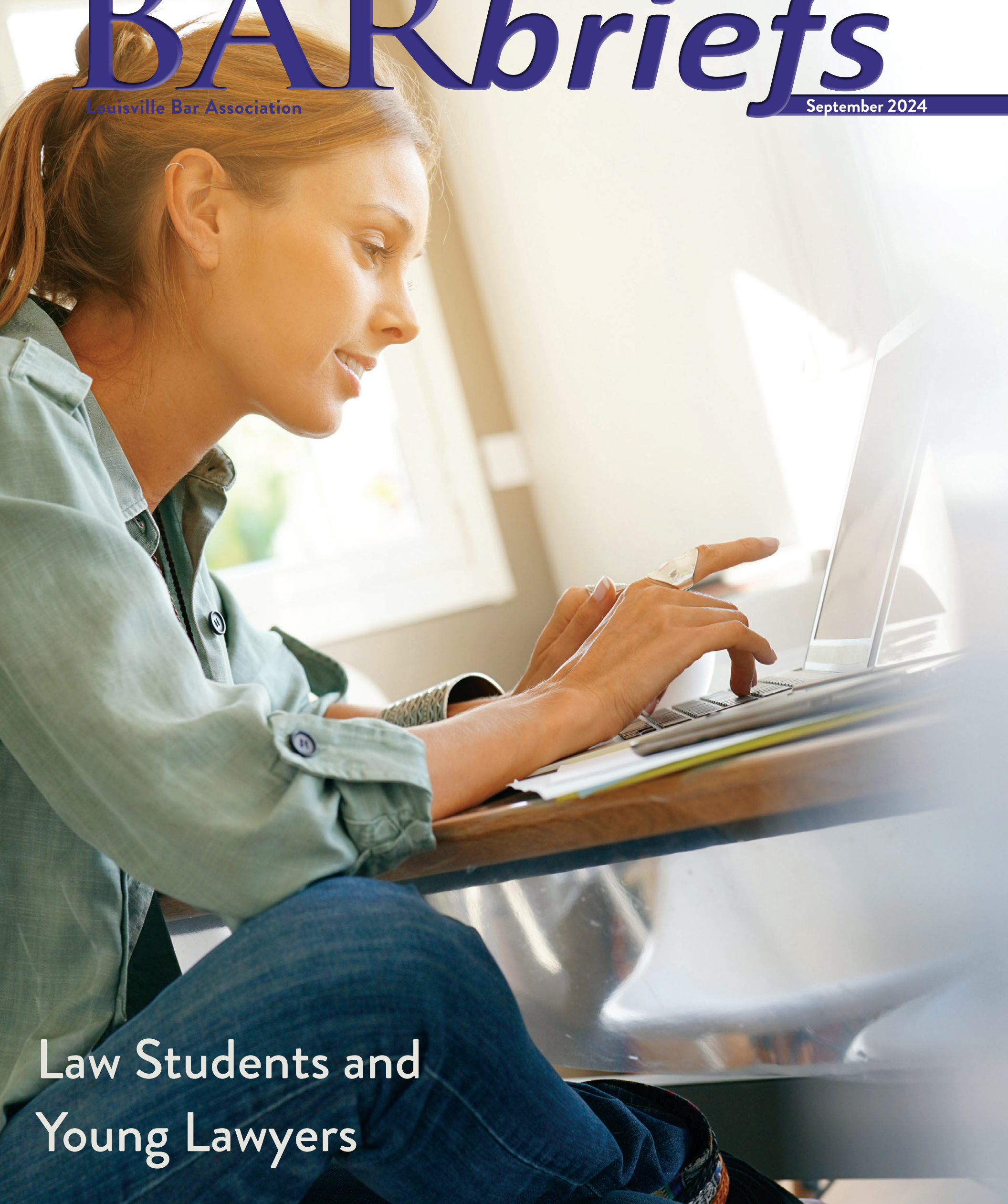


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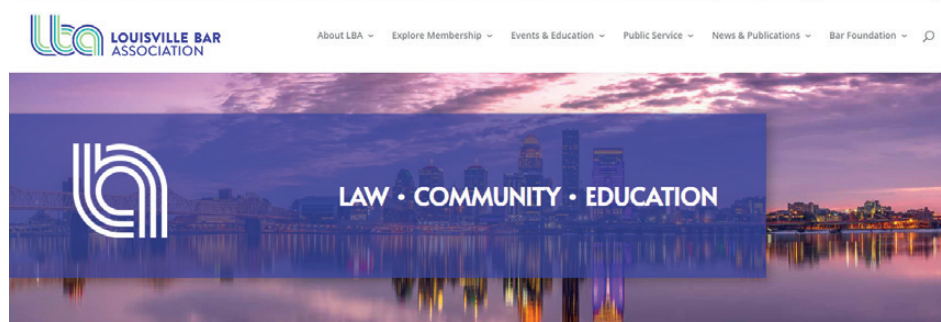
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## Welcoming the Newest Members of our Local Legal Community

