to urge that the PSC implement standards under the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 that would allow customers to generate renewable electricity and sell excess power back to the utilities.

Mr. Robertson's environmental experience grew from volunteer activities over the last fifteen years with the Sierra Club, Missouri Coalition for the Environment and Gateway Green Alliance. He has written numerous comment letters on operating permits issued by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources under the Clean Air Act and comments on program deficiencies in the State Implementation Plan under the Clean Air Act, the Mark Twain National Forest Plan and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' lock and dam expansion plan for the Mississippi River.

He was elected to the Sierra Club Eastern Missouri Group's Executive Committee in 2004 and to the Ozark (Missouri) Chapter's Executive Committee in 2005. He is the Chapter's Clean Air/Energy Chair. In 2005 he founded the Eastern Missouri Group's Energy Committee.

The Coalition for the Environment named him Volunteer of the Year for 2002. He chairs the Coalition's Energy Action Team and is secretary of the Smart Growth Action Team.

Education

Dartmouth College, BA in English 1973

Washington University School of Law, JD 1978

Admissions

Licensed by the Missouri Bar, 1979

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Legal Experience

Missouri Public Defender System, 1981-1991

Sole practitioner specializing in appeals, 1991-2005

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center, 2005 -