

## Required Information Update – K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 7-127

### Frequently Asked Questions

***Q: What is the clerk's office doing to respond to the new law?***

A: The clerk's office is doing its best to comply thoroughly and promptly with new statutory requirements concerning the election of lawyer members of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission and district nominating commissions. These requirements are separate and apart from the Supreme Court rules on the administration of lawyer admission and registration.

***Q: As a lawyer, why should I provide additional information to the clerk's office in response to the new law?***

A: Failure to return the form and provide the requested information may jeopardize a lawyer's ability to nominate and vote under the new procedures established. The clerk's office protects disclosure of information in its possession to the extent permissible by law under the Kansas Open Records Act and its exceptions.

***Q: Who is currently allowed to nominate and vote for lawyers for the state and district nominating commissions?***

A: Only lawyers with a Kansas residential address receive nomination and ballot information concerning the elections.

***Q: Is attorney information available on the internet or by calling the clerk's office?***

A: The only information about any attorney available on the internet or over the phone through the clerk's office falls into one of seven categories: (1) name; (2) bar registration number; (3) date of Kansas admission; (4) business mailing address; (5) business phone; (6) business fax; and (7) current status (active, inactive, or retired only).

***Q: Is any additional information about attorneys in the clerk's possession?***

A: Yes. The clerk's office maintains additional information about attorneys in its admission and registration databases.



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## Urgent Notice of Revised Statute and Required Information Update K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 7-127

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Effective July 1, 2016, K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 7-127 was amended by the Kansas Legislature to require that the Clerk's office maintain a roster of attorneys licensed to practice law in Kansas and that the roster include the information enumerated in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 25-2309(b)(1) through (5). See House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128 (2016). This information includes each attorney's: (1) name; (2) place of residence; (3) date of birth; (4) sex; and (5) last four digits of Social Security number, or the full driver's license or nondriver's identification card number.

The text of the new law can be viewed on pages 997-1000 at:

[http://www.sos.ks.gov/pubs/sessionlaws/2016/2016\\_Session\\_Laws\\_Volume\\_2\\_including\\_2016\\_Special\\_Session.pdf](http://www.sos.ks.gov/pubs/sessionlaws/2016/2016_Session_Laws_Volume_2_including_2016_Special_Session.pdf)

In order to ensure that the required roster includes you, you must complete the enclosed form and return it to the Clerk of the Supreme Court no later than August 30, 2016. Completed forms may be scanned and emailed to: [attorneyupdate@kscourts.org](mailto:attorneyupdate@kscourts.org) or mailed to the address shown on the form.

**Failure to return the form and provide the requested information may jeopardize your ability to nominate and vote under new procedures established by the Kansas Legislature for elections of lawyer members of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission and District Judicial Nominating Commissions.**

Your prompt cooperation is appreciated.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas T. Shima".

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Enclosure