When I think back to middle and elementary school, I always remember the kids older than me: Charles Stopher, Joe Bilby, Jay Baribeau.... We have a natural tendency to look up to our elders. We wanted to be cool, good at sports or in my nerdy existence: on the quick recall team. We aspired to be like them. We wanted what they had or what we thought they had. We were impressed with their perceived successes and wanted it for ourselves. However, I don't remember those younger than me as well. I cannot tell you how often I have been at a party, my kids' school or dinner when someone who was just a class or two behind me will say that they know me. They'll go on telling me a story, sometimes involving me, and I have no idea what they are talking about or who they are. Of course, I am ashamed and embarrassed by this.

In August, the University of Louisville proudly welcomed a new batch of 1Ls. These students worked hard, graduating toward the top of their undergraduate institutions and studied hard for the LSAT. And newly minted admittees to the bar will be sworn in this fall. They look ahead to successful careers working towards helping others, extinguishing student loans, getting country club memberships, traveling and/or having a good life.

All of them look up to us. We all need to remember that. We need to set and be the example for our newest colleagues. I know they do not look to us in awe when we bicker over objections to continuances or refusing to turn over obviously discoverable materials. They look to us to see that there is indeed virtue, honor and justice in the law.

I have more than once seen older lawyers bully newer ones throughout litigation and before motion hour. A few took advantage of me when I was new to the bar. Do that at your peril. Those taken advantage of have a long memory and will practice with or against you for a long time. I never forgot. What goes around... Remember, they have the same license to practice law you do.

Over the years, I have offered my mentoring services to University of Louisville Law and Bellarmine students. I love it. For those "lucky" enough to have been my mentees, they know it comes with a lot of free lunches, tons of advice and a sounding board. It also comes with introductions to practitioners in a field they may wish to explore. In addition, I counsel lawyers looking to break away from their firms and go out on their own, starting their own firm.

I encourage you all to do the same. Take someone under your wing who is not related to you. Genuine interest and help in the career of someone not related to you feels amazing. It is a great way to build allies. Overall, you should do it because none of us got where we are alone. We all got where we are in our careers with the grace and aid of others. Give it back.

I am proud the Louisville Bar Association offers free membership to Brandeis Law students and attorneys in their first year of practice. I am even more excited about how many of them take advantage of this. What better way to get to know others outside your firm or government agency than becoming more active in the Louisville Bar Association. It will connect you to the broader legal community and maybe even gain you a little credibility in the eyes of your employer and opposing counsel. One of the missions of the LBA is, of course, professional excellence.

Young lawyers, if you want what we have and are willing to go to any lengths to get it, contact us. 95% or more of all lawyers love talking about themselves and are willing to sit with you over coffee or in their offices and brag about their career paths. It might feel weird to ask a more experienced attorney about career advice, but we'll say, "Yes!" I don't know about you, but my favorite subject is myself. Finally, I know you just finished law school and passed the bar, but your work has not yet begun. For the most part, law school did not teach you how to practice. Be patient, learn... You'll get there.

My advice to judges is to be patient. I offer the same to practitioners. Give a little grace to our new colleagues; we were all young lawyers once. I/we all need to take the advice I give my kids when crossing the street: look both ways.



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Bryan R. Armstrong  
LBA President

# Kentucky's New Public Camping Law from a Judge's Perspective

Chief Judge Ann Bailey Smith

“You can't really get to know a person until you get in their shoes and walk around in them.”

From “To Kill a Mockingbird”  
by Harper Lee

I have never been homeless, not for even one day of my life. I hope that most, if not all of you, can say the same thing. Having never been homeless, it is difficult for me to understand the circumstances that would result in a person becoming homeless, as I have family and friends who would be there for me should I lose my home. So, it is hard for me to picture myself as homeless, to put myself in the shoes of a homeless person, much less walk around in those shoes. In January of 2023, 581 people were found to be living on the streets in Louisville – not in shelters, but on the streets. More than 1,100 people were staying in shelters and transitional housing. I work downtown so it is not uncommon for me to see homeless individuals on Broadway, on Jefferson Street and on Main Street – sometimes right outside of the building where the Louisville Bar Association is housed. I also regularly see a person living on the sidewalk in front of Shelby Campus on Shelbyville Road as I drive to and from work.

