

Kansas County and District Attorneys Association names Don Scott Prosecutor of the Year

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The Kansas County and District Attorneys Association (KCDA) is pleased to announce its annual award winners: Don Scott – Prosecutor of the Year; Sally Salguero – Lifetime Achievement Award; Natalie Chalmers – Associate Member Prosecutor of the Year; and Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, Senator Jeff King, and Representative Lance Kinzer – Policymaker of the Year awards.

The award winners were honored during the 2013 KCDA Fall Conference Awards Luncheon on Monday at the Overland Park Marriott in Overland Park.



Don Scott received the Prosecutor of the Year award. This award is presented to a prosecutor for outstanding prosecution of a case or cases throughout the year. The nominee must be a regular member of KCDA.

Scott has been the Seward County Attorney for the past 25 years. He has run unopposed for the position since 1992. He has tried and convicted numerous people for everything from traffic tickets to many of those occurring while being a part-time prosecutor.

His philosophy has always been that his assistants would learn more by trying cases than by watching others try cases. However, he usually doesn't give them more than they can handle. Under Scott's tenure as Seward County Attorney, the office has grown from part-time to six full-time attorneys.

Scott has been a member of the KCDA for 25 years and has attended almost every Spring and Fall conference during that time. In addition, he is active with Kids, Inc., Rotary, Kiwanis, the Southwest Kansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Facility (SKADAF) as a board member, St. Andrews Vestry, and West Middle School Site Council.

Salguero was honored with the KCDA Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented to a regular KCDA member for his/her longevity as a prosecutor. The nominee must have served no less than 25 years in a prosecutor position, and not previously received this award.

Salguero is an Assistant District Attorney in the Sedgwick County DA's office.

Chalmers has been selected as the Associate Member Prosecutor of the Year. This award is presented to a prosecutor for outstanding prosecution of a case or cases throughout the year from an office other than a County or District Attorney's office. The nominee must be an associate member of KCDA.

Chalmers is Assistant Solicitor General in the Kansas Attorney General's office.

Kansas Attorney General Schmidt, Senator King, and Representative Kinzer were honored with Policymaker of the Year awards.

This award is presented to an individual who is determined to have made a significant impact on policy related to county and district attorneys either during the past year or over an extended career of public service.

The award is open to individuals having public policy making authority as evidenced by legislative support of the KCDA.