

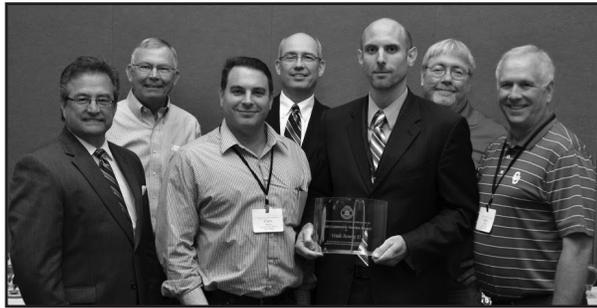
## 2014 KPF Community Service Award

# Wade Bowie, II - Allen County Attorney

*The Kansas Prosecutors Foundation created an annual award intended to recognize a Kansas prosecutor who has rendered outstanding service to his or her community in addition to the performance of the duties required by the position of a prosecutor. Nominations were accepted for the first award of this kind, and the winner was honored during the KCDA Spring Conference in June 2014. The 2014 KPF Community Service Award winner is Wade Bowie II, Allen County Attorney.*

Wade graduated from the Washburn School of Law in 2004. During law school, he participated in a number of organizations, including the Washburn Student Bar Association and the Shawnee County Youth Court. While attending law school, Wade worked as a clerk for the Kansas Court of Appeals. After law school, Wade moved to Iola to serve as Assistant Allen County Attorney. He served in that role from 2005-2011. After the departure of the Allen County Attorney in 2011, Wade was appointed to assume those responsibilities. He then won the 2012 election and was hired to serve as the Iola municipal court prosecutor. But, it is his work in addition to being a prosecutor that makes him a deserving winner of the Community Service Award.

According to his nomination, Wade has a passion for helping animals, youth, child victims, law enforcement, and lots of other causes in his community. First, he is a member of the board of the Allen County Rescue Facility (ACARF). His participation in this board over the last three years has ensured that the organization continues its important mission of caring for neglected, abused, and lost domestic animals. For youth, he used his discretion as County Attorney, to donate money to the Iola High School to fund a first ever after prom activity. The students boarded buses in Iola after the prom and traveled to Tulsa, where they had unlimited pizza, indoor go-karts, laser tag, and a game room. This alcohol free event was made possible with support from the community and the County Attorney's Office. Wade also went to the middle school and high schools to speak with students about the dangers of sexting. In addition, Wade is a member of the multi-disciplinary team for



the Hope Unlimited Child Advocacy Center. They meet monthly to discuss ongoing cases and efforts to assist child victims.

When not working for youth and children, Wade spends time advocating to acquire a local sexual assault

nurse examiner in Allen County. The effort is being coordinated through several groups, and if approved, will help victims in the local community obtain easier access to important services.

For law enforcement, Wade began a tradition of sponsoring an annual law enforcement recognition night, funded through the diversion account. The event includes dinner for law enforcement, spouses, and other guests and includes a presentation from Wade summarizing the previous year's noteworthy criminal cases and how they were resolved in court. This effort is designed to show community appreciation for law enforcement's efforts in keeping Allen County safe and build rapport between law enforcement and the County Attorney's Office.

Wade has numerous other accomplishments in his community including: persuading law enforcement and county judges to approve a blood search warrant procedure for DUI refusal cases, helping city and county law enforcement obtain head cameras for use during investigations, donating money to the local CASA chapter, contributing to the annual Safety Day for youth, providing training on legal issues during the Kansas concealed carry classes, funding the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District's Drug Court, and much more that we don't have room to list!

He truly does provide outstanding services to his community beyond his role of as a prosecutor. Congratulations Wade!