TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE

The 25th Judicial District Nominating Commission is now soliciting names of persons to fill a vacancy for District Judge, Division 2, Finney County, Kansas. The vacancy will occur on January 4, 2025, due to the retirement of the Hon. Christopher D. Sanders effective on that date. You are invited to submit your own name or the names of others to be considered for this office. The public is invited to make nominations to the Commission for this vacancy, however his/her nominee must complete the application process required in this Notice.

Please Note: Statutes require a district judge filling this position: (1) be regularly admitted to practice law in the State of Kansas; (2) be a resident of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District at the time of taking the oath of office and maintain residency in the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District while holding such office; (3) have been engaged in the active practice of law for at least 5 years as either a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school or any combination thereof. K.S.A. 20-334. Nonresidents of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District should be aware of K.S.A. 20-2909(b). ("If there are not at least three attorneys deemed qualified by the district judicial nominating commission who reside in the judicial district and who are willing to accept the nomination to fill a vacancy in a district judge position, the nominating commission need not limit its consideration of nominees to attorneys residing in the judicial district.")

If you are interested in being nominated or wish to nominate someone, the appropriate forms may be secured from the Clerk of the District Court in Finney County (Garden City), Greeley County (Tribune), Hamilton County (Syracuse), Kearny County (Lakin), Scott County (Scott City), or Wichita County (Leoti). In addition, application forms are available from the Clerk of the Appellate Courts (Topeka); and at <u>www.kscourts.gov/judge/vacancies</u>. Applicants must return the original nomination form, plus 14 copies, together with a like number of any supporting letters, to William I. Heydman, Commission Secretary, 1519 East Fulton Terrace, P.O. Box 2010, Garden City, Kansas 67846, **no later than 12 o'clock noon (Central), Monday, November 18, 2024.** After reviewing the applications, the Commission will invite a number of candidates for personal interviews.

The Commission will convene on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Central) in the Main Courtroom (Room 301) of the Finney County Courthouse, 425 N. 8th Street, Garden City, Kansas, to select nominees whose names will be submitted to the Governor for appointment to the position of District Judge Division 2, Finney County, Kansas.

Lawyer members of the 25th Judicial District Nominating Commission are: William I. Heydman, Secretary, Tomas Ellis, John M. Lindner, and Zachary D. Schultz, Garden City, Kansas; Ashley Jackson, Scott City, Kansas; and Robert H. Gale, Syracuse, Kansas. Non-lawyer members are: Walker H. Frey, Garden City, Kansas; Ralph T. Goodnight, Lakin, Kansas; Ann Wiles, Leoti, Kansas; Christine Cupp, Scott City, Kansas; Megan Larkin, Syracuse, Kansas; and Joyce E. Huddleston, Tribune, Kansas.

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Justice Dan Biles, Chair 25th Judicial District Nominating Commission