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**EMPLOYMENT**

DOUGLAS R. STRIPP MISSOURI  
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LAW 2022–present  
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR FACULTY AND ACADEMICS Beginning Fall 2024  
VISITING PROFESSOR OF LAW 2020–2022

- Full-time faculty member at the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law
- Academic Rank: Associate Professor, Tenure-Track (starting Fall 2022)
- Courses Taught: Criminal Law, Appellate Advocacy, Legislation, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility

JUDGE, Kansas Court of Appeals 2007–2020

- Judge on 14-member statewide intermediate appellate court.
- Hearing civil, criminal, and administrative appeals in rotating three-judge panels.
- Author of 1,024 opinions (173 published) for the court plus 87 dissents or concurrences.
- Sat several times by designation with the Kansas Supreme Court; author of four opinions for that court.
- Appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius through merit-selection process; retained by the voters statewide in 2008, 2012, and 2016.

DISTRICT JUDGE, Johnson County District Court 1993–2007

- General-jurisdiction trial judge hearing civil, criminal, and domestic cases.
- Chair of Civil Department three one-year terms; Chair of Criminal Department one one-year term.
- Appointed by Governor Joan Finney through merit-selection process; retained by the voters in 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006.

CIVIL LITIGATION PRACTICE 1982–1993

Associate, Stinson, Mag & Fizzell (now Stinson LLP) 1982–1988

- Kansas City, Missouri 1982–1984
- Overland Park, Kansas 1984–1988

Solo Practice (Overland Park, Kansas) 1988–1993

Of Counsel, Kuraner & Schwegler (later split into two firms) 1989–1993

- Kansas counsel to small firm in Kansas City, Missouri

PRESS SECRETARY, U.S. Rep. Bob Whittaker (Kansas) 1979

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, University of Kansas 1977

### **OTHER TEACHING POSITIONS**

LECTURER IN LAW, University of Kansas School of Law 2007–2023

- Taught Legislation & Statutory Interpretation, 2007–2020.
- Taught Evidence (summer sessions), 2018–2023.

ADJUNCT PROF. OF LAW, University of Missouri–Kansas City Fall 2002

- Taught Legislation, including supervision of student projects drafting legislation for members of the Missouri and Kansas legislatures.

### **EDUCATION**

**Juris Doctor** **May 1982**

University of Kansas

GPA 3.57/4.00 Rank 7/189

*Honors:* Order of the Coif; Associate Editor, *Kansas Law Review*

*Top Grade/Paper:* Torts I, Legal Profession, Criminal Law & Procedure, Evidence, Housing & Land-Use Planning, Legislation, Local Government

**B.S., Journalism** **May 1978**

University of Kansas

GPA 3.87/4.00

*Honors:* Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, Summerfield Scholar, graduated with distinction

### **MAJOR AWARDS**

#### **UMKC Law School**

- Elmer F. Pierson Good Teaching Award, 2024 (awarded annually to one law faculty member for outstanding teaching)

#### **National**

- [William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence](#), National Center for State Courts, 2014
  - Highest award given by the National Center for State Courts to a judge; recognizing work to promote greater procedural fairness in America's courts; award presented in person by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.

- Distinguished Service Award, National Center for State Courts, 2003
  - Recognized for contributions to the administration of justice nationally.
- Chief Justice Richard W. Holmes Award of Merit, American Judges Association, 2017
  - Highest award given for contributions to the judiciary nationally.
- Harold V. Froehlich Award for Judicial Courage, American Judges Association, 2016
  - Award recognizes judicial courage in the service of justice.
- Judge Bob Jones Memorial Award, American Judges Association, 2011
  - Highest award given for contributions to judicial education.
- Judge William H. Burnett Award, American Judges Association, 2001
  - Highest award given for service to the association.

### **State**

- Robert K. Weary Award, Kansas Bar Foundation, 2019
  - Recognized for work on the Ethics for Good CLE program.
- Outstanding Service Award, Kansas Bar Association, 2000
- Outstanding Young Lawyer in Kansas, 1993
  - First recipient of new award.

### **AREAS OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST**

- Procedural Justice; Legislation and Statutory Interpretation; Civil Procedure; Evidence; Professional Responsibility; Administrative Law; Appellate Practice; Family Law; Judicial Ethics and Decision-Making.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Works in Progress (accepted for publication):**

- [\*Partisan Judges\*, 77 ARK. L. REV. \\_\\_\\_\\_ \(2024\)](#) (forthcoming).
  - This law-review article addresses two main ideas. First, judges should be honest with the public and admit that their political views matter. Second, in selecting judges, partisans (and others) should look for candidates with intellectual humility. That will improve public trust in the judiciary by furthering procedural-justice principles.
- [\*Disagreeing with Yourself: Horizontal Stare Decisis in State Intermediate Appellate Courts\*, 73 U. KAN. L. REV. \\_\\_\\_\\_ \(2025\)](#) (forthcoming).
  - This law-review article explores state intermediate appellate courts that do not require that its panels follow horizontal stare decisis (*i.e.*, past decisions of the same court). The article reviews how this practice has developed in the Kansas Court of Appeals, concluding that the benefits of this practice in achieving better development of the law and justice in individual cases outweighs the harm of less predictability in precedents.

### **Books and Book Chapters:**

- LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY INTERPRETATION IN A NUTSHELL (West Academic) (publication scheduled 2025).
- Chapter Coauthor (with David Rottman and Pamela Casey), *Ethical and Legal Considerations*, in DRUG COURTS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (Lynne Rienner Publishers 2018, Deborah Koetzle & Shelley Johnson Listwan, eds.).
- Chapter Coauthor (with Kevin Burke), *Procedural Fairness*, in ENHANCING JUSTICE: REDUCING BIAS (American Bar Association 2017, Sarah E. Redfield, ed.).
- Chapter Coauthor (with Joseph A. Hamm, Jooho Lee, Rick J. Trinkner, Twila Wingrove, and Christina Breuer), *On the Cross-Domain Scholarship of Trust in the Institutional Context*, in INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON TRUST: TOWARDS THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL INTEGRATION (Springer 2016, Ellie Schockley, Tess M.S. Neal, Lisa M. PytlikZillig & Brian H. Bornstein, eds.).
- Editor, PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE TO KANSAS FAMILY LAW (Kansas Bar Association 1997 and Supplements 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008) (two volumes).
- Chapter Author, *Civil Procedure and Evidence for the Family Lawyer*, in PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE TO KANSAS FAMILY LAW (Kansas Bar Association 1997 and Supplements 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008).
- Chapter Author, *Domestic Abuse and Torts*, PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE TO KANSAS FAMILY LAW (Kansas Bar Association, Supplements Only, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008).

### **Law Review, Law Journal Articles:**

- *Getting It Right Isn't Enough: The Appellate Court's Role in Procedural Justice*, [69 U. KAN. L. REV. 13](#) (2020).
- *Procedural Fairness in a Pandemic: It's Still Critical to Public Trust*, [68 DRAKE L. REV. 685](#) (2020) (coauthored with Kevin Burke).
- *Minding the Court: Enhancing the Decision-Making Process*, [49 CT. REV. 76](#) (2013) (coauthored with Pamela Casey and Kevin Burke).
  - *Minding the Court: Enhancing the Decision-Making Process*, [10 INT'L J. CT. ADMIN. 45](#) (2013) (coauthored with Pamela Casey and Kevin Burke) (abridged version of *Court Review* article).
- *An Expectation of Empathy*, [51 WASHBURN L.J. 49](#) (2011).
- *The Evolution of the Trial Judge from Counting Case Dispositions to a Commitment to Fairness*, [18 WIDENER L.J. 397](#) (2009) (coauthored with Kevin Burke).
- *Commenting on Credibility in Kansas: A Constructive Criticism of State v. Pabst*, [56 U. KAN. L. REV. 869](#) (2008).
- *Procedural Fairness: A Key Ingredient in Public Satisfaction*, [44 CT. REV. 4](#) (2007–2008) (coauthored with Kevin Burke).

