



Kansas Courts News Release

Office of Judicial Administration

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 31, 2018

Contact:

Lisa Taylor
Public Information Director
785-296-4872
taylorl@kscourts.org



Senior Judge Richard Walker

Judge Richard Walker appointed to Kansas Guardianship Program board

TOPEKA—The Kansas Supreme Court appointed Senior Judge Richard Walker to an unexpired term on the board of directors of the Kansas Guardianship Program. His term will run through June 30, 2019.

Walker succeeds Judge Frank Yeoman Jr., who retired from the Shawnee County District Court in September.

Walker has served as a senior judge for the Kansas Court of Appeals since 2015. He previously served 18 years as a district court judge in Harvey County of the 9th Judicial District and 13 years as chief judge of that district.

The Kansas Guardianship Program recruits volunteers willing to be appointed by a district court as guardians or conservators for adults who have been declared legally unable to manage their lives and financial affairs and who do not have family members available to do that. Guardians or conservators, who receive training and support from the Kansas Guardianship Program, advocate for and protect the rights of these individuals. In 2017, there were more than 760 volunteers serving as guardians and conservators for more than 1,350 people.

A seven-member board governs the statewide program, based in Manhattan. The governor appoints six board members, and the Supreme Court's chief justice appoints the seventh. Other members are Stephen Atherton, Emporia; Rep. Barbara Ballard, Lawrence; Ruth Graham, Topeka; Dave Heinemann, Topeka; Paul Kallman, Scandia; and Wayne Radford, Topeka. Jean Krahn is the executive director.

State of Kansas
Office of Judicial Administration
Kansas Judicial Center
301 SW 10th
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1507
785-296-2256
www.kscourts.org