

Crista has served as executive director of the 1,000-member Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association since October, 2001, after practicing law for a decade. Crista also serves as executive director of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Foundation. During her tenure the Springfield Bar

Association has received recognition locally, statewide and nationally for innovative programs designed to promote the legal profession and advance justice.

Crista received her BBA in Business Economics and Public Policy from George Washington University in 1985 and her J.D. from The University of Tulsa School of Law in 1988. In 2022 Crista returned to university life, this time as an adjunct faculty member of Political Science at Drury University. There she teaches Women And Politics with the transparent agenda of encouraging the next generation of potential lawyers.

Crista has actively volunteered for civic and charitable organizations her entire life. She is a past president of the Junior League of Springfield, and currently serves on the Missouri Supreme Court Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness and the National Association of Bar Executives Board of Directors.

Public service is a family affair - Crista is married to Springfield City Councilman Abe McGull. When not volunteering, working or working out, they enjoy a bunch of children and grandchildren and their home and neighbors in Rountree