

# Class Actions

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**1956 The Honorable Paul L. Brady, '56**, Atlanta, Ga., was inducted into the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum Hall of Fame. Brady was the first African-American appointed a federal administrative law judge, according to the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum website.

**1973 John Caton, '73**, Hutchinson, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas School Attorneys Association at the association's annual meeting.

**Jan M. Hamilton, '73**, Topeka, has received the 2015 Robert L. Gernon Award for Outstanding Service to Continuing Legal Education in Kansas from the Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission.

**1974 The Honorable Stephen R. Tatum, '74**, Olathe, Kan., has received the Community Outreach and Education Award from the Kansas District Judges' Association. Tatum, who retired in 2013, is a temporary judge in the criminal courts and serves on the Johnson County Criminal Justice Advisory board.

**1975 Terry E. Beck, '75**, Topeka, joined the Washburn University Board of Regents as an appointee of the Shawnee County Commission. Beck manages his own law practice in Topeka. He also has served as president of the Sertoma Foundation and governor of the Kansas District Sertoma, and serves on the Third Judicial District Nominating Commission.

**J. Patrick Hyland, '75**, Veneta, Ore., is starting a private practice in clinical mental health counseling.

**1976 Dan Rector, '76**, Monument, Colo., was the featured lecturer at a seminar on Oct. 7, 2015, in Novi, Mich., before The Military and Veteran's Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan annual meeting on this topic: The Veteran's Benefit No One Knows About: TSGLI.

**1978 The Honorable Sally D. Pokorny, '78**, Lawrence, Kan., was the recipient of the Kansas Women Attorneys Association (KWAA) Jennie Mitchell Kellogg Achievement Award. Pokorny was appointed to the 7th Judicial District Court by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in 2009. She is currently serving on the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors, and is a former president of the Kansas Bar Foundation, and former president of the Lawrence Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court.

**1979 Paul T. Maricle, '79**, Denver, Colo., has joined Coan Payton & Payne's Denver office. Prior to joining CP2, Maricle practiced with a Denver boutique law firm specializing in aviation law, government contracts, mergers and acquisitions, and other areas. Before that, he practiced at Holland & Hart and Rossi & Maricle.

**1980 William W. Sneed, '80**, Topeka, was reappointed to the Washburn University Board of Regents. Sneed has served on the nine-member Washburn board since July 2011. He is currently chair of the board.

**1984 Laura L. Ice, '84**, Wichita, is serving as president of the Kansas Bar Foundation for 2015-16.

**1985 Natalie G. Haag, '85**, Topeka, was elected to the 21-member board of directors of the Kansas Humanities Council, a nonprofit organization that supports community-based cultural programs. Haag serves as general counsel of Capitol Federal Savings Bank. She is president of the Kansas Bar Association, vice president of the board of directors for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and the 2nd Congressional District attorney representative on the Supreme Court nominating committee.

**1987 The Honorable Brad E. Avery, '87**, Topeka, has joined Patterson Legal Group in a counsel position. Avery, who was an administrative law judge and assistant director for the Division of Workers Compensation for the state of Kansas for 20 years, will practice in the area of workers compensation, employment law, and general litigation.

**1988 Gregory L. Shevlin, '88**, Belleville, Ill., has been elected to the board of directors of the Illinois Bar Foundation for a 2-year term. Shevlin is a partner at Cook Ysursa Bartholomew Brauer & Shevlin.

**1989 Natalie Camacho Mendoza, '89**, Boise, Idaho, was appointed by Boise Mayor David Bieter and confirmed by the Boise City Council to serve as the director of the Office of Police Oversight. The office promotes public confidence in the professionalism and accountability of Boise police and law enforcement through unbiased investigations of citizen complaints, independent review of police actions, policy recommendations, and on-going public outreach. She will take on these duties as well as continue her work in private practice at Camacho Mendoza Law, Boise and Nampa, Idaho.

*\*Names in blue indicate Alumni Association members.*

**1999** *Natasha K. Riffel-Kuhlmann, '99*, Wichita, is now with Kahrs Law Offices, P.A.

*Kerry L. Wasinger, '99*, Hays, Kan., is the new general counsel executive assistant to the president of Fort Hays State University.

