



August 20, 2015

Chadwick J. Taylor, District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney
Shawnee County Courthouse
200 SE 7th Street, Suite 214
Topeka, KS 66603

Dear Mr. Taylor,

On behalf of the Kansas Association for Justice, I am writing to express concerns regarding the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) and compliance by the Workers Compensation and Employment Security Board Nominating Committee (Committee).

We believe the Committee is subject to KOMA. We are concerned that the Committee has not fully complied with KOMA provisions requiring that meetings be open to the public. We are also concerned about the Committee's full compliance with KOMA at future meetings.

On July 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., the Committee met and held interviews of candidates for an open administrative law judge position. The interviews were held in Executive Session, which we believe is in violation of KOMA.

The Committee makes recommendations regarding the nomination of workers compensation law judges and members of the Employment Security Board. The Committee has significant impact on Kansans that have workers compensation or unemployment claims. It is in the interests of the public and press that the Committee be fully compliant with KOMA.

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On behalf of KSAJ members and the Kansans they represent, I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/

Timothy V. Pickell
President

CC: Derek Schmidt, Attorney General of the State of Kansas