

**THANK YOU, JUDGE  
O'CONNOR.**

**IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO STAND  
BEFORE YOU TODAY ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE  
INSTALLATION OF KATHRYN  
VRATIL AS A UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE STATE  
OF KANSAS.**

**I FIRST WOULD SALUTE  
JUDGE O'CONNER FOR HIS**

**MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE.**

**I AM CONFIDENT KATHRYN  
VRATIL WILL BE AN  
OUTSTANDING JUDGE AND I AM  
PROUD TO PRESENT THE  
COMMISSION, WHICH IS THE  
OFFICIAL DECLARATION SIGNED  
BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AUTHORIZING THE OATH TO BE**

10/30/92

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**ADMINISTERED TO KATHRYN  
VRATIL.**



## JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR KANSAS

### ARCHIBALD WILLIAMS:

1861—Appointed March 12.  
1863—Died September.

### MARK W. DELAHAY:

1863—1 Kansas.  
1874—Resigned—10 Kansas.

### CASSIUS G. FOSTER:

1874—March 10—10 Kansas.  
1899—Resigned February 28—91 Federal.

### WILLIAM C. HOOK:

1899—March 1—93 Federal.  
1903—Appointed Circuit Judge—122 Federal.

### JOHN C. POLLOCK:

1903—Appointed December 2—125 Federal.  
1937—Died January 24—86 F.2d

### GEORGE McDERMOTT:

1928—Appointed January 26—23 F.2d  
1929—Assigned to Circuit Court—30 F.2d  
1937—Died January 19—87 F.2d

### RICHARD J. HOPKINS:

1929—Appointed December 19—35 F.2d  
1943—Died August 29—137 F.2d

### GUY T. HELVERING:

1943—Appointed October 11.  
1943—Oath of Office, November 1—131 F.2d  
1946—Died July 4—155 F.2d

### ARTHUR J. MELLOTT:

1945—Appointed November 29.  
1945—Oath of Office, December 8—155 F.2d  
1949—Became Chief Judge, October 27.  
1957—Died December 29.

### DELMAS C. HILL:

1949—Appointed October 21.  
1949—Oath of Office, October 27—176 F.2d  
1961—Appointed to USCA September 22.  
1961—Oath of Office, September 29—293 F.2d.  
1989—Died December 2.

### ARTHUR J. STANLEY, JR.:

1958—Appointed July 7.  
1958—Oath of Office, July 11—254 F.2d  
1961—Became Chief Judge, September 29—293 F.2d.  
1971—Retired, April 1.

### WESLEY E. BROWN:

1962—Appointed April 4.  
1962—Oath of Office, April 12—298 F.2d  
1971—Became Chief Judge, March 21.

### GEORGE TEMPLAR:

1962—Appointed April 12.  
1962—Oath of Office, April 26—299 F.2d.  
1988—Died August 5.

### FRANK G. THEIS:

1967—Appointed March 4.  
1967—Oath of Office, March 27—372 F.2d.  
1977—Became Chief Judge, June 22.

### EARL E. O'CONNOR:

1971—Appointed October 28.  
1971—Oath of Office, November 10.  
1981—Became Chief Judge, June 26.

### RICHARD D. ROGERS:

1975—Appointed August 5.  
1975—Oath of Office, August 7.

### DALE E. SAFFELS:

1979—Appointed November 2.  
1979—Oath of Office, November 16.

### PATRICK F. KELLY:

1980—Appointed May 23.  
1980—Oath of Office, June 6.  
1992—Became Chief Judge March 1.

### SAM A. CROW:

1981—Appointed December 10.  
1981—Oath of Office, December 22.

### G. THOMAS VAN BEBBER:

1989—Appointed December 8.  
1989—Oath of Office, December 8.

### JOHN W. LUNGSTRUM

1991—Appointed November 5.  
1991—Oath of Office, November 5.

### MONTI L. BELOT

1991—Appointed November 25  
1991—Oath of Office, November 5.



Ceremony in Connection  
with the Installation

*of*

**Kathryn H. Vratil**

*as*

**Judge of the United States District Court**

*for the*

**District of Kansas**

Proceedings in the

United States District Courtroom

United States Courthouse

812 North Seventh Street

Kansas City, Kansas

October 30, 1992

*Presiding*

**The Honorable Patrick F. Kelly**

*Chief Judge*



## Oath of Office for United States District Judge

I, KATHRYN H. VRATIL, do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as Judge of the District Court of the United States, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States; and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. SO HELP ME GOD.

## PROGRAM

*Opening of Court* ..... *Ralph L. DeLoach*  
*Clerk of Court*

*Invocation* ..... *The Reverend Robert H. Meneilly*  
*Senior Pastor, Village Presbyterian Church*  
*Prairie Village, Kansas*

*Introductory Remarks* ..... *The Honorable Patrick F. Kelly*  
*Chief Judge*  
*United States District Court for the District of Kansas*

*Presentation of*  
*Nominee and Commission* ..... *The Honorable Earl E. O'Connor*  
*Senior Judge*  
*United States District Court for the District of Kansas*

*The Honorable Robert Dole*  
*United States Senator for the State of Kansas*

*Administration of*  
*Oath of Office* ..... *The Honorable Monti L. Belot, Judge*  
*United States District Court for the District of Kansas*

*Ashley Adams Vratil, Thomas Wesley Belot*

*Robing* ..... *Alison Kathryn Vratil, J. Andrew Vratil*

*Response* ..... *The Honorable Kathryn H. Vratil, Judge*  
*United States District Court for the District of Kansas*

*Concluding Remarks* ..... *The Honorable Patrick F. Kelly*

*Benediction* ..... *The Honorable William Ray Price, Jr.*  
*Judge, Supreme Court of Missouri*

*Adjournment of Court*

*Reception*  
*Jack Reardon Civic Center*  
*500 Minnesota Avenue*  
*Kansas City, Kansas*

*Host:*  
*The Law Firm of*  
*Lathrop & Norquist*

**SENATOR BOB DOLE**

**INTRODUCTION OF KATHRYN**

**VRATIL**

**OCTOBER 30, 1992**

**THANK YOU, JUDGE  
O'CONNOR.**

**IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO STAND  
BEFORE <sup>you</sup> ~~THIS~~ COURT TODAY ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE  
INSTALLATION OF KATHRYN**



**VRATIL AS A UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE STATE  
OF KANSAS.**

**I OFTEN SAY THAT MY WIFE  
AND I ARE THE ONLY TWO  
ATTORNEYS IN WASHINGTON,  
D.C. WHO TRUST EACH OTHER.**

**WELL, LOOKING AT THE  
NUMBER OF ATTORNEYS IN THIS  
ROOM WHO HAVE COME TO  
JOIN KATHRYN AND HER FAMILY**

ON THIS DAY, I DEFINITELY GET  
A DIFFERENT FEELING. HERE IN  
KANSAS, THE LEGAL  
PROFESSION KNOWS, TRUSTS,  
AND SUPPORTS EACH OTHER.

ONE PERSON WHO I KNOW  
HAS YOUR COMPLETE TRUST  
AND RESPECT IS CHIEF JUDGE  
O'CONNOR, WHO <sup>I first would meet</sup> WE SHOULD  
ALSO SALUTE TODAY FOR HIS

*I first would  
salute  
Judge O.C.*



**MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE.**

**WHEN JUDGE O'CONNOR  
DECIDED TO TAKE SENIOR  
STATUS, SENATOR KASSEBAUM  
AND I SUBMITTED AN  
OUTSTANDING GROUP OF  
CANDIDATES TO PRESIDENT  
BUSH.**

