

Local judge to sit with KS Supreme Court

(KNZA)--A local judge has been appointed to sit with the Kansas Supreme Court.

According to a news release from the Kansas Judicial Center, District Judge John Weingart of the 22nd Judicial District will hear oral arguments on the court's docket Thursday (January 30).

After hearing the arguments, Weingart will join Supreme Court justices in their deliberations and decision drafting.

The release said Weingart will hear arguments in the appeal of a Topeka teen convicted and sentenced to life in prison for his role in a fatal 2016 drive by shooting in Topeka. Shawn Pattillo, who was 16 at the time of the crime, was prosecuted as an adult.

Weingart has been a district judge since 2001. The 22nd Judicial District is composed of Brown, Doniphan, Marshall and Nemaha Counties.

Before being elected a judge, he had a private law practice in Hiawatha for 24 years.

Weingart said “ it is indeed an honor and privilege to serve the Supreme Court.”