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The Honorable Laura Kelly
Governor of the State of Kansas
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The Honorable Marla Luckert
Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court
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Dear Governor Kelly and Chief Justice Luckert:

I have decided to retire from the Supreme Court of Kansas, effective September 18, 2020.

I will be ever grateful for the opportunities I have been given to spend so much of my legal career in service to my home state and its citizens. Twenty years and thousands of cases since my children helped me put on my robe for the first time, I will pack it away with pride. This is possible because I can bear personal witness to the good faith and daily striving of our Kansas courts to be and remain fair and impartial guardians of the rule of law and the rights of all.

When I joined the Court of Appeals and, again, when I was sworn in to the Supreme Court, I promised to do my best to read critically, listen carefully, decide fairly, and write clearly; to remember my sense of humor and humanity. I hope that I succeeded in reaching these goals. On this, of course, others will be the judges.

Certainly more important for the future, I hope that many of my fellow capable and dedicated lawyers from all sectors of our profession and with every personal history—those who revere the rule of law, those who want to preserve reason and civil discourse,

those who know that the elusive perfection of our union takes constancy and care from all of us—will consider taking a chance on becoming my successor. Our system of justice needs them. And, as both of you surely appreciate, the challenges of public service are far outmatched by its rewards.

I extend you both all my best wishes as well as my admiration of your dedication.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Beier
Justice

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