- *Thoughts on Some Potential Appellate and Trial Court Applications of Therapeutic Jurisprudence*, [24 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 467](#) (2001).
- *Evidence for the Family Lawyer: Intrafamily Wiretapping, the Fifth Amendment, and Other Selected Topics*, [J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, March 1999, at 24](#).
- *A Kansas Approach to Custodial Parent Move-Away Cases*, [37 WASHBURN L.J. 497](#) (1998) (coauthored with Megan Moriarty).
- *May Fault Be Considered in Deciding Financial Issues in Divorce Cases? Yes, When a Fault-Based Divorce Is Granted*, [J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, June/July 1998, at 29](#).
- *On the Admissibility of Expert Testimony in Kansas*, [J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, Nov. 1997, at 24](#) (coauthored with Mark D. Hinderks).
- *Challenging and Defending Agency Actions in Kansas*, [J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, June/July 1995, at 22](#).
- *Long-Arm Jurisdiction in Kansas*, [J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, May 1993, at 26](#) (coauthored with Mark D. Hinderks).
- *Restoring the Common in the Law: A Proposal for the Elimination of Rules Prohibiting the Citation of Unpublished Opinions in Kansas and the Tenth Circuit*, [31 WASHBURN L.J. 155](#) (1992) (coauthored with Mark D. Hinderks).
- *Survey of Kansas Law: Administrative Law*, [37 U. KAN. L. REV. 679](#) (1989).
- *Rule 11 Sanctions: The Special Problem of Local Counsel*, [J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, June 1989, at 17](#).

#### **Book Reviews:**

- *The Art and Craft of Judgment Writing*, 21 SCRIBES J. LEGAL WRITING 179 (2023–2024) (reviewing MAX BARRETT, *THE ART AND CRAFT OF JUDGMENT WRITING: A PRIMER FOR COMMON LAW JUDGES* (2022)).
- *Writing Like the Best Judges*, 51 CT. REV. 90 (2015) (reviewing ROSS GUBERMAN, *POINT TAKEN: HOW TO WRITE LIKE THE WORLD'S BEST JUDGES* (2015)).
- *Judging in a Therapeutic Key: Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Courts*, JUST. SYS. J., Winter 2005, at 109 (reviewing *JUDGING IN A THERAPEUTIC KEY: THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE AND THE COURTS* (Bruce J. Winick & David B. Wexler, eds. 1996)).
- *Actual Innocence: The Justice System Confronts Wrongful Convictions*, CT. REV., Winter 2000, at 12 (reviewing JIM DWYER, PETER NEUFELD & BARRY SCHECK, *ACTUAL INNOCENCE: FIVE DAYS TO EXECUTION AND OTHER DISPATCHES FROM THE WRONGLY CONVICTED* (2000)).

#### **Op-Eds:**

- *Yes, Our Rights Do—and Should—Slow Down the Justice System*, KANSAS CITY STAR, Nov. 4, 2017 (<https://perma.cc/N4X5-5UCQ>).

- *Judicial Independence: The New Threat from Within*, 95 JUDICATURE 205 (March/April 2012) (coauthored with Kevin Burke).
- *Keep Merit-Based Judicial Selection*, KANSAS CITY STAR, Dec. 3, 2012, at A11.
- *Judicial Independence: The New Threat from Within*, MINNPOST, May 9, 2012 (coauthored with Kevin Burke).
- *Supreme Court Itself Will Be Tested as It Hears Health-Case Arguments*, MINNPOST, March 26, 2012 (coauthored with Kevin Burke).
- *Slamming Judges for Political Gain*, SEATTLE TIMES, Dec. 5, 2007 (coauthored with Kevin Burke).
- *Make Real Improvements*, NAT'L L. J., May 7, 2007, at 26.
- *Judges Are Not Single-Issue Tyrants*, THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL, April 25, 2007.
- *Constitutional Safeguards Were at Work in Simpson Trial*, KANSAS CITY STAR, Oct. 9, 1995, at B5.

#### **Legal-Ethics Columns:**

- *Competence and Diligence on Appeal*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, May 2015, at 14.
- *The "Get It" Factor*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, May 2014, at 9.
- *Still Coping with New Technology*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, April 2013, at 9.
- *Always Responsible: The Kansas Local Counsel*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, July-Aug. 2012, at 9.
- *Coping with New Technology*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, July-Aug. 2011, at 10.
- *Can We Be (Facebook) Friends?*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, Oct. 2010, at 16.
- *A Recurring Issue: The Lawyer as Witness*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, May 2009, at 19.
- *Attorney Withdrawals: The Need for a Clean Break*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, May 2008, at 20.
- *On the Duty of Candor to the Tribunal*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, March 2007, at 19.
- *Considering the Inadvertent Disclosure of Metadata*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, April 2006, at 26.
- *Your Obligation to Report Misconduct of Impaired Lawyers*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, Sept. 2005, at 11.
- *Divining the Secret*, J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, July 2004, at 8.

