

JOHN M. WAMPLER DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John M. Wampler serves as the District Attorney for the Third Judicial District which is made up of Jackson, Kiowa, Greer, Harmon and Tillman counties. Wampler was first elected to the position in 1990 and has been reelected six times without opposition. He is currently serving his 26th year as District Attorney.

Wampler, age 62, was born in Altus and raised in the Duke community where he has lived all of his life. Five generations of his family have made Southwest Oklahoma their home. His parents, the late Wilbur and Lillian Wampler, were in the grocery business in Duke for many years. After graduating from Duke High School in 1971, Wampler attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford where he graduated in 1974 with a B.A. degree in Political Science. That fall, he entered the University of Oklahoma College of Law and graduated there with a Juris Doctor degree in 1977.

While attending the OU College of Law, Wampler was employed on the staff of Governor David L. Boren until completing law school when he returned to Altus and entered the private practice of law. He practiced law for the next thirteen years with the late Bob Scarbrough until deciding to run for District Attorney.

Wampler served as the Municipal Judge for the City of Altus for over eleven years and also served as the Municipal Judge for Hollis and City Attorney for the Town of Blair. He also served a term on the Duke Town Board. His civic service has included serving on the Jackson County United Way Board of Directors, Jackson County Red Cross Board of Directors, Altus Jaycees, Duke and Altus Chambers of Commerce, Jackson County Bar Association and the Oklahoma Bar Association. He has served as President of the Duke Chamber of Commerce, Duke Alumni Association and the Jackson County Bar Association.

Since becoming District Attorney, Wampler has three times been chosen by his fellow prosecutors to serve as President of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association and as Chairman of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council. He currently is representing Oklahoma District Attorneys on the Board of Directors of the National District Attorneys Association and previously served on the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission. In 2009, he was honored as the Prosecutor of the Year by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

In 1999, Wampler married Kendi Brown of Wichita Falls, Texas, and they make their home in Duke where they also enjoy a small farm and ranch operation. They have four sons; Scott and his wife Tasha, Chris, Konnor, Cameron and three grandchildren, Grace, Sadie and Landon. Kendi, a former Miss Oklahoma in 1978, owns and operates a dance studio in Weatherford, Oklahoma and is active in the Miss Oklahoma organization assisting several local pageants including the Miss Altus Pageant and the Miss Southwestern pageant.

The Wampers are members of the Duke First Baptist Church. He also served a term on the State Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention.