JUDD R. CHOATE

Judd Choate joined KGHL in 2008. His practice emphasizes dispute resolution in both state and federal court, as well as various administrative agencies. He specializes in election law, family law, appellate practice, and commercial litigation. Judd's family law practice involves all aspects of domestic relations law.

Judd obtained his J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School in 2006. While in law school, Judd served as Editor-in-Chief of the Colorado Law Review. He was a summer clerk for Judge Timothy Tymkovich of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as Judges Jolene Blair and Terrence Gilmore of the 8th District Court. In addition to a J.D., Judd has an MA and Ph.D. in political science, with a minor focus in statistical methods, from Purdue University.

Upon graduating from law school, Judd completed a two-year appointment as law clerk for Justice Alex J. Martinez of the Colorado Supreme Court. Prior to law school, Judd was a Professor of Political Science at the University of Nebraska, where he taught courses on campaigns and elections, Congress, and the presidency. He was also a fellow at the Nebraska Public Policy Center. Judd also has extensive statistical training, having taught quantitative statistical methods. While a professor at the University of Nebraska, Judd was appointed by the Nebraska Supreme Court to lead the Nebraska Minority and Justice Task Force. As State Director of the 18-month effort, Judd researched and wrote the Task Force's final report, outlining various legal barriers to racial and ethnic minorities in the state of Nebraska.

In addition to several articles, published in varied political science journals, and the book-length report on race and ethnicity in the Nebraska legal system, Judd recently published *Torn and Frayed: Congressional Norms and Party Switching in a Era of Reform*, a book researching the norms of committee behavior in the United States House of Representatives.

Judd has worked on the staff of several political candidates, including those seeking both statewide and national office.

Finally, Judd was a scout for the Kansas City Royals, from 1993-96.

Judd is a movie connoisseur, political junkie, and a lifelong KU Basketball fan. On most Sundays in the summer, you will find Judd, Lyn, and Mahlon at the Colorado Rockies game.

Employment History

Kelly Garnsey Hubbell + Lass LLC (Denver, Colorado): Associate, 2008-present

Justice Alex J. Martinez, Colorado Supreme Court: Law Clerk, 2006-2008

Nebraska Minority and Justice Task Force, Nebraska Supreme Court: Director, 2001-2003

Nebraska Public Policy Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Fellow, 2000-2003

Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Professor, 1999-2001

Department of Political Science, Baker University: Professor, 1997-1999

Kansas City Royals Baseball Club: Regional Scout, 1993-1996

Education

J.D., University of Colorado-Boulder, 2006

> Editor-in-Chief, Colorado Law Review, 2005-06; Honor Code Prosecutor, 2005-06; Chair of the Art Committee for New Building, 2005-06; Justice Luis Rovira Scholarship for Outstanding Constitutional Law Scholar at CU, 2005-06; Criminal Practice Legal Aid, 2005-06; Mock Trial, 2003-04.

Ph. D., Purdue University, 1997

> Political Science (American Political Institutions), with minors in Quantitative Methodology, Political Behavior, and Political History. Most Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant, 1996; Most Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1997.

M.A., Purdue University, 1994

> Political Science (American Political Institutions), with minors in Quantitative Methodology and Comparative Politics. Graduate Research Assistant for C-SPAN Research Archives.

B.A., Fort Hays State University, 1992, *magna cum laude*

Licensure

Admitted to practice in the Colorado.

Civil and Professional Activities

Denver; Colorado and American Bar Associations: Member.

Colorado Bar Association's Diversity in Legal Profession Committee: Member.

Colorado Bar Association's Family Law Section: Member.

Publications

Books

Choate, Judd. 2004. *Torn and Frayed: The Challenges to and Stability of Institutional Norms.* Westport, CT: Praeger Publishing.

Choate, Judd. 2003. *Minority and Justice Task Force Final Report*. Lincoln, NE: Nebraska State Bar Association.

Published Articles

Choate, Judd. 2004. "The Effects of *Troxel*: Grandparents' Legal Rights Remain Uncertain." *Institute Briefs*, Family and Youth Institute of Colorado State University, Volume V1, Issue 2.

Choate, Judd. 2003. "Minority and Justice Task Force Final Report Summary." *Nebraska Lawyer*, March 2003.

Choate, Judd and Eric Waltenburg. 2000. "Explaining the Use of the Veto in Indiana: An Event Count Model." In Eisenstein, Maurice, ed. *Indiana Politics*, New York: Simon and Shuster.

Clawson, Rosalee and Judd Choate. 1999. "Explaining Gendered Participation," *Social Science Computer Review* 17:455-459.

Kathlene, Lyn and Judd Choate. 1999. "Running for Elected Office: A Ten-Week Political Campaign Simulation for Upper Division Courses," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 17:69-76.