

# Class Actions

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## 1966

**Daniel Forker**, Haven, Kansas, was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy as part of its 31st class.

## 1972

**Gregory Waller**, Topeka, was inducted into the Hutchinson High School Wall of Honor.

## 1974

**John Kemp**, Roslyn, New York, retired as CEO of The Viscardi Center and is now president and CEO of The Lakeshore Foundation in Birmingham, Alabama.

## 1975

**Randall McGrath**, Lawrence, Kansas, published his second book, "From the Bench and Beyond," about his experiences as a judge and lawyer in Kansas.

## 1977

**Jeffrey Joy**, Portland, Oregon, joined Greenberg Traurig as counsel in Portland and Orange County.

**Michael C. Manning**, Paradise Valley, Arizona, was honored with his seventh selection out of the last 10 years for the Super Lawyers of Arizona. He was also named one of the Top 50 Lawyers in Arizona four times in the last six years.

**David Urbom**, Arapahoe, Nebraska, retired in the summer of 2021 as judge for the 11th Judicial District.

**Merlin Wheeler**, Emporia, Kansas, has retired after 32 years of service as a judge, including 25 years as chief judge, to the 5th Judicial District in Kansas. He was awarded Kansas District Judges Association's Judicial Excellence Award at KDJA's October 2022 annual meeting.

## 1978

**Bruce Gatterman**, Larned, Kansas, was reappointed as chief judge in the 24th Judicial District.

## 1979

**Robert Hartsook**, Kansas City, Missouri, was inducted into the Colby Community College Alumni Hall of Fame.

## 1980

**Richard Anderson**, Topeka, received the Judicial Excellence Award from the Kansas District Judges Association. Anderson also retired in December of 2021 as a district court judge for Shawnee County.

**Norman Hope**, Dallas, Texas, was elected secretary and treasurer for the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants for the 2021-22 year.

**Randall Grisell**, Garden City, Kansas, retired as the city attorney after 41 years of practicing law and 33 of those years serving his city.

## 1981

**Kevin Regan**, Kansas City, Missouri, was selected to serve as the grand marshal for the annual Topeka St. Patrick's Day parade. His four grandchildren rode along with him.

## 1982

**Marty "Joe" Dickinson**, Newton, Kansas, has retired from the 9th Judicial District after seven years as chief judge.

## 1985

**Steven Johnson**, Great Bend, Kansas, was reappointed as chief judge in the 20th Judicial District.

**Stephen Minnis**, Atchinson, Kansas, received the Papal Award from Caritas in Veritate for being one of the remarkable Catholic leaders, showing outstanding work in charity and leadership.

## 1986

**Benjamin Sexton**, Abilene, Kansas, has been named the new chief judge of the 8th Judicial District.

**Steven Scheiwe**, Encinitas, California, was appointed to the board of directors of Atlas Financial Holdings.

## 1987

**Jeffry Larson**, Emporia, Kansas, was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to serve as the chief judge of the 5th Judicial District.

## 1989

**Tony Barry**, Topeka, was inducted into the Topeka West Athletics Hall of Fame.

**James Fleetwood**, Wichita, Kansas, received the Judicial Excellence Award from the Kansas District Judges Association during the virtual statewide conference for judges.

## 1990

**Susan (Hoffman) Robson**, Marion, Kansas, was appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly as a judge to the 8th Judicial District.

## 1991

**Keith Haas**, Overland Park, Kansas, was promoted to associate vice president - legal counsel at Black and Veatch Corporation.

**Jeffrey Moots**, Hagatna, Guam, was named legal counsel for the Office of the Governor of Guam this year.

## 1992

**Jeffrey Jackson**, Topeka, has been named interim dean of the Washburn University School of Law.

## 1993

**Timothy Shultz**, Topeka, has joined Stormont Vail Health as associate general counsel, risk and safety.

## 1994

**Craig Henderson**, Fruita, Colorado, was recognized by McPherson College for his accomplishments and received a Young Alumni Award.

**Ja'mez Jahmez-James-Antonio Reid**, Arverne, New York, served as an Army doctor until medically boarded with honor due to a traumatic service brain injury of a hemorrhagic stroke.

## 1995

**William Mott**, Wellington, Kansas, was reappointed as chief judge in the 30th Judicial District.

## 1996

**Clinton Peterson**, Liberal, Kansas, was appointed chief judge of the 26th Judicial District.

**William Stetzer**, Belmont, North Carolina, was recently hired as Gaston County's new attorney.

## 1999

**Trey Alford**, Kansas City, Missouri, prosecuted the largest Social Security fraud case in history, and Apple TV recently made a true crime documentary, "The Big Conn," on the case. Alford appears in episodes three and four.

**Gregory Hill**, Aurora, Colorado, was appointed the executive director of the New York State Dental Association.

**Steven Neill**, Lenexa, Kansas, has been appointed as a veterans law judge for the Board of Veterans' Appeals in Washington, D.C., prior to this appointment, he was an active duty Army officer for over 20 years, including two as a military judge and two overseas deployments.

## 2000

**Shelley King**, Lawrence, Kansas, was promoted to senior associate counsel and director of legal services with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas in June 2022.

