IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

ORDER

JUL 2 2012

CAROL G. GREEN RULE RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COUNTY OF APPELLATE COURTS

The following Rule 1501 relating to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Council is hereby adopted, effective July 1, 2012.

RULE 1501

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COUNCIL

(a) Council Established Under K.S.A. 5-504.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Council is established in accordance with K.S.A. 5-504 to:

- (1) advise the director of dispute resolution on the administration of the dispute resolution act and on policy development for the act;
- (2) assist the director of dispute resolution in providing technical assistance to programs, individuals, courts, and other entities requesting the study and development of dispute resolution programs;
- (3) consult with appropriate and necessary state agencies and offices to promote a cooperative and comprehensive implementation of the dispute resolution act;
- (4) advise the director of dispute resolution with respect to the awarding of grants or any other financial assistance program which is administered under the dispute resolution act;
- (5) advise the director of dispute resolution with respect to applications submitted by programs and individuals for approval under K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 5-507, and amendments thereto;
- (6) assist the director of dispute resolution with the review, supervision and evaluation of dispute resolution programs; and
- (7) make recommendations to the director of dispute resolution about legislation affecting dispute resolution.

(b) Membership.

The Council will be composed of no more than nineteen members.

(c) Appointment.

The Supreme Court will appoint the members of the Council.

(d) **Terms.** Each member of the Council is appointed for a three-year term. No member of the Council will be eligible for more than two consecutive three-year terms. A member appointed to complete an unexpired term is eligible to serve two more consecutive three-year terms. A member may serve one or more additional terms after a break in service.

(e) OJA Representative and Liaison Justice.

- (1) In addition to the members described in subsection (b):
 - (A) there will be a permanent, nonvoting seat on the committee for a representative of the Office of Judicial Administration; and
 - (B) the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will designate a Supreme Court Justice to serve as liaison to the Committee.
- (2) The persons serving the Committee under paragraph (1) are nonvoting and not subject to a term limit under subsection (d).

BY ORDER OF THIS COURT this day of day of

2012

Lawton R. Nuss Chief Justice