



May 2021  
Report from District 10  
Honorable Cheryl A. Rios

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## **Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota**

### **Kansas:**

- District 10 Director, Cheryl Rios, received the Chief Justice Kay McFarland Award: In 2006, the Women Attorneys Association of Topeka created the Chief Justice Kay McFarland Award to honor her many accomplishments in the legal field. The award recognizes an individual who has achieved professional excellence in her field and has influenced other women to pursue legal careers, opened doors for women lawyers in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to them, or advanced opportunities for women within a practice area or segment of the profession.
- Gov. Laura Kelly appointed Garden City private practice attorney Kristi Cott to the 25th Judicial District court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ricklin Pierce. “Kristi is a dedicated, professional, and knowledgeable attorney with extensive experience in the judicial system. I am confident Kristi’s experience and her commitment to the law will serve the 25th Judicial District well,” Kelly said. The 25th District consists of Finney, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Scott, and Wichita counties.

### **Nebraska:**

- On April 23, 2021, Governor Pete Ricketts appointed Tressa M. Alioth of Bennington as District Court Judge in the Fourth Judicial District in Douglas County, Nebraska. Alioth, 47, has worked as deputy county attorney in the Douglas County Attorney’s Office since 1998. Her most recent responsibilities with the office have included serving as lead prosecutor in felony trials and supervising a team of six felony deputy county attorneys. She also has experience working as an attorney in the Domestic Violence Division and Civil Division of the Douglas County Attorney’s Office. Alioth holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Creighton University and a Juris Doctor from the Creighton University School of Law. Since 2018, she has been an adjunct professor in the University of Nebraska Omaha’s School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. She is a board member of the Nebraska County Attorneys Association. She’s also a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, the National District Attorneys Association, and the Nebraska State Council Interstate Compact for

Adult Supervision. Alioth is on the leadership team of Love Church and serves on the board of directors of Room for Roots, a nonprofit offering mentorship programs.

**Minnesota:**

- No report.

**South Dakota:**

- No report.

**North Dakota:**

- No report.