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Updates submitted as of January 27, 2015

1952 James W. Sloan, '52, Topeka, was honored with one of the highest Salvation Army awards, the William Booth Award, at The Salvation Army of Topeka's Civic Luncheon.

1965 Bill Hunsaker, '65, Arvada, Colo., launched his new law practice with Donnie Emmi, serving clients with personal injuries or business disputes, and estate law.

1968 Winton M. Hinkle, '68, Wichita, retired from the firm he founded, Hinkle Law Firm LLC.

1969 Thomas A. Adrian, '69, Newton, Kan., received the Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association (KBA) and the Robert K. Weary Award from the Kansas Bar Foundation. **Michael H. Haas, '69**, Hoxie, Kan., retired as attorney for Sheridan County after more than 40 years, and was the longest-serving, continuously elected county attorney in state history. He also served in the National Guard during his career and continues to operate his private firm.

1971 H. Philip Elwood, '71, Topeka, has been appointed to the Tower Mental Health Foundation Board of Directors. Elwood is an attorney with Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer L.L.P. Elwood's legal experience includes extensive work in health care law.

1974 John T. Bird, '74, Hays, Kan., who 40 years ago began a practice with his friend Bob Glassman and is now senior

partner, has announced that well-respected Hays lawyer **Todd D. Powell, '98**, is a partner in the full-service law firm, Glassman, Bird, Brown & Powell, L.L.P., which serves Northwest Kansas. **John F. Stasiowski, '74**, Scottsdale, Ariz., retired after working for 36 years in the beer industry.

1976 Gerald L. Green, '76, Hutchinson, Kan., was sworn in as the 129th president of the KBA. **The Honorable J. Thomas Marten, '76**, Wichita, has been appointed chief judge of the District of Kansas. After serving as law clerk to retired Associate Justice Tom C. Clark of the United States Supreme Court, he spent 19 years practicing law in Kansas, Minnesota, and Nebraska, the last 14 years of which were as a member of Bremyer & Wise, P.A. in McPherson, Kan. Judge Marten is a founding member of the Wesley E. Brown Inn of Court, a frequent speaker at seminars and conferences, and has taught trial advocacy at Harvard Law School for more than 25 years.

Michael L. Merriam, '76, Topeka, was honored by the Kansas Sunshine Coalition for his promotion of open government. Merriam has practiced media and First Amendment law for more than 35 years and has represented many communications and news companies.

1977 Jeffrey C. Joy, '77, Irvine, Calif., was recognized in the 2015 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Martin R. Ufford, '77, Wichita, has joined Hinkle Law Firm LLC as a member.

1978 S. Lucky DeFries, '78, Topeka, has been selected for 2014 induction into the Ottawa High School Wall of Fame and has been named vice chair of the Ottawa University Board of Trustees. **Edward J. Nazar, '78**, Wichita, has joined Hinkle Law Firm LLC as a member.

Bradley J. Prochaska, '78, Wichita, has been elected as chairman of the American Association of Justice's professional negligence section.

1979 Edward L. Barker, '79, Mission Hills, Kan., has joined Husch Blackwell's Kansas City, Mo., Healthcare, Life Sciences and Pharmaceuticals industry team as senior counsel, and brings extensive experience, having previously served for more than 25 years as senior vice president and chief legal officer of the four-state nonprofit healthcare organization Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System. **Robert F. Hartsook, '79**, Kansas City, Mo., was inducted into the Emporia High School Hall of Fame. He is the owner of Hartsook Companies Inc., one of the largest fundraising consulting practices in the world.

Jeffrey W. Schemmel, '79, Atlanta, is founder and president of College Sports Solutions (CSS), a leading full-service provider of collegiate athletic consulting, strategies, and solutions to universities, intercollegiate conferences, and collegiate organizations.

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1980 Douglas D. Depew, '80, Neodesha, Kan., was appointed by Governor Sam Brownback to the K-12 Student Performance and Efficiency Commission.

1981 Jerome A. Gorman, '81, Kansas City, Kan., received the lifetime achievement award from the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association.

