

# FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMISSION

## NOMINATION FORM FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE (LEAVENWORTH COUNTY)

The original and 9 copies of this form and any attachments should be returned promptly and **no later than noon, July 18, 2018**, to the Commission Secretary listed at the bottom of this form. Any answers may be discussed during the interview process, which is open to the public. Please answer the following questions on 8 1/2 by 11 paper. State the question, then give the answer.

Statutes require a district judge filling this position: (1) be regularly admitted to the practice of law in the State of Kansas; (2) be a resident of the First Judicial District at the time of taking the oath of office and maintain residency in the First Judicial District while holding such office; (3) have been engaged in the active practice of law for at least 5 years as either a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school. K.S.A. 20-334; see K.S.A. 4-205. Nonresidents of the First Judicial District should be aware of K.S.A. 20-2909(b).

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Office address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Are you between the ages of 30 and 75? \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Kansas Bar Admission Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Schools and colleges you have attended, diplomas, degrees and dates.
2. List all courts, state bars, and administrative bodies having special admission requirements to which you are presently admitted to practice, specifying the dates of admission, whether you are currently a member in good standing, and whether there are any current restrictions on you.
3. Describe chronologically your legal employment since becoming a member of any state bar. Include dates, names and addresses of all law offices, firms, companies or government agencies with which you have ever practiced, the nature of your affiliation with each, the general nature of your practice, and any other relevant particulars. Also, please provide the name, current address and telephone number of a person, preferably your supervisor, who can verify your employment for each position listed below.

4. Describe the general nature of your current professional legal work.
5. If in private legal practice, describe your typical client(s). If not in private legal practice, describe your employer or work arrangement, your position within the structure (are you supervised, how is work assigned, who receives your work product), and other information you feel would assist the commission in understanding the nature of your professional responsibilities.
6. (a) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in:  
  
Federal district court \_\_\_\_\_%,  
Federal appellate court \_\_\_\_\_%,  
State general jurisdiction court \_\_\_\_\_%,  
State appellate court \_\_\_\_\_%,  
State limited/special court \_\_\_\_\_% (specify the court \_\_\_\_\_),  
Administrative bodies \_\_\_\_\_%.
- (b) Of that state general jurisdiction percentage, indicate \_\_\_% civil, \_\_\_% criminal, \_\_\_% domestic, \_\_\_% probate, \_\_\_% juvenile.
7. (a) If your practice includes litigation, list and describe the five most significant cases which you personally litigated, giving case style, number and citation to reported decisions, if any. Identify your client and describe the nature of your participation in the case and the reason you believe it to be significant. Give the name of the court and judge, the date tried, and the names of other attorneys involved.
- (b) If your practice does not include litigation, describe the five most significant legal matters in which you were involved. Describe the nature of your participation in the matter and the reason you believe these experiences are relevant for consideration by the commission. Provide the name of the client and the names of other attorneys involved.
8. Describe any additional arbitration, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution experience that you would like to bring to the attention of the commission.
9. Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, state the courts involved, the dates of service, or dates of candidacy.
10. Have you ever held or been a candidate for any other public office? If so, state the office, location, and dates of service or candidacy. If you currently hold such office, would you be willing to resign from this position?
11. Have you made any special contributions to the legal profession, such as writings or lectures. If so, state the nature.
12. List courses in continuing legal education in which you have participated during the past five years.

13. List all legal associations and professional societies of which you are a member, and give the titles and dates of any office which you may have held in such groups and committees to which you belong(ed) and offices held.
14. For the last five years, list, in a fully identifiable fashion, all civic, charitable, sports-related or cultural organizations of which you have been a member, including the titles and dates of any offices which you have held and the activities in which you have been or are engaged in each such organization.
15. Are you a director or officer of any business or corporation? Do you hold an ownership interest of more than \$5,000 in value (stock, partnership or proprietorship equity, or otherwise) in any business or corporation? Is there any such connection you would not be willing to sever if the relationship resulted in your frequent disqualification?
16. Are you a member of any partnership or joint venture? Is there any such connection you would not be willing to sever if the relationship resulted in your frequent disqualification?
17. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars, including case numbers.
18. Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding? If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, including divorce proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or co-respondent; and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject, or in which you appeared as a witness. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representative capacity (*e.g.*, guardian ad litem).
19. Have you ever been the subject of public discipline imposed by a professional disciplinary body, subject to a fee dispute, or found in contempt? Explain. In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome. Please include any complaints.
20. Do you have a professional, business, consanguineous or personal relationship with any member of the Judicial Nominating Commission to whom you are submitting this application? If so, provide dates and a description of this relationship.
21. Do you currently use illegal drugs? Illegal use of drugs means the use of one or more drugs, the possession or distribution of which is illegal under the laws of Kansas or of the United States. If so, please explain.
22. Are you physically and mentally able to perform the essential duties of a judge in the court for which you are applying with or without accommodations? Please identify any accommodations you may need to perform the job
23. List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of **two persons** whom the nominating commission may contact who can discuss your **general character and background**.

24. List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of **three other persons** whom the nominating commission may contact who can discuss your **professional competence and qualifications** for a judicial position.
25. List the names, addresses and phone numbers of attorneys involved in your three cases that were resolved, either through trial or ADR, in which you did significant work. List only those cases that were resolved in the past three years. Please include the judges' names and the case names and numbers.
26. Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent trials over which they presided, or cases over which they presided that did not go to trial, but in which they did significant work. Please include the case names and numbers, and the names of attorneys who were involved.
27. State your perception of the primary duties, responsibilities, characteristics and qualifications of the judicial position you seek and describe the skills and personal qualities you possess that would enhance the court if you are appointed. **(300 words or less)**.
28. Attach a writing sample, preferably containing legal analysis and citation to authority, which effects your own work product.
29. Attach **no more than ten** letters of support. No letters received after the application deadline will be considered.
30. Attach an executed copy of the release which accompanies this form.
31. Any other information.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMIT TO:

**G. RONALD BATES, JR. – COMMISSION SECRETARY**  
**611 N. 6th St.**  
**Leavenworth, KS 66048**

ADDENDUM A

33. Have you ever been the subject of nonpublic professional discipline imposed by a professional disciplinary body or found in contempt? To your knowledge, has any other complaint (including fee disputes), charges or grievances been brought against you (not disclosed in response to questions 18-20)? In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome. Please include complaints, even if they were dismissed or not accepted for filing.
34. The commission will receive information regarding your credit history. Provide any explanation you feel necessary.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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**529 Delaware Street**  
**Leavenworth, KS 66048**

**AUTHORIZATION OF RELEASE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I hereby authorize and request any former and present employer, creditor, bank, savings and loan, credit union, finance company, mortgage company, credit card company, credit reporting agency, collection agency, school, college, university, agencies in the criminal justice system or any other person company or corporation to release any and all information and documentation relating to my employment, personnel records, evaluations, credit, financial condition, financial information, school activities, grades, degrees, character, integrity, criminal history including expunged records and any other information whatsoever to any member of the First Judicial District Nominating Commission or any person acting on behalf of the Commission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address, including Street, City, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kansas Bar Admission Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Social Security Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Driver's License Number)

STATE OF KANSAS,

ss:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_,

Acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: \_\_\_\_\_