



**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT OF  
MICHAEL HUSTEAD**

Michael is a staff attorney for Legal Aid Center’s Guardianship Advocacy Program, and he provides representation to seniors and the vulnerable to ensure their legal rights are protected.

Michael’s career of public service began as a Missouri State Public Defender (MSPD). He secured a not guilty verdict with his first assigned jury trial advocating for the only openly gay man in a small rural town whom faced life in prison over an accusation. Michael thrived challenging those in power and his favorite pretrial motion was suppressing evidence unconstitutionally obtained. He was promoted to Senior Public Defender and enjoyed eight years of service with MSPD.

Michael left criminal litigation and became a Hearing Officer for the Missouri Department of Social Services. He presided over administrative hearings regarding contested state action. In this role Michael ruled on legal motions and objections, evaluated the testamentary and documentary evidence presented, and issued written decisions with findings of fact and conclusions of law that affirmed or reversed the contested state action.

Michael and his fiancé Tarrah presently spend all their “free time” educating and entertaining their son and his terrific twos!