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WICHITA, KAN. – KANSAS PROSECUTOR COMMITTEE CONTINUES EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY

Senior prosecutors from across Kansas have formed a “Best Practices Committee”. The committee was established to lead the ongoing efforts of Kansas prosecutors to protect citizens by encouraging improvements to the Kansas criminal justice system.

The Kansas County and District Attorneys Association (KCDAA) Best Practices Committee provides a forum for state prosecutors to collaborate and discuss public safety issues to continue to improve the criminal justice system.

The objective of the committee is to identify and advise the KCDAA Board of Directors on new and emerging statewide issues for prosecutors as well as make recommendations to the Board for appropriate statewide initiatives dedicated to improving the criminal justice system.

Kansas prosecutors from 14 Kansas counties gathered in Wichita in June at a meeting hosted by Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett. Committee members in attendance and their respective counties were Kim Parker and Ann Swegle, Sedgwick; Barry Disney, Riley; Jerry Gorman, Wyandotte; Marc Goodman, Lyon; John Settle, Pawnee; Laura Lewis Meade and Sherri Schuck, Pottawatomie; Brandon Jones, Osage; Cheryl Marquardt, Leavenworth; Amy McGowan, Douglas; Mike Gayoso, Crawford; Tom Drees Ellis and Christina Trocheck, Saline and Amy Hanley from the Attorney General’s Office. Two additional committee members, Doug Matthews, Barton and Kevin Berens, Thomas were unable to attend.

The committee meets at least twice annually and addresses issues such as prosecutor media relations, law enforcement techniques, prosecutorial ethics, and pre-trial discovery policies. The committee will meet in late September and again during the KCDAA fall conference in October.

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