## 2002

**Jason Coody**, Tallahassee, Florida, has been named a U.S. attorney for the northern district of Florida.

**Jack Kaplan**, High Point, North Carolina, began working as a member at Wade & Kaplan PLLC.

**John Spisak**, Kansas City, Missouri, joined Spencer Fane LLP as an associate attorney focused on intellectual property.

## 2003

**Amanda Kiefer**, Topeka, was promoted from first vice president to senior vice president at FHLBank Topeka and serves as the chief compliance and ethics officer and general counsel, corporate secretary.

**Amy (Jurgensmeier) Memmer**, Topeka, was named associate professor and chair of the criminal justice department at Washburn University.

## 2004

**Laura Lewis**, Meade, Kansas, was reappointed as chief judge in the 16th Judicial District.

**Tiana McElroy**, Columbus, Kansas, is now the county attorney for the Bourbon County Attorney's Office.

**Alexandra Riffer**, New Haven, Connecticut, was named a partner with Dolan Divorce Lawyers.

## 2006

**Angel Zimmerman**, Topeka, was a recipient of one of the 2021 YWCA Women of Excellence awards.

## 2007

**Andrea (Coplin) Purvis**, Abilene, Kansas, was appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to the 6th Judicial District.

**Kelly (Gordon) Trussell**, Topeka, Law Journal, was selected as the chief of prosecution for the City of Topeka.

**Kerrie (Young) Lonard**, Lawrence, Kansas, was named the Kansas child advocate and head of the Division of the Child Advocate that will oversee child welfare services by Gov. Laura Kelly.

**Melanie Worsley**, Topeka, was named associate dean of the School of Applied Studies at Washburn University. As assistant professor, she was formerly chair in the criminal justice department.

## 2009

**Angela (Chesney) Coble**, Salina, Kansas, was appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals.

**Danielle (Wherrell) Hall**, Topeka, was a recipient of Topeka's Top "20 Under 40" award in 2021. She was also a recipient of one of the 2021 YWCA Women of Excellence awards.

**Kevin Mechtley**, Overland Park, Kansas, was named vice president of business development and chief innovation officer for Sammons Financial Group.

**William Schmidt**, Lenexa, Kansas, has joined the Kansas City branch of the IRS Office of Chief Counsel as a tax attorney.

**Sheri (Krehbiel) Smiley**, Kansas City, Kansas, recently co-founded the firm Friel, McCord & Smiley. The firm has an emphasis on electric cooperatives and is located in Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis.

## 2010

**Andrea (Ohlman) Swisher**, Lindsborg, Kansas, was appointed to a judgeship position in the 28th Judicial District by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly.

## 2011

**Amanda Wilwert**, Lawrence, Kansas, was a recipient of one of the 2021 YWCA Women of Excellence awards.

## 2012

**Boyd Chappell**, Midland, Michigan, has been named the chief financial officer of Jones Memorial Hospital.

**Jennifer (Fenton) Cocking**, Topeka, was a recipient of Topeka's Top "20 Under 40" award in 2021.

**Alison (St. Clair) Pollock**, Topeka, was a recipient of one of the 2021 YWCA Women of Excellence awards.

**Alicia Guerrero-Chavez**, Topeka, received the Making a Difference award from Family Service and Guidance Center for providing top-quality mental health care to northeast Kansas children.

**LeTiffany Obozele**, Topeka, was a recipient of Topeka's Top "20 Under 40" award in 2021. She was also a recipient of one of the 2021 YWCA Women of Excellence awards.

## 2013

**Stephanie Randall**, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was named the chief executive officer of The Burnham Law Firm PC.

## 2014

**Travis Pfannenstiel**, Scottsdale, Arizona, was named assistant general counsel of DEPCOM Power, Inc.

## 2015

**Jordan Clothier**, Denver, Colorado, was named senior assistant general counsel for Denver Health & Hospital Authority.

## 2016

**Jorge De Hoyos**, Wichita, was named lead assistant public defender for the Sedgwick County Public Defender's Office.

## 2017

**Valerie Desroches**, North Beach, Maryland, is now an associate attorney at the Law Office of Thomas E. Pyles, P.A.

**Maureen (Hannen) Cook**, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, was hired by Spencer Fane LLP as an associate where she will join the tax, trusts, and estates practice group.

## 2019

**Keegan McElroy**, Topeka, was a recipient of Topeka's Top "20 Under 40" award in 2021.

**Mallory Riley**, Powell, Wyoming, opened her own clothing store, The HumbleBee Shop, in the summer of 2021.

**Seth Young**, Bel Aire, Kansas, was promoted to corporate counsel at Daland Corporation.

**Jason Steele**, Austin, Texas, was promoted to director of government relations at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in January of 2022.

## 2020

**Kyler Wineinger**, Lawrence, Kansas, started as the associate attorney at the Law Offices of Morris, Laing, Brock & Kennedy Chtd.

## 2021

**Reece Hiebert**, Walton, Kansas, joined Adrian and Pankratz, P.A. as an associate attorney.

**Brigid Markey**, Topeka, was hired as an associate attorney at Sloan, Eisenbarth, Glassman, McEntire & Jarboe, L.L.C.

## 2022

**Reagan McCloud**, Topeka, Kansas, was named manager of government relations for Kansas Electric Cooperative Inc.

