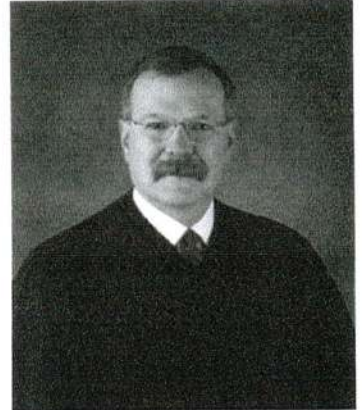


**Honorable Lawton R. Nuss**  
**Chief Justice 2010 - Present**  
**Justice, Kansas Supreme Court 2002 - 2010**

Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss is a fourth-generation Kansan and was born in Salina, Kansas, in 1952. After graduating from Salina High School in 1970, he attended the University of Kansas on a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship. He graduated in January 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and History and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He then served as a combat engineering officer with the Fleet Marine Force Pacific. After his discharge in 1979, he entered law school at the University of Kansas and graduated in May 1982.



Chief Justice Nuss began his law practice with the Salina firm of Clark Mize & Linville, Chartered in August 1982. For the next 20 years, he was involved in a wide range of legal issues and proceedings. He represented corporations and individuals as plaintiffs as well as defendants in civil cases. He also represented the government as well as defendants in criminal cases. Based upon surveys of judges and fellow lawyers, during this time he was awarded an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell, that organization's highest rating for legal ability and professional ethics.

Chief Justice Nuss' professional activities while a lawyer included serving as Chairman of the Board of Editors for the Journal of the Kansas Bar Association; as President of the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, where he also received the Distinguished Service Award and the Defense Research Institute Exceptional Performance Citation; as President of the Saline-Ottawa County Bar Association; and as a mediator for the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. Chief Justice Nuss also served as Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of St. John's Military School, the Board of Directors of the Salina Child Care Association, the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Salina Public Library, the Board of Advisors of the Coronado Area Council of Boy Scouts, and the Site Council for Roosevelt-Lincoln Middle School.

Nuss was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Bill Graves in August 2002, becoming the first Court member in more than 20 years to move directly from the practice of law to the bench. He became Chief Justice in August 2010.

In addition to Nuss' duties as chief justice in presiding over the Supreme Court, he currently serves as Chairman of the Kansas Judicial Council, an organization created in 1927 by the Kansas Legislature. The Judicial Council, whose members include the chairpersons of the judiciary committees of the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives, is authorized by the legislature to study any area of law and to recommend improvements in the administration of justice. Chief Justice Nuss further serves as the Supreme Court liaison to the Kansas District Judges' Association. On the national level, he serves as vice-chair of the court management committee for the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators.

Chief Justice Nuss is a member of the American, Kansas, and Topeka Bar Associations. He was appointed an honorary Marshal of Dodge City in 2010, and in 2011 was selected to participate in the Henry Toll Fellowship, a nationwide leadership development program for highly recognized state leaders.

Chief Justice Nuss is a graduate of the Appellate Judges School at New York University School of Law and the United States Naval Justice School of Newport, Rhode Island. He is also the author of several published legal and historical articles and is a frequent presenter for legal and lay audiences.

Chief Justice Nuss has five grown children. He and his wife live in Topeka.

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## ***Honorable Marla J. Luckert Justice, Kansas Supreme Court 2003-***

Marla J. Luckert was born July 20, 1955, in Goodland, Ks. She received a bachelor of arts in history in May 1977 and her juris doctorate in 1980 from Washburn University of Topeka. While in law school, she served as technical editor of the Washburn Law Journal and received the faculty and alumni awards for best student note.

Upon her admission to practice in 1980, she joined the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer. She had a general litigation and health law practice. She was selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America. She also served as an adjunct professor of law at Washburn University. In 1992 she was appointed by Governor Joan Finney to the Third Judicial District Court. She was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to the Kansas Judicial Council where she served as chair of the Criminal Law Advisory Committee. In 2000 she became chief judge of the Third Judicial District. Governor Bill Graves appointed her to the Kansas Supreme Court effective January 13, 2003.



Justice Luckert has served as president of the Kansas Bar Association, the Kansas District Judges Association, the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, the Topeka Bar Association, the Sam A. Crow Inn of Court, and the Women Attorneys Association of Topeka. She is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Kansas Bar Foundation. She has served as a delegate to the American Bar Association's (ABA) Conference of State Trial Judges and of the Young Lawyer's Division Assembly. She has served on several ABA committees, and been a member of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents. She has served as a member of the American Inn of Court education committee. She is also a member of the American Judges Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the American Judicature Society, the National Center for State Courts and the Supreme Court Historical Society. She has received awards for outstanding achievement or service from the Kansas Bar Association, the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, and other bar groups.

She has also been active in numerous community groups, and has received the outstanding volunteer award from her children's elementary school and the Topeka YWCA's Woman of Excellence award. She served on the Board of Governor's of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association for several years. She and her spouse have three children.

## ***Honorable Carol A. Beier Justice, Kansas Supreme Court 2003-***

Carol A. Beier, a native of Kansas City, Kansas, has authored more than 570 judicial opinions for the citizens of Kansas. She was appointed Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court on September 5, 2003, having served as a judge on the Kansas Court of Appeals from February 18, 2000.

Before taking the bench, Justice Beier was a partner at Foulston Siefkin L.L.P. in Wichita. While at the firm, she had a broad trial and appellate practice. Her cases included commercial disputes, personal injury, family law representation, administrative hearings for children with learning disabilities, government investigations of health care clients, plaintiffs' employment law claims, pro bono criminal defense and other matters.

Justice Beier also spent one year as a visiting professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, where she designed and taught a course on women and the law, taught an advanced torts class, and directed two student clinical programs -- a criminal law appeals clinic and the Paul E. Wilson Defender Project.

Justice Beier began her legal career as a law clerk to Judge James K. Logan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. At the conclusion of her clerkship, she was awarded a Revson fellowship at the Georgetown Law Center Women's Rights and Public Policy Program. As a fellow, she worked on family income security, education, and employment issues at the National Women's Law Center. She then entered private practice at Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn.

Justice Beier received her J.D. in 1985 from the University of Kansas School of Law and her L.L.M. in 2004 from the University of Virginia School of Law. While a student at KU Law, she was a Rice Scholar, Articles Editor of the Kansas Law Review, and Student Director of the Defender Project. Upon graduation, she was named to the Order of the Coif law honorary society and selected by the law faculty to receive the Samuel Mellinger Award for Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.

