

## DAVID N. APPLEBY

### LAW FIRM 1924

Ozark native attorney David Appleby and his associate Morgan Ash can “legally” trace his law office back to numerous prominent attorneys of other eras. In 2010 Appleby’s Ozark office is at 119 North Second Street on the west side of the county courthouse square. Their business phone locally is 581-2411. David joined his father Sam Appleby’s firm in 1976 at a time when Sam Appleby had been part of his legal group since 1951. The elder Appleby left the firm in 1979 when elected Associate Circuit Judge (Sam died in office in 1985). Native Anthony McConnell had been added to the firm in 1965 and remained until assuming elective office in 1985. Another native Tim McCormick was with the firm from 1979 to 1987.

The earliest existence of the current firm dates from 1924 when Judge John T. Moore (died 1931) and Charles Farrar (1879-1963) began a new law firm in Ozark. In 1925 Judge Moore’s son Tom R. Moore (1886-1959) returned from out of state to join the group that had been dissolved on January 1, 1923 when he had moved away. Farrar soon moved to Dallas County where he died years later, and in 1938 Tom R. Moore added native Joe Crain (1907-1982) to his law office, which was on the third floor of the current courthouse. When Tom R. Moore was elected to a judgeship in 1940 Crain became the “heir” partner of the concern. In 1951 he added Sam Appleby who worked with Crain only for about two years as attorney Crain was elected a Circuit Judge – effective January 1, 1953. It might be noted that the elder Judge John T. Moore and his son Tom R. Moore were originally from Matrimonial in Lawrence County, Missouri.

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