1982 Ronald J. Caron, '82, Manchester, N.H., has joined the Devine Millimet Law Firm as part of its litigation practice group. He also focuses on real estate and construction litigation, and labor and employment-related matters for individuals and businesses. He is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association and is admitted to the U. S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

Philip S. Milone, '82, Garden City, N.Y., was named a "Top Family Law Attorney" in New York, by *New York Magazine*, April 2014. He has been an active matrimonial and family law practitioner in New York City and Long Island for more than 30 years. Milone also is serving his third four-year term as justice of the Village of Stewart Manor, Long Island, N.Y.

Terri A. Roberts, '82, Topeka, has been appointed to the Tower Mental Health Foundation Board of Directors. Roberts is executive director of the American Holistic Nurses Association. Previously, she served 23 years as executive director of the Kansas State Nurses Association.

1983 Patricia A. Gilman, '83, Wichita, has joined Hinkle Law Firm LLC as a member.

1984 W. Thomas Gilman, '84, Wichita, has joined Hinkle Law Firm LLC as a member.

Laura L. Ice, '84, Wichita, has been awarded the Howard C. Kline award by the Wichita Bar Association. She also received the Professionalism Award from the KBA at its annual meeting.

Gary A. Norton, '84, Des Moines, Iowa, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2015.

Frank M. Ojile, '84, Wichita, was named Outstanding Adjunct Professor of the Year at Wichita State University.

1985 The Honorable Nancy L. Moritz, '85, Topeka, has been appointed to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court, based in Denver, reviews legal cases from Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming. (See page 12.)

1986 Gregory G. Meredith, '86, Hutchinson, Kan., has been named vice president of Compliance and Ethics at Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System.

Randall W. Schroer, '86, Kansas City, Mo., previously of counsel with Morrow Willnauer Klosterman Church, LLC, is a member (partner) with the firm.

The Honorable Rene S. Young, '86, Salina, Kan., became chief judge of the 28th Judicial District for a two-year period that started January 1, 2015. Young has been a Saline County District Court judge since 2006.

1987 Associate Dean Jalen Lowry, '87, Topeka, was awarded the "Achieving Excellence Award" from Washburn University's Vice President of Student Life Denise Ottinger. This award recognizes people at Washburn University who demonstrate excellence in working with individual students, student groups, or organizations.

Lt. Col. Bryan T. Wheeler, '87, Annapolis, Md., was formerly the Department of Defense associate general counsel at TRICARE Management Activity. Wheeler is now deputy general counsel of the Defense Health Agency, a 12,500 plus organization that provides healthcare services for 9.6 million beneficiaries.

1988 Thomas R. Merkel, '88, Rosemount, Minn., retired January 30, 2015, after 14 years with Hennepin County, Minn., serving first as an inspector within the Sheriff's Office and since 2007 as director of community corrections and rehabilitation (DOCCR). With 925 employees and a budget of \$100 million, the DOCCR is responsible for the supervision of 27,000 offenders each day.

1989 Natalie Camacho Mendoza, '89, Boise, Idaho, has been selected to chair the Dean's Advisory Council for Concordia University School of Law in Boise. She has served on the Council since 2009 and chairs the Diversity Task Force. Mendoza was also appointed to serve on the University's Council of Trustees. She was selected by the *Idaho Business Review* for 2014 Leaders

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in Law, one of 22 attorneys recognized. This is the second year of the program. Factors considered for the selection included professionalism, leadership, experience, and commitment of substantial time to community and national organizations to benefit others. **Marcos Mendoza, '89**, Austin, Texas, graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law with an LL.M. in Insurance Law, with honors, and was profiled in the spring edition of *Insurance Litigation Magazine*.

1991 M. Kristine Savage, '91, Topeka, is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2015* among the country's most distinguished attorneys. Savage is honored in two areas: Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar and Criminal Defense: White Collar. She practices family law and is certified by the Kansas Supreme Court to perform mediation in domestic cases. She also has extensive experience in complex federal and state criminal cases, including appeals. Before joining the firm in 1999, she was chief of the Northeast Kansas Conflicts Office, and served as an assistant appellate defender and public defender in Shawnee County. **Curtis S. Sneden, '91**, Topeka, is vice president of government relations for the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce. Sneden has served as the Chamber's volunteer vice chairman of government relations since 2012. **The Honorable Douglas P. Witteman, '91**, Burlington, Kan., has been appointed to the Fourth

Judicial District court that serves Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, and Osage counties.

