

# Lucky Number 7:

## Seven law students receive recognition and financial

Perhaps you know someone who has benefitted from the generosity of a KBF donor who has established a scholarship. Since 2007, with the creation of the scholarship program, 76 scholarships have been awarded. The KBF Scholarship Committee has been overseeing the award process and has worked with the KBF Investment Committee to make sure the recipients of the awards meet with the wishes and requirements established by the donors.

It is with pleasure that the Board of Trustees presents the 2020 scholarship award recipients.

**The Justice Alex M. Fromme Memorial Scholarship Award \$1,000** • The award is provided to a law student attending the University of Kansas School of Law or Washburn University Law School who is committed to practicing law in Kansas.



### Paige E. Hungate / Washburn University School of Law

Born and raised in Wichita, Hungate is a proud Kansan. After graduating from Wichita State University with a B.S. in Computer Science and a B.A. in Political Science, she proceeded to Washburn University School of Law. She hopes to practice patent prosecution — working with the United States Patent & Trademark Office to obtain patents for clients. During her first summer of law school, she clerked at Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock, & Kennedy, Chtd. in Wichita. This summer, she will be clerking at Erise IP in Overland Park, KS, and Patterson + Sheridan LLP in Houston. Her ultimate goal is to work in Kansas and eventually develop a patent practice in Wichita, an area lacking patent attorneys.

“I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of The Justice Alex M. Fromme Memorial Scholarship Award. I am passionate about Kansas and keeping people in the state to make it better. This has led to my interest in working with entrepreneurial Kansans to receive intellectual property protection without having to go out-of-state for legal assistance. Kansas has invested in me, and I would like to invest back in the state. Thank you, Kansas Bar Foundation, for providing me with this opportunity. Ad Astra Per Aspera!”

**Hinkle Law Firm Student Scholarship \$3,000** • This scholarship is given to a law student at the University of Kansas School of Law or Washburn University School of Law. Applicants should demonstrate a bona fide intention to practice law in Kansas. Because community service is extremely important to the Hinkle Law Firm, applicants must also demonstrate a history of community involvement to be considered.



### Emily Reed / University of Kansas School of Law

Originally from Pomona, Reed graduated with a B.S. in Political Science from Emporia State University. Reed is a 2L at the University of Kansas School of Law, where she is a Lawyering Skills teaching assistant, research assistant to Lou Mulligan, and co-founder and vice president of the Midwest Innocence Project Student Organization. Reed spent last summer at Spencer Fane, LLP in Kansas City, MO and will be returning this summer. Emily’s favorite part of law school so far has been participating in the National Moot Court Competition and participating in KU’s Project for Innocence and Post-Conviction Remedies, where she assists clients with a student practice permit.

“I am so honored to be awarded the Hinkle Law Firm Student Scholarship. This support from the Kansas Bar Foundation will help me continue my educational pursuits with less financial burdens. I look forward to getting more involved with the KBF throughout the years, and one day helping future law students as the KBF has so generously helped me.”

# assistance through KBF Scholarships

**Lathrop Gage Student Scholarship \$2,000** • This scholarship shall be given to a law student at the University of Kansas School of Law or Washburn University School of Law. Applicants should demonstrate a bona fide intention to practice law in Kansas. Applicants must demonstrate a history of community involvement to be considered.



## Jake Schmidt / University of Kansas School of Law

Jake Schmidt is a 2L at the University of Kansas School of Law. Originally from Overland Park, his family moved to Atchison in 2003. Jake grew up Catholic and attended Catholic school for all twelve years of his early education. This culminated in four years of high school at Maur Hill – Mount Academy. While in school, he spent most of his time playing football, basketball, and baseball. When it became clear he wasn't going to play tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs, Jake decided to move on to his back-up plan; he began undergraduate coursework at the University of Kansas in 2015. Schmidt majored in economics and completed his degree in three years, graduating with highest distinction. However, he couldn't fathom leaving Lawrence after only three years, so naturally he began law school. During his first summer, he was employed as a summer associate at Foulston Siefkin LLP in Wichita. He has subsequently interned for two federal judges on the United States District Court for the District of Kansas: the Hon. Carlos Murguia and the Hon. Holly L. Teeter. Schmidt was recently selected to be an Articles Editor for the Kansas Law Review. Next summer, he plans to return to Foulston Siefkin LLP.

“It is a true honor to receive a scholarship from the Kansas Bar Foundation. In my short time as a member of the legal community, it has become abundantly clear to me that Kansas lawyers are among the best in the country. Not only do Kansas lawyers excel at their craft, but they also are genuinely caring people. I thank the Kansas Bar Foundation and contributing lawyers for caring about me and my fellow law students. I look forward to joining you in serving our great State.”

**The Frank M. Rice Scholarship \$5,000** • The Frank M. Rice Scholarship promotes the practice of law in the state of Kansas by annually awarding funds to a student attending the University of Kansas School of Law or Washburn University School of Law to assist with the costs of tuition. The scholarship is intended to help law students become lawyers in the mold of Frank M. Rice who was “among the finest...in the Bar. He was at the top of his class...and always applied the highest level of legal scholarship to any legal matter in which he was involved.” The recipient must have been admitted to law school and must be a Kansas resident.



## Suzie Locke / Washburn University School of Law

Originally from Idaho Falls, ID, Locke moved to Kansas to work on a master's degree in Leadership. She met her spouse and now lives on a cattle ranch outside El Dorado with her husband and three sons. While in law school, she has participated in Moot Court, Trial Team and in several student organizations. In the Summer of 2019, she interned with Hinkle Law in Wichita and currently works as an extern for Hon. Eric F. Melgren, District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Kansas. After graduation, she plans to work for Adams Jones Law Firm, splitting time between the El Dorado and Wichita offices. When not in Topeka attending classes, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her family.

