

**SUPREME COURT NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICANT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION**

DATE: August 26, 2019

FULL NAME: Kristafer Ross Ailslieger

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Topeka, KS

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Washburn University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, December 1999

United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, July 2015

Wichita State University, Master of Arts in Political Science, July 1996

Wichita State University, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, July 1992

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Kansas Court of Appeals, Central Research Staff (April - September 2000)

Kansas Attorney General's Office (October 2000 - Present)

Washburn University, Political Science Dept. (Adjunct Professor) (August 2019 - Present)

Additionally, I have been a member of the reserve components of the United States Army (ARNG & USAR) both before and after becoming a member of the Kansas bar. (January 1987 - Present)

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DATE: August 29, 2019

FULL NAME: Daniel Cahill

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Kansas City, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

University of Kansas: August 1984 – May 1986

Johnson County Community College: August 1986 – May 1987

Washburn University: August 1987 – May 1990 B.S. Criminal Justice

Washburn University School of Law: August 1992 – May 1995 J.D. 3.15 GPA, (top 25%) Dean 's Honors

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Wyandotte County District Attorneys Office – Assistant District Attorney: April 1996 – April 2000

Barnett and Jamison, P.A. – Associate Attorney: April 2000 – July 2001

Cahill Law Office, P.A. – Attorney/ Operator: July 2001-July 2007

State of Kansas – District Court Judge, 29th Judicial District, Position 9: August 2007 – present

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DATE: 8/28/19

FULL NAME: Angela Dawn Coble

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Salina, KS (July 2009 - present)

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

- 1) Washburn University School of Law; 1700 S.W. College Avenue; Topeka, KS 66621
 - Dates attended: August 2006 – May 2009
 - Degree earned: Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, May 2009
- 2) Kansas Wesleyan University; 100 E. Claflin Avenue; Salina, KS 67401
 - Dates attended: August 1990 – May 1994
 - Degree earned: Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Summa Cum Laude, May 1994
- 3) Colby Community College; 1255 S. Range; Colby, KS 67701
 - Dates attended: August – December 1988; completed 1 college course

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Kennedy Berkley Yarnevich & Williamson, Chtd. ("KBYW"); 119 W. Iron Ave., 7th Floor; Salina, KS 67401

Associate attorney (8/17/09 - 12/31/12); Partner (1/1/13 - 5/10/13)

United States District Court for the District of Kansas; 401 N. Market, Rm. 322; Wichita, KS 67202

Career law clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen M. Humphreys (5/28/15 - 6/30/15)

Career law clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Gwynne E. Birzer (7/1/15 - present)

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DATE: September 3, 2019

FULL NAME: Dennis Dale Depew

CITY OF RESIDENCE FOR PAST TEN YEARS: Neodesha, Kansas

**LIST EACH COLLEGE AND LAW SCHOOL ATTENDED, INCLUDING
DEGREES EARNED:**

Independence Community College, Associate of Arts, 1978

University of Kansas, Bachelor of Business Administration, 1980

University of Kansas School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1983

**LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A
MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR:**

September, 1983-May, 2015, partner in the Depew Law Firm, Neodesha, Kansas

May, 2015-present, Deputy Attorney General, Civil Litigation Division, Office of
Kansas Attorney General.

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DATE: 8/30/2019

FULL NAME: Randall Lee Hodgkinson

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Topeka, KS

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

- Attended Hutchinson Community College Summer 1985
- Wichita State University, Wichita, KS. 1985 to 1989
B.S. Mathematics and Computer Science, May 1989, Graduated magna cum laude
- Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. 1989 to 1991
J.D., December 1991 Class Rank: 9/147 Graduated Magna Cum Laude
Order of the Coif; Law Journal—Associate Editor
- Wichita State University, Wichita, KS. 1992 to 1995
Graduate studies in Political Science
- Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY. 2010-present
Candidate for M.Div. in May 2020

