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Kansas Supreme Court

Chief Justice: Lawton R. Nuss

Justices: Carol A. Beier, Dan Biles, Lee A. Johnson,
Marla J. Luckert, Eric S. Rosen, Caleb Stegall

The Kansas Supreme Court is the highest court in Kansas. It consists of seven justices, each of whom is selected by the governor from a list of three qualified individuals submitted by the Supreme Court Nominating Commission. After the first year in office, a justice is subject to a retention vote in the next general election. If a majority of electors votes to retain the justice, he or she remains in office for a term of six years. Justices are subject to a similar retention vote at the conclusion of each term. The justice who is senior in terms of continuous service is designated by the Kansas Constitution as the chief justice, unless he or she declines or resigns the position. The chief justice has general administrative supervision over the affairs of the court and of the unified judicial department of the state.

Kansas Court of Appeals

Chief Judge: Karen Arnold-Burger

Judges: G. Gordon Atcheson, David E. Bruns,
Michael B. Buser, Kathryn A. Gardner, Henry W. Green Jr.,
Stephen D. Hill, Steve A. Leben, Patrick D. McAnany,
Thomas E. Malone, G. Joseph Pierron Jr., Anthony J. Powell,
Kim R. Schroeder, Melissa Taylor Standridge

The Kansas Court of Appeals consists of 14 judges. Candidates for appointment to the court of appeals apply to and are selected by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Senate. Judges serve four-year terms and are retained for successive four-year terms by public vote. One court of appeals judge is appointed chief judge. The Kansas Supreme Court designates a judge of the court of appeals to serve as chief judge.

Supreme Court justices and Court of Appeals judges ordinarily do not conduct trials. They decide an appealed case by reading the record of the trial and written briefs filed by the parties, and hearing oral arguments of lawyers. They research and review the law involved in the case and then write an opinion, which is usually published in bound volumes. The court announces its decisions by filing them with the Office of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts.

Kansas District Courts

District courts are created by the Kansas Constitution. They are the trial courts of Kansas, with general original jurisdiction over all civil and criminal cases, including divorce and domestic relations, damage suits, probate and administration of estates, guardianships, conservatorships, care of the mentally ill, juvenile matters, and small claims. It is here that the criminal and civil jury trials are held. Kansas is divided into judicial districts, with a varying number of judges in each district. There is a district court in each county and an office of the clerk of the court where cases may be filed.

The state also is divided into six judicial departments, each of which includes several judicial districts. One justice of the Kansas Supreme Court serves as departmental justice over each department. The departmental justice may assign judges from one judicial district to another.

Judges of the district court must be lawyers. Some counties have district magistrate judges, who may or may not be lawyers, and whose jurisdiction is limited. By state law, there is at least one resident judge in each county.

Each judicial district has a chief judge, who has general control over the assignment of cases within the district and general supervisory authority over the clerical and administrative functions of the court. The Kansas Supreme Court designates the chief judge in each judicial district.

Appeals may be taken from the district courts to the Kansas Court of Appeals or in some cases to the Kansas Supreme Court.

District Judges

*Denotes Chief Judge

<i>District, Name</i>	<i>Office Address (Division)</i>	<i>District, Name</i>	<i>Office Address (Division)</i>
1. Gunnar A. Sundby.....	Leavenworth (1)	Carl William Ossmann.	Topeka (9)
Martin J. Asher	Atchison (2)	Mary E. Mattivi	Topeka (10)
Dan K. Wiley	Leavenworth (3)	Cheryl R. Kingfisher	Topeka (11)
*David J. King	Leavenworth (4)	Steven R. Ebberts.....	Topeka (12)
Michael D. Gibbens.....	Leavenworth (5)	David B. Debenham.....	Topeka (13)
Robert J. Bednar	Atchison (6)	Nancy E. Parrish	Topeka (14)
2. Norbert C. Marek Jr.....	Holton (1)	Mark S. Braun	Topeka (15)
*Gary L. Nafziger	Oskaloosa (2)	4. *Taylor J. Wine	Lyndon (1)
Jeffrey R. Elder	Westmoreland (3)	Douglas P. Witteman.....	Ottawa (2)
3. Jason E. Geier	Topeka (1)	Eric W. Godderz.....	Garnett (3)
Richard D. Anderson.....	Topeka (2)	5. Jeffry J. Larson.....	Emporia (1)
Teresa L. Watson	Topeka (3)	W. Lee Fowler	Emporia (2)
Joseph D. Johnson	Topeka (4)	*Merlin G. Wheeler.....	Emporia (3)
*Evelyn Z. Wilson	Topeka (5)	6. *Amy Harth.....	Paola (1)
Larry D. Hendricks	Topeka (6)	Vacant	Mound City (2)
Franklin R. Theis	Topeka (7)	Mark A. Ward	Fort Scott (3)
Mary E. Christopher	Topeka (8)	Steve Montgomery.....	Paola (4)

