

Nominating Commission Eligibility Selection

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What is the clerk's office doing to comply with the new laws regarding nominating commission elections? (K.S.A. 20-170 and K.S.A. 20-2904)*

A: The clerk's office is doing its best to comply thoroughly and promptly with 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: *Who is currently allowed to nominate or vote for lawyers for the state and district nominating commissions?*

A: Only lawyers who reside in Kansas and are listed on a certified roster that is provided to the Secretary of State prior to each election, may nominate, be nominated, or vote in any election, or serve as a member on any nominating commission.

Q: *How do attorneys get included on the certified rosters?*

A: Nominating Commission Eligibility Selection forms were previously requested in prior years from all attorneys and forms to update selection were recently included with all 2018/19 attorney registration forms. Each attorney's current eligibility selection was shown at the bottom of their registration form.

Q: *How do I change my selection?*

A: To change your current selection, a Nominating Commission Eligibility form must be completed and sent to the Attorney Registration office via e-mail to: registration@kscourts.org or by mail to: 301 SW 10th Avenue, Room 117, Topeka, KS 66612. All requested information must be provided and the form must be dated and signed. The form is available on the next page.

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. Only attorneys on active, inactive, or retired status are listed on the online directory.

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. 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.

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Judicial District and Supreme Court Elections

To vote, nominate, or be nominated in any nominating commission election or serve as a member on any nominating commission, you **must** be listed on the certified roster that is provided to the Secretary of the State.

1. Do you want to be included on the certified roster?

Yes No

2. If marked yes, you **must** provide the following information, which will be included on the roster along with your residential address.

[Mark one] Male Female Other

[Mark only **one** choice] ~~AAA~~ Driver's license number _____
or ~~****~~ Nondriver's identification card number _____
or ~~AAA~~ Last four digits of Social Security number (*Already on file*)

The above information, along with your name, residential address, and date of birth, will be included on any roster compiled for nominating commission elections and will be provided to the Secretary of State's office under K.S.A. 20-170 and K.S.A. 20-2904. *Attorneys on active, inactive or retired status who reside in Kansas are eligible to nominate, be nominated, or vote in any nominating commission election or serve as a member on any nominating commission.*

Date

Signature of Attorney

Attorney Registration Number

Please return completed form to:

Clerk of the Supreme Court
Attention: Attorney Registration
301 SW 10th Avenue, Room 117
Topeka, Kansas 66612