**AND BY CHOOSING KATHRYN**

**VRATIL, THE PRESIDENT CHOSE  
VERY WISELY.**

**AS KATHY KNOWS, GETTING  
TO THIS POINT WAS A RACE  
AGAINST TIME. SENATOR  
KASSEBAUM AND I PLEDGED TO  
DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO  
ENSURE HER CONFIRMATION  
BEFORE ADJOURNMENT. HER  
CONFIRMATION HEARING WAS  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24--JUST**



**TWO WEEKS BEFORE  
CONGRESS ADJOURNED. AND  
SHE WAS CONFIRMED BY THE  
SENATE JUST TWO HOURS  
BEFORE WE ADJOURNED SINCE  
DIE.**

**SENATOR KASSEBAUM AND I  
WERE HELPED IN OUR MISSION  
BY THE EXCELLENCE OF OUR  
NOMINEE, WHO MADE AN  
OUTSTANDING IMPRESSION**

**BEFORE THE JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE--AS DID ALISON,  
ANDREW, AND ASHLEY.**

**AS KATHY TAKES THE BENCH,  
I AM FULLY AWARE THAT SHE  
OWES NO ALLEGIANCE TO  
MYSELF, SENATOR KASSEBAUM,  
OR THE PRESIDENT. RATHER,  
HER DUTY IS SIMPLY TO  
DISPENSE JUSTICE, FAIRLY AND  
IMPARTIALLY.**



*am confident K.V. will be an outstanding judge*

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**I KNOW SHE WILL DO THAT**

**VERY WELL, AND I AM PROUD TO  
PRESENT THE COMMISSION,  
WHICH IS THE OFFICIAL  
DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE  
PRESIDENT AND THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL AUTHORIZING THE  
OATH TO BE ADMINISTERED TO  
KATHRYN VRATIL.**

INSTALLATION OF KATHRYN H. VRATIL  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1992  
U.S. COURTHOUSE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

PRESIDING JUDGE PATRICK F. KELLY

PROGRAM

OPENING	RALPH DeLOACH, CLERK OF COURT
INVOCATION	REV. ROBT. MENEILLY, VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PRAIRIE VILLAGE
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	JUDGE KELLY
PRESENTATION OF K. VRATIL	SENIOR JUDGE EARL E. O'CONNOR
PRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION	SENATOR ROBERT DOLE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE	JUDGE MONTI BELOT ASHLEY VRATIL & THOMAS BELOT
ROBING	ALISON & ANDREW VRATIL
REMARKS	JUDGE KATHRYN VRATIL
BENEDICTION	JUDGE WM. RAY PRICE, JR. SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI

RECEPTION IMMEDIATE FOLLOWING AT THE REARDON CIVIC CENTER

- 0 BECAUSE JUDGE O'CONNOR IS KATHY'S MENTOR, KNOWS HER WELL,  
AND IS BUSTING WITH PRIDE, WE DECIDED THAT HE WOULD  
INTRODUCE HER TO THE COURT AND MAKE ANY OTHER INTRODUCTORY  
AND HISTORICAL OBSERVATIONS THAT JUDGE KELLY MIGHT OVERLOOK.
- 0 YOUR ROLE IS TO PRESENT THE COMMISSION, A FRAMED CERTIFICATE  
SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. CHIEF  
CLERK RALPH DeLOACH WILL HOLD IT UP AS YOU MAKE THE  
PRESENTATION.
- 0 THE CEREMONY IS EXPECTED TO LAST ONE HOUR.
- 0 JUDGE KELLY CALLED TO INVITE YOU TO SPEND THE DAY WITH THE  
JUDGES, BEGINNING WITH AN INFORMAL MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.,  
CONTINUING THROUGH LUNCH AND THE SWEARING-IN. I TOLD JUDGE  
KELLY THAT YOU WERE ALREADY COMMITTED TO A FULL SCHEDULE  
THAT DAY AND PASSED THE DETAILS TO JUDY.



