

Bryant in as 1st District judge

(KAIR)--A local district judge vacancy has been filled.

Governor Laura Kelly on Monday appointed Kansas City, Kansas attorney John Bryant, Jr., to the 1st Judicial District vacancy created by the January 11 retirement of Judge Robert Bednar.

The 1st Judicial District includes Atchison and Leavenworth Counties.

“John brings an impressive mix of experience to the bench and has served the people of Atchison and Leavenworth counties well as an attorney,” Governor Kelly said. “I know that he will do the same as a Judge.”

Bryant has run a solo law practice, Bryant Law Office, since 2014, primarily handling criminal defense cases. Prior to starting his private practice, he worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Fraud and Medicaid Abuse Division in the Office of the Kansas Attorney General and was Deputy County Attorney for Leavenworth County.

District court judges in the 1st Judicial District are appointed by the governor and selected from nominees chosen by a district nominating commission. Judges in nominating commission districts are subject to retention elections every four years.

The three other nominees selected by the district nominating commission included two Atchison attorney's—John Kurth and Andrew Werring—along with Lansing attorney Michael Jones.