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**Robert H. Dierker**

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Robert Dierker has been a circuit judge of the 22nd Judicial Court of Missouri since 1986, when he was appointed by then Governor John Ashcroft. He holds his A.B. from St. Louis University, his J.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, and his LL.M from Harvard University.

As a practicing attorney, Judge Dierker handled labor and employment law matters and important constitutional limits on taxes, abortion, and civil rights. As a trial judge, he has presided over numerous civil and criminal trials, including nine capital trials and actions relating to partial-birth abortion and election contests. In 1990, he presided over a three-month Times Beach dioxin trial. He was presiding judge of his Circuit in 1997-98, and criminal assignment judge, supervising the St. Louis felony trial docket in 1989 and 1991. He also supervised the circuit's asbestos docket from 1993 to 2003. He has also sat by designation on the Missouri Supreme Court and the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Judge Dierker is the author of two books on Missouri criminal law and procedure and co-author of books on Missouri tort and contracts law. In addition, he is the author of a controversial book on the judiciary entitled *The Tyranny of Tolerance: A Sitting Judge Breaks the Code of Silence to Expose the Liberal Judicial Assault*, published by Crown Forum in 2006.

Title: "Tolerance Triumphant: The Future of the Imperial Judiciary"