

**The Honorable John K. Pearson**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge, District of Kansas, Retired**  
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Admitted to practice in California and Kansas state and federal courts, Ninth and Tenth Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court.

**Education:**

B.A. in German and History in 1968 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Also attended Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg, Germany (1965).

J.D. in 1973 from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, San Francisco.

**Military Service:**

06/68-08/69 United States Navy NROTC Regular Scholarship LTJG  
Honorably discharged.

**Private Practice Experience:**

08/74-12/76 Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite and Kellogg, Wichita, Kansas. Associate with general trial practice firm. Primary emphasis on insurance defense, commercial law, and estate planning.

06/82-05/86 McDowell, Rice & Smith, Chartered. Managed Wichita office of general practice firm. Primary emphasis on commercial law, including, litigation in state and federal courts, and bankruptcy.

05/03-05/08 Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, LLC, Wichita, Ks. Of counsel. Practice focused primarily on bankruptcy reorganization and uniform commercial code litigation matters.

**Government Positions:**

05/86-  
5/2000 United States Bankruptcy Judge  
District of Kansas  
Wichita, Kansas  
Designated to sit in United States Bankruptcy Court  
for the District of Colorado (1991-92)  
10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (1995-2000)

10/79-05/82 Assistant United States Trustee  
Department of Justice  
Wichita, Kansas

09/73-07/74 Law clerk to The Honorable Arthur J. Stanley, Jr.  
Senior United States District Judge  
Leavenworth, Kansas

**Other:**

1977-79 Staff Attorney  
Federal Intermediate Credit Bank  
(Now USAg Bank of Wichita)

1983-86 Member, Private panel of trustees for Chapter 7 in Wichita, KS

**Academic Positions:**

2008- Present Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Kansas School of Law  
Secured Transactions

2000-03 Professor of Law, Faculty Chair  
Presidents College School of Law  
123 S. Market  
Wichita, Kansas 67202  
Bankruptcy, Sales and Secured Transactions and Civil Procedure.

1977-82 Adjunct Associate Professor of Administration  
(Taught commercial and bankruptcy law to undergraduates in business.)  
Wichita State University  
Wichita, Kansas

Have participated in seminars for:  
The American, Kansas, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas, Oregon, and  
Arizona Bar Associations; Norton Seminars, Inc.; The Central California  
Bankruptcy Association; Professional Education Seminars, Inc.; The  
American Bankruptcy Institute; The National Conference of Bankruptcy  
Judges; The National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees; The American  
Bankers Association; The Kansas Bankers Association; The Colorado  
Bankers Association; and The National Association of Credit  
Management.

**Other:**

1990-2005 *Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser*  
Contributor and Co-managing Editor

1995-2008 Member and President, Board of Directors of Via Christi Our Lady of  
Lourdes Rehabilitation Hospital, Wichita, Kansas

## Professional Associations:

Wichita Bar Association	Ethics Committee 2003 - 2008
Kansas Bar Association	Chairman: Bankruptcy & Insolvency Section, 1987-89, member, 1987-present  Member: Education Committee, 1987-1993
State Bar of California	Inactive license
American Bankruptcy Institute	Secretary: 1991-95 Member: Board of Directors, 1988-1996 Member: Executive Committee, 1989-1994 Chair: Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules Honorary Life Member
American College of Bankruptcy	Charter Fellow; Tenth Circuit Nominating Committee 1990-1996
National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges	Board of Directors, 1991-94, Secretary 1999-2000, <i>Conference News</i> - Co-editor and editor, 1988-2000 <i>American Bankruptcy Law Journal</i> , Member Editorial Board; Associate Editor, 1996-1999

## Honors and Awards:

- 1980 Department of Justice Special Achievement Award
- 1982 Kansas Bar Association President's Outstanding Service Award

## Publications: (Partial list)

*Revised Article 9 in Kansas*, 51 U.Kan. L. Rev. 769 (Summer 2003)  
*A Brief Overview of Revised Article 9 in Kansas*, 72 KBAJ 22 (September 2003)  
*Revised Article 9 and Government Entitlement Program Payments: A Suggested Solution*,  
American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, October 2003.  
*Drafting Bankruptcy Reorganization Forms* (Wiley 2d ed. 1993)  
*Kansas Bar Association Bankruptcy Handbook* (3d ed. 1995) (editor and chapter author)  
*Kansas Bar Association Personal Property Secured Transactions Handbook* (2d ed. 1994)  
(co-author)  
*National Association of Credit Management Manual of Commercial Laws* (NACM 1992, 1993,  
1994 & 1995) (co-author)  
*Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice* (Clark, Boardman, Callaghan 1993 Supp.) (contributor)  
*Bankruptcy Rules and Forms Handbook* (Wiley Law Publications 1991, 1994) (co-author)  
*A Guide to Challenging Consumer Bankruptcy: A Key Debt Recovery Process* (American

Bankers Association 1991) (co-author)  
*NACM Reorganization Guide* (NACM 1991)  
*Texas Personal Property Secured Transactions Handbook* (PESI 1991) (co-author)  
*A Creditor's Guide to Bankruptcy* (U. Wis. L. School 1990)  
*Secured Transactions Handbook for Wisconsin Lawyers and Lenders* (U. Wis. L. School 1990)  
(co-author)  
Numerous articles for the *Norton Adviser*; *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Journal*.