

JOSEPH, HOLLANDER & CRAFT ADDS FOURTH LAW OFFICE THROUGH MERGER WITH OVERLAND PARK LAW FIRM ERICKSON SCHERFF

Joseph, Hollander & Craft LLC,— one of Kansas's fastest-growing law firms — has expanded its footprint in the Kansas City metro area by merging with Overland Park criminal defense firm Erickson Scherff, LLC. With the addition of lawyers Lindsey P. Erickson and Dionne M. Scherff and their staff, Joseph, Hollander & Craft now includes 19 lawyers and 17 staff members with offices in Wichita, Topeka, Lawrence and Overland Park.

Joseph, Hollander & Craft's Kansas City office is located at 10990 Quivira, Suite 200, in Overland Park. The firm plans to expand the office space to accommodate additional lawyers and legal staff to be hired in the coming months.

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"Lindsey Erickson and Dionne Scherff are both seasoned litigators who have built a thriving criminal defense practice serving northeast Kansas and the Kansas City metro area," said Joseph, Hollander & Craft Managing Member Christopher M. Joseph.



"Over the past few years, our firm has gained a strong foothold in Kansas City serving criminal, civil, employment law and family law clients."

Dionne and Lindsey share Chris's enthusiasm. "We are excited to join forces with this prestigious firm of talented lawyers. We are eager to introduce the lawyers of Joseph, Hollander & Craft to the vibrant Kansas City legal community where we know they will be warmly welcomed by our colleagues."

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA®, SUPER LAWYERS® AND CHAMBERS USA BESTOW MULTIPLE HONORS

Best Lawyers in America, Super Lawyers, and Chambers USA — three of the top legal-peer rating systems — bestowed honors on multiple attorneys at Joseph, Hollander & Craft.

The Super Lawyers rankings recognized both Missouri and Kansas Rising Stars in the legal profession, as well as attorneys with long and distinguished careers.

Best Lawyers in America rankings lauded several senior members of the firm as Lawyer of the Year in their respective fields and metro markets.

For the sixth consecutive year, Joseph, Hollander & Craft was ranked as one of Kansas's top labor and employment litigation firms by Chambers USA. Additionally, three of its attorneys received individual accolades.

Super Lawyers

Stephen M. Joseph
Ross A. Hollander
Christopher M. Joseph
M. Kristine Savage

Super Lawyers Rising Stars

Michelle Moe Witte
Casey Y. Meek
Diane L. Bellquist

Best Lawyers®

Ross A. Hollander
Wichita Lawyer of the Year
Employment Law - Management

Christopher M. Joseph
Topeka Lawyer of the Year
Criminal Defense

M. Kristine Savage
Topeka Lawyer of the Year
White Collar Criminal Defense

Stephen M. Joseph
Criminal Defense, General Practice
Criminal Defense, White Collar

Michelle Moe Witte
Employment Law - Individuals



Ross A. Hollander
Labor and Employment Litigation
General Litigation: Mediators

Stephen M. Joseph
General Litigation: White-Collar Criminal and Government Investigations

Michelle Moe Witte
Labor and Employment Litigation

FIRM'S GROWTH HIGHLIGHTS BANNER YEAR



Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Joseph, Hollander & Craft News & Review. Our firm has enjoyed an exceptional year of growth, expanding both geographically and with the addition of new attorneys and staff. It's been a tremendously exciting year for us, and we wanted to share some of the major highlights with you here.

It is a privilege for us to represent our clients

during some of the most stressful times of their lives. We are honored by the hundreds of referrals we receive every year from our clients and from fellow members of the bar. We sincerely appreciate your trust.

From all of us at Joseph, Hollander & Craft, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Dionne M. Scherff served as Assistant District Attorney in both Wyandotte County and Johnson County, Kansas. As a prosecutor, she specialized in sex abuse and child abuse cases. Since going into private practice, the types of cases she handles include, but are not limited to, first degree murder, bank robbery, drug distribution, mortgage fraud, aggravated kidnapping, rape, aggravated indecent liberties, aggravated battery, stalking, electronic solicitation, all juvenile offenses, and driving under the influence.



Dionne M. Scherff

Dionne is one of only a handful of lawyers who is qualified by Kansas to handle death penalty cases. She is one of only two lawyers in Kansas's history of death penalty cases to get a capital case dismissed.

Dionne has been hired as an expert in the criminal defense of sex cases in Kansas. Her work in criminal defense has taken her to multiple jurisdictions to litigate federal and state cases, including Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Texas.

A 1991 graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law, she now serves as an Adjunct Professor at the law school and as Judge Pro Tem in the Johnson County District Court.

Dionne is licensed to practice in the State of Kansas, the State of Missouri, the Federal District of Kansas, the Federal Western District of Missouri, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals (Denver), the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals (Missouri) and the United States Supreme Court. She has briefed and argued numerous cases in the Kansas Court of Appeals.

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Lindsey P. Erickson's diverse practice includes drug manufacturing, sale, and possession cases, sex offense cases, aggravated battery, aggravated robbery, homicide, domestic violence cases, property crime, all levels of juvenile crime, DUIs and other traffic offenses, and administrative hearings, including school board expulsion hearings and driver's license suspension hearings.



Lindsey P. Erickson

She is licensed to practice in the State of Kansas, the Federal District of Kansas, and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has tried many jury trials in state court and has briefed numerous appeals in the Kansas Court of Appeals and in the Kansas Supreme Court, as well as in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Erickson has argued before the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Lindsey graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1994. Erickson clerked, became an associate, and then became a partner with Carl E. Cornwell in Overland Park, Kan., before opening her practice with Dionne M. Scherff.

Ross Hollander One of Only 10 U.S. Attorneys Featured in *Financier Worldwide's* Litigation & ADR Handbook

Financier Worldwide has featured Ross A. Hollander as a leading expert and recommended professional in its 2016 Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Handbook. Hollander is one of only 10 U.S. attorneys to be included in the international listing. The handbook contains detailed profiles of leading international experts including lawyers, forensic accountants and consultants. Those recommended have extensive experience representing clients in litigation, domestic and international arbitration, mediated settlements and negotiations.



Ross A. Hollander

He is a founding member of the firm and chair of the Civil Litigation and Employment Law Division.

WICHITA AND TOPEKA OFFICES EARN SEVEN "BEST LAW FIRMS" TIER 1 RANKINGS

U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers in America announced the Wichita and Topeka offices of Joseph, Hollander & Craft have earned a total of seven "Best Law Firms 2017 Metropolitan Tier 1 Rankings" between them. The rankings were earned in multiple practice areas, including:



- Criminal Defense** – Non-White Collar (Wichita & Topeka)
- Criminal Defense** – White Collar (Wichita & Topeka)
- Employment Law** – Management (Wichita)
- Labor Law** – Management (Wichita)
- Litigation** – Labor & Employment (Wichita)

Julia Craft Honored Among Nation's Top 40 Family Law Attorneys

The National Law Journal's inaugural issue of Divorce, Trusts & Estates Trailblazers recognized Julia A. Craft as one of the top 40 family law attorneys in the country for her outstanding career and contributions to the field.



Julia A. Craft

Julia, a former Sedgwick County Assistant District Attorney, was particularly lauded for starting her private practice by aiding many law enforcement officials with divorce and family law matters. Law enforcement officers bring different considerations to family law cases, since they are held to a different and higher standard, and allegations in a divorce or custody dispute can impact the officer's professional career, she says.

Julia is particularly proud of how family law has evolved nationally with respect to the rights of same-sex couples. "We often had to be inventive in how we represented same-sex couples in the past," Julia said. "But the law has changed. The number of same-sex couples in Kansas grew by more than 60 percent in 2014, the same year same-sex marriage was legalized in the State. It's gratifying that equal protection is now a right for these couples and their families."

Firm Continues Partnerships with Not-For-Profit Community Organizations

One of the cornerstones of our firm is that we help those less fortunate. Both individually and through the firm, our attorneys and staff generously volunteer their time, talent and financial support to a wide variety of organizations across the state. Among those entities we are proud to support are:



This year, the firm once again sponsored Rainbows' annual Blarney Breakfast benefiting area children with special needs and their families.



Since 2010, the firm has adopted families during the holidays, providing gifts and much-needed supplies. The firm's employees also volunteer time and materials to make handmade blankets each year for the association's clients.



For more than three years, Julia Craft has been working with Wichita Animal Action League in their effort to rescue neglected and abused animals and adopt them into loving, forever homes. The firm was a proud supporter of WAAL's 2016 fundraiser, Wags & Whiskers. The group is on its way to saving more than 300 animals this year.

ATTORNEYS NATALIE M. TEEMER WASHINGTON AND ALEX GILMORE JOIN TOPEKA OFFICE

Joseph, Hollander & Craft's Topeka office recently welcomed two new attorneys: Natalie M. Teemer Washington joined the Family Law practice, while Alex Gilmore joined the Professional Licensure practice.

Natalie's practice includes divorce, child custody, paternity, child support and juvenile law. Her legal career has encompassed a diverse range of experience in law, legislation and military justice, including managing her own private practice in Tennessee, focusing on family law, civil, and criminal matters. More recently, Natalie was a member of the Kansas Legislative Research Department where she served as Research Staff to the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.



Natalie Teemer Washington

She has been honored twice with the President's Volunteer Service Award for her extensive volunteer work with military families in Fort Riley, Kan.

Alex is a 2016 graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law with Certificates in both International Trade & Finance and Business & Commercial Law.

He holds a bachelor's degree in classical antiquity, with minors in art history and philosophy. As a third year law student, he combined his art and antiquities training with his legal studies, working as a Legal Intern for KU's Office of the General Counsel and researching intellectual property issues for KU's Spencer Museum of Art.



Alex Gilmore

Alex also spent his third year of law school as a Research Assistant to Professor Raj Bhala, Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law and Rice Distinguished Professor. Alex conducted in-depth legal research and wrote drafts for scholarly publications concerning business law in India and Islamic law.



Firm Transitions to Cloud Network Platform

Since 2001, we've been avid users of videoconferencing and interoffice networks that keep our attorneys constantly connected via video, phone and computer. We've upgraded continually, and this year made a major capital investment in cutting edge technology, including our most sophisticated practice management software yet.

Our new practice management platform provides greater efficiency in case management, legal project management, document management, and budgeting. When taken together with our new cloud network infrastructure, we can provide our employees and our clients with state-of-the-art information security protocols and improved access to information. Once the system is fully integrated, clients will have access to real-time information, including invoices and case-related materials.

Wichita School District Honors Bach Hang with Good Apple Award

The Wichita Public School District honored Bach Hang with its 2016 Good Apple Award. The Good Apple Award program allows schools and administrative support centers to recognize employees, volunteers and school partners who provide exemplary service to the district and its students.



Bach Hang

Bach was recognized for his volunteer work with one of the district's adult learning centers, which assists adults in earning their G.E.D. or high school diploma and provides instructions on basic life skills.

Bach frequently visits classrooms to speak about Constitutional rights and rights of individuals as they go through the legal system or have contact with law enforcement.