

CLASS Actions

64 Austin Nothorn, '64, Topeka, Coffman, DeFries & Nothorn, has been named the 2011 Topeka Tax Lawyer of the Year by *The Best Lawyers in America*, a national legal referral guide. He was also included in the most recent edition of *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers* in tax, estate planning, and probate. The law firm was named in Topeka Tier 1 of the *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.

65 John R. Hamilton, '65, Topeka, an attorney with the law firm of Hamilton, Laughlin, Barker, Johnson & Watson, was selected in the field of eminent domain by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Best Lawyers in America* and is the only lawyer named in eminent domain in *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers*.

69 Jack S. Bender, '69, Halstead, Kan., was elected to the executive committee of the Kansas Learning Center for Health board of trustees.

- **Wesley A. Weathers, '69**, Topeka, is a partner in Weathers, Riley & Sheppard, which was recognized as a Topeka Tier 1 firm by *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.

70 Lynn R. Johnson, '70, Mission Hills, Kan., was named 2011 Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers* and was honored by the Kansas Association for Justice with the creation of the Lynn R. Johnson Justice Award.

- **Dennis W. Moore, '70**, Lenexa, Kan., retired in January after serving 12 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

73 Shoko K. Severt, '73, Wichita, was reappointed to the National Endowment for the Arts in October. Her initial appointment was in 1995.

74 Jerome P. Hellmer, '74, Salina, Kan., was appointed chief judge of the 28th Judicial District, which serves the Kansas counties of Saline and Ottawa.

75 Robert H. Royer Jr., '75, Abilene, Kan., was the recipient of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

77 Maurice D. Copp, '77, Lincoln, Neb., retired as staff attorney from the Department of Veteran's Affairs Office of Regional Counsel after 31 years of federal service.

- **Franklin D. Diehl, '77**, Lawrence, Kan., was appointed by Governor Mark Parkinson as a public member of the Kansas Lottery Commission.
- **Vernon L. Jarboe, '77**, Topeka, and **James R. McEntire, '77**, Lawrence, Kan., of the Sloan Law Firm, were named to the 2011 list of the *The Best Lawyers in America* practicing in the greater Kansas City region. Jarboe was selected by his peers in the field of real estate law, while McEntire was selected in the field of family law.
- **C. William "Bill" Ossmann, '77**, Topeka, was selected Adjunct Professor of the Year at Washburn Law. He was honored at the law school's May commencement.
- **Patricia E. Riley, '77**, Topeka, is a partner in Weathers, Riley & Sheppard, which was recognized as a Topeka Tier 1 firm by *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.

78 Thomas Arnhold, '78, Topeka, was appointed to the Kansas Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

- **S. Lucky DeFries, '78**, Coffman, DeFries & Nothorn, Topeka, was included in the most recent edition of *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers* in tax and appellate law. The law firm was also named in Topeka Tier 1 of the *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.
- **Gregory V. Pelton, '78**, Colorado Springs, Colo., has joined the law firm of Sparks Willson Borges Brandt & Johnson in the commercial litigation practice of the firm.

79 Edward S. Kushi, '79, Wailuku, Hawaii, was named first deputy corporation counsel for the County of Maui.

80 Jill Bremyer, '80, McPherson, Kan., has opened a new law office, Attorney Adoption Law LLC, in McPherson that practices adoption and infertility law.

82 Judith L. Olander, '82, Topeka, an assistant attorney for the City of Topeka, has been named the recipient of The Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award by the Topeka Bar Association.

84 Alice E. Perry, '84, Springfield, Mass., was awarded a Ph.D. from Northeastern University in January 2011. Perry has spent the majority of her legal career prosecuting major felony cases in the Massachusetts Superior Courts.

- **Cynthia J. Sheppard, '84**, Topeka, is a partner in Weathers, Riley & Sheppard, which was recognized as a Topeka Tier 1 firm by *U.S. News and World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.
- **Kenneth M. "Mike" Warner, '84**, Kansas City, Kan., federal prosecutor, has been appointed first assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Kansas.

88 Nicholas B. Cox, '88, Tampa, Fla., was named statewide prosecutor by Florida's Attorney General.

- **Michael W. Peters, '88**, Sun Prairie, Wis., president and chief executive officer of WPPI Energy, has been elected to the board of directors of American Transmission Co.

91 Charles "Chuck" J. Graves, '91, Gladstone, Mo., was promoted from senior attorney to associate area counsel for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel.

