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## **Laura Gerdes Long Appointed to two Boards: Youth & Family Center and City of Kirkwood**

St. Louis, MO – September 17, 2007 – Danna McKittrick attorney Laura Gerdes Long is appointed to the board of the Youth & Family Center and to the Board of Adjustment for the City of Kirkwood.

As a new board member of the Youth & Family Center in St. Louis, Long is charged with conducting a study to analyze the viability of the youth camp. She is also a member of the development board assisting in the creation of clear guidelines for fundraising.

“It’s a privilege to serve the Youth & Family Center whose work impacts the lives of children every day.

The majority of the children, ages 5 to 17, come from single parent households with annual incomes under \$8,000,” said Long. “I’m thankful to be a small part of helping the staff and volunteers in carrying out their mission to help these families.”

Nominated by Mayor Mike Swoboda, Long was appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment for the City of Kirkwood. As needed, she joins other members in hearing cases regarding variances and alleged errors by the building commissioner. The board grants variances, permits exceptions, authorizes additional uses as defined by ordinances, and provides written findings of fact. Her term runs through June 2012.

“It’s an honor to be nominated and appointed to the Board of Adjustment,” said Long. “I commit to providing the board with a fair, objective mindset, in making informed decisions based on the City’s ordinances.”

A member of the firm’s litigation team, Long’s practice focuses on tort, employment, insurance, municipal and healthcare law. She also consults and trains on employment law policies and processes, especially related to the privacy and security requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Long earned her J.D. from Washington University School of Law and her B.A., *cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University.

**About Youth & Family Center:** The Youth & Family Center has operated from St. Louis City’s Near North Side for over a century providing educational, social, and physical enrichment opportunities to impoverished children and their families. Offering computer training, athletics, education, and camping, the program serves 1,000 children, parents, and seniors annually. Learn more at [www.theyfc.com](http://www.theyfc.com).

**About City of Kirkwood:** Established in 1853, mostly due to the popularity of the railroad, Kirkwood is known

for its tree-lined streets, turn-of-the-century homes, thriving business center, nationally recognized schools, and residents that are extremely involved in their community. Learn more about the City of Kirkwood at [www.ci.kirkwood.mo.us](http://www.ci.kirkwood.mo.us).

**About Danna McKitrick:** Located in Clayton, Missouri, Danna McKitrick, P.C. delivers outstanding legal representation to businesses (emerging to national), insurers, and individuals throughout the Midwestern region. The firm is on the Web at [www.dannamckitrick.com](http://www.dannamckitrick.com).

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