

By ROBERT PIERCE • Leader & Times District Judge Kim Schroeder has served in that position in Kansas's 26th Judicial District since 1999. On March 15, he was sworn in as a judge on the state's Court of Appeals.



Schroeder was appointed by Gov. Sam Brownback to succeed outgoing judge Christel Marquardt on the 13-member court. Marquardt retired on Jan. 14. Schroeder was presented to the Court of Appeals by Hugoton attorney Wayne Tate. Judge Schroeder was first elected to the 26th Judicial District Court in 1998 and was serving as a trial judge before being appointed to the Court of Appeals. In that tenure, he presided over civil, criminal, juvenile and domestic cases.

Schroeder is a past member of the Board of Governors of the Kansas Bar Association and a board member of the Southwest Kansas Bar Association. He has also served as treasurer of the SWKBA since 1992.

Prior to his time on the bench, he practiced law in Hugoton with the firm Brollier, Wolf & Schroeder for almost 17 years in general practice of law.

The new Court of Appeals judge received his undergraduate degree and his law degree from Washburn University in Topeka.

Schroeder is married and has two children. He is a member of the First Christian Church of Hugoton.

Schroeder said thus far, he is looking forward to getting started with his new position, and everything is going well.

"I want to work hard and give everybody their day in court," he said of his primary goal as appellate judge.

Schroeder added being on the state court is something he has wanted to do for some time.

"I've applied for it on a couple of occasions, and I thought it would be an interesting job," he said.