1992 Brent A. Mitchell, '92, Wichita, was recognized by *The Wichita Business Journal* and *Best Lawyers* as one of the Wichita-area lawyers of the year at an event on September 29, 2014.

1993 Samantha M. Musso, '93, Fairfax, Va., serving as Virginia director of the Military Spouse JD Network, led the effort to adopt a rule for military spouse attorney admission in the Commonwealth. The Supreme Court of Virginia adopted Rule 1A:8 effective July 1, 2014, enabling qualified attorneys relocating to Virginia due to their service-member spouse's military orders to seek admission to the Virginia bar without examination. Virginia became the seventh state to adopt such a licensing rule. Musso, a military spouse of 24 years herself, has experienced nine relocations and is admitted to practice in three jurisdictions. She is an estate planning attorney with M. H. Lawrence, P.C. in Fairfax, Va.

1994 Steve Gorny, '94, Kansas City, Mo., established The Gorny Law Firm, LC, on the Country Club Plaza. He represents individuals and businesses harmed by the carelessness of others.

Luis O. Rodriguez, '94, Charlottesville, Va., was promoted to the rank of colonel with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, fall 2013. **Douglas T. Shima, '94**,

Topeka, received the Topeka Bar Association's Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award.

The Honorable Teresa L. Watson, '94, Topeka, has been appointed as the newest judge on the Shawnee County District Court bench.

1996 Joseph E. Donovan, '96, Washington, D.C., has joined Stradley Ronon as a partner in its Washington, D.C., office. Donovan has nearly 20 years of experience representing utility companies in complex regulatory advocacy, litigation, and transactional support. Throughout his career, Donovan has repeatedly appeared before energy regulatory agencies on behalf of his clients, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); Department of Justice; Federal Communications Commission; and more than 30 different state public utility commissions. While at Exelon, one of the nation's largest integrated energy companies, he directed FERC and state regulatory advocacy matters in the New England, New York, and southeast regions. Donovan also created and implemented litigation and outreach strategies related to state utility commission and FERC proceedings and Office of Enforcement investigations, and was responsible for overseeing and implementing compliance and risk mitigation strategies.

1997 Clint J. Westhoff, '97, Dallas, is a newly appointed partner to the firm of Goranson,

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Bain, Larsen, Greenwald,
Maultsby & Murphy PLLC.

1998 David A. Bohm, '98, Cary, N.C., assistant executive director of the North Carolina Bar Association since 2008, was honored at the 2014 annual meeting of the National Association of Bar Executives in Boston as a recipient of the Peer Excellence Award.

Todd D. Powell, '98, Hays, Kan., is a partner with Glassman Bird Brown & Powell, LLP. His areas of practice include government law, labor/employment, business/transactional, appellate practice, administrative law, and personal injury.

1999 Kevin J. Cook, '99, Topeka, has been elected chairman of the Shawnee County Commission.

Gregory D. Hill, '99, Greenwood Village, Colo., was named executive director of the Colorado Dental Association.

2000 Gregory A. Schwartz, '00, Hays, Kan., and Carol M. Park have opened a new law firm, Schwartz & Park, L.L.P.

2001 The Honorable William W. Carter, '01, Caruthersville, Mo., is an associate judge for the 34th Judicial Circuit Court, Pemiscot County, Division 2.

2002 The Honorable Adam J. Espinosa, '02, Denver, has been appointed as a judge to the Denver County Court.
The Honorable Michael Hoelscher, '02, Wichita, is the

new State District Court judge in the Eighteenth Judicial District in Kansas.

Stephen L. Martino, '02, Baltimore, was named "Regulator of the Year for the Americas." The International Masters of Gaming Law cited the 67 percent increase in the state's lottery and gaming revenues during Martino's four-year tenure as one of the reasons he was awarded the distinction.

2003 Amanda J. Kiefer, '03, Topeka, FHL Bank, assistant vice president, assistant general counsel & director of minority and women inclusion, was named as a 2014 "20 Under 40" honoree by The Jayhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts. She also received the Woman of Achievement Award at the Women's Initiative Recognition Reception, organized by Go Topeka's Entrepreneurial and Minority Business Development Council.

