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Restoring Balance in Litigation

KBR Member Philip Davidson who leads the litigation department at Hinkle Law Firm, supported passage of [Sub Bill for SB54](#) in his [testimony](#) in February at the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill was signed into Kansas law in April to require disclosure of third parties that fund litigation.

Such disclosure will restore balance because it enables all parties in litigation to be in a better position to resolve cases through mediation or settlement. Disclosure ensures the mediator is made aware of all relevant information.

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In addition to increasing equity and balance between plaintiffs and defendants, disclosure enhances the timeliness and cost-effectiveness in the disposition of cases, especially considering that the vast majority of civil claims are resolved prior to trial.



"When the scales of justice become unbalanced, it can be difficult to make changes to return the system to equilibrium."
Philip Davidson, Hinkle Law

Congratulations to the Kansas Legislature, Hinkle Law Firm, and the many proponents of this bill for re-establishing balance in this aspect of the Kansas judicial system. The Kansas Business Roundtable is proud to have convened the conversation in 2024 about this issue.

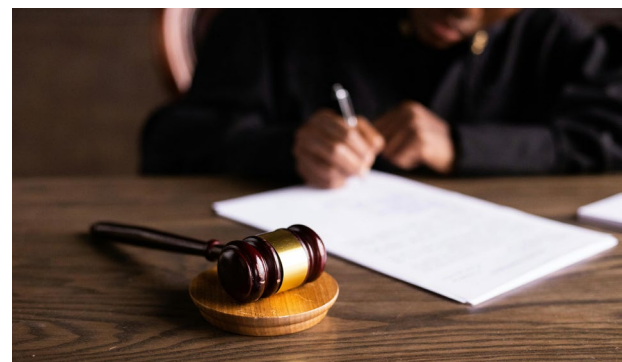
New Ways to Invest Local

The Kansas Legislature has passed [Sub HB2152](#), enabling state and local governments to invest more in Kansas community banks to strengthen local economies. This legislation updates outdated regulations on the investment of local and state idle funds.

As outlined in our January article, [Outdated Investment Policies Affect Kansas Economy](#), the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) proposed these changes and collaborated with city and county leaders to develop a compromise bill. This solution advances the KBA's objectives while addressing short-term impacts on local governments.

Long-term, the goal is to empower community banks to expand lending for business growth, vehicle and home loans, startups, agribusiness, and housing initiatives across the Kansas. This bill demonstrates the legislature's ability to prioritize policies that enhance local economic prosperity.

Congratulations to the Kansas Bankers Association, which is a member of the Kansas Business Roundtable, in its effort to modernize banking regulations and invest in Kansas communities!





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Annual Issues Summit

September 23, 2025

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Save the date for the Roundtable's annual Issues Summit at the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. We will discuss important issues facing our state and explore topics of interest for the upcoming legislative session. Seating is limited. Contact Scott Schneider at scott@sjschneider.law or Kathy.Sexton@wichita.edu for information.



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Why is KBR valuable?

The Kansas Business Roundtable recognizes that the state's economic health relies not just on state investment in businesses but also on the backbone of any business: the employees. That means access to quality healthcare, education, housing, and infrastructure are critical.

Why did you help start KBR?

KHA recognized that while everyone in the state talks about the value of healthcare to health, there seems to be little focus on healthcare as an economic driver in the state.

Health care services make up the fourth largest group of employers in the state. Only services other than health care, government, and wholesale and retail trade employ more Kansans.

Hospitals are the largest employer in the health care service group. Investing in healthcare in Kansas is investing in the Kansas economy.

Learn how to get involved in the Kansas Business Roundtable by contacting adunkel@kha-net.org or Kathy.Sexton@wichita.edu.



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