

# Class Actions

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1975

**Dennis D. Kirk**, Falls Church, Virginia, has been named associate director for personnel management at the Heritage Foundation.

1976

**The Hon. J. Thomas Marten**, Topeka, received the Judicial Recognition Award by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for protecting democratic principles and the fundamental rights of individuals. Martens is a retired federal district court judge who presided over the District of Kansas.

**The Hon. Bill Ossmann**, Topeka, celebrated 30 years as an adjunct professor at Washburn University School of Law. Ossmann is the longest-serving adjunct professor at the law school.

**James P. Rankin**, Topeka, was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America in 2023 in the practice area of administrative/regulatory law, employee benefits (ERISA) law, government relations practice, litigation – ERISA.

1977

**The Hon. John L. Weingart**, Hiawatha, Kansas, became chief judge of the 22nd Judicial District in January 2023, filling an unexpired term through the end of 2023. He has been a judge in the district since 2000.

1983

**The Hon. Tracy E. (Loiacono) Mitchell**, Olympia, Washington, retired in December 2022 as constitutional court commissioner in Lewis County, Washington. She served for over 24 years, overseeing child dependency, divorce, and family law proceedings.

1984

**Kyle K. Rank**, San Antonio, Texas, joined CATIC as senior vice president – national accounts manager. He has more than 30 years of experience in the title insurance industry.

1985

**The Hon. Alison K. (Lindsay) Brookins**, Wichita, retired in December 2022 as chief administrative law judge from the Wichita, Kansas, Social Security Administration Office of Hearings Operations. She started in that office in 1991 as an attorney advisor and became chief judge in 2019.

**The Hon. James R. Kepple**, Manhattan, Kansas, has been reappointed by the Kansas Supreme Court as district magistrate to the District Magistrate Judges Certification Committee.

1986

**The Hon. Jeffrey J. Larson**, Emporia, Kansas, has been appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court as chief judge in the 5th Judicial District.

1987

**Kimberly K. (Mahan) Moore**, Wichita, was recently presented a 2022 EDTECH Higher Education Leadership Award in Nashville, Tennessee. She was recognized as an outstanding leader in moving forward digital credentials and badging in higher education. She is a nationally recognized subject matter expert, speaker, and consultant in this discipline.

1988

**The Hon. Quintress J. Gilbert**, Macon, Georgia, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice board. She is a juvenile court judge in Bibb County.

1991

**The Hon. Anthony J. Powell**, Wichita, formerly retired, was appointed in December by Kansas attorney general-elect, Kris Kobach, to serve as solicitor general.

1992

**The Hon. John W. Fresh**, Atchison, Kansas, was appointed in March by Gov. Laura Kelly to a judgeship position in the 1st Judicial District.

1993

**Bart M. Botta**, Irvine, California, has been named director of the Irvine office at Fennemore.

**The Hon. Paula D. Hofaker**, Logan, Kansas, has been appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to the newly created 17th Judicial District judge position.

1994

**Tony W. Mattivi**, Topeka, was appointed and confirmed as director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in February 2023. He spent 20 years as a federal prosecutor and an assistant U.S. attorney.

1996

**Joseph E. Donovan**, Severna Park, Maryland, is now partner at Pierce Atwood LLP.

**Scott C. Palecki**, Stilwell, Kansas, is now healthcare partner at Foulston Siefkin LLP.

1998

**David A. Bohm**, Apex, North Carolina, has been named executive director of Apex Chamber of Commerce.

## 2000

**The Hon. Jared E. Smith**, Lakeland, Florida, was appointed to the 6th District Court of Appeal in Florida by Gov. Ron DeSantis. He previously served as a judge on the 13th Judicial District Court.

## 2001

**Rachael A. (Christensen) Hamilton**, Kearney, Missouri, is now corporate counsel at Global Payments.

## 2006

**Charles F. Kiff**, Topeka, has been appointed by Shawnee County district attorney, Mike Kagay, to chief deputy district attorney of Shawnee County.

**The Hon. Dominic L. Kujawa**, Belleville, Illinois, is now an associate judge on the 20th Judicial Circuit of Illinois. He was previously a circuit judge on the same circuit.

## 2007

**Daniel Z. Swank**, Bloomfield, New Mexico, has joined Raytheon Missiles & Defense.

**The Hon. Joann M. (Burgener) Wolfman**, Overland Park, Kansas, has been appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to a judgeship in the 10th Judicial District.

## 2008

**Lisa K. (Shore) Garza**, Kansas City, Missouri, is now an attorney at Watton Law Group.

**The Hon. Blake A. Gibson**, Enid, Oklahoma, is now a special judge for the 4th Judicial District of Oklahoma.

**Amber R. Smith**, Topeka, was recognized as one of 2022's "Topeka's Top 20 Under 40."

## 2009

**Lara D. Crow**, Hutchinson, Kansas, recently started with Lonza, a global pharmaceutical manufacturing company, as director, associate general counsel, focusing primarily on its U.S.-based small molecule manufacturing divisions.

## 2010

**Jodi E. Liffin**, Topeka, was recognized as one of 2022's "Topeka's Top 20 Under 40."

**Sean T. Pribyl**, Washington, D.C., has been promoted to partner at Holland & Knight LLP.

**The Hon. Daniel M. Reynolds**,

Independence, Kansas, has been elected judge in the 14th Judicial District of Kansas for Montgomery and Chautauqua Counties.

## 2011

**Abigail C. Boudewyns**, Cheyenne, Wyoming, has been named senior assistant attorney general within the Water and Natural Resources Division where she represents the Wyoming State Engineer's Office and Board of Control.

**Justin D. Hocking**, Colorado Springs, Colorado, started in January 2023 as corporate counsel for Active Release Techniques in Colorado Springs.

## 2012

**Alicia Guerrero-Chavez**, Topeka, is now internal investigator for the City of Topeka where she will investigate complaints related to all city departments, employees, and services, along with police-related matters.

**Asel T. Mukeyeva Lindsey**, San Antonio, Texas, has been elected to partner at Dykema.

**Mitchell L. Walter**, Wichita, is now director of the Wichita office of Gilmore & Bell, P.C. public finance law firm. He has been a public finance attorney since 2013.

## 2013

**Kate D. Butler**, Topeka, was recognized as one of 2022's "Topeka's Top 20 Under 40."

**Nickolas C. Templin**, Lawrence, Kansas, has joined Schmitt Law Firm, LLC.

**Amanda R. (Hubbell) Walker**, Wichita, was elected secretary/treasurer of the Kansas Society of CPAs board of directors. She is an associate at Bever Dye, L.C., Attorneys at Law.

## 2016

**John C. Reynolds**, Paola, Kansas, former assistant county attorney in Barton County, was elected as the new Miami County attorney in December.

## 2018

**Abigail L. Hoelling**, Shawnee, Kansas, has been promoted to corporate counsel at MRIGlobal.

**Dennis D. Kirk, II**, Springfield, Missouri, has joined Kutak Rock LLP as an attorney.

## 2019

**Jessica L. Barranco**, Roeland Park, Kansas, has joined Ogletree Deakins as an associate.

**Garrett S. Heath**, Haysville, Kansas, recently became an attorney at DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers in Wichita, Kansas.

**Audrey D. (Garrett) Koehler**, Wichita, has joined Stinson LLP as an associate attorney.

**Kennedy A. J. White**, Holton, Kansas, has joined B. Riley Financial, Inc. as a director.

## 2021

**Reece D. Hiebert**, Walton, Kansas, is now city attorney for Goessel, Kansas. He is also an associate attorney at Adrian and Pankratz law firm in Newton, Kansas.

**Tess E. (Ulrich) Ramirez**, Topeka, has joined Turnbull Law Group, LLC as an attorney.

## 2022

**Hunter L. Hogan**, Colwich, Kansas, has joined Hinkle Law Firm, LLC as an associate attorney.

**Ashley L. McCall**, Topeka, has joined Foulston Siefkin LLP as an associate attorney.

**Brady L. Tien**, Hays, Kansas, has joined Glassman Bird Powell, LLP as an associate.