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Chief Judge Nicholas St. Peter

Nicholas St. Peter reappointed chief judge of 19th Judicial District

TOPEKA — Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss announced today the Supreme Court has reappointed Judge Nicholas M. St. Peter to a two-year term as chief judge of the 19th Judicial District, effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019.

St. Peter has served as district judge in the 19th Judicial District since 2004 and chief judge since 2010. He presides over cases in Cowley County.

"We are glad that Judge St. Peter agreed to serve another two years as chief judge, providing continuity in capable leadership in the 19th Judicial District," said Nuss.

"I am honored to be reappointed to serve as the chief judge of our district," St. Peter said. "I am grateful for the support and assistance that I receive from the other judges and staff in our district. I also appreciate the staff of the Office of Judicial Administration. Their guidance and assistance has been invaluable in helping me execute the duties of a chief judge."

St. Peter is a native of Winfield and graduated from Fort Hays State University and Washburn University School of Law.

In addition to his judicial duties, St. Peter serves as the chair of the Kansas Commission on Judicial Qualifications and the Kansas Access to Justice Committee. He is also a member of the Chief Judges Council and the Kansas District Judges Association executive committee.

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.