Justice Beier received her B.S. in Journalism in 1981 from the University of Kansas. She also attended Benedictine College in Atchison. She graduated from Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City.

Justice Beier is a member and former District 10 Director of the National Association of Women Judges, a longtime member of the Kansas Bar Association and a member of the Board of Editors for its Annual Survey of the Law, a fellow of the Kansas Bar Foundation, and a longtime member of the American Bar Association, the D.C. Bar, and the Wichita Bar Association. She is a founding member and was the first secretary of the Kansas Women Attorneys Association. In 2012, she was named to the University of Kansas Women's Hall of Fame. In 2006, a national survey by Lawdragon magazine named Justice Beier one of the top 500 judges in the United States. She also has served on many community and professional boards, including as president of the KU Law Alumni. She is the author of numerous legal publications and is a frequent presenter to legal and lay audiences.

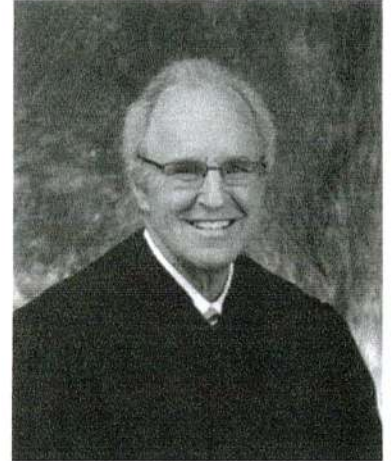
Justice Beier is married to Richard W. Green. They live in Topeka and have three children.



## ***Honorable Eric S. Rosen Justice, Kansas Supreme Court 2005-***

Eric S. Rosen was born in Topeka, KS, on May 25, 1953. He earned both a Bachelors and a Masters Degree with honors from the University of Kansas. He received his law degree from the Washburn University School of Law in 1984.

Justice Rosen was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court in November 2005 following 12 years of service as a State District Court Judge in Shawnee County. His assignments at the district court included criminal and civil cases, as well as two years as chief judge of the District Court's Domestic Division from 1993 to 1995. During his judicial career, he served as an adjunct professor for Washburn University School of Law, a lecturer at the Menninger School of Law and Psychiatry, and presently an instructor at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Additionally, Justice Rosen was appointed to hear numerous cases for the state Court of Appeals. In July 2002, the Chief Justice appointed him to the Kansas Sentencing Commission.



Also in 2002, Justice Rosen was appointed to the 24-member Presidential commission charged with commemorating the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision of the United States Supreme Court. In January of 2002, he received the Martin Luther King Living the Dream Humanitarian Award. In March 2001, he was awarded an honorary diploma and certificate of honor for his many contributions to Topeka High School. In April of 2000, he received the Attorney General's Victim Service Award for Outstanding Judge and further was recognized as Kansan of Distinction for Law in 1999 by the *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a partner in the law firm of Hein, Ebert and Rosen. In addition, he previously served as Associate General Counsel for the Kansas Securities Commissioner, as an Assistant District Attorney and Assistant Public Defender in Shawnee County, Kansas.

Justice Rosen is a graduate of the Appellate Judges School at New York University School of Law and a member of that law school's Dwight D. Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration. Other professional activities include President of the Sam A. Crow Inns of Court 2004-05, and as a member of American Judges Association, American Judicature Society, Kansas District Judges Association, the American, Kansas and Topeka Bar Associations.

Justice Rosen is a member of numerous community and neighborhood groups, including the Jerome Horton Foundation, former Vice-Chair of Community Corrections Advisory Board, former President of Topeka High School Site Council, Topeka High Booster Club, Indian Woods Neighborhood Association, Temple Beth Shalom, and is an active YMCA member.

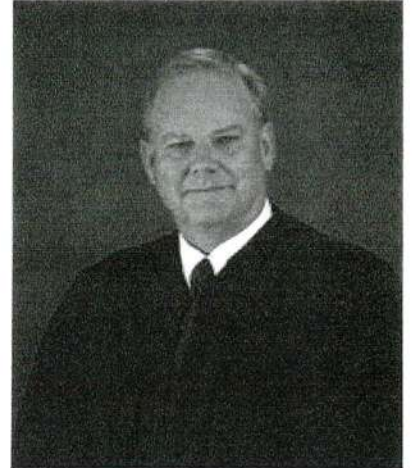
Justice Rosen is married to Elizabeth A. (Libby) Rosen and has four adult children and six grandchildren.

***Honorable Lee A. Johnson  
Justice, Kansas Supreme Court 2007-  
Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals 2001-2007***

Lee A. Johnson was born in Caldwell, Kansas, on June 28, 1947. He received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Kansas in 1969. After serving two years on active duty with the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, he became a licensed, multi-line insurance agent. In 1977, he entered Washburn University School of Law and graduated Summa Cum Laude with the class of 1980. Upon graduation, he practiced law in Caldwell, Kansas; first in partnership with Don B. Stallings and later as a sole practitioner. He was appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court effective January 8, 2007, following his tenure on the Kansas Court Appeals from 2001 - 2007.

Justice Johnson was active in numerous community organizations, including serving on the Sumner Mental Health board for 16 years. He served as Mayor of Caldwell in 1975-1976, and as Caldwell City Attorney from 1987 to 1997. He is a member of the Kansas and Sumner County Bar Associations, serving as the local bar association president in 1992.

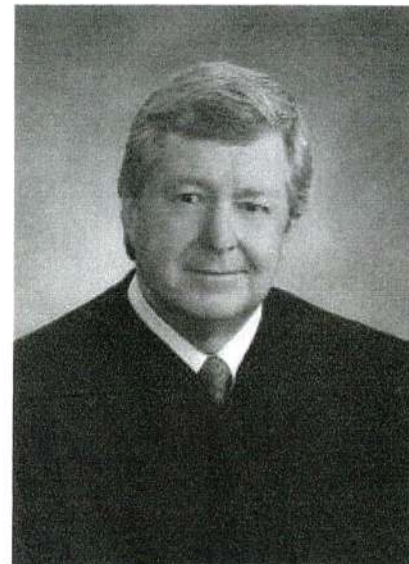
Justice Johnson and his wife, Donna, have two children, Jordan and Jennifer.



