

Local Judge Selected to Sit with KS Supreme Court

(KNZA)--A local area judge has been appointed to sit with the Kansas Supreme Court next week.

According to a press release from the Office of Judicial Administration, 22nd Judicial District Judge John Weingart will join the Supreme Court Justices to review one case on the court's summary calendar during the final day of the court's January docket.

Weingart, a district court judge since 2001, calls the chance to serve “an honor,” adding that the chance is an opportunity to return, in a small way, the courtesies the Supreme Court has extended to the 22nd judicial district during his time of serving as a judge.

Weingart, prior to taking his place on the local district bench, operated a private law practice in Hiawatha for 24-years.

Chief Justice Lawton Nuss says he is “pleased that Judge Weingart is taking time from his duties in the 22nd judicial district to sit with the Supreme Court,” saying “it's a great help to the court,” and that the justices “look forward to his contributions deliberating this case.”

The case he will help deliberate is a Johnson County Petition to Review in the matter of the State versus Dustin Alex Evans.

Evans was charged with aggravated battery in connection with a stabbing. His motion to dismiss based on self-defense was upheld by a district court decision. The Supreme Court will now decide whether that court erred in applying the state statute pertaining to self-defense in granting Evans immunity from prosecution.

The deliberations are set to take place on Wednesday, January 25.