#### **Other Publications and Papers:**

- *We All Have a Role in Protecting Our Justice System: Promoting Procedural Fairness*, [LITIGATION \(American Bar Ass'n\), Fall 2019, at 6.](#)
- *Exploring the Overlap Between Procedural-Justice Principles and Emotion Regulation in the Courtroom*, [9 Oñati Socio-Legal Series 852](#), published online October 2019 (peer-reviewed sociology and law journal).
- *The Procedural Fairness Movement Comes of Age*, in TRENDS IN STATE COURTS 2014 59-62 (National Center for State Courts 2014).

- *Ten Tips for Dealing with the Media*, 47 CT. REV. 38 (2011).
- *Considering Procedural-Fairness Concepts in the Courts of Utah*, prepared for the Utah state judicial conference, held September 14, 2011, Midway, Utah.
- *Thoughts on the Use of Procedural-Fairness Concepts in the Evaluation of Appellate-Court Judges*, prepared for the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal Systems Conference, *Evaluating Appellate Judges: Preserving Integrity, Maintaining Accountability*, held Aug. 11-12, 2011, Denver, Colorado.
- *Two Justices Who Will Be Missed*, KANSAS LAWYER, Jan. 14, 2007, at 10.
- *On Appellate Judges Sitting at the Trial Level: A Useful Idea for the Judicial System*, JUD. DIV. REC. (ABA), Spring 2003, at 13.
- *A Brief Article on Electronic Briefs*, CT. REV., Winter 2001, at 45.
- *Public Trust and Confidence in the Courts: A National Conference and Beyond*, CT. REV., Fall 1999, at 4.

### **Editorial Positions:**

- Editor, *Court Review*, the quarterly journal of the American Judges Association (1998–2017).
- Member, Editorial Review Board, *Trends in State Courts*, published by the National Center for State Courts (2021–present).
- Member, Editorial Board, *Justice System Journal*, published by the National Center for State Courts (2001–2014).
- Member, Board of Editors, *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association* (1993–2006); Vice Chair, Board of Editors, *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association* (2002–2005).
- Kansas Bar Association’s Annual Survey of Kansas Law: Cochair, Board of Editors, 2009–2021; Editorial Board Member, 2008–present.
- Member, Panel of Practitioner Contributors for *Black’s Law Dictionary* (9th ed. 2009).
- Editor, Kansas Bar Association’s *Practitioner’s Guide to Kansas Family Law*, a two-volume practice guide with \_\_ chapters and \_\_ different chapter authors, 1997–2008.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Ethics for Good**

**2000–present**

- Cofounder and copresenter of this annual continuing-legal-education program on legal ethics from which all fees paid for attendance, less room rental, go to law-related charities. Program is presented each June in Overland Park, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri.
- Program has raised \$894,541 (through 2023) for law-related charities, including Safehome (domestic-violence shelter), FosterAdopt Connect (helping foster and adoptive parents and their children), CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and law-school scholarships.

- Program attendance has averaged more than 500 lawyers per year.