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7. Amy J. Hanley	Lawrence (1)
Sally Pokorny	Lawrence (2)
Kay Huff	Lawrence (3)
James R. McCabria	Lawrence (4)
Paula B. Martin	Lawrence (5)
*Peggy Carr Kittel	Lawrence (6)
8. Benjamin J. Sexton	Abilene (1)
Maritza Segarra	Junction City (2)
*Michael F. Powers	Marion (3)
Steven L. Hornbaker	Junction City (4)
Ryan W. Rosauer	Junction City (5)
9. *Joe Dickinson	Newton (1)
Marilyn Wilder	Newton (2)
John B. Klenda	McPherson (3)
10. Keven M.P. O'Grady	Olathe (1)
James F. Vano	Olathe (2)
Thomas M. Sutherland	Olathe (3)
Rhonda K. Mason	Olathe (4)
Erica K. Schoenig	Olathe (5)
Robert J. Wonnell	Olathe (6)
David W. Hauber	Olathe (7)
James Charles Droege	Olathe (8)
Christina Dunn Gyllenborg	Olathe (9)
Kathleen Sloan	Olathe (10)
Paul C. Gurney	Olathe (11)
Thomas E. Foster	Olathe (12)
Brenda Cameron	Olathe (13)
Kevin P. Moriarty	Olathe (14)
Michael P. Joyce	Olathe (15)
Neil B. Foth	Olathe (16)
*Thomas Kelly Ryan	Olathe (17)
Timothy P. McCarthy	Olathe (18)
Sara Welch	Olathe (19)
11. A.J. Wachter	Pittsburg (1)
*Oliver Kent Lynch	Columbus (2)
Fred W. Johnson	Parsons (3)
Lori A. Bolton Fleming	Girard (4)
Kurtis I. Loy	Pittsburg (5)
Jeff Jack	Parsons (6)
12. *Kim Cudney	Washington (1)
13. Jan Satterfield	El Dorado (1)
Charles M. Hart	El Dorado (2)
*David A. Ricke	El Dorado (3)
Mike Ward	El Dorado (4)

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14. *F. William Cullins	Coffeyville (1)
Jeffrey D. Gossard	Coffeyville (2)
Gary House	Independence (3)
15. *Kevin Berens	Colby (1)
Scott Showalter	Goodland (2)
16. Sidney R. Thomas	Dodge City (1)
E. Leigh Hood	Dodge City (2)
*Van Hampton	Dodge City (3)
17. *Preston A. Pratt	Norton (1)
18. Phillip Journey	Wichita (1)
Dave Dahl	Wichita (2)
Daniel T. Brooks	Wichita (3)
Robb Rumsey	Wichita (4)
Seth L. Rundle	Wichita (5)
Harold E. Flaigle	Wichita (6)
Ben Burgess	Wichita (7)
Richard A. Macias	Wichita (8)
Christopher Magana	Wichita (9)
Bruce Brown	Wichita (10)
*James Fleetwood	Wichita (11)
Kevin M. Smith	Wichita (12)
Kevin J. O'Connor	Wichita (13)
J. Patrick Walters	Wichita (14)
David Kaufman	Wichita (15)
Terry L. Pullman	Wichita (16)
John Kisner Jr.	Wichita (17)
Faith Maughan	Wichita (18)
Michael Hoelscher	Wichita (19)
Stephen Ternes	Wichita (20)
Jeff Dewey	Wichita (21)
Deborah Hernandez Mitchell	Wichita (22)
William Sioux Woolley	Wichita (23)
Tyler Roush	Wichita (24)
Warren Wilbert	Wichita (25)
Jeff Goering	Wichita (26)
Jeff Syrios	Wichita (27)
Eric Commer	Wichita (28)
19. *Nicholas St. Peter	Winfield (1)
James T. Pringle Jr.	Arkansas City (2)
LaDonna L. Lanning	Winfield (3)
20. Scott E. McPherson	Ellsworth (1)
Steve Johnson	Great Bend (2)
*Mike Keeley	Great Bend (3)

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21. John F. Bosch	Manhattan (1)	29. Robert P. Burns	Kansas City (1)
*Meryl D. Wilson	Manhattan (2)	Michael A. Russell.....	Kansas City (2)
Grant D. Bannister	Manhattan (3)	Delia M. York.....	Kansas City (3)
22. *James A. Patton	Hiawatha (1)	William Mahoney.....	Kansas City (4)
John L. Weingart.....	Hiawatha (2)	J. Dexter Burdette	Kansas City (5)
23. Blake A. Bittel.....	Hays (1)	Kathleen M. Lynch.	Kansas City (6)
*Glenn R. Braun.....	Hays (2)	Robert L. Serra	Kansas City (7)
24. *Bruce Gatterman	Larned (1)	*R. Wayne Lampson	Kansas City (8)
25. Robert J. Frederick	Garden City (1)	Daniel Cahill.....	Kansas City (9)
Michael L. Quint	Garden City (2)	Bill L. Klapper.....	Kansas City (10)
Ricklin R. Pierce.....	Garden City (3)	Timothy L. Dupree.....	Kansas City (11)
*Wendel W. Wurst.....	Garden City (4)	Wesley K. Griffin	Kansas City (12)
26. *Bradley Ambrosier	Elkhart (1)	Michael Grosko	Kansas City (13)
Clint Peterson	Liberal (2)	Daniel Duncan	Kansas City (14)
Linda P. Gilmore.....	Hugoton (3)	Aaron T. Roberts	Kansas City (15)
27. Trish Rose.....	Hutchinson (1)	Constance Alvey	Kansas City (16)
Timothy J. Chambers.....	Hutchinson (2)	30. Francis E. Meisenheimer	Pratt (1)
Joseph L. McCarville III.....	Hutchinson (3)	*William Mott	Wellington (2)
*Patricia Macke Dick	Hutchinson (4)	R. Scott McQuin	Wellington (3)
28. Jared B. Johnson.....	Salina (1)	Vacant	Kingman (4)
Paul J. Hickman	Salina (2)	31. *Daniel D. Creitz	Iola (1)
*Rene Young	Salina (3)	David Rogers	Fredonia (2)
Patrick Thompson	Salina (4)	Daryl D. Ahlquist	Chanute (3)

