

Tenth Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission Notice to Applicants

In order to apply for a district judge position in the Tenth Judicial District, the applicant must be between the ages of 30 and 75, regularly admitted to practice law in Kansas; a resident of the Tenth Judicial District at the time he or she takes the oath of office; and have been involved in the active practice of law, or served as a judge or law professor or any combination for at least 5 years. If there are at least two attorneys deemed qualified by the Commission who reside in the Tenth Judicial District and who are willing to accept the nomination, applicants who reside outside the Tenth Judicial District shall not be considered. K.S.A. §20-2909(b). To apply for a magistrate judge position, the applicant must be a high school graduate, a resident of the Tenth Judicial District at the time he or she takes the oath of office; and if not an attorney, must be certified by the Kansas Supreme Court within 18 months of taking office. K.S.A. §20-334. To be certified, the non-lawyer judge must take a certification examination. K.S.A. §20-337.

The Kansas Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 601B, Canon 4 applies to all lawyers who are “candidates” for judicial office. “Candidate” includes a person seeking selection for judicial office by appointment. A person becomes a candidate as soon as he or she makes a public announcement of candidacy, files an application, or authorizes solicitation or acceptance of support. Lawyers are encouraged to review the Judicial Code of Conduct. Judicial candidates who violate the code are subject to discipline by the Commission on Judicial Qualifications. See, *Supreme Court Rule 604, Definitions*.

All applications must be completed in full and received by the application deadline in order to be considered. Each applicant will be subject to a review of his or her criminal history, credit history and complaints, if any, filed with the Office of Kansas Disciplinary Administrator and, if appropriate, the Kansas Judicial Qualifications Commission. All applications will be reviewed by the Commission and a limited number will be selected for an interview.

The Commission is required to forward the names of no fewer than two nor more than three nominees to the Governor for final selection.