### **Other Selected Presentations**

**1986–present**

- More than 200 accredited continuing legal education or judicial education programs covering subjects including procedural justice, legal ethics, evidence, trial practice, appellate practice, civil procedure, administrative law, and family law.
- Presentations nationwide on procedural justice, including to the Conference of Chief Justices, all federal bankruptcy judges, and state trial judges in Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.
- Representative programs, not including Ethics for Good (annual June ethics CLE program), during the past few years:
  - “Procedural Fairness,” Kansas New Judge Training Program, Topeka, Kansas, May 7, 2024.
  - “Stinson Ethics & Loss Prevention: Litigation Emphasis,” Stinson LLP, Webinar, April 30, 2024.
  - “Stinson Ethics & Loss Prevention: Business & Regulatory Emphasis,” Stinson LLP, April 29, 2024.
  - “Stating the Issue: Other Rules and Background Considerations,” KCMBA, David Prager Appellate Institute, Kansas City, May 31, 2023.
  - “Procedural Fairness,” Kansas New Judge Training Program, Topeka, Kansas, January 25, 2023.
  - “Procedural Fairness,” MINK Conference (state supreme court justices from Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas), Olathe, Kansas, August 25, 2022 (copresented with Kevin Burke and Bernice Donald).
  - “Procedural Fairness in CINC and TPR Cases,” Kansas Judicial Branch, Webinar, August 23, 2022.
  - “Procedural Fairness,” Missouri Judicial College, Lake Ozark, Missouri, August 18, 2022, and Kansas City, Missouri, November 17, 2022 (copresented with Kevin Burke).
  - “Procedural Fairness in Opinion Writing,” Iowa State Bar Association, Webinar, June 21, 2022.
  - “Recent Developments in Legal Ethics,” Kansas County Counselors Association, Webinar, June 17, 2022.
  - “Canons of Construction: What Is Their Role, if Any, in Modern Jurisprudence?” Appellate Judges Education Institute, Austin, Texas, November 14, 2021.
  - “Judicial Independence and Procedural Justice,” American Judges Association, Webinar, October 5, 2021.



- “Access to Justice, Barriers to Innocence Claims: A Conversation,” Kansas Women Attorneys Association Annual Conference, Webinar, July 16, 2021 (copresented with Meryl Carver-Almond).
- “Procedural Fairness on Appeal,” Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association, Webinar, June 10, 2021 (copresented with Pierre Bergeron).
- “Procedural Fairness and the Self-Represented Litigant,” Kansas Judicial Branch, Webinar, March 10, 2021 (copresented with Bill Ossmann and Kevin Berens).
- “Procedural Fairness in Court,” Kansas Office of Judicial Administration, Topeka, Kansas, December 8, 2020 (in-house program for research attorneys of the Kansas appellate courts).
- “Procedural Fairness in Court,” Kansas State Judicial Conference, October 2020 (copresented with Kevin Burke).
- “Statutory Interpretation in Kansas and the Tenth Circuit,” Kansas Appellate Defender Office, Topeka, Kansas, May 14, 2020.
- “Statutory Interpretation in Kansas and the Tenth Circuit,” John Hugh Means Inn of Court, Lawrence, Kansas, January 23, 2020.
- “Procedural Fairness and Judicial Decision-Making,” North Carolina Judicial College, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, October 14, 2019 (copresented with Kevin Burke).
- “Recent Developments in the Law: Statutory Interpretation,” KU Law CLE, Lawrence, Kansas, May 23, 2019.
- “Procedural Fairness,” Kansas New Judge Training Program, Topeka, Kansas, January 13, 2019.
- Kansas City, November 30, 2018 (copresented with Laura Rossi).
- “Recent Developments in Legal Ethics,” Southwest Kansas Bar Association annual meetings, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- “Recent Developments in Legal Ethics,” Riley County (Manhattan, Kansas) Bar Association, May 2017 and May 2019.
- Copresenter, “Ethics for Good: The Colorado Edition,” Association of Corporate Counsel, Colorado Chapter, Denver, Colorado, December 6, 2018.
- “Statutory Interpretation in Kansas and the Tenth Circuit,” Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, Kansas City, Missouri, November 30, 2018 (copresented with Laura Rossi).
- “Procedural Fairness and Judicial Decision-Making,” North Carolina Association of District Judges, Asheville, North Carolina, October 4, 2018 (copresented with Kevin Burke).
- Training program for judges and court staff on procedural justice, Sixth (Kansas) Judicial District, Paola, Kansas, June 1, 2018.
- “Procedural Justice and Emotion Regulation,” Workshop on Judging, Emotion, and Emotion Work, International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain, May 3, 2018.
- “Improving Public Perception of the Justice System,” University of Arkansas–Fayetteville Law School, March 9, 2017.

