



Wichita Council of Engineering Societies

Annual Engineers Week Banquet – 2025

Speaker: Honorable Rachael Pickering

ENGINEERS WEEK 2024
FEBRUARY 18-24

Topic: “Artificial Intelligence: A Look Back to See Its Future”

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Aeronautics/Astronautics

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Civil Engineers

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Air-Conditioning Engineers

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Mechanical Engineers

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Electronics Engineers

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Systems Engineering

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Engineers

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On November 30, 2022, ChatGPT 3.5 was released. It accumulated one million users within five days and the term Artificial Intelligence soon became part of our everyday vernacular. The promise of this “new” technology brought both excitement and concern in many professions, including the legal profession. Noting this, Judge Pickering has studied the history of AI and its potential broad implications. Her talk analyzes the evolution of this technology to better understand both the pathways that have produced today’s AI – and the trajectories AI may take moving forward. Her presentation thus looks backward to gain insight into this game-changing technology and to shed light on its future consequences and challenges.

Place: *Marriott Hotel*
9100 East Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, Kansas

Date: *Thursday, February 20, 2025*

Times: *5:00 p.m. - Social & Engineering Mini-Fair*
6:30 p.m. - Dinner
7:30 p.m. - Program

Bio: *Judge Rachel Pickering is the first Hispanic judge to serve on the Court of Appeals. She comes to the Court following service as a district court judge in Kansas’ 3rd Judicial District. Prior to joining the bench, she was assistant solicitor general in the Attorney General’s Office and Shawnee County assistant district attorney after spending a decade in criminal defense, both at the appellate and trial levels. She specialized in intellectual property earlier in her career. She earned her law degree from the University of Missouri School of Law, with a certificate in e-commerce and intellectual property. In addition to teaching as an adjunct professor at Washburn University School of Law, she is a member of the ABA Science and Technology Law Section, serving as a Vice-Chair for the Science and Technology For the Social Good Committee.*



Tickets: *\$45 for individual (\$55 at the door). Please refer to the attached banquet registration form for sponsor instructions and registration.*

Deadline: *5 PM Thursday, February 13, 2025*