

SUPREME COURT NOMINATING COMMISSION

Guidelines for Applicant Interviews

- The names of applicants and their cities of residence will be released to the media on the date of the application deadline or as soon as possible.
- The Commission will subsequently conduct a preliminary review of applications and set an interview schedule which will be posted at www.kscourts.org. Links will be provided to brief biographical summaries as permitted under Kansas Supreme Court Rule 1101(a).
- Applicant interviews are open to the public in accordance with K.S.A. 20-123 and the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Spectators should enter and leave the room quietly during interviews. Courtroom decorum should be observed during interviews. The interviews will also be broadcast live on the Kansas judicial branch YouTube channel.
- Anyone who attends the interviews in person must follow public health requirements for Judicial Center visitors during the pandemic. These include answering questions at check-in about symptoms of or possible exposure to COVID-19, wearing a face mask while in the building, and maintaining six-feet of physical distance from others.
- Interviews are scheduled for thirty minutes each.
- Each Commissioner will have an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant. At the end of the interview, the applicant will be able to make a closing statement concerning the applicant's qualifications.
- No questions or comments will be taken from spectators at the interviews although the Commission will accept written public comment until one week prior to interviews. [Supreme Court Nominating Commission, ATTN: Mikel L. Stout, 301 SW 10th Avenue, 1st Floor, Topeka, KS 66612.]
- In fairness to all applicants, the Commission requests that applicants not be present at interviews of other applicants for the same position. Nor should any applicant otherwise seek or accept information regarding questions asked of other applicants during interviews.
- Upon a majority vote of the Commission, the Commission may recess into an executive session to discuss sensitive financial information contained within the personal financial records or official background check of the applicants.
- The Kansas Open Meetings Act allows the use of cameras and recording devices, but such use shall be subject to reasonable rules designated by the Commission designed to insure the orderly conduct of the proceedings at the meeting.