JIM MCMILLAN (REVISED 10/21):

MAYOR CAROL BEGGS OF SALINA (913/827-6743): TALKED TO 10/19. HOPES TO HEAR FROM RTC SHORTLY REGARDING THEIR DECISION TO PAY BACK TAXES ON FORMER DAY'S INN HOTEL. HOPEFUL THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS. FURTHER FOLLOW UP ON ISSUE NECESSARY IF RTC CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT ON PAYING TAXES.

CITY MANAGER DENNIS KISSINGER (913/826-7250): ALSO CALLED THE CITY MANAGER TO SEE IF HE HAD ANY UPDATED NEWS ON RTC PAYING TAXES ON HOTEL. SAID HE WOULD CALL THE CITY'S LAWYERS TO SEE IF HAD HEARD FROM RTC. SAID THAT RTC WILL DEFINITELY RESPOND ON 10/30. AGREED THAT WE WOULD TALK AGAIN AND EVALUATE SITUATION ON 11/02. FURTHER FOLLOW UP NECESSARY IF RTC CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT ON PAYING TAXES.

ANDY ANDERSON (913/827-1462): TALKED TO 10/19. WAS INTERESTED IN SAME ISSUE AS MAYOR BEGGS. DISCUSSED NATURE OF PROBLEM. NO FURTHER FOLLOW UP NECESSARY.

JERRY GEARHARDT (913/833-5185) (INSURANCE INDUSTRY): CALLED ON 10/19 AND REACHED ON 10/20. DISCUSSED AT LENGTH 102ND CONGRESS LEGISLATION AFFECTING INSURANCE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING METZENBAUM, BROOKS AND DINGELL BILLS. NO FURTHER FOLLOW UP NECESSARY.

MARTIE PHILLIPS (316/663-7164) (SMALL BUSINESS OWNER -- FAMILY LEAVE): DISCUSSED HOW MANDATE APPROACH WILL HURT BUSINESS AND ITS EMPLOYEES. SHE LIKES THE TAX CREDIT APPROACH. ALSO DISCUSSED VARIOUS HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES. VICKIE WILL FOLLOWUP ON THOSE.

ELWIN CABBAGE (316/662-3331) (WILEY BUILDING): GOT AN UPDATE FROM THE RTC, KANSAS CITY, ON THE STATUS OF THE WILEY BUILDING (FIRE CODE AND ASBESTOS PROBLEMS) LAST FRIDAY. TALKED TO MR. CABBAGE TWICE ON 10/19 AND ON 10/20. UPDATED MR. CABBAGE ON STATUS OF BUILDING AND TIMETABLE FOR DISPOSITION. EVERYTHING HANGS ON ASBESTOS ABATEMENT STUDY WHICH IS NOT EXPECTED FOR 45 TO 60 DAYS. MR. CABBAGE IS TO PROVIDE ME WITH WRITTEN QUESTIONS THAT HE WANTS THE PBGC TO ANSWER. WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR DISPOSITION OF BUILDING.

JOHN DIMARCO (716/272-7760): SPOKE TO JERRY DIMARCO ON 10/19. ALSO CALLED JOHN DIMARCO ON 10/19 AND 10/20 AND DISCUSSED IMPACT OF CREDIT CRUNCH/BANK'S CUTTING OFF CREDIT TO SMALL BUSINESSES -- IMPACT ON JOBS AND ECONOMY. AGREED IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR BANKING COMMITTEE OF 103RD CONGRESS TO HOLD HEARINGS ON ISSUE. INDICATED THAT YOU WOULD PUSH FOR SUCH HEARINGS. NO FURTHER FOLLOW UP NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

FRED CONGER (316/662-4824): CALLED 10/20 AND REACHED ON 10/21. EXPAINED THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN NOT GET INVOLVED IN ONGOING JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (THAT WHAT OUR COURTS ARE FOR). INDICATED THAT WE WOULD COORDINATE WITH SENATOR KASSEBAUM'S