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Chief Judge Kevin Berens

Kevin Berens reappointed chief judge of 15th Judicial District

TOPEKA — Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss announced today the Supreme Court has reappointed Judge Kevin Berens to a two-year term as chief judge of the 15th Judicial District, effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019.

Berens has served as chief judge since January 2017, when he was sworn in for his first term as an elected district judge. He presides over cases in Cheyenne, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Rawlins, Thomas, and Wallace counties.

"We are glad that Judge Berens agreed to serve as chief judge, providing continuity in capable leadership

in the 15th Judicial District," said Nuss.

"I am honored by my continued appointment as chief judge. The judges and clerks were valuable in helping me in my first year as a district judge and chief judge. I look forward to continuing the initiatives begun to improve the court administration in the 15th Judicial District," Berens said.

Berens previously served as county attorney in Thomas and Cheyenne counties, assistant county attorney in Cheyenne County, and city attorney for Bird City. He also practiced law in Kansas and Colorado. Prior to receiving his law degree, he worked as an accountant. He graduated from Fort Hays State University and from the Washburn University School of Law. While in law school, he was a staff writer for the Washburn Law Journal and clerked for judges of the 3rd Judicial District. Berens was appointed to the Kansas Sentencing Commission in 2011.

Each of Kansas' 31 judicial districts has a chief judge who, in addition to his or her judicial responsibilities, has general control over case assignments within the district, as well as general supervisory authority over the administrative and clerical functions of the court.

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