Glen C. McBeth, '03, Topeka, was named a Washburn University School of Law Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2013-14.

The Honorable Timothy L. Dupree '03, Kansas City, Kan., was elected as Wyandotte County district court judge.

James A. Thompson, '03, Wichita, is now with Malone, Dwire & Thompson, LLC.

Andrew D. Wimmer, '03, Overland Park, Kan., was appointed to the Kansas State Board of Indigents' Defense Services.

2004 Teri C. Adam, '04, Phoenix, has been promoted to assistant director of Professional

Development and Pro Bono director at Arizona Summit Law School.

Laura K. Castillo, '04, Hobbs, N.M., was appointed by Governor Susana Martinez to a newly created district court judgeship in southeastern New Mexico. Castillo has operated her own law practice in Hobbs since 2010, previously worked in a private law firm in the community, and was an assistant district attorney.
Clinton M. Goos, '04, Denver, joined Beatty & Wozniak in Sept. 2014 as an associate practicing in transactional/corporate law.

2005 Zachary J. Anshutz, '05, Overbrook, Kan., is director of regulatory affairs and chief compliance officer at Advisors Excel. He was previously assistant commissioner of insurance for the State of Kansas.

Melissa A. Bleser, '05, Denver, is partner at Kutak Rock LLP. Bleser focuses on corporate and partnership tax matters and is experienced in working with a wide range of sophisticated corporate and real estate clients. She advises on matters ranging from fundraising, to mergers and acquisitions, to reorganizations. Her work encompasses structuring transactions to minimize federal and state income and sales/use taxes; negotiating deal terms; performing due diligence; and drafting stock and asset purchase agreements, management contracts, buy-sell agreements, shareholder agreements and ancillary documents, including confidentiality and employment agreements.

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Vincent M. Cox, '05, Topeka, is the 2014-15 KBA YLS Board of Directors ABA liaison.

Justin L. Ferrell, '05, Concordia, Kan., is the 2014-15 KBA YLS Board of Directors president-elect.

Jeffrey N. Lowe, '05, Wichita, has successfully achieved board certification as a family trial advocate.

Jason N. Miller, '05, Gilbert, Ariz., has been named a partner at Carpenter, Hazlewood, Delgado & Bolen, PLC.

Kimberly A. Vining, '05, Wichita, has been elected 2014-2015 president of the Wichita Women Attorney's Association.

2006 Jessica L. Carrerata, '06, Dallas, is senior planner at Frontier Investment Management Company.

Ryan Gering, '06, Wichita, has been named a partner at Hulnick, Stang & Gering P.A.

Jason T. Gray, '06, Washington, D.C., was elected shareholder at Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer, & Pembroke, P.C. He practices utility law and energy regulation.

Mary K. Hanisch, '06, Chicago, is assistant director of the business law clinic at Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Angel R. Zimmerman, '06, Topeka, is the new vice chair for the international women in the law committee for J. Reuben Clark Law Society.

2007 Kristen C. Kellems, '07, Provo, Utah, is an adjunct professor at Brigham Young University.

Captain Michael J. Scaletty, '07, Chapman, Kan., was chosen by the American Bar Association as one of 2014's Young Lawyer

Division Outstanding Military Service Award recipients.

Daniel M. Westhoff, '07, Broomfield, Colo., has formed the firm of Danielsen Westhoff, PC.

2008 Jason T. Farley, '08, Des Moines, Iowa, was named to the Master Builders of Iowa (MBI) MB EYE on the Future leadership program. The program is MBI's leadership development program, designed to prepare participants for leadership within their companies, the construction industry in Iowa, and the MBI. Farley is a member of Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C. and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Great Plains Super Lawyers* 2014.

R. Scott Gordon, '08, Topeka, has been promoted to general counsel of the Kansas State Department of Education, where he has worked as an attorney IV since 2012.

2009 Clayton I. Kerbs, '09, Dodge City, Kan., is a 2014-15 KBA YLS Board of Directors social chair.

Matt Koupal, '09, Topeka, has been promoted to assistant vice president, assistant general counsel, and director of compliance with FHL Bank.

