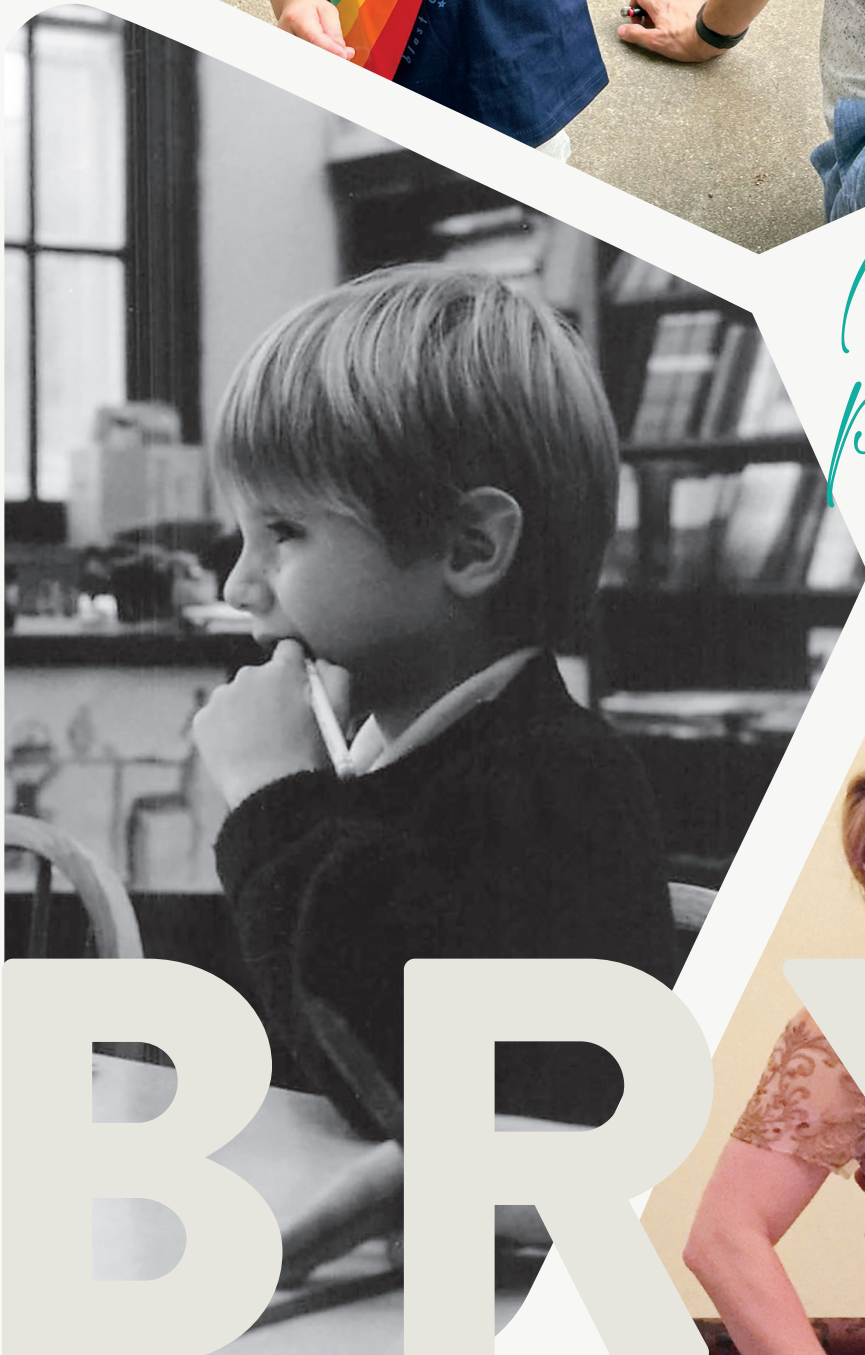


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2024 LBA

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Thank you to everyone who has renewed for 2024!

As a reminder, your first notice was sent via email unless you are in a firm of five or more attorneys. Please be sure to pay your dues before the deadline of January 31, 2024 to guarantee that there is no interruption in your membership benefits. If you'd like to simplify the process in the future by signing up for auto renewal, please contact Marisa Motley at mmotley@loubar.org.

Get the most out of your local bar by joining the LBA as a Sustaining Member in 2024. The additional benefits of sustaining membership include an additional 10% discount on LBA CLE programming (some exclusions apply) and LBA signature events such as the Bench & Bar Social and Awards Luncheon, in addition to complimentary delivery for the 2024-2025 printed pictorial roster.

If you know a new attorney who passed the bar in the fall of 2023, let them know they can join the LBA for FREE! This is a great way for new attorneys to get immersed into our local legal community.

Don't let your membership lapse due to financial constraints. If you'd like to discuss setting up a payment plan for this year's dues, please contact our office.

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Embracing Gratitude and Service as your New LBA President

Following in the steps of Kate Crosby, Seth Gladstein and so many others are truly huge shoes to fill. Much has been accomplished by the Louisville Bar Association in recent years: the Bar created an Employee Assistance Program for our members, hired an amazing new executive director and Bar Center renovations are well underway.

I am grateful to follow in their footsteps. Having just experienced the holiday season, gratitude is top of mind. While my own career and life, like many in our profession, is marked by achievements and successes, it bears pause to reflect on how that came to be in my life. I am lucky to run a successful solo practice and could easily look back with a selfish lens thinking *I studied hard, I took the risk to build my own practice, I got good at what I do and I deserve it*. But that ignores the huge number of people and organizations that were the wind in my sails.

I am the product of parents who valued education, and the son of an OB/GYN who put himself through school and built his own medical practice. I am the child of a family who helped me afford higher education and who respected owning your own practice. The taxpayers of Kentucky subsidized much of my unusually inexpensive legal education. When I got out, I was lucky to meet my first boss at a wedding and make him laugh in the bar line. When I went in for an interview the following Monday, he simply said, "Here's your desk"; I had no interview.

