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Joseph, Hollander & Craft LLC Elects Ardith Smith-Woertz as Member of the Firm

TOPEKA, Kansas – [Joseph, Hollander & Craft LLC](#) proudly announces the election of Ardith R. Smith-Woertz as a Member of the firm. Smith-Woertz, who joined the firm in 2018, focuses on family law, primarily handling cases involving divorce, child support, child custody and residency, parenting issues, and paternity. She is a certified mediator and regularly acts as a mediator/conciliator for parties in domestic cases.

“We are excited to add Ardith as a Member of our firm,” said Christopher M. Joseph, managing member. “The firm is fortunate to have Ardith’s knowledge and leadership in our family law practice group.”

A life-long advocate for child welfare issues, Smith-Woertz currently serves on the Board of Directors of CASA of Shawnee County. She is a past-president and active member of the Topeka Bar Association, and is a member of the Family Law Sections of the Kansas Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Smith-Woertz earned her J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1987. In 1998, Ms. Smith-Woertz was appointed to the Family Law Advisory Committee of the Kansas Supreme Court Judicial Council. In 1987, she earned her qualifications as a Mediator and is on the list of Certified Mediators through the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration. Periodically, Ms. Smith-Woertz is called upon to serve as a Judge Pro Tem in various divisions for Shawnee County’s Third Judicial District.

Joseph, Hollander & Craft LLC now has offices in Kansas City, Lawrence, Overland Park, Topeka and Wichita. The firm's practice areas include criminal defense, family law, employment law, business litigation, personal injury, cannabis business licensing and regulatory compliance, medical malpractice defense, insurance defense, regulatory defense, professional liability defense, professional licensing, health and hospital law. Its 21 attorneys represent clients in municipal, state, federal and appellate courts and before administrative panels.

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