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Nominees sought for district judge vacancy in 10th Judicial District

TOPEKA—The 10th Judicial District Nominating Commission is seeking nominations to fill a district judge vacancy in Johnson County created by the June 28 retirement of Judge Kevin Moriarty.

The 10th Judicial District is composed of Johnson County.

Justice Lee Johnson, the Supreme Court departmental justice responsible for the 10th Judicial District, said individuals can apply or be nominated, but nominations must come on a nomination form and include the nominee's signature.

A nominee for district judge must be:

- at least 30 years old.
- a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas and engaged in the practice of law for at least five years, whether as a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school.
- a resident of the judicial district at the time of taking office and while holding office.

Nominations must be accompanied by a nomination form available from the clerk of the Johnson County District Court, the clerk of the appellate courts at the Kansas Judicial Center, the Kansas judicial branch website at www.kscourts.org under *What's New*, or the district court website at www.jocojnc.org.

One original and 15 copies of the completed nomination form and supporting letters must be submitted by noon, April 10, 2019, to:

Hon. Kevin P. Moriarty
Johnson County Courthouse
100 North Kansas Ave.
Olathe KS 66061-3273

Late submissions will be rejected. The nominating commission will meet initially to review nominee forms and select those to interview. The interview date will be announced later. Interviews are open to the public.

The commission will select from three to five nominees whose names will be submitted to the governor to fill the position according to statutory qualification and residency requirements. If there are not three nominees who reside in the district who are deemed qualified by the commission, the commission may consider nominees who reside outside the judicial district. The governor has 60 days after receiving the names to decide whom to appoint.

After serving one year in office, the new judge must stand for a retention vote in the next general election to remain in the position. If retained, the incumbent will serve a four-year term.

The 10th Judicial District Nominating Commission consists of Johnson as the nonvoting chair; lawyer members Thomas Bath Jr. and John Parisi, Leawood; Laura McConwell, Mission; Stephen Tatum, Olathe; and Rick Guinn, Judge Kevin Moriarty, and Greg Musil, Overland Park; and nonlawyer members Vivien Jennings, Fairway; Samuel Turner Sr., Leawood; Joe Beveridge and Annabeth Surbaugh, Lenexa; Doug Brownlee and James Griffith, Olathe; and Gregory Doring, Prairie Village.

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