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HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE Honorable Representative Lance Kinzer, Chair

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Thank you for the opportunity to visit with you about Project Pegasus, which the Kansas Judicial Branch of government began in the summer of 2010. Work from this project resulted in comprehensive lists of recommendations for future operation of the Courts. The official Weighted Caseload Study report was presented in early November, 2011 to the Supreme Court and to the Blue Ribbon Commission. The Blue Ribbon Commission then took that data and recommendations and formulated their recommendations. These were presented to the Supreme Court on January 3 of this year. After an intensive review, the Supreme Court recommended legislative and administrative proposals for consideration during the present legislative session. These proposals were outlined in Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss' State of the Judiciary address on January 18.

Both the process and the resulting recommendations provide guidance on how the Kansas Judicial Branch can become more efficient and more responsive to the public we serve. On those subjects, you will hear from the following people:

- Judge David King, Chief Judge of the First Judicial District (Atchison and Leavenworth Counties), and Chair of the Weighted Caseload Study Study's Judicial Needs Assessment Committee;
- Judge Patrick McAnany, Kansas Court of Appeals Judge, and Chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission;
- Kelly O'Brien, Judicial Branch Director of Information Systems;
- Kim Fowler, Judicial Branch Fiscal Officer; and
- Steve Grieb, General Counsel to Chief Justice Nuss, will be available for questions.

In today's briefing we provide executive summaries of the Weighted Caseload Study Report and the Blue Ribbon Commission Report. Both of these reports, as well as the State of the Judiciary address given by Chief Justice Nuss, which outlines the immediate proposals of the Supreme Court, may be found at the following websites:

- Weighted Caseload Study Report: <http://www.kscourts.org/Weighted-Caseload-Study>
- Blue Ribbon Commission Report: <http://www.kscourts.org/BRC-Report>
- State of the Judiciary Address:
<http://www.kscourts.org/Court-Administration/State-of-Judiciary/State-of-Judiciary.pdf>