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

- Freelance editor, Wichita, KS. April 1992-December 1992.
- Judicial Clerk, Arizona Court of Appeals, Phoenix, AZ. December 1992-June 1994.
- Assistant Public Defender, Sedgwick County Public Defender Office, Wichita, KS. June 1994-June 1995.
- Assistant Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS. June 1995-August 1997
- Judicial Clerk, Arizona Court of Appeals, Phoenix, AZ. August 1997-August 1998.
- Associate, Law Offices of Stephen M. Lee, Kingman, AZ. August 1998-January 2000.
- Assistant Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS. January 2000-July 2001.
- Deputy Appellate Defender, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS. July 2001-July 2006.
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS. August 2005-December 2006.
- Attorney Trainer, Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, KS. July 2006-present.
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS. August 2006-present.

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DATE: August 29, 2019

FULL NAME: Michael Patrick Joyce

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Leawood, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED,
INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

- University of Nevada, Reno, candidate for Master of Judicial Studies degree. Anticipated graduation date: May 2021.
- University of Houston Law Center: Degree Conferred: Juris Doctorate; Graduation: May 1988.
- Creighton University: Degree Conferred: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Graduation: May 1982.
- Miami University: Attended August 1978-December 1979. Transferred to Creighton University.

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A
MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

June 1988 – May 1997:

Wyrsh Hobbs & Mirakian P.C.,
f/k/a Wyrsh Hobbs Mirakian & Lee, P.C.
f/k/a Wyrsh Atwell Mirackian Lee & Hobbs, P.C.
f/k/a Koenigsdorf & Wyrsh, P.C.
One Kansas City Place
1200 Main Street, Ste. 2110
Kansas City, MO 64105

June 1997 – May 2000

Michael P. Joyce, Attorney at Law
The Joyce Law Firm, LLC – Principal (solo practitioner)
303 W. 9th St., Ste. 303
Kansas City, MO 64105

June 2000 – November 9, 2012

Van Osdol & Magruder, P.C.

n/k/a Van Osdol, P.C.

f/k/a Van Osdol, Magruder, Erickson & Redmond, P.C.

1000 Walnut St., Suite 1500

Kansas City, MO 64106

Appointed October 24, 2012; sworn in November 9, 2012 – present

District Court Judge

Johnson County District Court

100 N. Kansas Ave.

Olathe, KS 66061

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8/27/19
DATE: _____

Russell J. Keller
FULL NAME: _____

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Fairway, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (5/19/96)
M.A., Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (6/19/93)
B.A., Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (6/20/92)

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Northwestern University, School of Communication, Evanston, Illinois
Assistant Director, Northwestern University Debate Society (June 1996-December 1996)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois
Clerk for Judge John F. Grady (December 1996-December 1997)

Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, Illinois
Associate (January 1998-July 1999)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Lawrence, Kansas
Clerk for Judge Mary Beck Briscoe (August 1999-August 2000)

Employment, continued:

Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, Illinois
Associate (September 2000-October 2005)

Stinson LLP, Kansas City, Missouri
Associate (October 2005- April 2008) and Partner (May 2008-January 2018)

Missouri Attorney General's Office, Kansas City, Missouri
Assistant Attorney General and Unit Leader for Litigation (February 2018-August 2019)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Lawrence, Kansas
Clerk for Judge Mary Beck Briscoe (September 2019-present)

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DATE: August 30, 2019

FULL NAME: Thomas Edward Malone

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Wichita, Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Newman University
B.S. 1976 Summa cum laude

Washburn University School of Law
J.D. 1979 with honors

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

August 1979 - December 1990; Redmond & Nazar, L.L.P.

1979 - 1987; Newman University
Adjunct faculty member - Business Law

January 1991 - May 2003; State District Judge, 18th Judicial District

May 2003 - present; Member, Kansas Court of Appeals

October 2012 - January 2017; Chief Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals.

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DATE: 8/26/2019

FULL NAME: Rhonda Kai Mason

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Olathe, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Oakwood University, Bachelor of Arts, 1992

Washburn University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1996

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

1. Law clerk to the Honorable Thomas H. Newton- 1998 to 1999- Circuit Court of Jackson County, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Duties: Read motions from opposing parties. Researched and drafted memoranda and orders in response to motions in the areas of contracts, conflict of laws, medical malpractice, personal injury, loss of business opportunity and insurance policies.

2. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney- Jackson County Prosecutor's Office- 1999-2003- 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 65106.

Duties: Reviewed criminal cases for filing. Negotiated plea bargains. assisted officers from the Kansas City Police Department in the investigations of crimes. Drafted and responded to pre-trial motions. Prepared victims and witnesses to testify at trial. Represented the state in preliminary hearings, pre-trial conferences and criminal trials.

3. Attorney- Allstate Insurance Company- 2003-2006- Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Duties: Answer petitions and represent clients in personal injury, homeowner liability, and tort litigation. Travel to several counties in Kansas and Missouri for court hearings,

depositions, claims investigations and trials. Prepare summary judgment motions, motions in limine and trial briefs. Tried over twelve cases within my first year of employment.

4. Associate- Foland, Wickens, Eisfielder, Roper & Hofer P.C.- 2006-2009- 911 Main, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Duties: Draft and respond to petitions and pleadings in the areas of employment discrimination, product liability, wrongful death and insurance defense. Prosecute and defend depositions, negotiate mediations and litigate jury trials. Negotiate and draft settlement agreements and employment contracts.

5. Solo Practitioner- The Mason Law Firm- 2009-2011- 13505 S. Mur-Len, Olathe, Kansas 66062.

Duties: Represent plaintiffs and respondents in family law, criminal law and civil matters in both Kansas and Missouri state courts. Draft both petitions and answers, prosecute and defend depositions, mediations and litigate cases to conclusion. Responsible for budgeting and accounting law firm expenses and supervise staff members.

6. Managing Attorney- Geico Insurance Company- 2011-2016.

Duties: Managed the day to day administration of the office. I drafted budgets each year for officer expenses and mentored new associates as well as supervise other employees. I also represented Geico insureds in all phases of litigation including filing Answers, drafting motions, taking depositions, participating in mediations and appearing in court hearings and trials.

7. Judge, Tenth Judicial District of Kansas- 2016 – present.

Duties: Responsible for managing a civil docket as a Judge in Johnson County, Kansas. I review pleadings, hold hearings, interpret law and precedent then render decisions. I also preside over civil bench and jury trials in which I make rulings regarding legal issues and admission of evidence.

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DATE: August 18, 2019

FULL NAME: Steven J. Obermeier

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS: Olathe, Kansas.

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED. Bachelor of Science in Journalism earned in 1981 and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science earned in 1982 from the University of Kansas. Juris Doctor Degree conferred in Dec. 1982 from Washburn University School of Law.

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

- Assistant Solicitor General, Kansas Attorney General's Office, 2017 to present.
- Johnson County District Attorney's Office, 1985-2016.
(District Attorney (DA) Dennis Moore from April 1985 until Jan. 1989; DA Paul Morrison from 1989 until Jan. 2007; DA Phill Kline from 2007 until Jan. 2009; & DA Steve Howe from 2009 until Sept. 2016).
- OBERMEIER LAW LLC in 2017.
- Legal Research & Writing Instructor, Johnson County Community College, Fall 1994.

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DATE: Sept. 3, 2019

FULL NAME: David J. Rempel

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Overland Park, KS

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Yale University (New Haven, CT), B.A. in English awarded May 1990.

University of Kansas School of Law (Lawrence, KS), J.D. awarded May 1994.

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Minnesota Court of Appeals (St. Paul, MN), Law Clerk to the Hon. James C. Haren, 1994-96.

United States District Court, District of Kansas (Kansas City, KS), Law Clerk to the Hon. John W. Lungstrum, 1996-98.

Rouse Hendricks German May PC (Kansas City, MO), Associate Attorney, 1998-2004.

Barber Emerson, L.C. (Lawrence, KS), Associate Attorney, 2005-07.

United States District Court, District of Kansas (Kansas City, KS), Law Clerk to the Hon. John W. Lungstrum, 2007-present.

