

Amendment to Rule 1.02

Rules Relating to the Court of Appeals

The Kansas Supreme Court is accepting public comment on a proposal to amend Rule 1.02: Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The proposed amendment includes the following changes:

- designating a term for the chief judge;
- adding a provision for reappointing the chief judge;
- adding a provision for recommending a chief judge; and
- restyling the rule to align with other Supreme Court rules.

The court uses strikethrough to show deletions and underlining to show new language.

You may comment on the proposed amendment by emailing scrulespubliccomment@kscourts.org until 5 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2024. You must include “Rule 1.02” in the subject line of your email.

Rule 1.02

CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

- (a) **DesignationAppointment.** The Supreme Court will ~~designate~~ appoint a Court of Appeals judge to serve as chief judge of the Court of Appeals.
- (b) **Term.** The chief judge will serve a two-year term beginning the second Monday of January in an even-numbered year. When the Supreme Court makes an interim appointment, the chief judge will serve for the remainder of the two-year term.
- (c) **Reappointment.** No later than August 30 in an odd-numbered year, the chief judge must notify the Supreme Court if the judge wishes to serve another two-year term.

(d) **Recommendation.** A Court of Appeals judge may recommend any Court of Appeals judge to serve as chief judge. The Supreme Court must keep any recommendation confidential.

(e) **Chief Judge's Administrative Powers and Duties.** The chief judge's of the Court of Appeals has the following administrative powers and duties include the following:

- (1) designating to designate and number hearing panels, assigning judges to the panels, and designate designating the presiding judge of each panel ~~of which the chief judge is not a member;~~
- (2) ~~to assigning~~ cases to the panels for hearing and determination ~~to panels designated under paragraph (1);~~
- (3) designating to designate the time and place location within the state under K.S.A. 20-3013 for the hearing of each case after considering — at any place within the state as provided in K.S.A. 20-3013 — taking into consideration where the case arose and the relative convenience and expense of the parties, court, and counsel;
- (4) designating to designate a judge to conduct hold a prehearing conference ~~when the court has ordered one to be held before a single judge under Rule 1.04~~ when applicable;
- (5) ~~to establish~~ — after ~~consultation with~~ consulting the other court members, of the court establishing — ~~internal standard~~ operating procedures for promoting efficient court operations ~~the orderly handling of the court's business and the fair distribution of work among its members;~~ and
- (6) ~~to performing~~ any other necessary administrative duty ~~not otherwise provided for by statute or supreme court rule.~~