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Chief Judge Wendel Wurst

Wendel Wurst reappointed chief judge of 25th Judicial District

TOPEKA — Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss announced today the Supreme Court has reappointed Judge Wendel W. Wurst to a two-year term as chief judge of the 25th Judicial District, effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019.

Wurst has served as district judge in the 25th Judicial District since 2009 and chief judge since 2012. He presides over cases in Finney, Kearny, Hamilton, Greeley, Wichita, and Scott counties.

"We are glad that Judge Wurst agreed to serve another two years as chief judge, providing continuity in capable leadership in the 25th Judicial District," said Nuss.

"I know most chief judges throughout the state, and I am honored to be counted among such fine public servants," Wurst said. "Frankly, the chief judge position is a tedious, thankless job made easier by the leadership of the Supreme Court and our district's departmental justice, Dan Biles, and by the incredible help from knowledgeable folks at the Office of Judicial Administration. The judicial system in Kansas, despite all our challenges, continues to serve Kansans well, and I am proud to be a part of it."

Wurst is a native of Sterling and graduated from Kansas State University and University of Kansas School of Law. He operated a general law practice in Garden City for 29 years before becoming a judge.

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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