

COURTS:  
MOTOR VEHICLES:  
HARDSHIP DRIVING PRIVILEGES:  
ST. LOUIS COURT OF CRIMINAL CORRECTION:

The St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction has concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Courts of the City of St. Louis

to hear applications and to grant hardship driving privileges under the terms and conditions specified in Section 302.309-3, RSMo. Supp. 1965.

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OPINION NO. 263

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Dear Mr. Knox:

This is in answer to your request for an opinion of this office as to whether or not the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction has jurisdiction to grant limited driving privileges in hardship cases under Section 302.309-3, RSMo. Supp. 1965.

The jurisdiction given the courts to allow hardship driving privileges is found in subparagraph 1 of paragraph 3, Section 302.309, RSMo. Supp. 1965, which provides:

"3. (1) All circuit courts and magistrate courts located in counties which are a part of a multi-county judicial circuit shall have jurisdiction to hear applications for hardship driving privileges."

The term "circuit court" is defined in Section 302.010 (2), RSMo. Supp. 1965, as follows:

"'Circuit Court', each circuit court in the state, also the St. Louis court of criminal corrections and courts of common pleas;"

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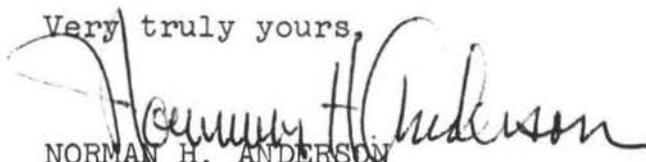
It is clear that Section 302.309-3 (1) when considered in conjunction with Section 302.010 (2) confers jurisdiction on the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction as well as circuit courts of the City of St. Louis to hear and grant hardship driving privileges if otherwise authorized by law.

CONCLUSION

It is the opinion of this office that the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts of the City of St. Louis to hear applications and to grant hardship driving privileges under the terms and conditions specified in Section 302.309-3, RSMo. Supp. 1965.

The foregoing opinion, which I hereby approve, was prepared by my Assistant, John H. Denman.

Very truly yours,

  
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