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## PREFACE TO THE SIXTH EDITION

This is the first edition of the Handbook since the advent of electronic filing of appellate cases. All prior editions, while containing some useful suggestions, are obsolete. With clear marching orders from our Supreme Court, all appellate attorneys must enroll and monitor their cases. Paper filing is now relegated to litigants that are unrepresented.

Prompted by these massive changes we have consolidated some chapters and subjects and created new sections for electronic filing. But there is more to an appeal than just getting in the door. Scheduling, briefing, and pre- and post-opinion motion practice are dealt with.

We sincerely hope that this work will be helpful to all who practice in this important area of the law. It is an attempt to open up the mysteries of electronic filing of appellate cases in Kansas.

I must shout from the rooftops my praise for Christy Molzen with the Kansas Judicial Council, who has done all of the heavy lifting in putting this handbook together. She has taken all of these separate parts and assembled them into a work that is clear, concise, and cogent. Because of her diligence and insight, this handbook should be useful to all.

Speaking of those separate parts, I acknowledge with awe and pride the hard work of the authors of the various chapters. They are: Hon. Caleb Stegall, Justice, Kansas Supreme Court, Patty Aska, Heather Cessna, Stephen M. Kerwick, Chelsey G. Langland, Steven J. Obermeier, Barry L. Pickens, Sarah Reichart, Nicki Rose, Doug Shima, Clerk of the Appellate Courts, and Jenny Bates, Deputy Clerk. I also acknowledge Sam Schirer and Clayton Perkins who contributed their work on the sample brief and petition for review.

These authors are involved, day to day, with the appellate courts. In this handbook they offer fresh insights and valuable advice about how to get things done and done right. I thank them all.

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## ADDENDUM

The 2022 supplement to the *Kansas Appellate Practice Handbook*, 6th Edition, was prepared by Gayle B. Larkin, Christy R. Molzen, Michelle R. Moore, and Douglas T. Shima.

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