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Date: August 30, 2019

Full name: Melissa Taylor Standridge

City of residence for the past ten years: Leawood, Kansas

List each college/university and law school attended, including degrees and dates earned.

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
Juris Doctor, *with distinction*, May 1993

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, May 1984

Describe chronologically your employment since becoming a member of any state bar.

Kansas Court of Appeals, 02/08 – present
Appellate Judge

U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, 10/99 – 02/08
Chambers Counsel to the Honorable David Waxse, United States Magistrate Judge

Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., 9/95 – 9/99
Associate Attorney

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 8/93 – 8/95
Chambers Counsel to the Honorable Elmo B. Hunter, United States District Judge

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DATE: August 20, 2019

FULL NAME: Lyndon W. Vix

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Maize, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

University of Minnesota
Juris Doctor
May 1985

Tabor College
Bachelor of Arts
May 1982

Simon Greenleaf School of Law/International Institute of Human Rights
Summer Program in Human Rights, Law and Theology
Strasbourg, France
June-July 1980

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, L.L.C.
1900 Epic Center, 301 N. Main
Wichita, Kansas 67202
Attorney - 1985-present

Tabor College
400 S. Jefferson
Hillsboro, Kansas 67063
Adjunct Professor - 1999-2010

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FULL NAME: Christina Marie Wahl

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Kansas City, MO

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Law, JD with Distinction 2000

Rockhurst College, BA Cum Laude in Industrial Relations 1996

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP
Associate, September 2000 – August 2001, and August 2002 – 2005

U.S. District Court, W.D. MO.
Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Dean Whipple, then Chief Judge
August 2001 – August 2002

Shank & Hamilton, PC
Associate, 2005-2008

Berkowitz Oliver LLP
Associate 2006 – December 2009
Partner 2010 – Present

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DATE: September 2, 2019

FULL NAME: Keynen Jae (K.J.) Wall, Jr. _____

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Owatonna, Minnesota
Lawrence, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

a. Kansas State University

Bachelor of Science, Communications – December 1993

1993 Cross Examination Debate Association National Debate Tournament Champion
1993 CEDA National All-American
1992 CEDA National Debate Tournament Semi-Finalist
1991 CEDA Debate Squad National Championship
1990 National Junior Varsity Debate Tournament Champion

b. University of Minnesota

Master of Arts, Scientific and Technical Communications, 1996

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Public Speaking and Group Communication
Assistant Debate Coach, Macalester College, St. Paul

c. University of Kansas School of Law

Juris Doctorate, December 2001

Order of the Coif
First Place, Moot Court Competition; Regionals Participant
Paul E. Wilson, Defender Project
Associate Editor, Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy
CALI Awards in Multiple Classes
Scholarship Recipient, 1999

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

- a. Organization:** **German May (f/k/a Rouse, Hendricks, German & May)**
1201 Walnut, 20th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64106
- Dates:** January 2002 – August 2002
- Position:** Law Clerk
- Duties:** Researched legal issues, drafted motions and briefs, and other legal work under supervision of attorneys.
- Reference:** Matt Geiger
Geiger Prell
10000 College Blvd., Overland Park KS 66210
Phone: (913) 661-2430
e-mail: mgeiger@GEIGERPRELL.com
- b. Organization:** **United States District Court, District of Kansas**
501 State Avenue, Suite 517
Kansas City, KS 66101
- Dates:** August 2002 to August 2004
- Position:** Judicial law clerk for the Honorable John W. Lungstrum
(then - Chief)
- Duties:** Researched substantive and procedural issues raised in Chief Judge's civil and criminal docket, prepared draft memorandum orders, prepared jury instructions, assisted in drafting appellate orders when Judge Lungstrum sat by designation on Tenth Circuit.
- Reference:** Honorable John W. Lungstrum, Senior Judge
United States District Court
500 State Avenue, Suite 517
Kansas City, KS 66101
Phone: (913) 735-2320
e-mail: Judge_Lungstrum@ksd.uscourts.gov

