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Judge Kevin M. Smith

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Dear Fellow Citizen:

We are Co-Chairs of the Committee to Re-elect Judge Kevin M. Smith. Judge Smith was appointed to the bench in December 2015, and elected in 2016. He seeks reelection in 2020. He has been a diligent and innovative judge in the Juvenile Court and our Committee believes he merits re-election.

Judge Smith presides over juvenile offender and child in need of care cases. In 2017 he saw a desperate need for more local foster families, child advocates, and mentors. He responded by presenting the Kansas foster care system and service opportunities to civic and church groups. This resulted in greater support for organizations that provide these services. He presented legal education programs to attorneys, social work students, and college students to help them develop the skills needed to advocate for children and parents in courts throughout Kansas, and wrote several law journal and op-ed pieces on juvenile justice, foster care, and other important legal issues. Judge Smith researched how other states handle foster care cases. As a result, he adopted protocols to expedite case closure which resulted in children achieving permanency more quickly when compared to other regions of the state. He will provide continuing leadership for even better outcomes for children in need of care.

In recognition of Judge Smith's community outreach efforts to improve child in need of care case outcomes, Kansas Senator Pat Roberts nominated him to be a 2019 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) Angels in Adoption Honoree, and CCAI accepted his nomination.

The Committee hopes you will consider supporting Judge Smith in 2020 so he can continue to positively impact juvenile justice, foster care, and Kansas justice in general. Please contact any of the Committee's members, or email the Committee, and let us know if you would like to formally endorse the campaign, or support Judge Smith in other ways. If you would like to financially support the campaign, you may give up to \$500.00 before the August primary, and another \$500.00 for the general election. We thank you for any support you can provide.

Very truly yours,