

Gov. Kevin Stitt on Tuesday announced the appointment of Osage County District Judge M.

John Kane IV to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Kane has served Osage County as

district judge for the 10th Judicial District since 2005. During his 14 years on

the bench, he has presided as a judge in tens of thousands of cases,

and he has served in a number of other capacities, including as president of

the Oklahoma Judicial Conference from 2013-2014, as presiding judge-elect of the Northeastern Judicial Administration

District in 2019, and as presiding judge of the Oklahoma Court on the Judiciary

in 2019. Kane began practicing as an attorney in 1987 at Kane, Kane &

Kane Law Offices P.C., a law firm founded by his father and grandfather in

Pawhuska. During this time, he also served as an administrative law judge for the

Department of Human Services-Child Support Division from 1999-2005 and as an assistant district attorney

from 1987 to 1989. Kane received a bachelor's in agricultural economics and accounting from

Oklahoma State University in 1984 and a law degree from the University of Oklahoma

in 1987. Kane and his wife, Cynthia, have been married for 33 years and

have four children. "Judge Kane's extensive record serving the 10th Judicial District and his

broad support in the community, and from across the state, speak toward his qualifications

to join the highest court in Oklahoma," Stitt said in a news release. "Kane

is an accomplished judge with a reputation for fairness and a passion to ensure

the legal system serving the needs of the people. I am confident Kane will

serve with integrity, honor and a dedication to uphold the rule of law." "My

great-grandfather was a framer of our State Constitution, and it is truly an honor

to be selected to stand as a defender of this treasured deposit of wisdom,"

Kane said in the release. "I appreciate the Governor's confidence in me, and I

vow to impartially and fairly conduct the business of the Court and serve the

people of Oklahoma with full and undivided devotion." Kane's appointment fills the vacancy for

District 1 created by the retirement of John F. Reif. Kane was one of

three applicants provided by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the governor's selection. The appointment is Stitt's first to the state Supreme Court. Featured video Michael Dekker 918-581-8469 michael.dekker@tulsaworld.com
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