



# Kansas Courts News Release

## *Office of Judicial Administration*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 13, 2017

Contact:

Lisa Taylor  
Public Information Director  
785-296-4872  
[taylorl@kscourts.org](mailto:taylorl@kscourts.org)

### **4th Judicial District Nominating Commission seeks to fill district judge vacancy in Coffey County**

TOPEKA — The 4th Judicial District Nominating Commission is seeking candidates to fill a district judge vacancy in Coffey County created by the upcoming November 30 retirement of Judge Phillip M. Fromme.

The 4th Judicial District is composed of Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, and Osage counties.

Justice Eric S. Rosen, the Supreme Court departmental justice responsible for the 4th Judicial District, said candidates can apply or be recommended, but recommendations must come on a nomination form and include the candidate's signature.

"Selecting judges is an open process to find the most qualified candidates in the district, so if a community member knows someone ideally suited for the job, he or she should encourage that person to apply, or volunteer to recommend him or her," Rosen said.

Candidates for district judge must be a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas and have been engaged in the practice of law for at least five years, whether as a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school. The candidate also must be a resident of Coffey County at the time of taking office and maintain that residency while holding office.

Recommendations must be accompanied by a nomination form available from the clerk of the district court office in Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, and Osage District Courts; from the clerk of the appellate court at the Judicial Center in Topeka; or on the Kansas judicial branch website at [www.kscourts.org](http://www.kscourts.org) under *What's New*.

One original and nine copies of the completed nomination form and supporting letters must be submitted no later than noon, November 9, 2017, to:

Justice Eric S. Rosen  
Kansas Judicial Center  
301 SW 10th Ave., Room 314  
Topeka KS 66612

The nominating commission will convene at 9 a.m. on December 7, 2017, to conduct interviews that are open to the public. The commission then will select three to five candidates whose names will be submitted to the governor, who will make the appointment.

The 4th Judicial District Nominating Commission consists of Justice Rosen of the Kansas Supreme Court as the nonvoting chair; James R. Campbell and Jim H. Dale, both of Burlington; Craig E. Cole of Garnett; Janet C. Walsh of Lyndon; Thomas B. DeBaun of Osage City; Forrest A. Lowry of Ottawa; and Eugene E. Highberger of Westphalia.

---

State of Kansas  
**Office of Judicial Administration**  
Kansas Judicial Center  
301 SW 10th  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1507  
785-296-2256  
[www.kscourts.org](http://www.kscourts.org)