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CAROLINE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE
LARRY L. COURSEN FOR DISABILITY
RETIREMENT PURSUANT TO
K.S.A. 2001 SUPP. 20-2609.

ORDER

Now on this 16th day of July, 2002, comes on for consideration of the court the application of District Magistrate Judge Larry L. Coursen for disability retirement pursuant to K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 20-2609.

Upon reviewing the medical report on the condition of the applicant, the court finds:

1. Judge Coursen is suffering from psoriatic arthritis of the lumbar spine, psoriasis with rosacea, psoriatic arthritis of the right and left hand, psoriatic arthritis of the right and left foot, and neuralgia of the ilioinguinal nerve with chronic groin pain following right hernia repair.
2. These physical problems have required numerous surgeries and extensive medical treatment for complications arising from these medical problems and are ongoing and will never be cured.
3. The physical impairment resulting from these problems have made it increasingly difficult for Judge Coursen to carry out the duties of his office as a

magistrate judge and he will not recover sufficiently to fully resume his judicial duties.

4. Judge Coursen is permanently physically disabled within the meaning of K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 20-2609 and should be retired from his position as of August 3, 2002.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to notify the board of trustees of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System of the court's action on Judge Coursen's application so that the board may proceed in accordance with the requirements of K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 20-2609(b).

By reason of this order, a vacancy in the office of District Magistrate Judge, Osage County District Court, Lyndon, Kansas, exists as of August 4, 2002.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT THIS 16th day of July, 2002.


KAY MCFARLAND
Chief Justice