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Chief Judge Preston Pratt

Preston Pratt reappointed chief judge of 17th Judicial District

TOPEKA — Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss announced today the Supreme Court has reappointed Judge Preston Pratt to a two-year term as chief judge of the 17th Judicial District, effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019.

Pratt has served as district judge and chief judge in the 17th Judicial District since 2011. He presides over cases in Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Graham, and Osborne counties.

"We are glad that Judge Pratt agreed to serve another two years as chief judge, providing continuity in capable leadership in the 17th Judicial District," said Nuss.

"I am honored to continue to serve the people of the 17th Judicial District as their chief judge," said Pratt.

Pratt is a native of Oakley and graduated from Oakley High School, the University of Kansas, and the University of Kansas School of Law.

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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