

## Musil excels in legal, civic and parental arenas

**O**ur entire metropolitan area, and Johnson County in particular, is extremely fortunate to have Greg Musil in our midst.

He is an extraordinary attorney and public servant. In addition, he is one of the nicest, kindest people I have ever known.

Greg grew up on a farm near Frankfort, Kan. As a 19-year-old student at Kansas State University, he lost his right leg in an accidental shotgun shooting. That has never caused him to miss a beat.

After graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science

from K-State, he received a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1983.

I first met him when he served as a key member of U.S. Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum's staff. He worked for the senator from 1983 to 1987. He then joined his present firm, Shughart Thomson & Kilroy PC.

He works in the firm's Corporate Woods office and leads its Kansas business litigation practice group. The Kansas Supreme Court appointed him to the Client Protection Fund Commission and to his current position on the Kansas Continuing Legal Educa-

tion Commission. He is a past member of the Johnson County Bar Association's board of directors.

In 1993, Greg was elected to the Overland Park City Council, and he was council president from 1999 to 2001, serving as chairman of numerous task forces and committees. Other council members agreed that "his good-natured humor made long meetings and difficult subjects easier for all to bear."

Greg is a stalwart of the Johnson County and Kansas Republican Party. In 2000, he ran for congress.

A complete listing of his civic involvement could fill the whole edition of today's paper. A few highlights include his current role as chairman of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce and chairman of Johnson Countians for Justice, a nonpartisan group that advocates retaining the present system of selecting judges based on merit and experience rather than by election. He also is a board member of the Johnson County Community College Foundation.



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This summer, Greg led the planning committee for the Star Spangled Spectacular in Corporate Woods. Thousands of area residents enjoyed games, musical entertainment and fireworks at that event.

His keen sense of humor and considerable oratory skills have made him the master of ceremonies at luncheons, ban-

Kansas State University also is a beneficiary of Greg's diverse talents. He has chaired the sponsorship committee of the university's Wabash Cannonball Gala for the past three years.

Amazingly, he finds the time to coach youth sports teams where his daughters, Elizabeth and Madeline, participate.

Stan Lawson, communications director of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, says, "Greg has made a strong lifelong commitment to Kansas and the entire metropolitan area."

I've known Greg for more than two decades. Early on, I realized that the incredibly positive way he handled his physical disability is indicative of his core strength. I have found him to be passionate about the many facets of his life.

Greg Musil is a superb attorney and a superb human being. Kansas Treasurer Lynn Jenkins told me: "Greg is a hard-working and brilliant attorney. He is a remarkable father. He generously gives of his time to the community."

That says it all about him. All of us who are fortunate to know him are blown away by his energy and dedication to making the Heartland a better place.

I have never written a column about anyone I admire more than Greg Musil.

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