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# Young Professionals in Technology, Innovation and Education



Welcome to the latest installment of the Young Professionals series, where the Wichita Business Journal spotlights up-and-coming professionals ages 25-40.

These professionals are the next generation of city and community leaders. Take a look at who's achieving at a young age.

This month's installment covers young professionals working in technology, innovation and education in and around Wichita.

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### **Associate Trial Attorney, Monnat & Spurrier Chtd.**

**What do you do in your role?** As an associate trial attorney at Monnat & Spurrier, my role involves representing clients in both pre-charge investigations and charged criminal matters, including misdemeanor and felony offenses. My role involves preparing for court appearances, strategizing pre-trial motions that may need to be filed, and preparing for trial.

**Who is a mentor who got you started and why are they important to you?** Dan Monnat is my mentor. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dan long before the start of my legal career at Monnat & Spurrier. Dan's commitment to my success as a young criminal defense attorney has been instrumental. His mentorship is invaluable, and having the pleasure and opportunity to work alongside him is a constant reminder of the impact that a person can have on both one's professional and personal growth.

**What's a recent challenge in your profession?** A recent challenge in the legal profession is the sudden shift from in-person hearings to remote hearings. Although virtual hearings provide convenience in some respects, they fail to allow the same humanity and dynamic as appearing in person. The absence of physical presence feels as though there is a disconnect between the legal system and the people it is intended to serve.

**Why will this be your profession long-term?** Being a criminal defense attorney is my passion. So, this will undoubtedly be my profession long-term. Perhaps best said by Rennard Strickland and Frank T. Read, “Lawyers are the foot soldiers of our Constitution.” My passion for achieving justice for each and every client I represent is why being a criminal defense attorney will be my profession long-term.