- **Scott A. McGlasson, '91**, Lenexa, Kan., recently received the Outstanding Service/Lawyer of the Year award from

his law firm Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. McGlasson opened the firm's Kansas City regional offices in late 2006 and currently manages the region's operations.

93 John J. Briggs, '93, Greeley, Colo., was appointed a Weld County court judge by Governor Bill Ritter.

94 Maureen O. Bryan, '94, University City, Mo., was honored by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* for winning the largest defense verdict in 2010. • **Leslie Kaufman, '94**, Topeka, is president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Cooperative Council. • **W. Charlie Smithson, '94**, Des Moines, Iowa, was named chief clerk of the Iowa House of Representatives.

96 Matthew P. Patterson, '96, Chicago, is senior vice president and market trust director of US Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management in Chicago.

97 Timothy J. Langland, '97, Lawrence, Kan., has joined Americo Financial Life and Annuity Insurance Company, Kansas City, Mo., as in-house counsel. • **Clint J. Westhoff, '97**, Dallas, Texas, has joined Goranson, Bain, Larsen, Greenwald, Maultsby & Murphy PLLC as an associate.

98 Jason C. Neal, '98, Houston, Texas, opened a law practice focusing on commercial taxpayers throughout Texas in *ad valorem* taxation matters such as valuation disputes and delinquent taxes.

99 Donté L. Martin, '99, Wichita, was appointed the city's municipal court administrator. Martin has worked for the Wichita municipal court since 2005.



WHO ARE THEY?

Do you know what event this is at the law school? What year was it? Do you recognize any of the speakers or audience members? Submit your answers to carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu or [facebook.com/washburnlawschool](https://www.facebook.com/washburnlawschool).

00 Darrin C. Devinney, '00, El Dorado, Kan., is the Butler County attorney. • **Lynelle D. Homolka, '00**, Central City, Neb., is the Merrick County attorney.

01 Duane M. Randle, '01, Linn Creek, Mo., opened the law firm of Price & Randle LLC in Osage Beach, Mo.

02 Augustin G. Simmons, '02, Fort Myers, Fla., was selected as a Rising Star in *Florida's Super Lawyers Ratings and Magazine 2010*.

03 Renee C. Leeds-McDaniel, '03, Overland Park, Kan., is an associate attorney with the law firm of South & Associates LC.

04 Andrew R. Davidson, '04, Buhler, Kan., is with the Reno County District Attorney's Office in Hutchinson, Kan.

05 Zachary J. Anshutz, '05, Topeka, was named general counsel for the Kansas Insurance Department. • **Michael J. Burbach, '05**, Overland Park, Kan., has joined Boston Options Exchange Group LLC, Overland Park, Kan.

06 Mary K. Hanisch, '06, Chicago, recently graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law with a master of laws degree in business and corporate governance law and is a clinical fellow at the Loyola Business Law Clinic. • **Aubrey N. Jacobs, '06**, Lawrence, Kan., is program manager for the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Kansas. • **Rand E. Simmons, '06**, Emporia, Kan., opened a solo practice that handles criminal and traffic cases as well as juvenile and family law. Previously, Rand worked for Kansas Legal Services in Emporia.

07 Brett A. Jarmer, '07, Topeka, has joined Kauffman & Eye. • **Terri J. Pemberton, '07**, Topeka, has joined the Cafer Law Office.

BRUNS APPOINTED TO KANSAS COURT OF APPEALS



David E. Bruns, '84, was appointed by Governor Sam Brownback to the Kansas Court of Appeals on April 14, 2011. Judge Bruns previously served as a judge for the Third Judicial District Court of Kansas in Shawnee County. Brownback described Bruns as "an accomplished jurist" who will "serve with honor and distinction." Bruns' selection fills the vacancy created by the appointment of **The Honorable Nancy L. Moritz, '85**, to the Kansas Supreme Court in November 2010.

After graduating from Washburn Law with honors, Bruns joined the Topeka law firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP. He was named partner in 1989 and practiced with the firm until 1999 when he was appointed as a Kansas district court judge for the Third Judicial District. His professional associations include the Kansas District Court Judges Association, the Kansas, Topeka, and American bar associations, and The Honorable Sam A. Crow American Inn of Court. He founded the Topeka-Shawnee County Youth Court in 1983 and currently chairs the Court's Adult Advisory Committee. In 2004 Judge Bruns received the Americanism Award from the American Legion-Department of Kansas for his work on Youth Court. Judge Bruns has been an adjunct professor at Washburn Law since 1997, teaching courses including Complex Litigation, Pretrial Advocacy, and Trial Techniques.