District Magistrate Judges

<i>District, Name</i>	<i>Office Address (Position)</i>	<i>District, Name</i>	<i>Office Address (Position)</i>
2. Dennis L. Reiling.....	Oskaloosa (1)	12. Guy R. Steier	Concordia (1)
Steven M. Roth	Westmoreland (2)	John L. Bingham	Mankato (2)
Blaine A. Carter	Alma (3)	Brian Grace.....	Lincoln (3)
4. Taylor Wine	Lyndon (1)	Debra J.G. Wright	Beloit (4)
Kevin L. Kimball	Ottawa (2)	Starla Borg Nelson.....	Belleville (5)
5. Douglas P. Jones	Cottonwood Falls (1)	Paul Monty	Washington (6)
6. Valerie R. Leblanc.....	Fort Scott (1)	13. Kristin Hutchison	Howard (1)
8. Keith Collett.....	Abilene (1)	Ross R. McIlvain	Eureka (2)
Margaret F. White.....	Council Grove (2)	14. David A. Casement	Sedan (1)
Charles Zimmerman	Junction City (3)	15. Robert Van Allen	St. Francis (1)
9. Steve Hilgers.....	McPherson (1)	Mark J. TEMAAT.....	Oakley (2)
10. Jenifer J. Ashford	Olathe (1)	John Cahoj.....	Hoxie (3)
Robert Scott	Olathe (2)	Steve Unruh	Sharon Springs (4)
James E. Phelan.....	Olathe (3)	Richard J. Ress.....	Colby (5)
Daniel Vokins	Olathe (4)	Pat Carroll.....	Atwood (6)
11. Samuel J. Marsh	Columbus (1)		

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16. Philip J. Moore	Ashland (1)
Rustin C. Martin	Coldwater (2)
Joey Duncan	Cimarron (3)
Ann L. Dixson.....	Greensburg (4)
Keith Whitney.....	Meade (5)
17. Jessie A. Thompson.....	Hill City (1)
Jay E. Tate	Oberlin (2)
Debra Anderson	Norton (3)
Renee Henke	Osborne (4)
Paula D. Hofaker.....	Phillipsburg (5)
Michael Kirchhoff.....	Smith Center (6)
20. Verle Willey	Ellsworth (1)
Don L. Alvord	Lyons (2)
Marty K. Clark	Russell (3)
Timarie Ann Walters.....	St. John (4)
21. William Malcolm	Clay Center (1)
James R. Kepple.....	Manhattan (2)
22. Roy M. Roper.....	Troy (1)
Angela Hecke.....	Marysville (2)
Elizabeth Ensley Deiter.....	Seneca (3)
23. Brendon Boone	Gove (1)
Douglas Bigge.....	Stockton (2)
Richard Flax.....	WaKeeney (3)

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24. Ken Schmidt.....	Kinsley (1)
Kenton Gleason	Jetmore (2)
Shelley Selfridge	Dighton (3)
R. Scott Barrows	Wakeeney (4)
Julie Cowell.....	Larned (5)
Dale Snyder	LaCrosse (6)
25. Wade Dixon.....	Tribune (1)
Meghan M. Houtsma.....	Syracuse (2)
Richard H. Hodson.....	Lakin (3)
Harry Edward Frock.....	Scott City (4)
Janna DeLissa	Leoti (5)
Ricklin Pierce	Garden City (6)
Christopher Sanders	Garden City (7)
26. Margaret L. Alford	Ulysses (1)
Steven A. Santala	Satanta (2)
Thomas Kemp.....	Elkhart (3)
Vernon Butt	Johnson (4)
Paula J. Sosa.....	Hugoton (5)
27. Cheryl I. Allen.....	Hutchinson (1)
28. Mary Thrower	Minneapolis (1)
30. Richard N. Raleigh.....	Medicine Lodge (1)
James R. Biles	Anthony (2)
Roseanna Mathis	Kingman (3)
31. Thomas M. Saxton Jr.	Iola (1)
Leo Gensweider.....	Yates Center (2)