



Sheryl Bussell, Attorney



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Board of Education

Chanute, KS 66720

RE: Open position on board

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to request your consideration for the open position left in the wake of the exit from the board of Matt Godinez. I am including my resume and CV for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Bussell

enc: Resume and CV



Sheryl Bussell



EDUCATION

Johnson County Community College
Associate of Arts Degree, 1978

Kansas University School of Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work, 1980

University of Tulsa College of Law
Juris Doctorate Degree, 1983

EXPERIENCE

Private practice of Law, Iola, Kansas, 1983—1993
Neosho County Attorney, Chanute, Kansas, 1993—1997
Assistant District Attorney, Wyandotte County Kansas City, Kansas 1997—2006
Special Assistant Attorney General, 2003—2006
District Court Trustee, Wyandotte County District Court, 2007—2018
Owner, Cavender Conference Center, 2019—2021
Private practice of Law, 2021—present

MEMBERSHIPS

Kansas Affiliate American Diabetes Association Board of Directors, 1985—1993
Allen County Bar Association, 1983—1993 (president, 1986)
Southeast Kansas Bar Association, 1983—1992
Wyandotte County Bar Association, 1997—2018
Kansas County and District Attorneys Association, 1993--2006
Hope Unlimited (formerly Family Lifeline) Board of Directors, 1983—1994
American Cancer Society Relay for Life Committee, Wyandotte County, 2000—2007
Kansas Women Attorneys Association, 1989—present

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- 1) Founded, along with court services officer and minister, Clyde Noyce and social worker Jeri Ornelas, the organization to deal with domestic violence that became Hope Unlimited in Iola in 1984. Was primary grant writer during the early years of the organization.
- 2) Received, along with partners in 1995, the Koch Crime Commission award for juvenile crime prevention for the Chanute, Kansas truancy program called "At School, On Time, Ready to Work."

- 3) Received grant funds from the Kansas Youth Authority in 1998 (renewed at least 4 times by the successor agency Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority) to create a successful truancy initiative in Wyandotte County.
- 4) During the time I managed the truancy initiative (1998 to 2006), Juvenile crime reduced by 25%, graduation rates for urban schools increased from 50% in 1997 to 75%, and in the case of Washington High School 83% in 2006.
- 5) In 2004 was invited to present a workshop at the first National Truancy Conference, "Partnering to Prevent Truancy: A National Priority" Conference in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice, in conjunction with Safe and Drug Free Schools, U.S. Department of Education.
- 6) Served on the Unified Government Wyandotte County Kansas City Kansas Mayor Carol Marinovich's Committee for Children, 2001-2005. During that time I wrote and was awarded grant funding with partners and KVC, a center for visitation and exchange of children in families that were involved in domestic violence. That grant was renewed and total funds received over 6 years was \$700,000.
- 7) Was involved in reviving and reinventing the Wyandotte County District Court Supervised Visitation Center when grant funding expired.
- 8) I had a unique program as District Court Trustee authorized by the court to appear at the docket for Protection from Abuse actions and establish child support payments between the parties immediately, including orders for expedited paternity testing.
- 9) Was appointed by Kansas Attorney General Carla Stoval as Special Assistant Attorney General to bring cases under the Kansas Sexually Violent Predators Act in 2003, handling all aspects of those cases successfully until I left the Wyandotte DA's office in 2006.
- 10) Presented at state child support conferences in 2009 and 2010, "Execution and Sales of Personal Property of Child Support Debtors."