I am grateful for the attention and friendship provided to me by every attorney at Darby & Gazak, where I first learned litigation skills and medical terminology. After leaving that firm for Connecticut and returning in the wake of the '08 crash, Mike O'Connell graciously hired me as a Juvenile Court Prosecutor. There, Chris Brown, Scooter Bell and Judge David Holton got me comfortable and competent with hearings and trials. After eventually opening my own shop, people like Richard Nash, Kevin Weis, Scott Zoppoth and many others referred me my first cases. Even today, most of my cases are referrals from other lawyers. David Gray covered my first years' dues in the Kentucky Justice Association. Other colleagues continue to answer their phones or meet me for lunch to workshop cases. I am eternally grateful for each of them and, frankly, never express it. I do so here.

Knowing that I had just branched out with my own practice, John Bilby, now with Stoll Keenon Ogden, called me with great advice. He told me he looked at the Louisville Bar Association Pictorial Roster and did not see my face. He suggested I join and be active in the LBA. He said it was the litmus test to determine who was essentially credible. I hung up the phone and joined that day.

I got to know nearly all of those lawyers through the Louisville Bar Association. The LBA provided a collegial environment where I could get to know opposing counsel and judges socially. Knowing other lawyers in this capacity earned me much needed benefit of the doubt, credibility and legitimacy. The LBA afforded an opportunity to network and expand my business. It built a group of experienced attorneys I could call with a variety of questions of practice. I started as a member of the Solo/Small Practice section of the LBA when Valerie Herbert ran the section. Ever since, I litigated several cases with her and her firm and am grateful to know her and others socially before such lawyers are reduced to "opposing counsel."

Thereafter, I ran the Solo/Small Practice section for a few years, earning Section of the Year, until Dean Furman graciously put me on the LBA Board. I remember so clearly at the Bench & Bar when he asked me to join. I was elated. The Bar means and gives so much to me, I am humbled and eager to serve the LBA.

I continue to offer advice to young lawyers or attorneys looking to go out on their own, knowing the fear and risks involved. My first piece of advice consistently is: "Join and be active in the Louisville Bar Association."

I look forward to this year serving with and for you as this year's President of the Louisville Bar Association.



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Bryan R. Armstrong
LBA President

INTRODUCING 2024 LBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Maria Fernandez



Assuming the role of president-elect is Maria A. Fernandez, a partner at Fernandez & Moloney. Fernandez works with clients across the United States and abroad. Her practice is focused in several areas including estate planning, probate and administration, elder law and special needs planning, corporate, individual and international taxation, and corporate law, with an emphasis in closely held corporations.

She has served previously as a delegate from the Louisville Bar Association to the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and also served as co-chair of the LBA's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Fernandez serves on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society and is also a Board Member and Treasurer of the Louisville Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She received her J.D. from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law in 1989.

Sam Wardle



Moving up to vice-president/ treasurer is Samuel Wardle. He is a litigator at Frost Brown Todd who primarily focuses on complex insurance-coverage disputes between policyholders and insurers. His work in this area includes everything from "occurrence" disputes and Kentucky uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage exclusions to personal property valuation litigation and insurer liability for broker negligence.

Wardle received a degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and started his career as a reporter. He also taught English as a second language in China and worked as a wilderness instructor in Canada prior to enrolling and graduating, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law in 2013.

He is a past chair of the LBA's Litigation Section, for which he received the "Section of the Year" award. He also devotes a significant portion of his time to pro bono work and volunteerism.

Jennifer Kleier



Joining the Executive Committee as secretary is Jennifer Kleier, a partner at Karem & Kleier Law. She has worked in private practice since 2015 as a litigator and practices in the areas of family law, criminal law, guardianship and estate/probate. Prior to working in private practice, she served as a public defender for the Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office for five years.

Jennifer received her undergraduate degree from Murray State University and her Masters in Sports Administration from UofL before graduating from Brandeis School of Law in 2010. She is chair of both the LBA's Gender Equity and Health & Wellness Committees. She was recently honored as the WLA 2023 Member of the Year and previously honored by the LBA as chair of the Committee of the Year for the Gender Equity Committee. She is a graduate of the LBA's Leadership Academy and was honored to be an associate member of the Louis D. Brandeis Inn of Court from 2016-19. She currently serves as Chair of the Board for UP for Women and Children, a drop-in day shelter in Louisville serving unhoused women, children and marginalized genders.



A Call to Action

Invest in Your Bar Association

2024 LBA Section Leadership

LBA sections offer our members quality professional development opportunities through training, conferences, publications and meetings. Each section's goal is to enhance your practice and foster your legal and management skills.

There are many benefits of joining an LBA section, and the cost is minimal — for just \$15 per section, you can gain access to specialized CLE programs, section news, networking within your discipline and resources that contribute to your professional growth.

Whether you are a seasoned professional or just starting your legal career, active involvement in these sections offers a supportive local community where members can share experiences, seek advice and collaborate on initiatives that benefit the local legal community.

We're currently looking for leaders to serve as section chairs in 2024. Invest in yourself and your local legal community by signing up to lead or join one or more LBA sections.

Please join me in welcoming (and thanking) the section leadership for 2024!

– Lisa M. Anspach, LBA CLE Director

Welcome the LBA's Newest Section

You spoke, we listened. The LBA has created a new Tort & Insurance Law Practice Section and is currently seeking members.

The Tort & Insurance Law Practice Section is dedicated to creating a supportive and educational environment for its members; fostering meaningful outreach and community engagement opportunities; and developing CLE programs and networking events, catering to both plaintiff and defense attorneys.