## ***Honorable Dan Biles Justice, Kansas Supreme Court 2009-***

Dan Biles was born August 12, 1952, in El Dorado, KS. He became a justice in March 2009, after working in private practice for 24 years in Overland Park, KS. His practice emphasized administrative, trial, and appellate work on behalf of individuals, corporations, and various state, county, and local government agencies. Justice Biles represented the Kansas State Board of Education as its private attorney from 1985 until his appointment to the Supreme Court. He also served for five years as general counsel to the Kansas Turnpike Authority while in private practice.

Admitted to the Kansas Bar in April 1978, he is a graduate of Washburn University School of Law and Kansas State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism in 1974. Prior to working in private practice, Justice Biles served five years beginning in 1980 as an Assistant Attorney General, Litigation Division, in the office of Kansas Attorney General Robert T. Stephan. Previously, Justice Biles had been a writer for The Associated Press in Topeka, reporting on state legislative hearings and sessions, the Kansas Supreme Court, Governor's office, state agencies, and various state and federal political campaigns. He also was an adjunct professor of law at Washburn Law School teaching courses in communications law and trial techniques.



Justice Biles currently serves as the Supreme Court's liaison for implementing the judicial branch's electronic case filing system (commonly known as e-filing) within the Kansas appellate and district courts, as well as electronic case and document management systems. This multi-year effort promises to greatly improve court efficiencies across the state and generate cost savings through the electronic processing of court cases, and the reduction of paper files and personnel time.

Among his professional organizations and activities prior to joining the court, Justice Biles was on the board of directors of Community Living Opportunities Inc., a Kansas not-for-profit corporation serving more than 300 children and adults with severe developmental disabilities in residential, day programs and case management. He also served as an advisory board member of the Johnson County Housing Coalition, a Kansas not-for-profit organization providing low cost housing and more affordable homeownership in Johnson County for low-income residents. He is a member of Friends of the Schiefelbusch Life Span Institute, the largest of several research centers at the University of Kansas, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for persons of all ages, primarily those with disabilities. Justice Biles is a past chair of the National Council of State Education Attorneys, which is connected to the National Association of State Boards of Education, Washington, D.C. In 2009, Justice Biles received the state education attorney's Douglas F. Bates Distinguished Service Award.

Justice Biles and his wife, Amy McCart, Ph.D., who is an associate research professor at the University of Kansas, Beach Center on Disability, are parents to three daughters.

***Honorable Nancy Moritz  
Justice, Kansas Supreme Court 2011-  
Judge, Court of Appeals 2004-2011***

Nancy Moritz was born in Beloit, Kansas on March 3, 1960. She grew up in a big family in the small community of Tipton, near the beautiful Blue Hills of north central Kansas. Her family moved to Salina, Kansas, when she was 15. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Salina in 1978 and received an Honorary Degree from Tipton Catholic High School in 2012. Justice Moritz received her BBA from Washburn University in 1982 and her JD from Washburn Law School in 1985, where she served as the Notes Editor of the Washburn Law Journal. She worked part-time as a law clerk to the judges of the Shawnee County District Court during law school.

After law school, Justice Moritz began her legal career with the Kansas Supreme Court, where she served as a Research Attorney from 1985 to 1987. She then served as a law clerk to the United States District Court in Wichita, Kansas from 1987 to 1989. From 1989 to 1995, Justice Moritz was an associate with Spencer Fane Britt and Browne, in Overland Park, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, where she handled defensive matters and specialized in employment litigation. She returned to public service in 1995 when she became an Assistant United States Attorney in Kansas City, Kansas. She worked in the Civil Division of that office in Kansas City and later in Topeka until 1999, when she became the Appellate Coordinator for the United States Attorney's office, a position she held until she was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to the Kansas Court of Appeals in October 2004. Governor Mark Parkinson appointed her to the Supreme Court on November 1, 2010.

Throughout her legal career, Justice Moritz has served on the Board of Editors of the Kansas Bar Journal, and was the first woman to chair that organization. She has also served on the Kansas CLE Commission, the Tenth Circuit Advisory Committee and the Board of Governors of Washburn Law School. She has written and published several legal articles and has been a frequent presenter at CLE programs statewide. She continues to be an active member of the Kansas Bar Association, and other professional and community organizations.

Justice Moritz lives in Topeka and has two daughters.



***Honorable Thomas E. Malone  
Chief Judge 2012 - Present  
Judge of the Court of Appeals 2003-2012***

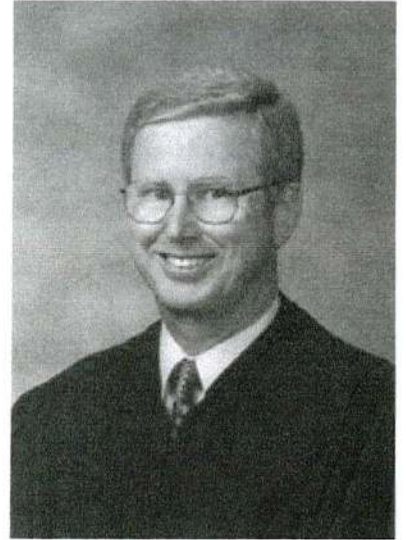
Thomas E. Malone was born in Wichita, Kansas, on December 29, 1953. He graduated from Newman University in 1976, summa cum laude, and from Washburn Law School in 1979, with honors, where he was an associate editor of the Washburn Law Journal.

Judge Malone practiced law in Wichita for 12 years with Redmond & Nazar, L.L.P. He concentrated on business and commercial litigation in federal and state courts. During this time, he taught upper division Business Law at Newman University. Judge Malone is licensed to practice before the Kansas Supreme Court, Federal Court for the District of Kansas, 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Malone was elected to the Sedgwick County district bench in 1990 and served as district judge 12 years. He was primarily a trial judge, presiding over more than 250 jury trials and hundreds of bench trials.

Judge Malone is a member of the Wichita Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the Kansas Association for Justice. He served on the Kansas Judicial Council: Pattern Instructions in Kansas Advisory Committee from 1999 to 2010. He also served on the Board of Editors of the Kansas Bar Association Journal from 2002 to 2009. In 2011, Judge Malone was appointed to the Kansas Board of Law Examiners. Judge Malone has published numerous law journal articles, and he is a frequent speaker at seminars sponsored by the Wichita Bar Association, the Kansas Bar Association, and the Kansas Association for Justice.

Judge Malone and his wife, Anne, have three grown children. He is active in many civic and church organizations in Wichita and Topeka.





