



Judge David Bruns



Judge Rachel Pickering



Judge Kim Schroeder

**9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 8**

Johnson County Community College  
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, 2nd Floor  
Hudson Auditorium  
12345 College Blvd.  
Overland Park

**Appeal No. 126,751: *State of Kansas v. William Eldridge Johnson***

Johnson: (Criminal Appeal) A woman putting groceries into her car at a store parking lot in Johnson County was approached by a man. The man, Johnson, had a rock in his hand. He asked the woman to give him her car. She negotiated with him and agreed to drive him to a location in Kansas City, Missouri. The woman claimed Johnson eventually removed the keys from the ignition, hit her in the head with the rock, and stole her car. Johnson was arrested after he crashed the car into a tree during a police pursuit. Johnson was charged in Johnson County with multiple offenses, including aggravated kidnapping and aggravated battery, and was convicted by a jury. On appeal, Johnson claims the Kansas court lacked jurisdiction to convict him because the crimes all took place in Missouri. He also argues there is not sufficient evidence to prove that he kidnapped anyone and there were errors in the instructions given to the jury before deliberations began.

**Appeal No. 127,980: *Landlords of Lawrence v. The City of Lawrence, Kansas***

Douglas: (Civil Appeal) A City of Lawrence ordinance forbids housing discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, or religion. The City amended this ordinance to forbid discrimination on the basis of "source of income" or "immigration status." A group of landlords in Lawrence complained these additions to the ordinance unfairly limit their ability to choose tenants for their properties. The landlords asked the district court to enjoin enforcement of the additions to the ordinance, claiming the provisions are unconstitutionally vague, are preempted by federal law, and are not allowed under the Fourth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. The district court disagreed and refused to

issue an injunction. The landlords appealed, arguing the City cannot enforce the additions to the ordinance because the landlords are entitled to make rental decisions based on business risk.

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