“I am honored to be the 2020 recipient of the Frank M. Rice Scholarship and to be among the class of past recipients. The Kansas Bar Foundation Scholarships have been a blessing during my tenure at Washburn University School of Law. I look forward to joining a legal community that cares significantly about student success and education. I hope I am able to reciprocate the generosity and support in the future.”

**Frank C. and Jeanne M. Norton Scholarship Award \$2,000** • This scholarship is available exclusively to Washburn University School of Law students in their second or third year of study who are not receiving any other scholarship support.

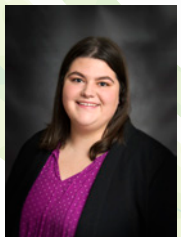


**Carissa Leffler / Washburn University School of Law**

Leffler, a 3L at Washburn University School of Law, grew up in Bellevue, NE. She attended Missouri State University, earning a B.S. in Criminology with a minor in Public Law. She enjoys honing her advocacy skills by being a member of Washburn Law's Moot Court Council, ABA Trial Competition Team, and Voir Dire Competition Team. Throughout law school, she has interned at the Shawnee County District Attorney's Office. Leffler plans to pursue a career in criminal law or civil litigation upon graduation.

"I am humbled and grateful to be selected as the recipient of the Frank C. and Jeanne M. Norton Scholarship. I want to thank all of the generous donors who make the Kansas Bar Foundation scholarships possible for law students faced with financial stress. I look forward to being a practicing member of the Kansas Bar Association and Foundation and hope to contribute to Kansas's future law students."

**Case, Moses, & Zimmerman P.A. Law Student Scholarship \$1,000** • This scholarship is intended to go to a future Kansas lawyer attending a Kansas law school, Creighton University School of Law or Oklahoma City University School of Law. This award is specifically given to a second-year student who intends to practice law in the state of Kansas.



**Emily Brandt / Washburn University School of Law**

Brandt grew up in Beloit and is a 2L. Prior to law school she graduated summa cum laude from Fort Hays State University with a B.A. in Political Science. Brandt was selected to participate in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Rural Externship Program at Washburn Law and spent her first summer working at Dreiling, Bieker & Hoffman in Hays. Brandt serves as an executive board member for the Rural Practice Organization and Women's Legal Forum. She is also a junior staff writer for the Washburn Law Journal and a member of the AAJ Trial Competition Team. After graduation, Brandt intends to return to rural Kansas to practice law.

"I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Case Moses & Zimmerman, P.A. Law Student Scholarship. I am thankful for the support and generosity of the Kansas Bar Foundation while I pursue my legal education. Thank you, Kansas Bar Foundation, for supporting future Kansas lawyers like me."

**Hon. Richard D. and Cindy Rogers Scholarship \$1,000** • The scholarship promotes the practice of law in the state of Kansas by annually awarding funds to a student attending Washburn University School of Law to assist with the costs of tuition. The student must have been admitted to law school and must be a Kansas resident, preferably from a rural community. Preference is given to applicants who have displayed perseverance in the pursuit of a legal education, and who share the passion for the law with the late Judge Rogers, a passion as exemplified in community or pro bono service.



**Darby VanHoutan / Washburn University School of Law**

VanHoutan, originally from Rose Hill, is in her second year at Washburn University School of Law. Before law school, she attended the University of Kansas and earned a B.A. in Political Science and a B.S. in Journalism. In 2019, after her first year of law school, VanHoutan participated in the Dane G. Hansen Rural Externship Program where she was selected to work in Sharon Springs for Etta L. Walker, Attorney at Law. Currently, VanHoutan serves as secretary of the Women's Legal Forum, an ambassador for the law school, and a member of the AAJ Trial Competition Team. After graduation, VanHoutan plans to remain in Kansas and practice criminal defense and family law.

“I am incredibly grateful to have been chosen as the recipient of the Hon. Richard D. and Cindy Rogers Scholarship. I cannot put into words how much the financial support means to me. I will continue to pursue the justice that Judge Rogers and other passionate Kansans have fought for and protected for so long. Thank you to the Kansas Bar Foundation for helping to support students like me as we strive to be the next great lawyers of Kansas.”

There have been years that the applicants for scholarships did not meet the criteria outlined for the scholarship. This year, three scholarships did not have applicants that met the criteria established or there was not an applicant for that scholarship. The following were not awarded this year:

- Capitol Federal Foundation Diversity Scholarship,
- John E. Shamberg Memorial Law Student Scholarship
- Maxine S. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Award.

You can help us reach students who might qualify for these awards next year.

We appreciate your suggestions.

Descriptions of each scholarship can be found here:

<https://www.ksbar.org/mpage/scholarships>

## Congratulations to the 2020 recipients!

### **Testimonial from Past Scholarship Winner Michael T. Crabb**

Receiving the inaugural Case Moses Scholarship in 2007 made a big difference to me as a non-traditional student. At the time, I was a 2L, married with a toddler at home and another on the way. I had left the workforce to pursue a legal career and I hoped against hope that I hadn't made a big mistake. The looming Great Recession made it all the more nerve-rattling. But the Case Moses scholarship helped us pay the bills so I could focus on schoolwork. I ended up landing a great job at Husch Blackwell. I'm now a partner with Kuckelman Torline Kirkland, focusing on personal injury and civil rights litigation. I've made it a priority to pay it forward through pro bono legal work and giving financially to worthy causes.

Michael T. Crabb  
Attorney