

Francis G. Slay, Sr.
Member
Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission



Francis G. Slay, Sr. was appointed to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on January 2, 2024, by Governor Michael L. Parson. His term expires March 1, 2027.

Slay served as the forty-fifth and longest serving Mayor of the City of St. Louis, from 2001 to 2017.

Slay graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1973. He received a degree in political science from Quincy University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Saint Louis University School of Law in 1980. After graduating from law school, Slay served as a law clerk for the Honorable Paul J. Simon, Judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District.

In 1981, he joined the law firm of Guilfoil, Petzall, and Shoemake where he concentrated his practice on commercial litigation until he took the oath of office for mayor in 2001. Slay was first elected to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in 1985, a position he held until 1995 when he was elected as President of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, a position he held from 1995 to 2001.

After completing his final term as mayor, Slay served as Of Counsel with the Spencer Fane LLP law firm from 2017 to 2022. Slay currently is the executive director for the St. Louis Regional Crime Commission. He is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Slay and his wife Kim have two children and three rescued dogs.