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1963

Arthur E. Palmer, Topeka, has retired from practice at Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer.

1971

Jackie N. Williams, Topeka, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Wichita Bar Association's Law Day and Awards Luncheon.

1972

The Hon. Michael B. Roach, Wichita, now serves as a hearing officer in the 18th Judicial District, Wichita, Kansas and is the judge of the city of Andale, Kansas.

1973

The Hon. Robert J. Bednar, Atchison, Kansas, of the 1st Judicial District retired after 22 years of service. Bednar became a judge in 1998. He served in Leavenworth County until moving to Atchison County District Court in 2008. The 1st Judicial District is composed of those two counties.

Ronald H. Harnden, Wichita, was named to the 2020 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® List.

The Hon. Gary L. Nafziger, Oskaloosa, Kansas, retired after 38 years of service. Nafziger became a district judge in 1982 and was appointed chief judge of the 2nd Judicial District in 2005. The district is composed of Jackson, Jefferson, Pottawatomie, and Wabaunsee counties.

1974

Wendell (Bud) F. Cowan, Overland Park, Kansas, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of insurance law.

1975

Dennis D. Kirk, Falls Church, Virginia, was nominated for a Presidential Appointment Senate Confirmation (PAS) posting by President Donald Trump as a member of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board for the remainder of a seven-year term to expire in 2023. Kirk was also appointed to be a member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for a term that expired July 18, 2021.

1976

David M. Rapp, Wichita, Kansas, was recognized as a 2021 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers.

Dan Rector, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was named a 2021 Colorado Super Lawyer.

James A. Walker, Wichita, Kansas, was named to the 2020 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® List.

1977

The Hon. Bill Ossmann, Topeka, Kansas, has received the Topeka Bar Association Warren W. Shaw Distinguished Service Award.

1978

The Hon. Thomas E. Foster, Olathe, Kansas, retired after serving 21 years in the 10th Judicial District. Foster was appointed a district judge in 1999 and served from 2009 to 2013 as chief judge of the 10th Judicial District, which is composed of Johnson County. He served on the Kansas Juvenile Justice Review Committee from 2015-16, was chair of the Kansas Child Support Guidelines Committee the last 11 years, and helped to start the Johnson County Family Court docket in 2006.

The Hon. Rebecca A. Sanders, Topeka, was awarded the Carol Foreman Medal of Civility Award from the Kansas Women Attorneys Association.

1979

The Hon. Ellen G. Neufeld, McPherson, Kansas, was selected to fill a district magistrate judge vacancy in McPherson County.

1981

David M. Traster, Wichita, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of environmental law.

The Hon. Mark A. Ward, Fort Scott, Kansas, was reappointed to the Judges Assistance Committee by the Kansas Supreme Court. Ward will serve a four-year term that began on July 1 and will end June 30, 2024. The Judges Assistance Committee helps Kansas judges in need due to mental or physical disability or addiction.

1982

The Hon. J. Michael Keeley, Great Bend, Kansas, retired on Jan. 11, 2021. He served 28 years as a district judge having been elected in 1992. He was appointed chief judge in 2004. The 20th Judicial District encompasses Barton, Ellsworth, Rice, Russell, and Stafford Counties. Keeley served as president of the Kansas District Judges Association from 2012-13. Prior to being elected he began his law career as an attorney in 1982 with the law firm of Ward and Berscheidt in Great Bend.

1983

Thomas E. Palen, Scottsdale, Arizona, retired from Wells Fargo Bank as a senior vice president after 28 years.

Stanley Spurrier, Wichita, was named by Best Lawyers in America® 2021 in the areas of: appellate practice; criminal defense; general practice; and criminal defense: white-collar.

William A. Vickery, Wichita, has opened the Law Offices of William A. Vickery.

1984

The Hon. David E. Bruns, Topeka, was appointed to the Kansas Board of Law Examiners. Bruns has served on the Kansas Court of Appeals since 2011. Before his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Bruns was a district court judge in the 3rd Judicial District, which is composed of Shawnee County, as well as a private practice lawyer.

1985

The Hon. Daniel D. Creitz, Iola, Kansas, chief judge of the 31st Judicial District, was elected president of the Kansas District Judges Association, an organization open to all state district court judges, for 2021. The 31st Judicial District is composed of Allen, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson counties.

The Hon. Steven E. Johnson, Great Bend, Kansas, was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to serve as chief judge of the 20th Judicial District from Jan. 11 through Dec. 31, 2021. The 20th Judicial District is composed of Barton, Ellsworth, Rice, Russell, and Stafford counties. Johnson was elected district judge in 2012.

The Hon. James R. Kepple, Manhattan, Kansas, was reappointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to the District Magistrate Judges Certification Committee. Kepple has served in the 21st Judicial District, which includes Riley and Clay counties, since 2017.

The Hon. Thomas Kelly Ryan, Olathe, Kansas, was elected secretary of the Kansas District Judges Association, an organization open to all state district court judges, for 2021. Ryan is chief judge of the 10th Judicial District, composed of Johnson County.

1986

The Hon. Joe E. Lee, Howard, Kansas, was appointed Elk County attorney to the 13th Judicial District Magistrate vacancy.

Lee has been a county attorney in the 13th District since 2008, where he has prosecuted a wide variety of cases.

William R. Wood II, Wichita, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of banking and finance law.

1987

Kevin J. Arnel, Wichita, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of nonprofit/charities law.

Paula B. Hurt, Olathe, Kansas, was elected vice chair of the Johnson County Commission on Aging.

Craig W. West, Wichita, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of elder law.

1988

Nicholas B. Cox, Tampa, Florida, is serving his third term as Florida’s statewide prosecutor. In addition to his routine practice, he has overseen the grand jury examining the Marjory Stoneman Douglas H.S. shootings and the investigation of child sex abuse by clerics.

The Hon. Matthew H. Hand, Amarillo, Texas, was elected as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Hand worked for years as a civil attorney in the law firm of Brown and Fortunato in Amarillo, Texas, and was most recently elected as state of Texas judge of Potter County Court at Law No. 2.

1989

The Hon. Kim W. Cudney, Washington, Kansas, was elected president-elect of the Kansas District Judges Association, an organization open to all state district court judges, for 2021. Cudney is chief judge of the 12th Judicial District, composed of Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Republic, and Washington counties.

Greg V. Etter, Boerne, Texas, has been appointed to the Liberty Gold board of directors. Etter has broad, extensive experience in the natural resources sector, including more than

two decades of successfully managing diverse portfolios as a senior executive at multiple international mining companies. He has been responsible for government relations, legal, security, land, environment, public relations, and community affairs. During the course of his career, he has had wide-ranging experience on four continents, including significant accomplishments relating to development projects. He joined Kinross Gold Corporation in 2007 and served in a number of roles including senior vice president, global government relations, security and lands prior to his retirement in 2020.

Samuel M. Herrera, formerly Taos, New Mexico, re-located to Hà Nội, Viet Nam, where he practices law remotely and practices his Vietnamese.

Greer S. Lang, Kansas City, Missouri, is now of counsel at Kutak Rock, joining the firm on June 7, 2021, as a member of the firm’s national litigation practice group. Lang has nearly 30 years of experience representing clients in litigated and non-litigated complex commercial and business-related disputes in state and federal court, both at the trial and appellate level. Her work includes breach of contract matters, shareholder and partnership disputes, employment matters and disputes involving covenants not to compete and other restrictive covenants, loan enforcement actions and lender liability issues, real estate disputes, construction matters, insurance disputes, regulatory matters, trusts, business torts, and professional liability matters. She is a frequent speaker and author on issues regarding the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Regulation B and ADA website litigation.

Brian L. Leininger, Overland Park, Kansas, was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to the Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program Board. Leininger will serve a six-year term that began on July 1 and will end June 30, 2026. The Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program was created to help lawyers seek treatment for physical or mental illness, substance abuse or emotional distress.

Mark R. Maloney, Wichita, was recognized as a 2021 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers.

The Hon. Kenley J. Thompson, Houston, Texas, has become an immigration judge with the U.S. Department of Justice.

1990

The Hon. Stephen A. Hilgers, McPherson, Kansas, has retired as district magistrate judge for McPherson County. Hilgers served as an assistant Harvey County attorney from 1993-99 and previously had a private law practice.

Stewart T. Weaver, Wichita, Kansas, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of elder law.

1991

Randy D. Gordon, Dallas, Texas, has joined Duane Morris LLP. Gordon has more than 25 years of complex litigation experience working with public and private companies in more than two dozen industries. He focuses his practice on helping a range of entities with antitrust, RICO, class-action, university-related, securities, and intellectual property matters. Gordon advises businesses on distribution plans and provides legal and economic analysis of proposed transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. He formerly served as general counsel to a global trade association serving the semiconductor industry and recently served as the lead attorney for a major research university in international product liability litigation.

Kurt, P. Kerns, Wichita, was elected to serve on the Membership Committee of the International Court Bar Association. Kerns is a member of the Dodge City-based law firm Warrior Lawyers International. He specializes in defending persons accused of crimes and representing people whose civil rights have been violated. Warriors Lawyers International is affiliated with attorney Dragen Ivetic of the Netherlands.

Michael W. Riley, Hiawatha, Kansas, was elected international president of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in January 2021. He had previously served as international legal counsel.

1992

Jeffrey P. DeGraffenreid, Wichita, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of litigation - labor and employment.

J. Scott MacBeth, Wichita, Kansas, was recognized as a 2021 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers.

The Hon. Sheila M., Schultz, Paola, Kansas, is serving as part-time county counselor for the City of Paola. Schultz has been municipal judge for the City of Paola since 2004 and for the City of Osawatomie for about a decade. She also serves as municipal judge for the City of La Cygne, a position she began in January 2021.

Channel P. Townsley, Wichita, Kansas, has opened Wichita Divorce, LLC.

1993

Jeff Kahrs, Topeka, Kansas is the senior advisor for Congressman Jake LaTurner. Kahrs brings over 25 years' experience in public service.

The Hon. Jacquelyn E. Rokusek, Shawnee, Kansas, was appointed to the 10th District Court of Johnson County. Rokusek is managing partner of Rokusek Stein Law in Johnson County and formerly was an assistant Johnson County district attorney.

1994

Lynn S. McCreary, Alexandria, Virginia, was appointed chief legal officer of Sportradar, a leading global provider of sports betting and sports entertainment products and services. McCreary spent the past 11 years at Fiserv, Inc., a global leader in financial services and payments technology, and since 2013 served as its chief legal officer, chief ethics and compliance officer and corporate secretary.

Lisa A. McPherson, Wichita, was named to the 2020 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® List.

1995

Mark A. Kubinski, Boise, Idaho, was recently appointed as chief of the Criminal Law Division of the Idaho Attorney General's Office. Kubinski has been with the Attorney General's Office for 18 years, having served the last 10 years as lead deputy attorney general for the Idaho Department of Correction.

1996

Arthur E. Rhodes, Wichita, has joined DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers.

William T. Stetzer, Charlotte, North Carolina, has been named as the acting United States attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Stetzer is a career prosecutor who has dedicated his professional life to public service. Stetzer joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2018 and has since served as the first assistant United States attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

1998

Patricia A. Voth Blankenship, Wichita, was recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of real estate.

Christopher S. Conroy, Des Moines, Iowa, is the 2020 chairman of the National Association of Fixed Annuities. Conroy previously was head of annuity sales at North American Company for Life and Health Insurance.

David A. Bohm, Raleigh, North Carolina, was selected to serve as the program chair for Leadership North Carolina, Class of XXVIII. By serving in that role, Bohm will also serve a two-year term on the board of directors.

The Hon. Lesley A. Isherwood, Wichita, was appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals. Isherwood has been a prosecutor for Sedgwick County since 1999 and has served as senior assistant district attorney in the Appellate Division. She has argued over 100 cases before Kansas appellate courts and has penned over 1,000 appellate briefs. Isherwood briefly practiced law at Williams, Stroble, Malone, Mason & Ralph, P.A., in Dodge City.

1999

The Hon. Kevin N. Berens, Colby, Kansas, was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to its Access to Justice Committee. He serves in the 15th Judicial District, composed of Cheyenne, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace counties. The Access to Justice

Committee makes recommendations on issues such as increasing resources available for legal services for self-represented litigants in civil cases improving planning and coordination for legal services delivery and reducing potential barriers to equal access to justice.

Ashley A. Davis, Wichita, has joined the Penner Lowe Law Group LLC.

2000

The Hon. Lynelle D. Homolka, Central City, Nebraska, was appointed as county court judge in the 5th District. Homolka, has served as Merrick County attorney and Central Nebraska Youth Services administrator since 2011. Prior to her work as Merrick county attorney, she served as deputy county attorney in Hall County from 2001-10. Homolka has practiced criminal and juvenile law for over 20 years, litigating well over 100 criminal jury trials ranging from traffic infractions to felony cases involving violent assault, child abuse, sexual assault, and murder.

2001

Justin A. Barrett, Colby, Kansas, was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to the Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program Board. Barrett will serve a six-year term that began on July 1 and will end June 30, 2026. The Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program was created to help lawyers seek treatment for physical or mental illness, substance abuse or emotional distress.

Emily A. Hartz, Lawrence, Kansas, was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to the Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program Board which was created to help lawyers seek treatment for physical or mental illness, substance abuse or emotional distress.

2002

The Hon. Adam J. Espinosa, Denver, Colorado, was appointed to the Colorado 2nd Judicial District Court. Previously, Espinosa was assistant regulation counsel for the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel (2010-2015); deputy district attorney in the 19th Judicial District (2005-2010); litigation associate at Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski (2004-2005); deputy district attorney in the 4th

Judicial District (2003-2004); deputy district attorney in the 5th Judicial District (2003); and judicial law clerk for Chief Judge Michael Martinez of the Denver District Court (2002-2003).

Michelle M. O'Malley, Kansas City, Missouri, has been appointed to the Ad Hoc Court Records Committee by the Kansas Supreme Court's Office of Judicial Administration.

Sherri L. Schuck, Westmoreland, Kansas, was appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

2003

Stephanie E. Bunten, Topeka, is the Kansas Supreme Court judicial administrator, the state's highest ranking nonjudicial position in the Kansas court system. Bunten has served as chief financial officer for the courts, a position she's held since 2015. Previously, she served as assistant fiscal officer and as a research attorney for a Court of Appeals judge. In between her terms with the court system, she was a tax accountant for Mize Houser & Company, PA, in Topeka.

Richard A. Schoenfeld, Topeka, has become a partner with the Law Firm of Stevens & Brand, LLP.

2004

Andrew R. Davidson, Hutchinson, Kansas, was appointed to the Reno County deputy district attorney position. After law school, Davidson was an associate for the law firm of Tenopir & Huerter in Topeka, practicing criminal, domestic, and family law, and other areas of general legal practice. In 2009, he became an assistant county attorney in McPherson County, prosecuting juvenile and child in need of care cases, traffic and driving under the influence cases, drug crimes, and other crimes against persons. He also served on the McPherson & Harvey County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

The Hon. Christopher T. Etzel, Oskaloosa, Kansas, was appointed to the 2nd Judicial District Court. Etzel has been in private practice since 2004, handling a

wide variety of civil and criminal cases. He also serves as the city attorney for Onaga, Havensville, and Wheaton. In his role as city attorney, he prosecutes cases in municipal court and provides legal counsel to the cities. Etzel has extensive community involvement through his involvement with various educational and civic groups such as the Second Judicial District Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board and the Onaga Chamber of Commerce.

Sarah E. Reichart, Topeka, Kansas, has been named director of the Supreme Court appeals where she will directly report to and assist the chief justice in the management of the Supreme Court docket and processing of cases. Reichart has served in the court's central staff as a research attorney for Chief Justice Marla Luckert, as the court's motions attorney, and as assistant general counsel to the chief justice. Reichart chairs the Supreme Court Rules Committee.

2005

Tanya E. Bidwell, Midland Texas, has opened the Law Office of Tanya E. Bidwell, PLLC.

The Hon. Monique K. Centeno, Wichita, was appointed to the newly created Governor's Commission on Racial Equity and Justice. The committee will study racial equity and justice with statewide hearings and eventual recommendations to state and local governments on steps to increase racial equity in Kansas.

Melissa A. Moodie, Wichita, has joined the Hinkle Law Firm as of counsel.

Sarah L. Shipman, Topeka, was appointed to serve as Kansas deputy attorney general for the Legal Opinions and Government Counsel Division. Shipman joined the Victims Services Division in February 2020 as deputy director. She also served as an assistant attorney general in the Legal Opinions and Government Counsel Division. Her prior state service was in the Department of Administration where she held various roles including chief counsel and secretary of administration.

2006

Kelly B. Bieri, Mission Woods, Kansas, is now the firm manager at Kennyhertz Perry Attorneys at Law.

Casey A. Jenkins, Omaha, Nebraska, has joined Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP's team of business attorneys. Casey advises owners and developers, architects, and engineers in all construction phases from pre-bid to project closeout, including final claims.

Sunee Mickle, Topeka, has been named to Ingram's "50 Kansans you should know."

The Hon. Karan M. Thandani, Topeka, is the new administrative municipal court judge for the City of Topeka. He has 14 years of experience practicing law in the state and has worked in both private practice and the government sector. He was most recently chief of prosecution for the City of Topeka.

Kristen D. Wheeler, Wichita, was appointed to the State Board of Tax Appeals. The agency resolves disputes between taxing agencies and Kansans.

2007

The Hon. Amy Crawford-Coppola, Junction City, Kansas, was chosen to fill a magistrate judge vacancy in Geary County. The 8th Judicial District is made up of Dickinson, Geary, Marion, and Morris counties.

Melissa M. Schoen, Norton, Kansas, was reelected to her third term as Phillips County attorney and second term as Norton County attorney.

2009

Timothy M. Belsan, Washington, D.C. is the inaugural director of the enforcement section within the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Immigration Litigation.

Brett A. Flachsbarth, Topeka, became the director of UI ITSC Solutions at the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

The Hon. Daniel D. Gilligan, Hutchinson, Kansas, was reelected treasurer of the Kansas District Magistrate Judges

Association. Gilligan serves in Reno County, which is the 27th Judicial District.

Jennifer L. Michaels, Sumter, South Carolina, was promoted to the role of senior vice president/chief administrative officer of SAFE Federal Credit Union.

Johnathan A. Rhodes, Denver, Colorado, joined Walmart Health & Wellness as lead regulatory counsel.

2010

Shane A. Rosson, Wichita, was named as a 2020 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® List "Rising Star."

2011

Shawn P. Yancy, Washington, D.C., has accepted a new job with the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Legislation as an unemployment insurance program specialist.

2012

Amy J. Ahrens, Denver, Colorado, has joined Jennifer Anntoinette Rivera & Associates.

Whitney L. Casement, received a YWCA 2020 Women of Excellence Award for 2020.

Jennifer M. Cocking, Topeka, received a YWCA 2020 Women of Excellence Award for 2020.

LeTiffany Obozele, Topeka, is now chief of prosecution for the City of Topeka Legal Department.

Matthew D. Quandt, Omaha, Nebraska, has been elected a partner at Erickson Sedstrom. Quandt has been with the firm for two years, before which he litigated at a reputable Kansas City firm. Quandt focuses his practice on civil litigation, including catastrophic injury and wrongful death, trucking and transportation, construction defect, product liability, and professional liability.

John J. Westerhaus, Omaha, Nebraska, joined Kutak Rock as an associate in the firm's employee benefits and executive compensation group. Before joining Kutak Rock, Westerhaus worked at Arnold, Newbold, Sollars & Hollins, P.C. in Kansas City, Missouri.

2013

Kate Duncan Butler, Topeka, was appointed to the Information Network of Kansas board. INK provides Kansans equal electronic access to state, county, local, and other public information via gateway service.

Jacob A. Conard, Washington, D.C., is the legislative director for Congressman Jake LaTurner. Prior to his current appointment, Conard served as a prosecutor in Cherokee County, Kansas, for six years. After two years as a deputy prosecutor, Conard was elected county attorney in 2016 and reelected in 2020.

Eloy Gallegos, Garden City, Kansas, was approved by the Kearny County Republican Party to fill the interim position as Kearny County Attorney. Gallegos established Gallegos Law LLC. in Garden City. His practice consists of immigration law, criminal defense, personal injury, and worker's compensation.

Kali M. Hague, Washington, D.C., was appointed to the National Business Aviation Association's board of directors as its young professional director. Hague is a partner at Jetlaw, LLC, where she advises clients in the U.S. and internationally on all aspects of aviation law.

Anna M. Jumpponen, Wichita, has joined the Stange Law Firm.

Anna M. Quinn, Overland Park, Kansas, of Avant Law Group, LLC has been selected for a Women's Justice Award from Missouri Lawyers Weekly for her work in the innovation and technology category.

The Hon. Shannon D. Rush, Lyndon, Kansas, was elected second vice president of the Kansas District Magistrate Judges Association. Rush serves in Osage County of the 4th Judicial District.

Alisha Udhwani, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, has been elected president-elect of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, which puts her on track to become president in 2022. She will be among the youngest presidents of the Virgin Islands Bar Association elected to date.

2014

Keaton S. Ashlock, Hermitage, Missouri, was appointed as the Hickory County, Missouri, prosecuting attorney. Ashlock is previously an assistant prosecuting attorney in Dallas County.

Eli M. O'Brien, Wichita, was honored by Best Lawyers in America® 2021 in the practice area of criminal defense: white-collar. Before joining Monnat & Spurrier in 2015, O'Brien was a trial attorney with the Sedgwick County Public Defender's Office.

Tucker A. Stewart, Topeka, will serve as Sen. Roger Marshall's Senate office senior agriculture advisor. He has served as associate counsel for the Kansas Livestock Association for the last six years.

2015

Ashley N. Green, Bellaire, Texas, has been named a Houstonia Magazine 2020 Top Lawyer.

Coleman J. Younger, Garden City, Kansas, is now the managing attorney for the newly opened Garden City office of Patterson Legal Group.

2016

The Hon. Damon J. Stevens, Hugoton, Kansas, is the new magistrate judge in Stevens County, Kansas.

2017

Jacob D. Bielenberg, Kansas City, Missouri, has joined Baty Otto Coronado PC.

Kristina J. Branstetter, Fairfield, Iowa, is the legal department associate director of Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.

Andrea C. Haddad, Colorado Springs, Colorado, is now an assistant county attorney at the Office of the County Attorney for El Paso County - Human Services Division.

Luis M. Solorio, Topeka, has joined the City of Topeka Legal Department.

2018

Matthew W. Adams, Wichita, is now with Foreman Law LLC.

Michael D. Davis, Kansas City, Missouri, was elected to the Missouri Legislature. He will represent the 56th District in Kansas City.

Abby Hoelling, Shawnee, Kansas, started a new position as associate corporate counsel at MRIGlobal, a scientific research institute in Kansas City, Missouri. She previously practiced general litigation at Seaton, Seaton & Dierks, LLP in Manhattan, Kansas.

Monet N. Straub, Topeka, is a district representative for Congressman Jake LaTurner. Previously, Straub served as the deputy director of operations for the Kansas State Treasurer's Office.

2019

Hayden L. Ballard, Beaver, Utah, has formed the law firm of Ballard Law, P.L.L.C., specializing in agricultural law and natural resources law. After graduating from Washburn Law, Ballard went on to receive an LL.M. in agricultural and food law from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2020. Ballard also currently serves as part-time of counsel to the firm of Eland & Pratt in Hoxie, Kansas, and he has accepted a part-time agent position for Ozark Hills Insurance, West Plains, Missouri, specializing in pasture, range and forage insurance.

Rebecca E. Bergkamp, Wichita, has joined Hinkle Law Firm LLC.

Cameron S. Bernard, Topeka, has joined Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP, following his position as a research attorney for Judge Kathryn Gardner at the Kansas Court of Appeals. Bernard plans to focus on medical malpractice and insurance law.

Cleotha M. Daniels, Topeka, is now associate in-house counsel at Midwest Health, Inc.

Sierra M. Logan, Hutchinson, Kansas, has joined the Reno County District Attorney's Office.

Jacob D. Miller, Kansas City, Kansas, was appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council.

Jesse T. Nation, San Antonio, Texas, has joined Kruger Carson PLLC. His practice focuses on real property and corporate transactions. Prior to joining Kruger Carson, he was an associate attorney in a regional business law firm and has

worked with public and private clients in areas such as real estate, financing, construction, energy, mining and intellectual property.

Jarod M. Reiger, Hutchinson, Kansas, is now with Young Williams CSS.

Luke J. Williams, Wichita, has joined DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers.

2020

Christopher L. Grause, Wichita, has joined the law firm of Foulston working with the firm's transactional law practice group.

Gabriella C. Ferraro, Wichita, has joined the law firm of Foulston.

Jesse J. Gutierrez, Wichita, Kansas, has joined the Hinkle Law Firm.

Clarisa C. Harvey, Kansas City, Kansas, has been appointed to the Kansas Real Estate Commission.

Taylor M. Meeks, Topeka, has joined Woner, Reeder & Girard, P.A.

Harry D. Schwartz, Overland Park, Kansas has joined Stange Law Firm, PC.

Sailor Sinclair, Fort Worth, Texas, has joined the Texas Christian University athletic compliance department.

Lance R. Smith, Topeka, has joined the team at Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer.

Kayla L. Stavinoha, Wichita, has joined the Hinkle Law Firm.

Logan K. Taylor, Saint Joseph, Missouri, is now an assistant prosecuting attorney for Buchanan County.

Jon M. Thomas, Seward, Nebraska, has joined Svehla Law Offices in York joining his father, Kelly Thomas. He also recently joined the Kilgore Library Foundation board.

Kyle C. Wineinger, Topeka, has joined the Law Offices of Morris Laing as an associate attorney. He primarily practices in estate and trust planning, taxation, and probate.