

# Commissioners

## Mike Leara, *Chairman*



Mike Leara was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended St. Louis Community College at Meramec and Saint Louis University. Mr. Leara spent his early days in the financial services industry with Merrill Lynch in St. Louis and Houston, Texas. In 1995, Mr. Leara joined Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. until becoming an independent advisor and brokerage firm Principal in 1999. Mr. Leara is currently the owner of Gateway Advisors, LLC, a Registered Investment Advisory firm located in St. Louis.

Mr. Leara began his political career as president of the Concord Township Republicans in 1997 and subsequently appointed Committeeman of Concord Township in 2003, re-elected in 2004 and 2008. In 2008 Mr. Leara was also elected to the Missouri House of Representatives. While serving in the Missouri House, he served as Chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, Joint Committee on Pensions and Administration & Accounts Committee. Mr. Leara also served as Vice-Chair of the Missouri State Employees Retirement System (MOSERS). Mr. Leara was re-elected in 2010, 2012 and 2014 serving until his retirement in January 2017. Mr. Leara is a member of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in St. Louis and in his spare time, enjoys restoring muscle cars, motorcycles and military vehicles.

## Daniel P. Finney III



Daniel P. Finney III (St. Louis) is the sole member of the Law Office of Daniel P. Finney III in St. Louis. Mr. Finney's law practice focuses on the representation of individuals and businesses in litigation involving claims of professional malpractice, personal injury, wrongful death, breach of contract, and employment disputes. Mr. Finney is a former assistant circuit attorney in the City of St. Louis, where he prosecuted felony gun and drug cases. Mr. Finney has over 12 years of experience representing clients in Missouri and Illinois State Courts, the Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of Missouri, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. Mr. Finney is a native of St. Louis and a graduate of St. Louis University School of Law. Mr. Finney serves as a charter board member of Birdies 4 Bipolar. He and his wife have two children.

## Brandon Boulware



Brandon J.B. Boulware (Kansas City) is a partner at Boulware Law LLC in Kansas City. Mr. Boulware represents individuals and corporations – as both plaintiffs and defendants – in business disputes and personal injury matters across the country. Mr. Boulware has over 15 years of litigation experience in state and federal courts, starting his legal career as a clerk for the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and American University-Washington College of Law. Mr. Boulware is a trustee of the St. Paul's Episcopal Day School. He and his wife have four children.

## Pat Conway



Pat Conway is a lifetime resident of St. Joseph, Missouri. He served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2010-2019 for the 10<sup>th</sup> District. Pat Conway was Buchanan County Clerk from 1983-2010. A Vietnam Veteran, Conway has served on the Missouri Veterans Commission and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and several other military and civic organizations. He's a graduate of Missouri Western State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in social science.

## David W. Hane



David W. Hane of Laclede is the former city manager and police chief of Brookfield, Missouri. Hane was appointed as a police officer in 1975, then as police chief in 1982 and served the community for 38 years. He was appointed as city manager in 2005, serving in both capacities until his retirement in 2013. David is a graduate of Meadville, Missouri schools, earned a BS in Criminal Justice from Truman State University in Kirksville, and is a graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. David is a member of several law enforcement organizations and also has volunteered his time to the Brookfield Lions Club, Brookfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership.