Josh, and Courtney Boehm, Hillsboro, Kan., opened their own law office. Their independent practice is called Cottonwood Law Group.

Lisa M. Brown, Topeka, is the Topeka Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors president-elect. Brown is an associate at Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, LLP.

Ian M. Clark, Wichita, has joined Ariagno, Kerns, Mank & White, L.L.C.

Joslyn M. Kusiak, Independence, Kan., has joined Kelly & Kusiak Law Office LLC.

Christopher M. Napolitano, Kansas City, Mo., has joined Ensz & Jester, P.C.

LeTiffany O. Obozele, Topeka, is the Topeka Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors social chair. Obozele works as an assistant attorney general in the Sexually Violent Predator Unit at the Office of the Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

Jason Pollock, Basehor, Kan., is the 2016-17 Topeka Bar Associations Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors secretary. Pollock serves as a staff attorney for the Kansas Department of Transportation, dealing primarily with real property acquisitions and property related litigation.

2013
Kendra D. Hanson, Des Moines, Iowa, is an associate at Fredrikson & Byron.

Chandler L. Maxon, Des Moines, Iowa, has joined Fredrikson & Byron.

Joshua T. Mortensen, Kansas City, Mo., recently accepted a position in Garmin International’s legal department as corporate counsel. Mortensen is active in the Kansas City Marathon and Garmin Marathon committees.

2014
Michael L. Fessinger, Wichita, is now with the Sedgwick County District Attorney’s Office.

Isabella Gichiri, Wichita, has joined the Textron Aviation’s Legal Department.

Nicholas B. Kenney, Kansas City, Mo., has joined Husch, Blackwell, LLP.

Christopher W. Lyon, Hays, Kan., was selected to serve as the Hays Municipal Court prosecutor, effective Sept. 1, 2016.

Robert J. Moody, Wichita, received a 2016 Wichita Bar Association’s President’s Award.

2015
Michael A. Dunbar, Lawrence, Kan., is an associate at Ronald W. Nelson, PA.

Jennifer L. Harper, Wellington, is a deputy county attorney for Sumner County.

Gabrielle B. Ilaria, Olathe, Kan., has joined the litigations team at Polsinelli PC, Kansas City, Mo.

Megan M. Metzinger, Lee’s Summit, Mo., has joined the Stange Law Firm, PC.

Cecilia J. Nuby, Kansas City, Mo., is the managing attorney of Cecilia Nuby & Associates, LLC.

2016
Tori Chundak, Topeka, has joined the Tenopir & Huerter Law Firm.

Jorge M. De Hoyos, Topeka, is now litigation manager at Kansas Counties Association Multiline Pool.

Jeffrey A. Norris, Salina, Kan., has joined the law firm of Clark, Mize & Linville, Chartered. Norris will practice primarily in the areas of estate planning, business law, and real estate.

Daniel J. Wernert, Wichita, has joined DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers.

*Names in blue indicate Alumni Association members.

In Memoriam

Washburn Law mourns the passing of the following alumni whose deaths were reported to the school from April 6, 2016, through September 15, 2016.

Gordon K. Lowry, ’46, Valley Falls, Kan., on September 5, 2016, at age 98

Allen P. Mitchem, ’47, Denver, Colo., on August 3, 2016, at age 97

Elvin D. Perkins, ’48, Emporia, Kan., on February 20, 2016, at age 93

Meyer M. Ueoka, ’49, Wailuku, Hawaii, on August 26, 2016, at age 96

Clifford F. Jones, ’51, Topeka, on April 13, 2016, at age 93

Edward B. O’Hara, ’52, Lakewood, Fla., on July 15, 2016, at age 90

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Remembering Mohammed Abdelaziz

Mohammed Abdelaziz, ‘15, died on June 9, 2016. He was 25.

Born in San Antonio, he was a Palestinian American. He attended the American School of Palestine in Ramallah as a child and returned to San Antonio when he was 16. He received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Texas at San Antonio before coming to Washburn Law.

During his time at Washburn Law, Abdelaziz made quite an impression on the faculty. Lori McMillan, professor of law, remembers him as a passionate student, eager to understand the nuances of business law. “Mohammed often spoke of his desire to improve the image of Muslims in America,” she said. “He wanted to normalize how people thought of Muslims. He had plans to start a non-profit organization that would operate a residential camp for kids. His dream was to bring Jewish children from the West Bank and Palestinian kids together for the summer. The camp would be a place where they could spend the summer together, get to know each other as individuals, and be removed from the struggles of war and strife.”

Alex Glashausser, professor of law, said, “He taught me what it feels like not to have a home and not to be fully embraced in the place you grew up, which for him was around Jerusalem.”

The Washburn Law chapter of Phi Alpha Delta held a memorial service for Abdelaziz on Sept. 9, 2016.