08 Martisse L. Best-Dettmer, '08, Elizabethtown, Ky., recently completed a two-year stint as a prosecutor for the U.S. Army in the JAG Corps. She currently serves as a special assistant to the U.S. Attorney's office for the Western District of Kentucky and as an administrative attorney for Fort Knox, Ky. • **Grace R. Talley Willnerd, '08**, Lincoln, Neb., was hired as the licensing director and assistant general counsel to the Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale. She will be serving as the in-house counsel for the business services and licensing divisions of the state.

09 Alejandro "Alex" C. Cuellar, '09, El Paso, Texas, is an investigator with the El Paso County Public Defender. • **Jessica L. Dorsey, '09**, Utrecht, The Netherlands, is a junior lecturer at the University of Utrecht teaching general public international law and comparative human rights law. • **Megan L. McCann, '09**, Cimarron, Kan., is an associate attorney with the law firm of Tamara L. Davis PA. • **Samuel A. Green, '09**, Topeka, is an associate in the law firm of Fisher Patterson Saylor & Smith. • **Hunter Moore, '09**, Holbrook, Ariz., is government relations administrator for Navajo County, Ariz. • **Aaron R. Sauerwein, '09**, Wichita, has joined Hinkle Law Firm LLC as an associate.

10 Ashley M. Barton, '10, Kansas City, Mo., joined Polsinelli Shughart as an associate at its Kansas City office. She will work in the Financial Services department focusing on loan enforcement. • **Eric W. Clawson, '10**, Pittsburg, Kan., has joined the law firm of Wheeler & Mitchelson Chartered. • **Jaskamal P. Dhillon, '10**, Dodge City, Kan., has joined Garcia & Antosh LLP. • **Ashley G. Hawkinson, '10**, Kansas City, Kan., joined Polsinelli Shughart as an associate at its Kansas City office. She will work in the trial department focusing on toxic and mass tort matters. • **Nathan R. Hoffman, '10**, Wichita, Kan., has joined Depew Gillen Rathbun & McInterer LC. • **Kimberly A. Honeycutt, '10**, St. Mary's, Kan., works in the business department of Polsinelli Shughart as an associate at its Kansas City offices. She will practice in the areas of science and technology. • **Jennifer N. Horchem, '10**, Hays, Kan., has joined Deines & Deines Law Firm in WaKeeney, Kan. • **Daniel A. Jack, '10**, Andover, Kan., was appointed Kansas Securities Commissioner by Governor Sam Brownback. • **Darin L. McCollum, '10**, Goddard, Kan., is an associate at Hinkle Law Firm LLC. • **Ryan K. Meyer, '10**, Wichita, is a law clerk for **The Honorable J. Thomas Marten, '76**, Wichita. • **Andrea K. Ohlman, '10**, Lindsborg, Kan., works as an assistant county attorney for Saline County, Salina. • **Kursten A. Phelps, '10**, Lawrence, Kan., received the Raymond Spring Award from the Washburn Law Clinic. Phelps is the immigration and outreach project attorney for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. • **Stephanie A. Ralston, '10**, Topeka, Kan., has joined the Johnson County District Court, Olathe, as a research attorney. • **Kristina A. Scally, '10**, Topeka, earned her Washburn law degree simultaneously with a master of laws, *cum laude*, from Maastricht University. • **Jonathan D. Stokes, '10**, Emporia, Kan., has joined Foulston Siefkin LLP, Wichita.


GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING LAW DAY – APRIL 22, 2011



Governor Sam Brownback signs a proclamation making May 1, 2011, Law Day in Kansas. Front row, left to right: Paula Huff, Topeka Bar Association (TBA) executive director; Ardith Smith-Woertz, current TBA president; **The Honorable Judge Sam Crow, '52**; Governor Sam Brownback; **Angel Zimmerman, '06**, Law Day co-chair; Diane Bellquist, TBA Young Lawyer's president and 5K chair; and **Jim Parrish, '73**, TBA immediate past president. Back row, left to right: Dean Thomas Romig, **Tom Stratton, '84**, TBA current vice president; and Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Lawton Nuss.



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