## ***Honorable G. Joseph Pierron Jr. Judge of the Court of Appeals 1990-***

G. Joseph Pierron was born in Kansas City, Kansas on May 16, 1947 and presently lives in Lawrence. He grew up in Olathe and was graduated from Olathe Senior High School in 1964, Rockhurst College of Kansas City, Missouri, in 1968 and the University of Kansas School of Law in 1971.

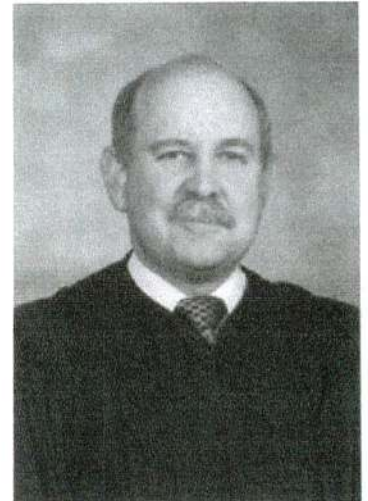
Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals in 1990, he served as a district judge in Olathe from 1982. Before that he was an assistant county and district attorney in Johnson County from 1971. He also served as municipal judge of Spring Hill in 1972.

Judge Pierron has served as President of the Kansas Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and on the board of directors of the Kansas Children's Service League. He serves on the Kansas Bar Association Law Related Education committee and is a member of the American Bar Association Judicial Administration and Alternative Dispute Resolution sections. He is presently chair of Kids Voting Kansas, founded by former Governor Bill Graves and Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh. Kids Voting is a state chapter of Kids Voting USA, an organization to encourage voting through education in the schools and parallel mock elections held in official polling places during regular elections.

Judge Pierron has received leadership and public service awards from the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, the Kansas Children and Youth Advocacy committee, the Kansas Corporation for Change, the Olathe Police Department, the Olathe Medical Center, the Olathe Jaycees, and the Leavenworth County Bar Association. He received the Junior League of Topeka Community Volunteer Award in 1998, the Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Service Award in 1999, the Liberty Bell Award from the Shawnee County Bar Association in 2002, and the State Department of Education Civic Education Partnership award in 2008.

In 2009 Judge Pierron received the first Kansas Boys State Governor's Award for outstanding leadership, public service and dedication to the youth of Kansas. In 2010 he was named to the Olathe High School wall of honor. In 2011 he was awarded the first Kansas District Judges Association community outreach and education award. In 2011 he also received the American Bar Association Burnham Greely award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to promoting public awareness of the importance of a fair, impartial and independent judiciary.

His first wife, Amy Dennis Pierron, is deceased. Their three children are Samuel, Abby and Daniel. His wife, Diana Bartelli Carlin Pierron, Ph. D., is a university administrator and professor.

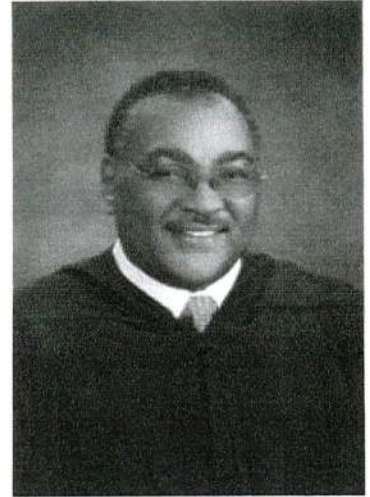


## ***Honorable Henry W. Green Jr. Judge of the Court of Appeals 1993-***

Henry W. Green Jr. was born in Leavenworth on January 15, 1949. He received his undergraduate degree from Kansas State University with dual majors in History and Political Science in 1972. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Kansas Law School where he served as vice president of the third-year class and as a research assistant. He engaged in the general practice of law between 1975 and 1993 and also as a part-time instructor at the National College of Business in Shawnee Mission. From 1979 until his appointment to the court, he served as a member of the United States Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees for the District of Kansas.

Active in the local, state and American bar associations, Judge Green is a former president of the Leavenworth County Bar Association. and formerly served on the membership committee of the Kansas Bar Association. He is a lecturer and co-author of *Successful Creditors' Strategies in Bankruptcy in Kansas*. He also serves as pro bono counsel for the Buffalo Soldier Monument Committee, which raised more than \$1 million for the erection of the Buffalo Soldier Monument. This bronze statue was dedicated by General Colin Powell at Fort Leavenworth on July 25, 1992, in recognition of the first All-Black Cavalry Units commissioned after the American Civil War.

Judge Green and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Monica and Malcolm.



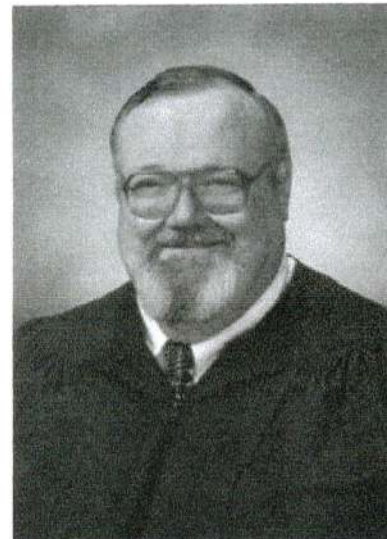
## ***Honorable Stephen D. Hill Judge of the Court of Appeals 2003-***

Stephen D. Hill was born in Fort Scott, Kansas on December 18, 1950. He attended public schools in Wichita until he graduated from Wichita Heights High School in 1968. After high school, Hill attended the University of Kansas and received a B.A. degree in English in 1972. After college he attended Washburn University of Topeka School of Law and received a J.D. degree in 1975. Hill was admitted to practice law in Kansas in 1975. Since then, Hill has been admitted to practice in the federal courts in Kansas and the United States Supreme Court.

Hill started his own firm of Hill & Wisler in 1975 and practiced law in Mound City, Kansas until he became Linn County Attorney in 1976. Hill was appointed Associate District Judge in 1981 by Gov. John Carlin and then District Judge in 1982 in the Sixth Judicial District in Kansas. He eventually became administrative judge and then chief judge of the district until Gov. Kathleen Sebelius appointed him to the Kansas Court of Appeals in 2003.