**2001** *Denise D. Riemann, '01*, Waltham, Mass., was listed in the first edition of Corporate IP Stars, a list honoring in-house attorneys worldwide who have demonstrated an exceptional capacity for the strategic management and protection of their company's most valued intellectual property assets.

**2005** *Brett Flachsbarth, '05*, Topeka, director of unemployment insurance at the Kansas Department of Labor, received the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Award at the National UI Issues Conference in San Diego, Calif.

*Jennifer R. Sourk, '05*, Topeka, was reappointed to the Washburn University Board of Regents. Sourk has served on the nine-member Washburn board since July 2011.

**2006** *Charles F. Kitt, '06*, Topeka, has been named chief prosecutor for the City of Topeka.

**2007** *Molly E. McMurray Gordon, '07*, Wichita, has joined Wichita State University the Office of General Counsel as assistant general counsel.

**2008** *Moji Fanimokun, '08*, Wichita, has joined Realtors of South Central Kansas.

**2010** *Jeremy S. O'Neil, '10*, Valdez, Alaska, was selected as the new Providence Valdez Medical Center (PVMC) administrator. In the nearly four years he has lived in Valdez, Alaska, he has served PVMC in multiple capacities, including finance manager, interim administrator, finance director, interim director counseling center, and assistant administrator.

*Kursten, A. Phelps, '10*, Washington, D.C., is the new Managing Attorney for the Greater Washington, D.C. office of the Tahirih Justice Center. Tahirih Justice Center is a national, non-profit organization that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence by elevating their voices in communities, courts, and Congress to create a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.

*Mandi J. Stephenson, '10*, Kingman, Kan., is now with Stephenson Law Office, LLC.

*Bryan L. Walker, '10*, Arlington, Va., has joined the law firm of Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan, LLP, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis. Walker is remotely working for them as an associate patent attorney located in Arlington, Va. He also works alongside fellow alumni *Darin McCollum, '10*, and *Pete Hoeller, '05*.

*Sarah E. Washburn, '10*, Topeka, has joined the Kansas Highway Patrol as staff attorney.

**2011** *Stephanie A. Pruet, '11*, Kansas City, Mo., has joined Evans & Dixon LLC.

*Amanda W. Wilwert, '11*, Lawrence, Kan., has joined Foulston Siefkin, LLP, Topeka, as an associate.

*Shawn P. Yancy, '11*, Topeka, was elected to board of directors for National High School Mock Trial Championship, Inc. for a 3-year term.

**2012** *BJ Harden, '12*, Topeka, former aide to House Speaker Ray Merrick, has returned to the Speaker's staff as deputy chief of staff/policy.

*Joslyn M. Kusiak, '12*, Independence, Kan., has joined Kelly Law Office where she handles civil disputes, collection matters, estate planning, and administration.

*Ty A. Patton, '12*, Wichita, has joined McCurdy Auction, LLC, as general counsel.

**2013** *Christina J. Hansen, '13*, Wichita, has joined Stinson Leonard Street LLP.

*Leslie A. Klaassen, '13*, Hutchinson, Kan., has joined Gilliland & Hayes.

*Brendan P. Lykins, '13*, Topeka, is the Kansas Bar Association Young Lawyer Section 2015-16 Pro Bono Chair.

*Laura E. Poschen, '13*, Wichita, has joined Ward Law Offices, LLC.

*Angel Romero, '13*, Topeka, is the senior director of resource development for the United Way of Greater Topeka.

*Melissa A. Tucker Pope, '13*, Wichita, has joined DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers.

**2014** *Jessica A. Brunken, '14*, Wichita, is an associate with DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers.

*Robert J. Moody, '14*, Wichita, was honored as the Wichita Urban Professionals Man of the Year at the Dreamchasers event.

**2015** *Dylan M. Dinkla, '15*, Des Moines, Iowa, has joined Security National Trust as a trust officer. In his role as trust officer, he will be responsible for advising new and existing clientele on matters regarding estate planning and trust administration.

*Alexander P. Gentry, '15*, Wichita, has joined DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers.

*Courtney L. Kelley, '15*, Tulsa, Okla., is an associate with Hall Estill. Kelley will practice primarily in energy and natural resources.

*Jason G. McIlrath, '15*, Wichita, is an associate at Cameron Law Office, P.A.