- “Procedural Fairness and Judicial Decision-Making,” Minnesota Judicial Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 30, 2016.
- “Procedural Fairness on Appeal,” Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association, Columbus, Ohio, September 14, 2016.
- “Thinking About Statutory Interpretation,” Wichita Bar Association, Wichita, Kansas, May 26, 2016.
- One of three trainers for two-day workshop on procedural justice and implicit bias for the Toledo (Ohio) Municipal Court judges and staff, sponsored by the Center for Court Innovation, Toledo, Ohio, April 26, 2016.
- “If Tiger Had Been a Judge: Honing Fairness and Judging Skills,” Idaho Judicial Conference, Boise, Idaho, September 21, 2015.
- “Becoming Our Best: Shared Steps to Improving Public Confidence,” Federal Court Clerks Association, Kansas City, Missouri, June 23, 2015.
- “Selected Topics in Legal Ethics,” Kansas Government Attorneys CLE, Topeka, Kansas, May 15, 2015.
- “Exploring Procedural Fairness, with Special Consideration of Domestic-Abuse Issues,” Iowa Accountability Project, Judicial Training Institute, Des Moines, Iowa, September 19, 2014.
- “Procedural Fairness and the Self-Represented Litigant,” Maryland Judicial Conference, Forest Heights, Maryland, October 24, 2014.
- Presenter on procedural justice at biennial Illinois EdCon, the educational conference for the Illinois state judiciary, February and April 2016; February and April 2018; February 2020; April and June 2022; February and April 2024.
- Trainer for new Kansas judges on procedural-fairness issues (2009, 2001, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024); trainer for new Kansas judges on handling civil domestic-violence cases (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009).
- Presentations made at national programs of the Appellate Judges Education Institute, National Association of Court Managers, American Bar Association Family Law Section, American Psychology–Law Society, American Judges Association, and National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.
- Invited speaker at international Law and Psychology Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland (2003).
- Keynote speaker for annual, statewide conference of Colorado Interdisciplinary Committees, comprised of attorneys, mediators, mental-health professionals, and others working with divorcing families, in Vail, Colorado (2002).

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **American Law Institute**

- Elected Member (2009–present).
- Participant, Members Consultative Group, Law of Governmental Ethics (2010–2023).
- Member, Regional Advisory Group (2016–present).

### **American Judges Association**

- President (2006–2007); President-elect (2005–2006), Vice President (2004–2005), and Secretary (2002–2004).
- Member, Board of Governors (1999–present), and Member, Board of Governors Executive Committee (2000–2001, 2002–2008).
- Editor, *Court Review*, the journal of the American Judges Association (1998–2017).

### **American Bar Association**

- Budget Officer, Appellate Judges Conference, Judicial Division (2018–2022).
- Board Member and Treasurer (2018–2022), Assistant Treasurer (2022–2023), Appellate Judges Education Institute.
- Budget Officer (2023–2024), Assistant Budget Officer (2022–2023), Judicial Division.
- Member, State Administrative Law Committee, ABA Administrative Law Section (1994–2007).

### **National Center for State Courts**

- Invited participant in the Symposium on Judicial Campaign Conduct and the First Amendment, held in Chicago in 2001.
  - Chaired one of four working groups, in which session participants (including law professors, state-court chief justices, and election lawyers) debated potential changes to canons of judicial ethics.
- Invited participant in National Summit on Court Safety and Security, held in Arlington, Virginia, in 2005.
  - Moderator for one of five plenary work sessions.
- Invited participant in National Conference on Appellate Justice, held in Washington, D.C., in 2005.
- Member, Advisory Board to Best Practices Institute (2005–2007).
- Member, Advisory Committee on Problem-Solving Courts (2005–2007).
- Member, Board of Editors, *Justice System Journal* (2001–2014).

### **California Judicial Council**

- Member, Procedural Fairness Editorial Board (2009–2010).
  - One of four out-of-state members of an editorial board assisting the California court system in preparing a resource guide on procedural fairness.

### **Kansas Bar Association**

- Member, Board of Governors (1993–2000) and Board of Governors Executive Committee (1995–1996).
- Newsletter Editor (1987–1988), Continuing Legal Education Delegate (1989–1990), Legislative Delegate (1994–1999), Secretary-Treasurer (1990–1991), President-elect (1991–1992), and President (1992–1993), Administrative Law Section.
- Legislative Delegate (1993–1994), Litigation Section.
- Member (1991–1993, 2021–present), Continuing Legal Education Committee.
- Member (1993–2006) and Vice Chair (2002–2005), Board of Editors, *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*.
- Editor, *Practitioner’s Guide to Kansas Family Law* (1997–2008).
- Fellow, Kansas Bar Foundation.