Christine M. Larson, '09, Liberal, Kan., has become a shareholder in Sharp McQueen, P.A. She has been with the firm the past five years. Her practice emphasizes family and civil law, along with general practice.

Johnathon A. Rhodes, '09, Denver, is senior corporate counsel - health care regulatory at DaVita.

Aaron Sauerwein, '09, Wichita, is an attorney at the Kansas Department of Transportation.

2010 Ashley M. Barton, '10, Kansas City, Mo., is an assistant city attorney for the City of Kansas City in the litigation department.

Daniel S. Heinz, '10, Topeka, is an associate with Riling, Burkhead, & Nitcher, Chtd., in Lawrence, Kan.

Jennifer N. Horchem, '10, Wichita, is associate general counsel at Slawson Companies.

Kahlea M. Porter, '10, Topeka, is now with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services.

Robert M. Weaver, '10, Utrecht, the Netherlands, is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Amsterdam. Weaver is also with Weaver & Henderson On Point Legal, focusing on European/Dutch immigration and free movement, European Union, Dutch administrative, and entrepreneurial/legal persons law.

2011 Shawn P. Yancy, '11, Topeka, is the 2014-15 KBA YLS Board of Directors mock trial chair.

2012 Brandon M. Barros, '12, China Lake, Calif., is a contract specialist with the U.S. Navy - NAVAIR - NAWCWD.

Lisa M. Brown, '12, Topeka, has joined Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer. She practices primarily in the area of civil litigation.

B.J. Harden, '12, Topeka, is the Kansas State Treasurer's director of the Unclaimed Property Office.

Joslyn M. Kusiak, '12, Independence, Kan., is the 2014-

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NEW ONLINE DIRECTORY

Washburn Law Alumni Services is pleased to announce the launch of the Online Alumni Directory.

Initially, we are offering access to all Washburn Law alumni. After July 1, 2015, the online directory will only be available to Washburn Law Alumni Association members.

To register and access the directory, go to: givetowashburn.org/lawalumnidirectory. Click on “new user registration.” There will be a waiting period of up to two days, but once approved, you will have instant access to the directory.

We encourage everyone to check out the directory. Please join or renew your membership for continued access!

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15 KBA YLS Board of Directors secretary/treasurer.

Asel T. Mukeyeva, '12, Kansas City, Mo., has joined Husch Blackwell. Mukeyeva focuses her practice primarily on corporate tax and tax controversy matters.

2013 Jill R. Gillett, '13, Fredonia, Kan., is a 2014-15 KBA YLS Board of Directors social chair.

Matthew W. Parker, '13, Omaha, Neb., is the Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

William E. Paulson, '13, Ottawa, Kan., has accepted a commission into the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps as a first lieutenant to be stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Timothy R. Sipe, '13, Lawrence, Kan., is an associate attorney at Hamilton, Laughlin, Barker, Johnson & Jones.

Jonathan D. Weishaar, '13, Topeka, has joined Ralston, Pope & Diehl LLC.

2014 Michael J. Baxter, '14, Hays, Kan., has joined the Jeter Law Firm.

Julianne N. Burton, '14, Newton, Kan., has joined Cornerstone Law, LLC.

Taylor B. Concannon, '14, Kansas City, Mo., has joined Husch Blackwell's Business Litigation group.

Christopher M. Ray, '14, Kansas City, Mo., is an associate at B.L. Harrison Law.

Patrick Salyer, '14, Salina, Kan., is an associate with the firm of Kennedy & Coe, LLC. He will be

preparing tax returns and financial statements, and providing general accounting services.

REMEMBERING PROFESSOR DAVID S. DALE, SR.



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David Shelby Dale, Sr., Lakewood, Colo., passed away on February 21, 2014, at age 80. From 1970 to 1977, he taught environmental, property, and oil and gas law at Washburn Law. Some of David's law students would later teach his son, John J. (Jack) Dale, who graduated from Washburn Law in 1997.

Prior to teaching, he practiced oil and gas law at Vinson & Elkins. He returned to practice as an “oil man” in the 1980s, first with Conoco in Houston, then with Milestone Petroleum and Meridian Oil, in Denver. He retired in 1996.

To honor his work as an attorney, donations can be made to Washburn University School of Law Scholarship Funds.