



**In the Eighth Circuit Courts  
Because gender fairness matters**

**Two women out of 62 is not enough.** Sixty-two judges have served on the Eighth Circuit bench in its 122 year history. Only two have been women -- Diana Murphy and Jane Kelly.

**The Infinity Project's mission is to ensure the quality of justice in the Eighth Circuit by increasing the gender diversity of the bench.** It is necessary that our courts reflect society so that judicial decisions consider differing life experiences and points of view. All who are well qualified should have an equal chance to serve.

The Infinity Project advances its mission by:

- ◆ Creating public awareness of the importance of gender representation on the bench and the availability of well qualified women candidates;
- ◆ Engaging senators and other decision makers about the need for women judges on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, other federal courts and state courts.
- ◆ Serving as a clearinghouse and demystifying processes for women who have indicated an interest in serving on the Eighth Circuit bench and other federal and state courts in the region. However, the Infinity Project will neither advocate for particular candidates nor screen candidates to determine whether they are qualified to serve.

Interested in getting involved? Visit our website or see the reverse side for more information:

[www.theinfinityproject.org](http://www.theinfinityproject.org)

## GET INVOLVED

- ◆ Participate in Infinity Project trainings and CLEs. View prior sessions at [www.theinfinityproject.org/events.htm](http://www.theinfinityproject.org/events.htm)
- ◆ Contact your Senators and let them know you are an Infinity project supporter and share information about the lack of and importance of gender diversity on the federal bench.
- ◆ Contact Selection Commissioners and let them know you are expecting them to recruit, consider and recommend diverse candidates to the bench.
- ◆ If you are not interested in serving on the bench yourself, consider serving as a Selection Commissioner and play a direct role in recruiting and advancing diverse candidates to the state bench.
- ◆ **If you know of a woman who would make a great judge, encourage her to apply. Encouragement is critical and has been a key component in the journey many women take to the bench.**
- ◆ Sign on as a supporter and sign up for our listserv at [www.theinfinityproject.org](http://www.theinfinityproject.org) We send out information regularly on developments and media related to gender and the bench, as well as opportunities to contribute your time and talents to the project.
- ◆ Share information about the project with your colleagues, friends and family. Many people are not aware of gender inequities on the bench and the need to address them.
- ◆ Like us on Facebook to get the latest information about our work and diversity on the state and federal bench.
- ◆ Join one of our committees: Communications, Events, Judicial Appointments, Affinity Bar Collaboration, Law Clerk/Law Student Outreach.
- ◆ Write a letter to the editor or op-ed piece for your local newspaper (samples available at [www.theinfinityproject.org](http://www.theinfinityproject.org)).
- ◆ The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit includes seven states: Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. If you have connections in these states that would be interested in the project, share your support with them and their names with us.
- ◆ Contribute to the project at [www.theinfinityproject.org](http://www.theinfinityproject.org)
- ◆ Contact us to discuss your interests and options for getting engaged: [dfitzpatrick@umn.edu](mailto:dfitzpatrick@umn.edu)