



Thomas L. Bell
President and CEO
Kansas Hospital Association

Biographical Information

Tom Bell became President and CEO of the Kansas Hospital Association in January 2005. He began his career at KHA in 1986 as vice president and legal counsel after working as a health care attorney for the firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer. Prior to becoming President and CEO, he also held the positions of senior vice president/legal counsel and executive vice president for both KHA and the Kansas Health Service Corporation.

Bell currently serves on the boards of the Kansas Health Services Corporation, the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation, the KHA Workers Compensation Fund, the Kansas Health Information Network, the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative and the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund. Beyond his state leadership role, Tom also serves in a number of capacities in regional and national health care related initiatives. He is Chairman of the Board of the Health Alliance of Mid-America and APS, both joint ventures between the Kansas Hospital Association and the Missouri Hospital Association. He is also a member of the Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association.

Bell is a native Kansan from Holton and graduated from Kansas State University and Washburn University School of Law. After graduation, Bell clerked for Kansas Supreme Court Justice Harold Herd prior to joining Goodell Stratton.

Tom and his wife, Vicki, a registered nurse, live in Topeka. They are the parents of two grown children, Catherine Bell (married to Arin Dunn) of Austin, Texas, and Chris Bell (married to Katherine Sucher Bell) of Des Moines, Iowa.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. The association's primary roles include state and federal legislative advocacy on behalf of its membership and member education. KHA membership includes over 136 member facilities, of which 125 are full-service community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA maintains its vision of "health related organizations cooperating together to improve health in the state through community-based health and hospital services." For more information, visit the KHA Web site at www.kha-net.org.

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