- c. **Organization:** **Witwer Oldenburg Barry & Groom**
(f/k/a Witwer Oldenburg Barry & Johnson)
822 7th Street, Suite 760
Greeley CO 80631
- Dates: August 2004 to August 2008
- Position: Associate Attorney
- Duties: Managed all phases of civil litigation for clients of this regional practice, including discovery, motion practice, trial, and post-trial motions.
- Reference: Jeffrey T. Bedingfield
Otis & Bedingfield, LLC
The Doyle Building
1812 56th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80634
Phone: 970-330-6700
e-mail: jbedingfield@nocoattorneys.com
- d. **Organization:** **Federated Insurance**
121 E. Park Square
Owatonna, MN 55060
- Dates: August 2008 to April 2013
- Position: Senior Legal Counsel
- Duties: In-house counsel, providing legal advice and counsel to executive management on material legal issues impacting operations of this national commercial insurer named to the Ward Group® 50 top performers list and rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company®. Worked with HR managers on complex personnel matters requiring advice of counsel, including performance management; high-risk terminations; Title VII, ADA and FMLA compliance. Worked with outside counsel on employment-related litigation matters.
- Reference: Jon Hanson, VP and General Counsel
121 E. Park Square
Owatonna, MN 55060
Phone: (507) 456-9479
e-mail: jrhanson@fedins.com

- e. Organization:** **Kansas Supreme Court**
301 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka Kansas 66612-1507
- Dates:** April 2013 to October 2015
- Position:** Special Projects Counsel/Deputy General Counsel
- Duties:** Managed the Kansas Supreme Court's Office of Capital Appeals/Special Projects, reporting to Chief Justice. Responsible for drafting and overseeing other staff's drafts of case memorandums for Justices analyzing issues raised in capital appeals and other complex cases assigned to the office; review proposed legislation and draft testimony affecting office; support General Counsel on other court projects.
- Reference:** Steve Grieb, General Counsel
301 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka Kansas 66612-1507
Phone: (785) 224- 4699
e-mail: GriebS@kscourts.org
- f. Organization:** **Forbes Law Group, LLC**
6900 College Blvd., Suite 840
Overland Park, KS 66211
- Dates:** October 2015 to current.
- Position:** Member/Partner
- Duties:** Provide legal services to healthcare clients in all aspects of their operations; handle appellate matters from clients and other referred parties; civil litigation for healthcare-related business disputes, contract enforcement, and employment claims; and offer regulatory compliance advice and counsel.
- Reference:** Frankie Forbes, Managing Partner
Forbes Law Group, LLC
6900 College Blvd., Suite 840
Overland Park, KS 66211
Phone: (816) 686-1762
e-mail: fforbes@forbeslawgroup.com

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DATE: August 30, 2019

FULL NAME: Brenda Sue Watkins

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Kansas City, KS

Olathe, KS

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

College/University	Dates	Degrees
University of Missouri – Kansas City	08/1982-12/1985	Juris Doctors
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa	08/1976-08/1980	Bachelors of Arts

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Organization	Address	Position	Dates
Brenda S. Watkins Attorney at Law	PO Box 445 Shawnee Mission, KS	Sole Practitioner	03/1988-Present
Department of Homeland Security - National Benefits Center	7600B W 119 th Street Overland Park, KS 66213 850 NW Chipman Road, Suite 5000 Lee's Summit, MO 64064	Supervisory Immigration Services Officer/Center Adjudications Officer	03/2013-Present 04/2002- 03/2013
Robert A. Kumin, PC	6901 Shawnee Mission Parkway, #250 Shawnee Mission, KS 66202	Of Counsel	04/1994- 04/2002
Rosie Quinn & Associates	Closed	Attorney	04/1986- 03/1988

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FULL NAME: Kristen Diane Wheeler

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Wichita, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Washburn University School of Law, Juris Doctor Magna Cum Laude May 2006

University of Kansas, Bachelor of Science with honors in Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolutionary Biology May 2003

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

Following my graduation from law school, and my admission to the Kansas bar, I joined the Wichita firm of Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy, Chartered, in September 2006 as an attorney in the litigation department. I worked at Morris Laing for ten years in a variety of areas including commercial litigation, personal injury, environmental law, intellectual property, municipal governance, and financial services. I joined the boutique firm of Robinson Law Firm, LLC, in October 2016, where I focused my practice on commercial and residential real estate, business advising, and civil litigation. In August 2018 I accepted a position as Law Clerk to United States District Judge J. Thomas Marten.

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FULL NAME: Evelyn Zabel Wilson

CITY OR CITIES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS:

Topeka, Kansas

LIST EACH COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL YOU HAVE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DEGREES AND DATES EARNED.

Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas
Degree: BA Business/Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1982

Washburn University School of Law
Degree: JD with Dean's Honors, 1985

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

August, 1985 – June, 1992.

Associate
Lund Law Firm
118 W. Hall Street
Oberlin, Kansas 67749

During my 7-year rural practice in this 2-person law firm, I learned the basics of civil and criminal discovery practice, taking depositions of hostile witnesses, and trying both civil and criminal cases to a jury. The nature of my practice was general, including cases in the areas of criminal, personal injury (representing plaintiffs), municipal, contract, probate, divorce, adoption, appellate, and workers compensation (representing claimants) law. I was the Oberlin City Attorney (as counselor and prosecutor) for several years.

June, 1992 – October, 2004.

Managing Partner/Partner/Associate
Wright, Henson, Somers, Sebelius, Clark & Baker
100 SE 9th St., PO Box 3555
Topeka, Kansas 66601-3555.

I was a civil litigation attorney during my tenure at the firm, obtaining an “AV” rating from Martindale/Hubbell. I practiced primarily in the areas of personal injury, divorce, administrative, and workers compensation law. My personal injury practice was defense-oriented, with the occasional plaintiff client. I represented the Kansas Real Estate Commission as disciplinary counsel, and occasionally as counselor. I also did appellate work.

As Managing Partner my last few years at the firm, I supervised the day-to-day business operations of the law firm. This included deciding when partnership distributions were made, reviewing financial statements, hiring and firing staff, conducting partnership meetings, monitoring projects assigned to other partners, and other administrative functions.

February, 2001 – May, 2004.

Adjunct Professor of Law
Washburn University School of Law
1700 SW College Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66621-0001
(785) 670-1010

During this time, I taught law school classes in Trial Advocacy and Advanced Trial Advocacy, instructing students on how to try a lawsuit. Areas of focus included opening statements, closing arguments, direct examination of lay and expert witnesses, cross examination of lay and expert witnesses, presenting and opposing exhibits, and the rules of evidence. Courtroom technology was introduced in the advanced class.

October, 2004 – Present.

District Judge
State of Kansas, Third Judicial District
(Shawnee County)
200 SE 7th Street, Ste. 410
Topeka, KS 66603
(785) 251-6330 (chambers)

During my tenure, I have been assigned domestic, felony criminal, civil, and probate dockets. Since I took the bench in 2004, I have presided over more than 80 felony jury trials, numerous court trials, and hundreds of motion hearings.

January, 2014 – Present.

Chief District Judge
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With more than 37,000 cases filed in Shawnee County last year, the District Judges in Shawnee County had the highest caseload per Judge in the state. As Chief Judge, I am responsible for all administrative and operational matters in our busy court. I also currently carry a full caseload assignment.

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FULL NAME: Marcia Ann Wood

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University of Kansas, Bachelor of Arts, December 1988
University of Kansas School of Law, Juris Doctor, May 1992

DESCRIBE CHRONOLOGICALLY YOUR EMPLOYMENT SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ANY STATE BAR.

United States District Court, August 1992 to November 1998 (law clerk to Hon. Frank G. Theis, Senior U.S. District Court Judge in Wichita, Kansas)

Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, Wichita Kansas, November 1992 to April 2006 (associate attorney in the municipal finance department)

Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer, LLP, August 2006 to present (partner since 2008, currently serving on firm's executive committee; practice in appellate law and briefwriting)