

Atchison attorney nominated for judicial seat

**(KAIR)--An Atchison attorney is among four whose names are sent to the Kansas governor as nominees to fill either of two open 1st district judge positions, which oversee Atchison and Leavenworth Counties.**

**According to a release, Atchison's John Kurth joins attorneys Geoffrey Sonntag, of Tonganoxie, Clinton Lee, of Olathe, and Rhonda Levinson, of Kansas City, as being selected as the nominees.**

**Three other Atchison attorneys had been in the running for the judicial positions as part of a list of 10 finalists which was narrowed down to the final four.**

**The release explains that the 1st Judicial District Nominating Commission sent the names of those four nominees to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly who has 60 days to decide who will fill the two positions.**

**One of the openings became available with the July retirement of long time 1st Judicial District Judge Martin Asher, of Atchison.**

**After serving one year in office, the new judges must stand for a retention vote in the next general election to remain in the position. If retained, the incumbent will serve a four-year term.**

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