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'Promising lawyer with bright future' killed in Racine Co. car crash

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The Illinois personal-injury attorney Elizabeth Olszewski died in a car crash in Racine County on Feb. 9. The Union Grove native practiced at Salvi, Schostok & Prichard in Waukegan, Ill.

In a press release from the firm, colleagues described her as a promising young lawyer with a bright future. They remembered her "infectious warmth" and kindness.

"Elizabeth was a vibrant and brilliant litigator who loved her clients and job fiercely, but more importantly, she was an amazing and kind human being," said Tara Devine, managing partner of Salvi, Schostok & Prichard's Lake County office. "She was not just my colleague, she was my dear friend. To say that she will be deeply missed is an understatement."

Olszewski grew up in Union Grove and received her bachelor's degree from UW-Parkside. Upon graduation, she started working at a personal injury law firm in Racine and continued working there while she attended John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

She earned her juris doctor from John Marshall Law School in 2013 and joined Salvi, Schostok & Prichard the same year. Olszewski was involved with a number of organizations, including the Wisconsin State Bar, Illinois State Bar and the American Bar Association. She was named as a Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers and as an Emerging Lawyer by Law Bulletin Media.

Outside work, Olszewski volunteered at "Waukegan 2 College," a nonprofit group that helps students deal with college applications.

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