Judge Hill presided over numerous criminal and civil trials across the state by order of the Supreme Court and was a Commissioner on the Kansas Judicial Initiative in 1998. He is a past member of the Kansas District Judges executive committee. Hill has participated as speaker, in numerous continuing legal and judicial education events in Kansas and at the Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

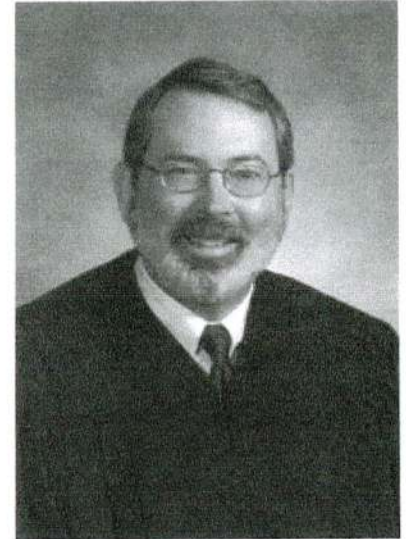
Hill and his wife Sandra reside in Paola. Their two adult sons, Stephen and Ben live in Lawrence.



## ***Honorable Patrick D. McAnany Judge of the Court of Appeals 2004-***

Patrick D. McAnany was born in Sweetwater, Texas, on November 18, 1943. He graduated from Rockhurst University in 1965 with an BA degree in philosophy. He received his J.D. degree in 1968 and an LL.M. degree in business litigation in 1971, both from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

He joined Miller & O'Laughlin in Kansas City, and then served in the office of general counsel for Mobil Oil Corporation where he was assistant division attorney and antitrust counsel in New York City. He returned to Kansas in 1973 to join McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips, where he was engaged in general civil and business litigation and served on the firm's board of directors. He is licensed to practice before the Kansas Supreme Court; the Missouri Supreme Court; the United States District Courts for Kansas and for the Western District of Missouri; the Appellate Division, Second Department, of New York; and the United States Courts of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and for the Federal Circuit.



Judge McAnany was appointed by Governor Bill Graves to the Johnson County District Court in 1995, where he handled civil litigation and served two terms as chief judge. While with the district court he implemented the Trial Court Performance Standards, the Judicial Academy, the Changing Lives Through Literature reading program, and other innovative court and public outreach programs. He was appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals by Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Judge McAnany taught business law at Rockhurst University trial advocacy at the K.U. Law School. He served on the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission and was a member of the executive committee of the Kansas District Judges Association and the judicial advisory board of the Law and Organizational Economics Center at the University of Kansas. He is a past president of the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce and the Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court where he received the President's Award for the best program of the year. He was selected as one of the best judges in the United States by Lawdragon Magazine in 2006. He received the Liberty Bell Award from the Topeka Bar Association in 2007. He is a volunteer for Topeka Meals on Wheels. He is vice-president of the Overland Park Orchestra and plays in the violin section.

Judge McAnany and his wife have two children and four grandchildren.

## ***Honorable Michael B. Buser Judge of the Court of Appeals 2005 -***

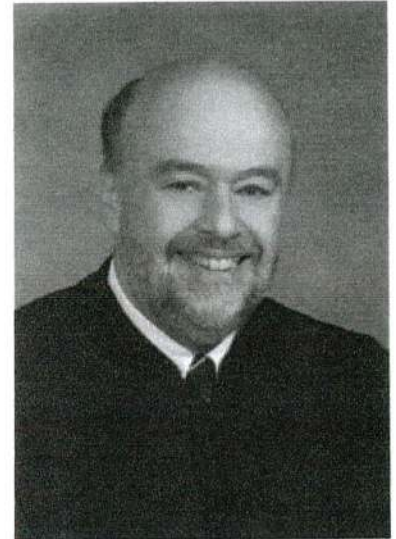
Michael B. Buser was born in Kansas City, Missouri on January 10, 1952. He attended Shawnee Mission South High School in Overland Park. In 1974, he graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and American government. He was awarded the Brennan medal as the graduating senior who demonstrated the highest proficiency in theology.

Judge Buser graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1977 with a Juris Doctor degree. During law school, he was a member and managing editor of the Kansas Law Review. He is the author of a book on revelation published by the Georgetown University Press, and legal articles published in the Stanford Law Review and the Kansas Law Review.

From 1977 until 1988, Judge Buser was an assistant district attorney in Johnson County. He was a general attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad from 1988 until 1991. He joined the Shook, Hardy and Bacon law firm in 1991 where he practiced civil litigation in the firm's tort and pharmaceutical practice groups. In January 2005, Governor Kathleen Sebelius appointed him to the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Judge Buser is a longstanding member of the Kansas Bar Association and Johnson County Bar Association. He has served as president of the Stop Violence Coalition, legal coordinator and instructor at the Johnson County Police Academy, chairman of the Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution sponsored by the Johnson County Bicentennial Commission, and member of the Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Committee.

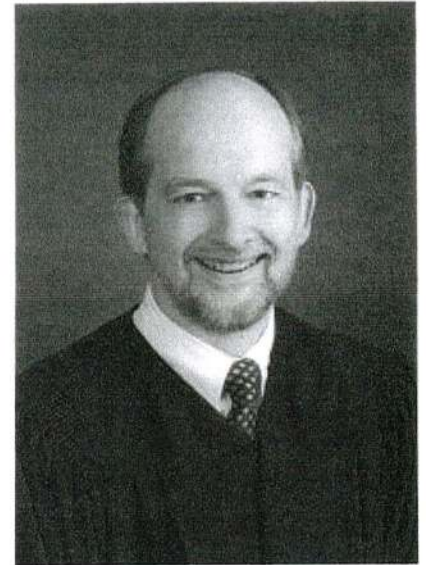
Judge Buser and his wife, Holly, have two sons, Mark and Andrew.



## **Honorable Steve Leben Judge of the Court of Appeals 2007-**

After serving nearly 14 years as a district judge in Johnson County, Steve Leben joined the Court of Appeals in June 2007. At the time of his appointment, Leben was serving as president of the American Judges Association and was teaching a course at the University of Kansas School of Law.

Throughout his career, Leben has been dedicated to both expanding and generating scholarship on the development of law, procedure, and legal ethics. In addition to 13 published articles, Leben has served as editor of *Court Review*, a national journal for judges, since 1998. The National Center for State Courts recognized him for his contributions to the administration of justice nationally by giving him its national Distinguished Service Award in 2003. He also edits the practice manual on Kansas family law published by the Kansas Bar Association, in addition to writing one of its chapters. The Kansas Bar Association gave him its outstanding Service Award in 2000 and named him the Outstanding Young Lawyer in Kansas in 1993.