When you renew your membership, please include this section (complimentary for 2024). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Lisa Anspach at lanspach@loubar.org.

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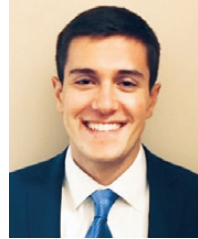


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30th Annual LBA Santa's Court Toy Drive is a Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the LBA's 30th annual Santa's Court Toy Drive a success for local children in need. Gifts collected in the LBA's toy drive were donated to children participating in The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. We're thrilled to announce that we collected more than \$7,800 in monetary donations and more than 300 toys.

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Cookie Decorating at Bae's Baekery

Bae's Baekery turned into a sweet symphony on December 14th during our cookie decorating class. Laughter echoed as participants indulged in spoonfuls of icing, turning cookies into edible masterpieces. The air was filled with sugary delight as creativity flourished, proving that at Bae's, the recipe for joy includes a dash of laughter, a sprinkle of shared moments and a generous helping of delicious memories.



Thank you for the sweet memories!



“ Spending time with fellow LBA members while learning how to decorate cookies from one of Louisville's best bakeries was so much fun! The event was open to members and their guests, so it ended up being a true family event, creating a memorable and joyous experience for all. I can't wait to do it again!

– Jennifer Kleier

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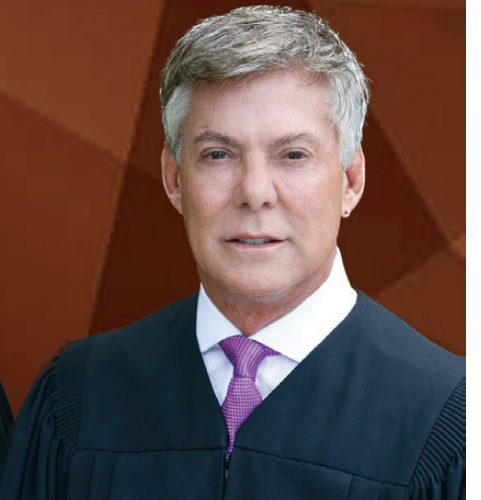
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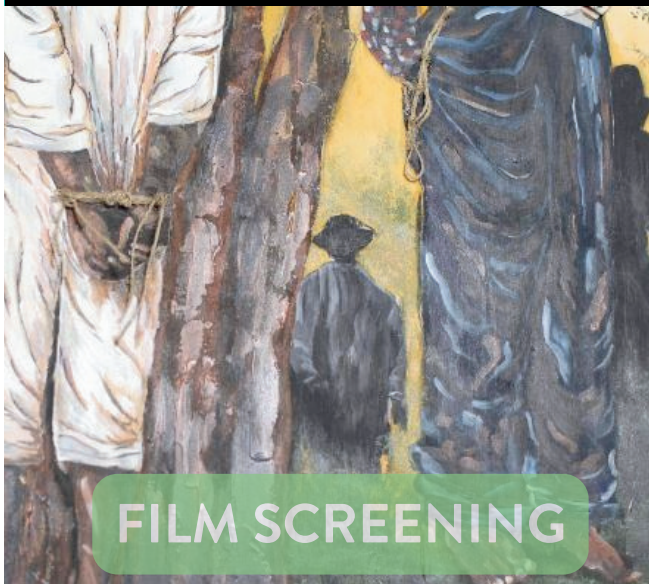
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Join us for a special screening of "By Parties Unknown," a documentary produced by WKU PBS in conjunction with Michael Morrow, Executive Director of the SEEK Museum in Russellville, Ky.

This film traces the story of a Black man named Rufus Browder, who was arrested in 1908 for shooting and killing a man in self-defense. Later, four of his acquaintances were violently lynched in retribution. "By Parties Unknown" explores the culture of mob violence against Black communities in the American South during this time, and follows the case against Browder, who was represented by attorneys who would go on to become leaders in the state bar.

For more information visit the LBA website at www.loubar.org.

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33rd Annual Alan T. Slyn and Hon. Richard A. Revell Domestic Relations Update

Friday, February 23, 2024

Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Goodman attorneys Emily Cecconi, Nathan Hardymon and Elizabeth Howell will address decisions the Kentucky Supreme Court and the Kentucky Court of Appeals handed down during the 2023 calendar year so you can get up to date on the current state of Kentucky domestic relations law. A panel discussion will follow the presentations, as time permits.

Speakers include: Emily T. Cecconi, Nathan R. Hardymon and Elizabeth M. Howell all from Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Goodman

Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. — Program
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The Importance of Paralegal Certification

Deana Lively, CP, CKP, MJA

The legal profession is inundated with highly skilled, educated and irreplaceable talent, often found working expeditiously in the background. While these individuals may not have attended law school, they are active members of the legal team who yearn to share their potential and success with attorneys who are eager to treat them as equals. These individuals are best known in the legal profession as paralegals.

Even though paralegals have been working in the legal field for many years, the complexity of a paralegal's role within a firm is often misunderstood. While many of us are still required to perform general clerical tasks, our capacity to assist counsel in highly detailed and multifaceted legal tasks is ultimately boundless. Paralegals such as myself are up to the challenge and are determined to continue learning and growing within the profession, so we may offer a higher level of consistency and skill within our work. While one way to achieve this higher level of skill is through formal legal education, there aren't many options for those of us who have already met or exceeded formal education goals, such as degrees. Outside of formal education, national and state paralegal certification is yet another way for a paralegal to show their dedication to the profession.

