

Two new judges named for 1st Judicial District

(KAIR)--Two new judges are named for the 1st Judicial District of Atchison and Leavenworth counties.

The appointments of Clinton Lee, of Olathe, and Geoffrey Sonntag, of Tonganoxie, to the two judgeship positions was made by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly Friday.

According to a release from Kelly's office, one of the openings was created by the July retirement of longtime Judge Martin Asher while the second was created through Legislative and Judicial action.

Kelly, in the release, says Lee and Sonntag "have a wide range of experience," adding that she knows "they will bring their passion for the law to the bench and continue to serve the people of Leavenworth and Atchison counties well."

1st Judicial District Court Judges are appointed by the Governor and selected from nominees chosen by the district nominating commission, with those Judges subject to retention elections every four years.

The other nominees for the 1st Judicial District Judgeship, but not selected by Kelly, included John Kurth, of Atchison.

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