

Biography

James Owen Renew Missouri



James Owen has served as Executive Director of Renew Missouri since 2017. In that role, James works to ensure the organization's mission of making Missouri a leading state in clean energy is realized through policy advocacy and formulation, litigation, public education, and general outreach such as lobbying and social media.

In addition to serving as Director, James is also a licensed attorney (in both Kansas and Missouri) and can handle legal duties for the group as well. He also serves as an expert witness before the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) as well as other bodies across the country. Prior to this role, James was appointed as Public Counsel by Governor Jay Nixon. In that role, James served as the state's leading consumer advocate, representing the public before the PSC. Before moving to mid-Missouri, James served as an Associate Circuit Judge in Webster County and practiced law in southwest Missouri for several years.

James obtained his BA from Drury University in Springfield and obtained his law degree from the University of Kansas. In his spare time, he likes to write and watch movies. Combining these two hobbies, James is the film columnist for The Columbia Daily Tribune and on-air critic for KFRU. He lives in Columbia with his wife, Claire, and their children, Cecile and Miles.