The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) offers a formal certification program to all paralegals across the United States. As the testing process is rigorous, paralegals who have achieved this level of certification are surely dedicated and have worked extremely hard to prove their value within the legal field. Paralegals who are certified through NALA have demonstrated their legal skill by taking and passing two equally complicated tests: the knowledge test and the skills test. The knowledge test requires memorization of federal laws, regulations and terms in several key legal areas, while the skills test assesses a paralegal's ability to argue a legal issue consistently and effectively without advanced preparation. While the Certified Paralegal program is only one certification in a sea of others, it is largely the most popular. Paralegals searching for additional certifications also have the option of becoming a Registered Paralegal through The National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA), a Professional Paralegal through The National Association of Legal Support Professionals (NALS)—and the list goes on.

Additionally, there is also the option of state paralegal certification. Currently, 278 Kentucky paralegals have taken the time, made the effort and passed the test to become a Certified Kentucky Paralegal. Obtaining these certifications is only the first step. To keep these certifications, paralegals must meet yearly continuing legal education requirements, like that of attorneys.

While many paralegals take the initiative to seek out those additional advancement opportunities, others may benefit from the support of their attorney to begin the cer-

tification journey. Attorneys working with non-certified paralegals are well-positioned to encourage certification within the paralegal profession. By promoting paralegal certification, attorneys will benefit from this increased knowledge which will not only lighten their existing workload, but potentially increase the hourly rate of the paralegal's billables, which as we all know is extremely important.

Paralegals are a crucial part of the legal team, and certification absolutely enhances that cruciality. Gone are the days when the terms "paralegal" and "legal assistant" were synonymous. Paralegals are more than capable of performing detailed legal research, drafting complex legal documents, conducting meetings with clients, preparing detailed legal summaries, organizing each aspect of trial preparation and everything in between. In some instances, paralegals may even represent individuals in administrative hearings. The tasks that an attorney may assign to a paralegal are endless. Most paralegals seek to be challenged in ways that require constant learning. So, attorneys, challenge your paralegal. Trust them to rise to the challenge, whether it be obtaining certification, or trying their hand at an assignment previously done by someone above their level.

In my twenty-five years of working as a paralegal, I am more confident in my ability when I know that my attorney trusts me enough to challenge me even more than I challenge myself. After obtaining my national paralegal certification, I can attest that the certification program truly increased my knowledge of the legal field tenfold. It certainly made me appreciate my job more, become more dedicated and willing to learn everything I can to support my team of attorneys. If you are a paralegal reading this, obtaining your national certification is worth it. If you are an attorney reading this, encourage your paralegal to obtain their certification because it will be worth it for both of you.

If you are one of the lucky ones to have a certified paralegal that you trust to be by your side, do everything you can to encourage and support them. Remind them how important they are to your team. Lastly, if your paralegal is not certified, encourage it. Even if you consider them to be amazing, certification will only make them better, thus making your life a little easier.

Deana Lively, CP, CKP, MJA, has been working as a paralegal since 1999. She is a litigation paralegal for the Louisville office of DBL Law, PSC. She is the President of the Louisville Association of Paralegals and the Vice President of the Kentucky Paralegal Association. She is a paralegal member of the Louisville Bar Association and participates as a member of the LBA's CLE Committee. She holds a Master of Science degree in Justice Administration and is a Certified Kentucky Paralegal and a NALA Certified Paralegal. ■



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– Justice Louis D. Brandeis

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The year 2023 saw bold changes at Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. Administration, faculty and staff took major steps to advance the curriculum and create an environment that fosters excellence in legal education and scholarship. Brandeis School of Law's distinction as the only law school named for Justice Louis D. Brandeis gives it an unparalleled position in legal education. Brandeis Law students deserve unparalleled opportunity in the education and programs the school provides. Here are just a few ways the school strengthened its ability to deliver that opportunity in 2023:

Advances in Legal Education

- Strengthened and expanded our experiential learning programs:
 - Designated an Associate Dean for Experiential Education to coordinate oversight of our five law clinics, externships and moot court program.
 - Doubled the seats in our Mediation Clinic.
 - Launched a pilot Housing Clinic (eviction defense).
 - Hired new leadership and expanded hours at our Elder Law Clinic.
- Matriculated 118 incoming 1Ls who have excellent academic credentials and represent one of our most historically diverse entering classes.
- Continue to provide affordable excellence by keeping tuition at some of the lowest levels in the country: \$25,500 for KY residents and \$30,500 for non-residents.
- Added pre-enrollment academic content to better prepare our incoming 1Ls.
- Revamped orientation to include more academic content, giving our 1Ls a greater head start in the first-year curriculum.
- Partnered with Helix Bar Review for our 3L bar prep skills class.

Advances in Enhancing the Law School Environment

- Hired six new permanent faculty and three new visiting professors.
- Created and filled positions in diversity and community engagement and instructional technology to expand services and programming in these areas.
- Revamped our faculty governance architecture to be more focused and efficient.
- Intensified alumni engagement and increased development efforts to raise funds for student scholarships as well as facility renovation.
- Increased financial support for faculty and professional development as well as support for our faculty workshop series.
- Improved support and infrastructure for grant-funded research.

For more information, visit louisville.edu/law. ■

PROFILE CLASS OF 2026

118 FIRST YEAR ENROLLMENT	56% WOMEN	21% STUDENTS OF COLOR
156 MEDIAN LSAT	638 COMPLETE APPLICATIONS	24% LGBTQ+
3.68 MEDIAN UGPA	27% FIRST GENERATION	19% AGE 30+
	36% OUT OF STATE	

