

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 273

Re: Restricting Judicial Branch Employees from Carrying Firearms
in Court Areas of Operations

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of Judicial Branch employees and members of the public, and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this order, the term "court areas of operations" includes areas in any building used for court proceedings or to conduct court-related business, including, but not limited to courtrooms; judges' chambers; jury rooms; offices of the court administrator, the clerk of the district court, the clerk of the appellate court, the jury coordinator, court services, court trustees, court-appointed special advocates, citizen review boards, and any other areas used for official court business; waiting areas, corridors, and hallways adjacent to court areas of operations; and space in public buildings that is not normally used for court functions but has been temporarily designated as court areas of operations by the Chief Justice, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, or the Chief Judge of a judicial district, during the time it is being used as court areas of operations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all employees of the Judicial Branch, excluding judicial officers, are prohibited from carrying concealed handguns or other firearms while in court areas of operations and/or while engaged in their employment duties. Provided, however, that an employee who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun may possess such concealed handgun in a private means of conveyance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Administrative Order 20, *Re: Court Service Officers prohibited from carrying weapons*, is repealed.

THIS ORDER is effective upon signature.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 26th day of June 2013.



Lawton R. Nuss
Chief Justice