

- Special to the Daily Leader Liberal's Kerry McQueen has been re-elected to the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission for a second four-year term. McQueen has been practicing law in Liberal for approximately 45 years and is the managing stock holder of Sharp, McQueen, P.A., which has offices in Liberal, Sublette and Overland Park.

Under provisions of the Kansas Constitution, the Supreme Court Nominating Commission serves as a non-partisan body to nominate the names of three qualified individuals to the governor for the purposes of the governor's appointment to any vacancy on the Supreme Court or the Kansas Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court Nominating Commission is a nine-member commission composed of: one member (chairperson) elected by lawyers who are residents of and licensed to practice law in Kansas; one member from each congressional district elected by lawyers who are residents and licensed to practice law in Kansas; and one member who is not a lawyer appointed by the governor from each congressional district.

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission receives applications, reviews each applicant's resumé and writing samples, interviews references and others who are acquainted with the applicant and interviews the applicants before selecting the names of three individuals to submit to the governor.