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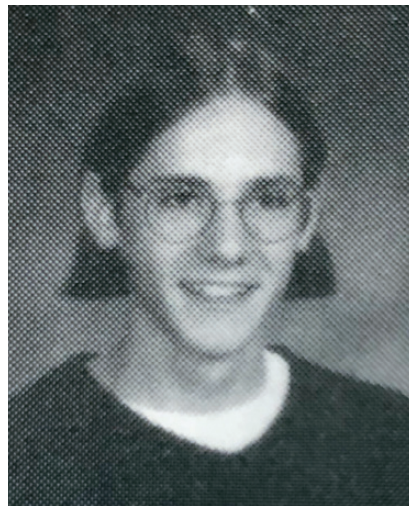
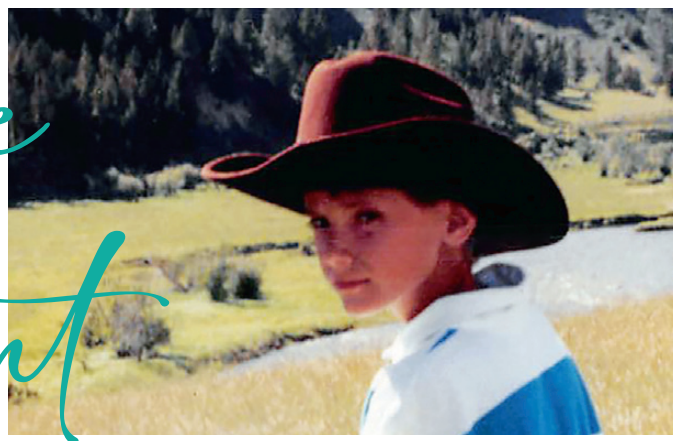
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Meet the President

BARBERS



EARLY YEARS

Tell me about your childhood – where did you grow up? Do you have siblings? Did you have any childhood interests or hobbies?

I had an amazing childhood. Born and bred right here in Louisville. My dad always said, “If I could do it all over again, I’d be one of my kids.” He was right. I have two brothers and one sister; all of whom are incredible people with great careers and families. I was lucky to have two parents who truly loved each other. It made for a very happy home. My mother is incredible, she ran every cub scout and school activity I remember. My dad always made sure I had the latest Nintendo game and the cheat codes. We traveled a lot, Kiawah, Hilton Head, skiing all over Colorado, dude ranches, Hawaii... I was incredibly lucky to be the child of my parents.

Looking back, what about your family and/or childhood had the greatest impact on you?

Not to get too into it, but my father’s death when I was 17. While I always had the support of my family, it impressed upon me that my life and future depended on no one else. I had to study and work hard to achieve the life I wanted. It gave me a lot of drive. It also instilled resilience.

You attended Trinity College in Connecticut. What did you study there? What was appealing to you about Trinity College, and what was your college experience like?

An East Coast liberal arts education and I were made for each other. It was an adventure. I specifically chose a school where I had no connections and knew no one. I forced myself into a proving ground. I studied whatever I wanted. My freshman year I took a biology class. After a few classes, I knew this had nothing to do with my field of interest. I quit going. It was the only F I ever got. I don’t regret it. It was a waste of my attention. Were it not for that F I would have graduated *summa cum laude*. I focused on political science and legal studies and loved it.

CAREER TODAY

Who would you consider to be some of your mentors in the Louisville legal community?

Just ask me which of my kids I like better... There are so many. There are countless lawyers that have been so unbelievably gracious to me. I hate to even list a few for fear of missing anyone. I’ll take a stab at it. Don Darby, David Gazak, Kevin Weis, John Bilby, Richard Nash, Scooter Bell... This is just a small snapshot. There are also a number of folks I graduated with who rely on each other: Brian Brownfield, Wilson Greene, Wade Yeoman, Aaron Murphy... The list truly goes on.

But more than anyone else, Kurt Scharfenberger. He’s been a reliable friend and mentor professionally and personally. He has a great way of focusing my attention on what’s truly at issue. His door has always been open. He’s one of the finest people I know. I hope I can provide the same to others in the future.

What do you think most people misunderstand about being an attorney?

We don’t know everything and can’t fix everything. Some problems don’t have a fancy loophole solution.

LEGAL BEGINNINGS

Did you always know you wanted to be a lawyer? If so, what brought you to that conclusion? If not, when and why did you decide to pursue a career in the law?

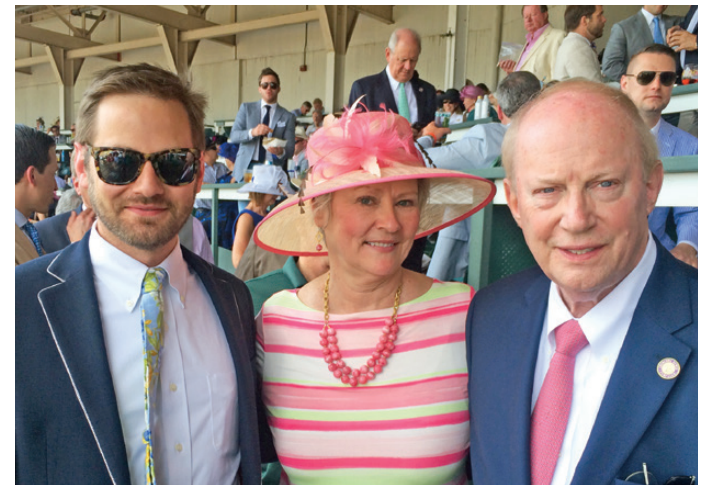
My dad was an OB/GYN, and some of his best friends, Mike Greene and Doug Morris, were lawyers. Mike and Doug are some of the happiest people I know. It was an easy choice to be a plaintiff’s lawyer: they’re successful and help people. It’s a win-win.

You went to UofL for law school. What was your law school experience like?

UofL was a smart move. It didn’t break the bank compared to other schools. I had saved enough working in D.C. where I could cover the cost with a line of credit instead of a student loan. I knew I was going to spend the rest of my life in Louisville. I get to see my law school friends several times a week. It is a lot of fun to practice law sixteen years later with an old study or beer buddy.

Any other “beginnings” you had after law school before you went into practice?