### **Kansas Judicial Council**

- Member, Administrative Procedure Advisory Committee (2006–present).
  - Presented the Committee’s proposed legislation, based on two-year review, amending the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and the Kansas Judicial Review Act to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees during 2009 session; the Advisory Committee’s proposals were passed and signed into law.
  - Presented the Committee’s proposed legislation amending Kansas statutes on agency rulemaking procedures to Kansas Judicial Council in December 2009; presented those same proposals to assigned legislative committees in 2010; the Advisory Committee’s proposals were passed and signed into law.
  - Presented the Committee’s proposed legislation providing for agency use of guidance documents to House and Senate Judiciary Committees during 2011 session; the Advisory Committee’s proposals were passed and signed into law.

### **Kansas Specialty Courts Commission**

- Chair for 13-member commission named by the Kansas Supreme Court in March 2013 to study the status of specialty courts in Kansas, consider whether statewide standards should be established, suggest procedures to follow for judicial districts wanting to establish such courts, and recommend appropriate educational programming in this area for Kansas judges. The commission recommended in December 2013 that

the Kansas Supreme Court establish mandatory statewide standards for specialty courts.

### **Kansas Specialty Court Standards Committee**

- Chair for 15-member committee named by the Kansas Supreme Court in June 2014 to recommend standards for specialty courts in Kansas. In December 2015, the committee recommended statewide standards and a certification process for specialty courts.

### **Kansas Justice Commission**

- Member (one of three judges appointed by Kansas Supreme Court) of 46-member group charged with making an overall review of the Kansas justice system and to make recommendations for improvement. The Commission served from 1997 to 1999.
- Chair of Judge-Related Issues Committee (one of five Commission committees).
  - Recommended statewide adoption of nonpartisan judicial selection plan.
  - Recommended statewide judicial-evaluation commission to review performance of all judges and to report results to the public.
  - Recommended increase in judicial pay.
- Chaired public hearings held in the Third Congressional District.
- Prepared adopted proposal for creating a Kansas Jury Reform Commission.
- Drafted several sections of the Commission's final report.
- Served on committee that supervised preparation of questionnaire and administration of survey of 1,200 Kansas citizens, 435 Kansas lawyers, and 191 Kansas judges about the administration of justice in Kansas.

### **Kansas Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board**

- Member (appointee of Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice) (2008–2009).
  - Board was established by Kansas Legislature to review Kansas programs to treat substance abuse.
  - The Board's recommendation that the Legislature create a new group with support staff to conduct additional study was adopted by the Legislature.

### **KU Law Alumni Association**

- Member, Board of Governors (2006–present).
- Vice President, President-elect (2009–2011).
- President (2011–2014).

### **Johnson County (Kan.) Bar Association**

- Program Chair (1993–1995).
- Cochair, Johnson County Bar Association Bench-Bar Conference (1997).
- Fellow, Johnson County Bar Foundation.

### **Johnson County (Kan.) Law Library**

- Member, Board of Trustees (1993–2003), for law library established by statute to serve lawyers, judges, and public in Johnson County.
- Vice Chair (1995–1997, 2001–2002) and Chair (1997–1998, 2002–2003), Board of Trustees.

### **Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court (Johnson and Wyandotte counties)**

- Barrister member (1993–1996).
- Program Chair (1995–1996).

### **Legal Information Management Advisory Council, Emporia State University**

- Served on nine-member advisory committee (2002–2004) that assisted in development of a Legal Information Management curriculum within the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University as a cooperative venture with the University of Kansas School of Law.
- Attended meetings in Emporia and provided input by email as called upon by the Dean of the School of Library and Information Management.

## **OTHER CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

### **University of Kansas Alumni Association**

- President (1989–1990) and Member, Board of Directors (1987–1992), Greater Kansas City Chapter.

### **Clinicare, Inc.**

- Member, Board of Directors (1987–1992), for this nonprofit home-health-care agency in Kansas City, Kansas.
- Treasurer (1990–1992).
- Clinicare merged with Visiting Nurse Association (VNA Home Health) sometime after my service as a director.

### **Leadership Kansas**

- Graduate of the Leadership Kansas program, 1984.