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Judge Bornholdt (Retired) Retained as Mediator in Lenexa Office

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Department of Labor Secretary, Lana Gordon, announced that the agency has retained Thomas Bornholdt as a Workers Compensation mediator effective immediately. Bornholdt will be available for mediation in the Lenexa office or at your location.

While serving on the Johnson County bench for 20 years, Bornholdt conducted numerous mediations in cases pending in other divisions. Prior to his judicial appointment, Bornholdt was an attorney who handled workers compensation cases as well as other disputes.

Mediation within the workers compensation system was created by the Kansas legislature in 1996. It is a means of resolving disputes in an informal and non-adversarial manner. The mediator's job is to assist in identifying the issues in dispute and set common goals. The key is to allow both sides to work through their dispute and create their own agreements. Mediators are employees of the KDOL Workers Compensation Division who have received special training in the mediation process. The mediation service is offered free of charge. Mediation service is also provided in the Topeka and satellite offices throughout Kansas.

Mediation can be scheduled by calling (785) 296-4000, opt. 0, ext. 2147.

For more information on KDOL Workers Compensation mediation, click here:

<http://www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/mediation.aspx> .

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The Kansas Department of Labor assists in the prevention of economic insecurity through unemployment insurance and workers compensation, by providing a fair and efficient venue to exercise employer and employee rights, and by helping employers promote a safe work environment for their employees. This facilitates compliance with labor laws while enabling advancement of the economic well-being of the citizens of Kansas.

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