Going out on my own was the best career move I’ve made. It allows me to focus more on my family. Sick kid, no problem. Big win, it’s all mine. Big loss, and they happen, well, it’s part of the territory. I enjoy the freedom to take the cases I want and practice the way I want. My past employers would never have allowed me to take on some of the cases that turned into my most successful.



BAR ASSOCIATION

Why did you decide to get involved in the LBA?

Time to be honest: I had started my own practice and needed to network.

What do you think are the top benefits of being an LBA member?

This is hard to pinpoint, but I think the networking. And not for business. What I mean is that LBA members—judges, opposing parties—we don't see each other as the unreasonable lawyer. Instead, I see Curt Sitlinger and think, "I like that guy, he's nice to me, of course he can have an extension of time." LBA members see each other more as people and colleagues and recognize that we all have clients, positions, families, civic interests, feelings and personal lives.

How has involvement in the LBA impacted your career?

Selfishly, it has given me a little respectability and credibility. I'm not suggesting I would've looked like a scummy, ambulance-chasing personal injury attorney without it but the LBA sure helped. The LBA allowed me to present several CLEs where I was the clear expert in the room. Other lawyers then knew I was the expert in that topic.

What are some of your goals for your year as President of the LBA?

Fundraising. We've started construction to improve our Bar Center. It's going to look great. Once completed, I have zero doubt it will be a boon to the membership. It will be an excellent gathering place while we continue to get out of our Covid shells, and a financial benefit to the LBA's bottom line. I look forward to partnering with firms, individuals and outside organizations on a path to financially support this new face of the LBA.

I also look forward to completing our update of the bylaws for best practices. I am grateful for Sam Wardle's heavy efforts in this arena.

I look forward to working with Executive Director Kristen Miller and others to increase revenues for the LBA.

On a personal level, I look forward to dominating the pickleball court with Justin Key at next year's LBA pickleball tournament.

What are you most excited about as you begin your year as the LBA's leader?

I'm really excited about the ABA's mid-year conference taking place here in Louisville. I can't wait to show off my hometown.

What do you think are the LBA's greatest strengths? What are our biggest challenges?

The biggest challenge we face is the same as many other American organizations. Nationally, civic involvement is on the decline. This is also true among places of worship and with arts organizations. More member events should help this.

Our greatest strength, aside from our investment fund, is our members. We have a deep talent pool.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Tell me more about your family. How did you meet your wife? What profession is she in? Do you have children?

My wife, Cassie Chambers Armstrong, and I got to know each other at a Wigs on Tap Fundraiser. My wife is an outrageously credentialed (Yale, Harvard Law, London School of Economics) and gorgeous powerhouse serving in our State Senate. Her service as a State Senator, tenure-track law professor at UofL and mom of two blows my mind daily. On occasion, she still finds time to draft responses to summary judgments and appellate briefs for me. She's a winner.

We have two awesome boys: four-year-old Cooper and three-year-old Millard. These guys are the best part of my day and are presently at maximum cuteness. At least for now, they believe that I am the world's best engineer because I put new batteries in toys. They also think I'm one of its strongest and funniest men. That'll change, but for now, it's great.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I play a lot of squash. Like most of us, turning 40 brought a renewed emphasis on health. Growing up, I was never an athlete. But I've always believed that I can be good at anything I spend time on. So, I played... A lot. Next thing I knew, I was winning tournaments. In the C leagues, mind you, and then on to Bs. But a win's a win.

What community organizations do you support or volunteer with? Why are they important to you?

The LBA is the focus of my efforts! How do you think I got to be President?! But I used to be really involved with Jefferson Memorial Forest and Actors Theatre. I also spent a lot of time with Give502. But after my wife started running for office, I found myself acting as cheerleader-in-chief for Cassie Chambers for Metro Council and then for State Senate. I've spent so much time in fundraising, people are concerned when I ask them to lunch.

What are some of your current hobbies or interests?

I've got three- and four-year-old boys so... Sleeping. It's amazing, I spend an amazing amount of time, between five to seven hours a day, just laying in my bed.

Seriously though, I read, a lot. In the last month I read "The Gambler" about the guy that built the MGM Grand, Michael Lewis' "Going Infinite" and Morgan House's "Same as Ever." Currently I'm really into the podcast "Pivot" with Kara Swisher and Professor Scott Galloway.

If you weren't an attorney, what other career path do you think you might have pursued?

That's tough. I never seriously considered doing anything else. But my dream job would be writing for "The Simpsons."

What's something not a lot of people know about you?

I raced slalom and giant slalom in college.

What's your favorite movie – and your favorite guilty pleasure movie?

The movie "Arthur" is the greatest movie ever made. Of course, I mean Orion's 1981 Dudley Moore picture, featuring music by Christopher Cross and Burt Bacharach. It has everything—comedy, romance, intrigue and redemption. I think that movie fits all the stages of Joseph Campbell's Hero's Journey.

Are you a music fan? If so, what's your favorite performer or band?

LCD Soundsystem. No band is better live.

What is your favorite restaurant in Louisville?

I've gotta go with Buck's. Piano, dim lighting, the white flowers—everybody looks good in there. But, like any Louisvillian, my many favorites places that aren't around anymore: Asiatque, Café Metro, Thai Café and Lentinis. I still give directions describing landmarks.

THE LOUISVILLE BAR FOUNDATION



LBF Elects Officers for 2024

Charles H. Stopher is the incoming President of the Louisville Bar Foundation for 2024. Stopher is a partner with Boehl, Stopher & Graves. He focuses on civil trial work. He handles the defense of claims alleging personal injury, products liability, insurance bad faith, employment discrimination, professional liability and breach of contract. He also works on complex litigation managing large-scale discovery and electronic discovery. Stopher worked as a trial attorney at the Louisville Metro Public Defender from 2006 to 2010. He clerked for Judge John G. Heyburn II, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky immediately following law school. In addition to his legal practice, Stopher is engaged in numerous civic and charitable causes. He has served the board of Summerbridge Louisville since 2005 and the LBF board since 2017.

Other LBF Officers for 2024 include: Sara V. Judd, President-Elect; Gregory T. Dutton, Vice President and Treasurer; Joseph C. Ventura, Secretary; Gretchen C. Avery, Past President. In addition, three individuals will join the LBF Board of Directors for three-year terms: Jennifer M. Barbour, Jeffrey S. Moad and Sherry L. Hurley.

5 Attorneys Join Distinguished Ranks of LBF Fellows in 2023

The LBF is proud to recognize the following five attorneys as new Fellows of the LBF in 2023. The LBF Fellows Program recognizes individuals who have achieved success in the legal profession and whose generous personal gifts have supported the law-related mission of the Louisville Bar Foundation. Fellows contribute or pledge a minimum of \$1,000 to the Louisville Bar Foundation. Pledges may be made in equal installments over a four-year period. Contributions to the Fellows Program are applied to the Foundation's endowment, thereby increasing the amount of grant funds available in future years. To make your gift to the endowment, call (502) 292-6734 or donate online at www.loubar.org/foundation/contribution.

2023 Fellows

(as of 12/1/2023)

Jefferson Coulter
Brendan R. Daugherty
David N. Hise
Sadiqa N. Reynolds
Hon. Laura P. Russell

2023 Grant Recipients

Foundation's grant awards in 2023 reach all corners of the community

The Louisville Bar Foundation awarded seven additional grants in the final quarter of 2023, bringing the total amount of funds awarded this year to more than \$169,500. The Louisville Bar Foundation is the charitable giving arm of the Louisville Bar Association and it makes grants to local not-for-profit organizations for the delivery of legal services to the poor, improvement of the judiciary and law-related public education. Since its founding in 1982, the Foundation has distributed more than \$3.4 million in grant funds. The Foundation is supported by charitable contributions from individual attorneys and law firms.

ACCESS JUSTICE

Expungement Clinics – \$10,000

Since 2014, Access Justice has provided free legal services through weekly or monthly clinics to low-income individuals and families throughout metro Louisville. With a network of more than forty volunteer attorneys and an office in the Portland neighborhood, Access Justice's legal clinics educate participants on how to resolve a broad range of legal problems. LBF's grant will provide funds to allow Access Justice to reach and serve individuals in need of expungements.

KENTUCKY TO THE WORLD

Film Documentary on Central High School's Street Law Program – \$10,000

The Central High School Law and Government Program has been a model "Street Law" program and has successfully educated hundreds of students about the role of law and inspired many to pursue legal careers. A grant from the LBF, along with charitable contributions from lawyers and law firms in Kentucky, will help fund a film documentary that celebrates the success of this program and shows why such programs are valuable in creating diversity in the legal profession. Kentucky to the World, a non-profit organization focused on elevating the success stories of people and programs in the Commonwealth, serves as the fiscal agent for this film production.

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KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES

Immigration Legal Services – \$15,000

Kentucky Refugee Ministries provides legal services to immigrants who have resettled in the Louisville area. Many of these immigrants need to file applications with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for permanent residence status or to petition for asylum. In recent years, the number of requests for legal assistance far exceeded staff capacity, creating backlogs and waiting lists. The LBF grant will provide funds for KRM to strategically build staff capacity to meet this increased need and reduce the backlog and wait time. The grant also provides partial fee subsidies for immigrants who cannot afford to pay the entire cost of preparing and filing these documents.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Doctors & Lawyers for Kids – \$15,000

Doctors & Lawyers for Kids is a collaborative effort of the Legal Aid Society, LBA, UofL Pediatrics and Family Health Centers that assists children from low-income families by training healthcare providers to recognize unmet legal needs that affect patient health and by having free legal services available to families in need. LBF funds will be used to support services to the Smoketown Family Wellness Center and other pediatric settings.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Greenwald Family Legal Aid Internship Program – \$2,000

The Greenwald Family Legal Aid Internship Fund at the LBF is a memorial fund to honor Murray J. Greenwald, Peggy Hirsch Greenwald and Brooke Greenwald Cohen. Each year the Fund provides a stipend for a University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law student to work at the Legal Aid Society and to be educated on the practical aspects of the law. The goal of the internship is not only to provide needed support for the program, but is a meaningful way that the Greenwald family can pass on their passion for public service to the next generation of lawyers.

LOUISVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Legal Opportunity Scholarships – \$5,000

The LBA's Diversity & Inclusion Committee annually awards Legal Opportunity Scholarships to encourage and provide financial assistance to students at University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law who have historically been underrepresented in the legal profession. The award recipients are selected based on a review of applicants' educational background, personal statements and participation in community service activities. The grant from the LBF will fund scholarships in 2024.

MOTHERSESQUIRE

Legal Eagles: Teaching Children about Legal Jobs – \$7,500

MothersEsquire is a local non-profit with a national network of more than 7,500 members advocating for policies that promote gender equity in the legal profession and practices that encourage retention of attorney talent during caregiving years. LBF funds will support the development and implementation of a school curriculum that teaches about the diverse roles and responsibilities of lawyers in society, using the popular children's book, "My Mom, the Lawyer," as the basis of lesson plans. The curriculum will be accessible online via the MothersEsquire website and will include age-appropriate content for preschoolers, kindergarteners and students in grades 1-5.

LBF Charitable Donations

testimonials

Why should I make a \$45 charitable contribution to the Louisville Bar Foundation when I pay my annual LBA dues? Here's what your colleagues say:



I give to Dare to Care, La Casita and Legal Aid Society. But I always make my LBF charitable gift when I pay my LBA dues because our legal profession needs to support local non-profits and the work they do. – Maria Fernandez



When I served as a board member on the Foundation, I was moved—truly overwhelmed—by how Kentucky Refugee Ministries helped refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine reunite with their families and secure the documents to become United States citizens. I am so proud of the LBF's role in supporting that work and I know there is more that needs to be done. I am always honored to make an annual charitable gift to the LBF. – John Selent



I know my charitable gift to the LBF, although only \$45, can make a huge difference. I'm so proud of what we as lawyers can do collectively to support law-related projects and services in our community. – Hon. Judge McKay Chauvin (ret.)



As a judge in Family Court, I benefit by having a CASA volunteer offer critical insights into a child's perspective and needs. CASA volunteers are a unique resource and the LBF has been a stalwart funder of the CASA program. My LBF charitable contribution is small, but it pays big dividends. I see the difference it makes with CASA volunteers in Family Court. – Hon. Judge Angela Johnson



I always make my LBF charitable gift when I pay my LBA dues because it's important the legal profession invests in the good work of local non-profits and furthers efforts to increase access to the justice system for everyone. As attorneys, we have an obligation to improve the legal system and our profession; and the LBF's mission statement strives to do just that. I'm proud to support that mission every year when I make my contribution. – Sara Veeneman Judd



You make a difference in our community when you add your \$45 charitable contribution to your annual dues payment. Because of you and your colleagues, the LBF has awarded over \$3.2 million in grants to local non-profits since 1982 for law-related projects.

Thank you for your investment in justice.

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Welcome

The Louisville Bar Association would like to welcome our new and returning members!

Thank you to Frost Brown Todd, our newest 100 Club member! If your firm is interested in becoming part of our 100 Club, please contact Marisa Motley mmotley@loubar.org or look for more information in your 2024 LBA Membership Renewal.

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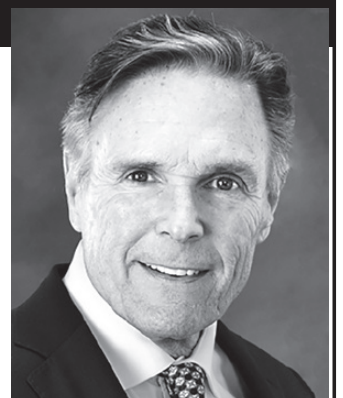
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Eddins Domine Law Group is pleased to welcome **Abbey K. Aldridge** to the firm's Louisville office. Before coming to Eddins Domine Law Group, Aldridge worked as a staff attorney to Judge Doreen Goodwin for two years, gaining invaluable knowledge and experience. She then worked for a medium-sized law firm practicing family law. Aldridge earned her J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law in 2020.

Eddins Domine Law Group is pleased to welcome **Tyler J. Rucker** to the firm's Louisville office. Rucker has spent his career focusing on litigation on behalf of individuals and defending corporations and insurance companies. Prior to working at Eddins Domine, he worked for a medium-sized law firm practicing primarily insurance defense. Rucker earned his J.D. from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

McBrayer Member **Mitchel Denham** was named co-chair of the gubernatorial inauguration by Gov. Andy Beshear and First Lady Britainy Beshear. Denham is a Member in the Louisville office of McBrayer, where his practice spans across regulatory matters, general civil litigation and government enforcement actions with a focus on health care law, government regulations, constitutional law, business litigation and employment law.

Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Goodman is pleased to announce that attorney **Nathan R. Hardyman** has completed the National Family Law Trial Institute, a week-long intensive litigation skills course in Houston, Texas dedicated exclusively to family law. The program is led by nationally acclaimed faculty and focuses on custody evaluations and business valuations.

Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Goodman is pleased to welcome two new attorneys to its family law practice group. **Elizabeth M. Howell** focuses her practice on complex divorce issues. She earned her law degree in 2013 from the University of Illinois College of Law where she graduated *cum laude*. **Emily T. Cecconi** focuses her practice on complex divorce issues. She earned her law degree in 2018 from the University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law where she graduated *cum laude*.

Lucy F. McIntire is a member of the Torts & Insurance Practice Service Group at Stites & Harbison. She earned her J.D. from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, *summa cum laude*, in 2023. In law school, McIntire was a first-year staff member of the *Journal of Animal and Environmental Law*, Volume 13. She served as class representative for the Women's Law Caucus and was a member of the Business Law Society and the Entrepreneurship Clinic.

The Legal Aid Society is pleased to announce that **Melissa Weinstein** and **John Young** have been promoted within the firm. Weinstein has been promoted to the role of Advocacy Director. Weinstein has focused her practice primarily on consumer rights litigation with an emphasis on protecting low-income individuals from abusive debt collection practices. She has represented clients in bankruptcies, tax matters, unemployment insurance benefits claims, criminal record expungement cases and various administrative proceedings. Young has been promoted to the position of Deputy Director. He has had a wide-ranging practice with the firm representing clients in bankruptcy, family, probate and tax matters. The Legal Aid Society is a regional public interest law firm representing low-income clients in civil legal matters. ■

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Association of Legal Administrators

The monthly chapter meeting of the Kentucky Association of Legal Administrators will be held in person on Tuesday, January 9th beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the office of Frost Brown Todd in Louisville (400 W. Market St., Ste. 3200); and Lexington (250 W. Main St., Ste. 2800). Guests are welcome to join us for lunch. RSVP to Mary M. Hackworth, mmhackworth@kopkalaw.com. ■

IN MEMORIAM



Michael Egan Krauser, 62, passed away on November 11th, 2023. Krauser graduated from the Louisville Brandeis School of Law in 1986 and practiced law for more than 36 years in Kentucky and Indiana. Krauser served most of his career at Krauser & Brown and most recently worked at Gwin Steinmetz & Baird. He will be remembered for his strong presence, clever wit, sense of humor and capacity to love. ■

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