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## **FRANK L. AUSTENFELD – Executive Director**

### **EDUCATION**

Washburn University School of Law - Topeka, Kansas

Degree: Juris Doctor (December, 1985)

Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas

Degree: Bachelor of Science with Honors in Public Affairs (May, 1983)

Minor: Business Administration

### **HONORS**

Land Trust Alliance National Conservation Defense Network

Johnson County Bar Association Certificate of Recognition, Chairman of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Bench/Bar Conference Committee

Veterans of Foreign Wars Community Service Citation

President's Award, Kansas Wildlife Federation, Commitment to Cheyenne Bottoms Water Rights and Water Law advocate

### **FORMER ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS HELD**

Director - N.E. District, Kansas Wildlife Federation

Johnson County Area Hunter Education Facilitator and Safety Instructor

State of Kansas Advisory Counsel Member, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks on Hunter Education

Court-Appointed Counsel for the Following: Overland Park, Lake Quivera,

Shawnee, Merriam, Olathe, and the District Court of Johnson County

Executive Director, Kansas Wildlife Officers (Game Warden) Association

Member of the Board of Directors, Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale Kansas

Chairman Johnson County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee

Chairman Johnson County Bench Bar Conference Committee

Co-Chairman Johnson County Bar Association Golf Tournament Safelife Fundraiser

Co-Chairman Johnson County Bar Association Annual Turkey shoot trapshoot

Inn of the Court Select Membership Legal Think-tank, Kansas City

Attorney and consultant developer with the Low Fee Plan, Kansas Legal Aid

Business Law Instructor adjunct professor Emporia State University

Instructor/presenter for Continuing Legal Education "Governmental Programs for the Sporting Practitioner"

Instructor/presenter for Continuing Legal Education "Personal Injury Mediation"

Instructor/presenter for Continuing Legal Education "Johnson County Bar Association Ethics Committee and Procedure"

Kansas Supreme Court Rule 211 Ethics Panel Member, Topeka Kansas

Approved Federal Mediator, FmHA Farm Mediation Program

**WILDLIFE HABITAT AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS**

Project Manager, Upper Turkey Creek Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) Feasibility Study by task order from the EPA Reg. 7 in coordination with U.S.A.C.E.

Assistant Inventory Analyst, Bird Inventory Project, Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge, Emporia High School

Project Manager/Owner, Wetlands Restoration Project and fish stocking program, Co-Operative US Fish and Wildlife Service Morris County Kansas

Project Manager/Owner, Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project, Co-Operative with USDA, KDWP, and Quail Unlimited Morris County Kansas

Project Manager/Owner, Wildlife Habitat Planting Project, 199<sup>th</sup> & Mission Road, Johnson County Kansas

Project Manager/Owner, Aquatic Habitat Design, Fish Stocking and Implementation Project, 199<sup>th</sup> & Mission Road, Johnson County Kansas

Project Manager and Co-Owner, Wind Row Restoration Project Co-operative with the Kansas Forestry Department administered by USDA, 164<sup>th</sup> and Switzer

Project Design Consultant and Habitat Design Implementation Co-operative with Quail Unlimited, Bourbon County Kansas

Many others as Executive Director of the Watershed Institute, Inc., Nonprofit Corp. throughout the United States

Additional Education and Outreach Projects: <http://www.watershedinstitute.biz/Education.html>

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS**

Land Trust Alliance National Conservation Defense Network

Chairman, Missouri Land Trust Coalition Steering Committee

Missouri Land Trust Coalition Conservation Easement Law Committee

Member Johnson County Ethics Committee

Member Johnson County Bench Bar Committee

Pro-tem Judge, Johnson County District Court Chapter 61, and other Chapter 60 divisions

Johnson County Bar Association

Johnson County Barristers Association

Habitat for Humanity Home Build through the Johnson County Bar Association

Member, Mid-Arkansas River Basin Workgroup, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Knights of Columbus

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Executive Director                      Watershed Land Trust, Inc  
501(c)(3) Public Charity  
January 2007 - present

Executive Director                      Watershed Institute, Inc  
Nonprofit Corp.  
May 2004 - present

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Attorney,  
Self-Employed

Frank L. Austenfeld Law Office,  
*Emphasis in Personal Injury, Environmental and Water Law*  
Attorney at Law  
Overland Park, Kansas  
February 1986 – Present

Mediator

Accident Mediation Services  
1990 to present

Midwest Mediation and Arbitration  
Personal Injury and Farm Foreclosure Mediator  
1988 - 1990

Law Clerk

Kansas Insurance Department  
Health Care Stabilization Fund  
Topeka, Kansas  
March 1984 - February 1986

Supervisor

YMCA of Topeka, Central Branch  
Topeka, Kansas  
October 1983 - January 1984

Assistant Director

Camp Wood YMCA  
Elmdale, Kansas  
May - August 1983

Legislative  
Intern

U.S. Senator Bob Dole  
Washington, D.C.  
Summer 1982