Leben has presented lectures to lawyers in Kansas and at national and international conferences. He has taught a course on statutory interpretation to law students at both the University of Kansas and University of Missouri-Kansas City law schools. He is a past president of the Kansas City Chapter of the University of Kansas Alumni Association and presently serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the KU Law Alumni Association.

Before becoming a judge, Leben practiced law for 11 years in the Kansas city area—six years with the firm of Stinson, Mag & Fizzell (now Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP) and another five years in solo practice. His practice included general civil litigation, administrative law, personal-injury litigation, and family law. As a district judge, Leben's docket included civil, criminal, and family-law cases. He presided over two high-profile murder cases that were covered by the national news media.

Leben served for seven years on the Board of Governors of the Kansas Bar Association and for 13 years on the Board of Editors of the *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, including three years as vice chair. He also served as a member of the Kansas Justice Commission during its existence from 1997 to 1999, including chairing one of its five committees and presiding over public hearings in the Kansas City area.

Leben was born in Eureka, Kansas, on June 23, 1956. He grew up in El Dorado, where he was coaledictorian at El Dorado High School in 1974. He obtained a B.S. degree with distinction in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1978; he served as student body president in 1977. Leben worked briefly in Washington, D.C., as the press secretary to Kansas Congressman Bob Whittaker before returning to KU, where he received his law degree in 1982. While at KU Law, Leben was an associate editor of the *Kansas Law Review*; he was an Order of the Coif graduate.

Judge Leben lives in Fairway with his wife, Dr. Ann Warner. He has three adult stepchildren.

## ***Honorable Melissa Taylor Standridge Judge of the Court of Appeals 2008 -***

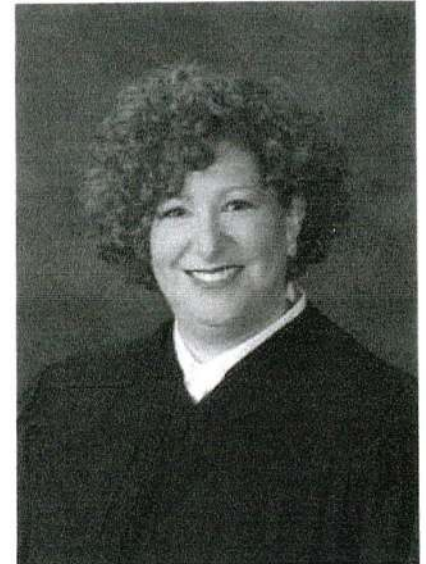
Melissa Taylor Standridge was born in Kansas City, Missouri on July 12, 1962. She graduated from the University of Kansas with an undergraduate degree in business administration. In 1993, she earned her juris doctorate, with honors, from the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law where she was Editor-in-Chief of the UMKC Law Review and Chief Justice of the Appellate Advocacy Program.

Upon graduating from law school, Judge Standridge began a two-year position with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri working as chambers counsel to the Honorable Elmo B. Hunter. She joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon as an associate in 1995. While at Shook, Judge Standridge was an active member of the Search Committee, the Pro Bono Committee and a driving force in creation of the firm's Diversity Sub-Committee. She left Shook in 1999 to work as chambers counsel to Magistrate Judge David J. Waxse.

Judge Standridge is involved in many professional associations, including the Kansas Bar Association as a district representative on the Board of Governors and as President of the Earl E. O'Connor American Inns of Court. She received the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service from the National American Inns of Court in 2004, was selected as a 2006 Kansas City Legal Leader of the Year from The Daily Record, and earned the Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association in 2001.

In addition to her professional activities, Judge Standridge also has been incredibly active in the community. She has been a foster mother since 2000, and is an adoptive mother to three children, who were initially her foster children. She also has given her time and talent to the Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association, Habitat for Humanity, the Myasthenia Gravis Association, and other community needs. In 2007, she was selected as an Angel in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. Congressman Dennis Moore selected Judge Standridge as the sole recipient in the Third Congressional District to receive this national award for outstanding commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent homes.

Judge Standridge and her husband, Judge Richard Standridge, have a blended family of six children: Duncan, Claire, Sergio, Anna, Clinton, and Quentin.

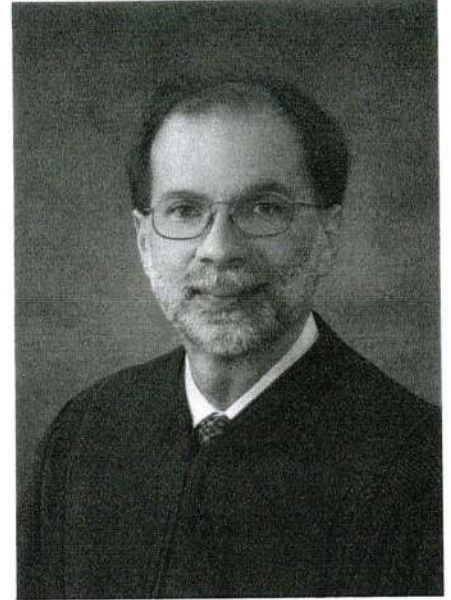


## ***Honorable G. Gordon Atcheson Judge of the Court of Appeals 2010 -***

Governor Mark Parkinson appointed G. Gordon Atcheson to the Court of Appeals on July 14, 2010. Atcheson began his service on the Court in September after closing his law office.

Appointed at age 56, Atcheson was born and raised in the Central New York town of Cortland. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1976 and moved to Wichita the next year. Atcheson received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1981. He practiced law with the Sedgwick County District Attorney's office (1981-1983); Hall, Turner & Pike (1983-1986); Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman (1986-1989); Blake & Uhlig (1989-2005); and The Atcheson Law Office (2005-2010). Atcheson focused his work almost exclusively on civil and criminal litigation. He has represented clients in the trial and appellate courts in Kansas and in federal courts across the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Atcheson has lived in Overland Park since 1986. He is married to Cheryl A. Pilate, a principal in the Kansas City, Missouri, law firm of Morgan & Pilate, LLC.





## ***Honorable Karen Arnold-Burger Judge of the Court of Appeals 2011-***

Karen Arnold-Burger is a fourth generation Kansan. She was born in Kansas City, Kansas in 1957 and graduated from Shawnee Mission North High School in 1975. Following high school, she attended Johnson County Community College for one year before beginning her undergraduate studies at the University of Kansas. Just two and a half years later she graduated with distinction earning degrees in Political Science, Psychology and Personnel Administration. While at KU, she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and was awarded the Sunflower State Award for the outstanding woman majoring in political science. She received her law degree from the University of Kansas in August 1981.



Judge Arnold-Burger served as First Assistant City Attorney for the City of Overland Park before accepting a position as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Kansas City, Kansas. She was appointed to the Overland Park Municipal Court in 1991, and was appointed Presiding Judge of that court in 1996. Governor Mark Parkinson appointed her to the Court of Appeals on January 6, 2011.

Judge Arnold-Burger has always been a leader in her profession. She served as President of the Johnson County Bar Association, the Kansas Municipal Judges Association, and the Earl E. O'Connor Inn of Court. She has served on the Executive Board of the NCSCJ, a section within the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association. She has been an adjunct faculty member at the National Judicial College since 2000, and was elected by her fellow faculty members to serve on the Faculty Council beginning in 2010. She is a graduate of the Institute for Faculty Excellence in Judicial Education at the University of Memphis and is a frequent presenter at judicial education programs nationwide. In 2006, she was awarded the Justinian Award for Professional Excellence by the Johnson County Bar Association. The award is given annually to an attorney who exemplifies integrity, service to the community, and service to the legal profession. She currently serves on the Board of Governors of the University of Kansas School of Law.

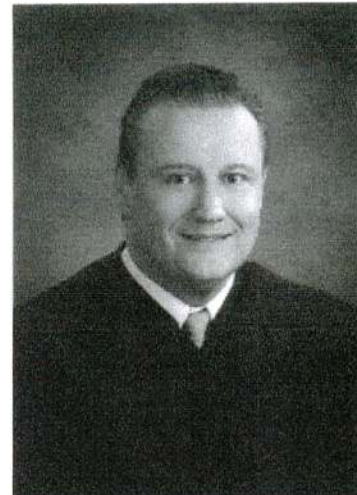
She has also been a leader in her community. She has served on the boards of United Community Services, Safehome, a domestic violence shelter, and the Johnson County Drug and Alcoholism Council. Her tireless efforts spearheading a nationally recognized parental education program on the dangers of underage drinking earned her several local and international awards, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's highest honor. The Johnson County Stop Underage Drinking Project, Inc., an organization she helped found, named a \$1,000 scholarship in her honor. The scholarship is given annually to a teenager who is a positive alcohol and drug-free role model to his or her peers.

She and her husband have been married for 33 years and have three grown children.

## ***Honorable David E. Bruns Judge of the Court of Appeals 2011-***

David E. Bruns was born on September 17, 1959, in Kansas City, Kansas. He received an associate of arts degree in pre-law from Kansas City, Kansas Community College in 1979, a bachelor of science in education from the University of Kansas in 1981, and a juris doctorate from the Washburn University School of Law in 1984. While in law school, he served as the Notes Editor for the Washburn Law Journal and as Chief Law Clerk for the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas.

Upon admission to the practice of law in 1984, he joined the Topeka law firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer, LLP, where he became a partner in 1989. In private practice, he primarily handled litigation and health law cases in the state and federal courts of Kansas and Missouri. In 1995, he received the Pro Bono Award from the Legal Aid Society of Topeka in recognition of his donation of legal services to low income and elderly clients.



In September 1999, Governor Bill Graves appointed him to serve as Judge of the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas. Judge Bruns was subsequently retained in office by the voters of Shawnee County in 2000, 2004 and 2008. As a trial court judge, he handled a variety of cases and presided over the first grand jury convened in Shawnee County in more than 10 years.

On April 15, 2011, Governor Sam Brownback appointed him to serve on the Kansas Court of Appeals. Since joining the appellate court in June 2011, Judge Bruns has authored more than 100 opinions. Moreover, he has served on three-judge panels that have decided more than 350 cases.

Judge Bruns has served as an Adjunct Professor at both the Washburn University School of Business and the Washburn University School of Law. At the law school, he continues to teach Complex Litigation and Procedure. In addition, he frequently makes presentations on various legal issues to professional and civic groups.

Over the years, Judge Bruns has been active in numerous professional, civic and community activities at the local, state, national, and international levels. In 2004, he received the Americanism Award from the American Legion—Department of Kansas for his work in organizing the Topeka-Shawnee County Youth Court. He sits on the Board of Directors of Optimist International, the Board of International Mission of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and the Board of Editors of the Kansas Bar Journal. He also continues to be active in his local church, where he serves as an Elder and teaches an adult bible class.

Judge Bruns and his wife, Shawn, have been married for more than 30 years. They have two adult children, a son who owns a personal training business in Overland Park, Kansas, and a daughter who is in graduate school in Atlanta, Georgia.

## ***Honorable Anthony J. Powell Judge of the Court of Appeals 2013 -***

Anthony J. Powell was born on January 5, 1962, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in 1985, and a juris doctorate, with honors, from the Washburn University School of Law in 1991. While in law school, he served as an associate editor of the Washburn Law Journal, and as a member of the Moot Court Board.

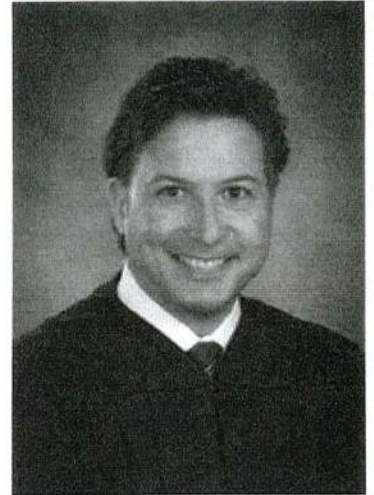
On January 11, 2013, Governor Sam Brownback appointed Judge Powell to the seat on the Kansas Court of Appeals formerly held by the late Chief Judge Richard Greene. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Judge Powell served as a Sedgwick County district judge for 10 years. Judge Powell was first elected to the district court bench in 2002, and was unopposed for reelection in 2006 and 2010. During his tenure, Judge Powell worked in nearly every department, including the family law department, where he served a term as its presiding judge. Judge Powell presided over hundreds of trials, and received high marks from the members the bar in the Wichita Eagle's judicial performance surveys over the years.

Judge Powell formerly served as a member of the Executive Board of the Kansas District Judges' Association, and was Co-Chair of its Legislative Committee. Judge Powell also served on the End of Life Issues Committee of the Judicial Council, and on the Kansas Supreme Court's Committee on High Conflict Divorce.

Prior to Judge Powell's election to the bench, he served eight years as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives where he served as Majority Whip, and as chairman of several committees, including Federal and State Affairs, Ethics and Elections, and the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations. He also served as Vice-Chairman of the Taxation Committee.

