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### **Three nominees to be interviewed for district magistrate judge vacancy in Wichita County**

TOPEKA—The 25th Judicial District Nominating Commission will convene October 9 to interview three nominees to fill a district magistrate judge vacancy in Wichita County.

The vacancy was created by the July 31 resignation of Judge Janna DeLissa.

The commission will convene at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 9, in the Wichita County Courthouse, 206 S Fourth St., Leoti. Interviews are open to the public.

The 25th Judicial District is composed of Finney, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Scott, and Wichita counties.

The nominees to be interviewed are:

- Randy Lee Keeton, nonlawyer, Leoti;
- Victoria S. Meyer, lawyer, Kansas City, Kansas; and
- Korina Wedel, nonlawyer, Leoti.

Kansas law requires that a district magistrate judge be:

- a resident of Wichita County at the time of taking office and while holding office;
- at least 30 years old;

- a graduate of a high school, a secondary school, or the equivalent; and
- either a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas or able to pass an examination given by the Supreme Court to become certified within 18 months.

After interviews conclude, the commission will appoint the district magistrate judge.

After serving one year in office, the new magistrate 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 25th Judicial District Nominating Commission consists of Supreme Court Justice Dan Biles as the nonvoting chair; Lucille Douglas, William Heydman, John Lindner, Zachary Schultz, and Thomas Walker, Garden City; Gene Gaede, Holcomb; Ralph Goodnight, Lakin; Rita Wiles, Leoti; Christine Cupp, Scott City; Robert Gale Jr. and Timothy Kohart, Syracuse; and Deborah Kuttler, Tribune.

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