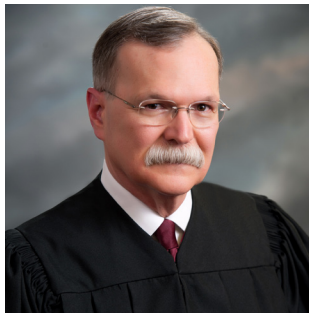




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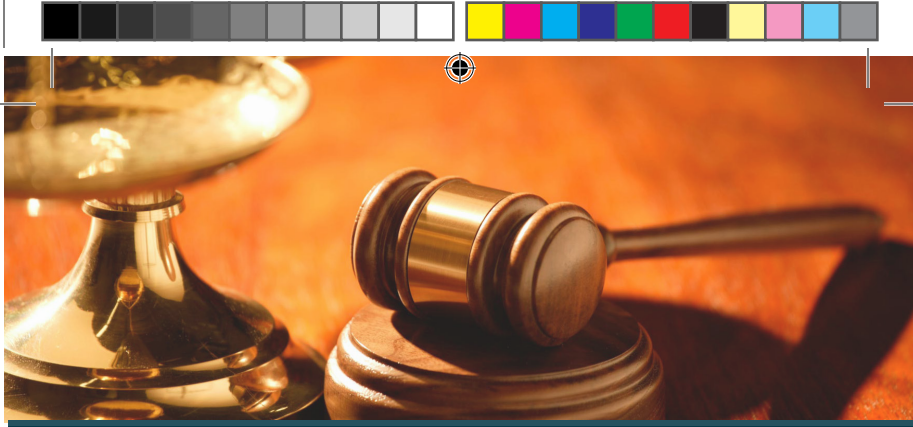
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The Kansas Supreme Court is the highest court in state. The Kansas Constitution created the Supreme Court as the state court of last resort in appeals from lower courts and gives the Supreme Court general administrative authority over other Kansas courts.

The job of the seven justices of the Supreme Court is to conduct fair and impartial hearings and make legal decisions based on the U.S. and Kansas constitutions and the laws applied to the facts of each case.

The justices are selected through a merit-selection process ensuring selection based on knowledge, experience and judicial demeanor. The justices periodically stand for retention by Kansas voters.





ABOUT OUR KANSAS COURTS

Two hundred and fifty years ago, Alexander Hamilton said: “There is no liberty if the power of judging not be separated from the legislative and executive powers.”

Both the U.S. Constitution and the Kansas Constitution distribute governmental power and responsibility among three separate branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.

This system provides checks and balances to ensure that our legal and constitutional rights cannot be overridden by any one person, political party, special interest group or governmental authority.

The sworn duty of the courts is to provide fair and impartial rulings based on the facts, the laws, and the Kansas and U.S. Constitutions. Each day, these decisions affect the lives of thousands of Kansans.

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