IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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ORDER

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RE: SPECIALTY COURTS STANDARDS COMMITTEE

HEATHER L. SMITH CLERK OF APPELLATE COURTS

Pursuant to Article 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas and the inherent power of the Supreme Court, this Court hereby creates the Specialty Courts Standards Committee effective July 1, 2014.

The duties of the Committee shall be to:

- 1. Recommend mandatory, statewide standards to be adopted for specialty courts by the Kansas Supreme Court;
- 2. Identify the likely costs and benefits associated with the adoption of the standards;
- 3. Identify how the standards would likely impact the development of specialty courts in urban and rural counties; and
- 4. Make any other recommendations necessary for the adoption and implementation of standards for specialty courts in Kansas.

The Office of Judicial Administration shall staff the Specialty Courts Standards Commission.

The following persons are hereby appointed as voting members of the Specialty Courts Standards Commission:

Hon. Brad Ambrosier Elkhart Kansas City Stephanie Amis Kathy Armstrong Topeka Kim Brown Newton Hon. James Fleetwood Wichita Hon. W. Lee Fowler Emporia David Freund Wichita Hon. Wesley Griffin Kansas City Jerrod Harsin Topeka Hon. Amy Harth Paola Hon. Steve Leben Topeka Olathe Michael McCullough Mary Read Winfield Keith Rickard Leavenworth Chris Smith Winfield Tom Struble Wichita

Major General (Ret.) Clyde Tate, Senior Fellow, Justice for Veterans, Alexandria, Virginia, is appointed to serve as a non-voting member of the Committee for the purpose of advising the Committee on veterans' issues.

The Committee shall be authorized from the date of this order until further Order of the Court.

Hon. Steve Leben shall serve as the Chair of the Committee; Hon. Brad Ambrosier shall serve as the Vice-chair.

The duties of the Specialty Courts Commission established by Supreme Court Order 2013 SC 14, adopted March 15, 2013, are terminated as of the date of this Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this **26** day of June 2014.

Lawton R. Nuss Chief Justice