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STATE APPELLATE COURT STRUCTURE

STATE: Kansas	PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT: Debra S. Peterson
FIRST LEVEL OF APPELLATE COURT	
Court's name	Kansas Court of Appeals
Total number of judges	11
Number on panels for oral argument	3
Jurisdiction discretionary or mandatory	Mandatory for the most part
If discretionary, standard (e.g. "important to the jurisprudence of the state")	
Jurisdiction (criminal, civil, or both)	Both
Oral argument discretionary or allowed as of right	Discretionary
Geographical coverage - number of courts and whether their coverage is statewide or district-wide	One court - statewide coverage
Opinions published -- some, all, or none (if some, estimate percentage) Note whether unpublished opinions may be cited, and if so, whether they are binding or merely persuasive.	Small percentage of opinions published. Unpublished opinions can be cited if attached to document wherein cited. Persuasive authority.
Bound by precedent of which other courts	Kansas Supreme Court; United States Supreme Court
Opinions are binding precedent on which other courts	District Courts of Kansas
Other unique characteristics of the system	Counsel requests oral argument at the time of briefing or court puts case on oral argument calendar. If case is put on summary calendar, parties can request oral argument. Parties can waive oral argument with advance notice to the court. Generally, each side gets up to three 30 day extensions of time to file briefs. More MAY be granted thereafter in extreme circumstances. Pro hac vice admission practices - affiliate with Kansas admitted attorney.

SECOND LEVEL OF APPELLATE COURT

Name	Kansas Supreme Court
Total number of justices	Seven (justices)
Number who sit on oral argument panel	Sit en banc
Jurisdiction (criminal, civil or both)	Both
Jurisdiction discretionary or mandatory; if discretionary, give standard (e.g., "important to the jurisdiction")	Mandatory. Discretionary whether they will grant review of a Court of Appeals opinion
Opinions published -- some, all, or none (if some, estimate percentage) Note if unpublished opinions may be cited, and if so, whether they are binding precedent or merely persuasive.	Very large percentage. Re unpublished opinions, same as with Kansas Court of Appeals
Geographical coverage -- if divided into districts, give number of districts and whether their coverage is statewide or only district-wide.	Statewide coverage - one court
Bound by precedent from which other courts	United States Supreme Court
Opinions are binding precedent on which other courts	Kansas Court of Appeals and Kansas District Courts
Other unique characteristics of the system	Same as Kansas Court of Appeals; however, advance waiver of oral argument not said to be required.

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