Upon his admission to the practice of law in 1991, Judge Powell joined the law firm of Martin and Churchill, Chartered, where his practice emphasized business and employment law. Judge Powell also served as Legislative Director to U.S. Congressman William Broomfield and as an intern on the staff of U.S. Senator Bob Dole.

Judge Powell and his wife, Betty, have been married for over 25 years. They have four children, Katie, John, Grace, and Tony, Jr. Judge Powell is a member of Central Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas.



## ***Honorable Kim R. Schroeder Judge of the Court of Appeals 2013 -***

Kim R. Schroeder was born in July 1957 in Winfield, Kansas. He received an associate of arts degree from Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kansas in 1977, a bachelor of arts from Washburn University in 1979, and a juris doctorate from the Washburn University School of Law in 1982.

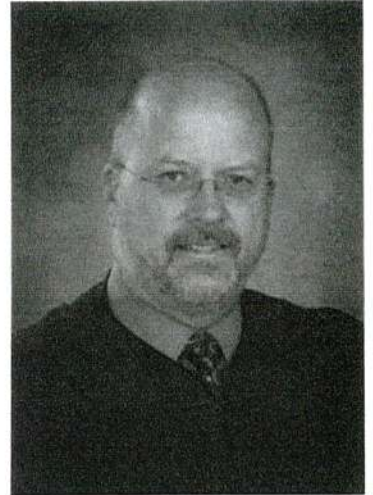
Upon admission to the practice of law in 1982, he joined the Hugoton law firm of Brollier & Wolf, where he became a partner in 1984. His practice was a general office practice, living in a small community doing civil litigation, juvenile & criminal law, domestic and probate.

In November 1998, he was elected to serve as Judge of the 26th Judicial District Court, covering six counties – Stevens, Seward, Morton, Stanton, Grant, and Haskell in southwestern Kansas. Judge Schroeder was subsequently re-elected by the voters of the 26th Judicial District in 2002, 2006, and 2010. As a trial court judge, he handled a variety of cases including civil, criminal, domestic, probate and juvenile.

On January 11, 2013, Governor Sam Brownback appointed him to serve on the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Judge Schroeder, prior to his election to the district court, served on the school board for USD 210 in Hugoton for 5 years and was president of the school board for 3 years. Over the years, Judge Schroeder has been active in numerous professional, civic and community activities. He was instrumental in rejuvenating the Southwest Kansas Bar Association in 1992 and has continued to serve on the Board of Directors as a board member and as its treasurer. He was awarded the Southwest Kansas Bar Association Distinguished Service Award in 2011.

Judge Schroeder and his wife, Karolyn, have been married for more than 35 years. They have two adult children, a son who passed away in 2007, and a daughter who is a registered nurse in Shawnee, where she resides with her family.



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G. Joseph Pierron, Jr.	1947	1990	Olathe / Lawrence	Rockhurst College	KU (1971)	Assistant county & district attorney (1971-82); mur (1972); district judge (1982-90).
Henry W. Green	1949	1993	Leavenworth County	K-State	KU (1975)	General practice (1975-93).
Stephen D. Hill	1950	2003	Wichita / Mound City / Paola	KU	Washburn (1975)	Private practice (Hill & Wisler, 1975-76); county at district judge (1981-2003).
Thomas E. Malone	1953	2003	Wichita	Newman University	Washburn (1979)	Private practice (Redmond & Nazar, 12 years); dis (2003).
Patrick D. McAnany	1943	2004	Kansas City	Rockhurst College	UMKC (including LL.M.) (1968, 1971)	Private practice (Miller & OLaughlin; McAnany, Ve Phillips, 1973-1995); in-house (Mobil Oil); district j (2004).
Michael B. Buser	1952	2005	Johnson County	Georgetown University	KU (1977)	Assistant district attorney (1977-88); in-house (Un Railroad, 1988-91); private practice (Shook, Hardy, 2005).
Steve Leben	1956	2007	Fairway	KU	KU (1982)	Private practice (Stinson, Mag & Fizzell, 6 years; ; years); district judge (13 years).
Melissa Taylor Standridge	1962	2008	Kansas City	KU	UMKC (1993)	Chambers counsel (1993-95; 1999-2008); private Hardy & Bacon, 1995-1999).
G. Gordon Atcheson	Age 59	2010	Wichita / Overland Park	University of Michigan	KU (1981)	Assistant district attorney (1981-83); private practi Pike, 1983-86; Sharnberg, Johnson & Bergman, 1 Uhlig, 1989-2005; The Atcheson Law Office, 2005
Karen Arnold-Burger	1957	2011	Kansas City	Jo. Co. CC; KU	KU (1981)	City attorney; AUSA; municipal judge (1991-2011)
David E. Bruns	1959	2011	Kansas City / Topeka	KCKCC; KU	Washburn (1984)	Private practice (Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and 1999); district judge (1999-2011).
Anthony J. Powell	1962	2013	Wichita	George Washington University	Washburn (1991)	Private practice (Martin and Churchill); legislative Congress); Kansas House of Representatives (8 judge (2002-2013).
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Lawton R. Nuss	1952	2002	Salina	KU	KU (1982)	Private practice (1982-2002).
Marla J. Luckert	1955	2003	Topeka	Washburn	Washburn (1980)	Private practice (Goodell, Stratton, Edmond district judge (1992-2003).
Carol A. Beier	1958	2003	Wichita / Washington, D.C.	Benedictine College; KU	KU (J.D., 1985); University of Virginia (L.L.M., 2004)	Law clerk (Tenth Circuit); fellowship (Georgia Women's Rights and Public Policy Program (Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn); Foulst professor (KU Law); Court of Appeals (2000
Eric S. Rosen	1953	2005	Topeka	KU	Washburn (1984)	Assistant district attorney; assistant public d general counsel (Kansas Securities Commi practice (Hein, Ebert and Rosen); district jur
Lee A. Johnson	1947	2007	Caldwell	KU	Washburn (1980)	Private practice (partnership/solo, 1980-200 97); Court of Appeals (2001-07).
Dan Biles	1952	2009	Overland Park	K-State	Washburn	Assistant attorney general (1980-1985); priv 2009).
Nancy Moritz	1960	2011	Topeka; Kansas City	Washburn	Washburn (1985)	Research attorney (KS Supreme Court, 198 District Court, 1987-89); private practice (Sf Browne, 1989-95); AUSA (1995-2004); Coui 2011).

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