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### **Brandon Ritcha joins county attorney's office**

New Kingman County assistant county attorney Brandon Ritcha has local ties. His grandparents, Jim and Cleona Dirks, lived in Kingman and owned an antique shop here.

It was that connection that ultimately led to Ritcha being hired to assist Kingman County Attorney Matthew Ricke. Ritcha said his grandfather was talking with one of Ricke's private practice clients. The grandfather knew Ritcha was searching for his first job as an attorney and the client knew Ricke was interested in expanding his practice.



Not long after that conversation, Ritcha, a 2013 graduate of the Washburn University School of Law, sent a letter of introduction to Ricke. The pair first met in person on Memorial Day, in the midst of the Brett Seacat murder trial.

"I wanted somebody who had ties in the area, a family person who wanted to work in a small town," Ricke said. Turns out, the fit was a good one from the beginning.

Ritcha says he decided to practice law because he likes challenges and enjoys being a leader. He also holds an undergraduate degree from McPherson College.

"I always wanted to do something that I thought would make a difference where I lived locally," he said.

He was born in Salina but grew up in Inman. He always planned to settle down in a small town. He didn't necessarily plan on being a prosecutor, but that is working out, too.

"Here we have something new every day," he said of the county attorney's office. "That's what I love."

Ritcha will assist Ricke, with the majority of his time spent on county business. He also will have a private law practice at the office at 349 N. Main in Kingman. The county attorney prosecutes all traffic cases outside the city of Kingman, all illegal drug cases, all fish & game cases, all felony cases in the county and most misdemeanor cases.

Ritcha is married. He and his wife, Madison, are parents of son, Waylon, 9 months. When he's not practicing law, Ritcha enjoys target shooting and sports.