The United States Supreme Court weighed in on the issue of how local governments can address the homelessness issue in *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Gloria Johnson* (No. 23-175 decided June 28, 2024). The Court granted certiorari to review the Ninth Circuit's decision which found a violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment with the enforcement of an ordinance prohibiting public camping against homeless individuals when the number of homeless exceeds the number of practically available shelter beds. Justice Gorsuch, in writing for the majority, rejected

the Eighth Amendment challenge finding that the Amendment's focus was on the type of punishment administered after a conviction and not on the offense itself as being considered cruel and unusual.

The Court held that by upholding the city ordinance it was not criminalizing a person's status and cited as examples the fact that “a backpacker on vacation passing through town or a student who abandons his dorm room to camp out in protest on the lawn of a municipal building” could be found in violation of the law. He did not address the distinction that the backpacker and the protester only temporarily left their homes and those people have homes to return to, unlike the homeless individual. Justice Gorsuch spends considerable time distinguishing this case from *Robinson v. California*, 370 U.S. 660 (1962), where a person had been convicted of being under the influence of narcotics as proscribed by a California statute. The *Robinson* Court found that the crime itself was cruel and unusual because it criminalized a person's status. The majority in *Grants Pass* disagreed with this precedent, quoted more from the dissent than from the Opinion of the Court, yet chose not to overrule it. Justice Gorsuch stressed that governments need the full panoply of tools in the policy toolbox in order to address the complicated issues posed by homelessness, with one of those tools being the threat of criminal penalties.

Justice Sotomayor wrote the dissent, joined by two other justices, in which she said, “sleep is a biological necessity, not a crime.” She went on to write that the majority's insistence that it was not making the status of being homeless a crime was mere words because the act of upholding the ordinance did just that. She said that the ordinance uses the “definition of ‘campsite’ as a proxy for homelessness because those lacking ‘a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence’ are those who need to sleep in public ‘to maintain a temporary place to live.’”

While Justice Gorsuch twice stated in the

majority opinion that cities and states are not bound to adopt public-camping laws, that is just what Kentucky did as part of House Bill 5, commonly referred to as the Safer Kentucky Act, which went into effect on July 15th of this year. It increases prison sentences for some offenses, prohibits probation for some offenses where probation was previously an option, and increases parole eligibility for some crimes. And then it criminalizes homelessness:

A person is guilty of unlawful camping when he or she knowingly enters or remains on a public or private street, sidewalk, area under a bridge or underpass, path, park, cemetery, or other area designated for use by pedestrians or vehicles, including areas used for ingress or egress to business, homes, or public buildings, with the intent to sleep or camp in that area, when the area has not been designated for the purpose of sleeping or camping or the individual lacks authorization to sleep or camp in the area.

A first offense is a violation which carries a fine, but becomes a Class B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense, which carries up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$250 fine. This law is not aimed at aggressive panhandlers who are homeless individuals; this targets anyone who is sleeping outside due to homelessness. And should there be any doubt that the legislature means what it says, the law goes on to state that:

A government official or governmental body shall not adopt or enforce any policy under which it directly or indirectly prohibits or discourages the enforcement of any law, order or ordinance prohibiting unlawful camping...

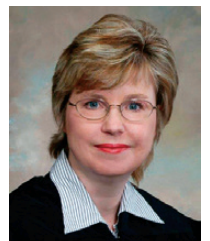
One of the sponsors of the Safer Kentucky Act is Representative Jason Nemes of Jefferson County, who stated on his Facebook page that “We do not want our homeless population in jail. They don't belong there. They belong in treatment centers or in job-training programs. So, when all of the options we provided for the homeless person don't work and a homeless person does go to court, then the judge has an additional (funded) option to push the person into treatment.” This appears to mean that Rep. Nemes anticipates the individual pleading guilty to unlawful camping and then getting a diverted or probated sentence with a condition of successful completion of a treatment program. Not all homeless individuals have substance abuse disorders or mental health issues; some are just down on their luck. Not all homeless individuals are lacking job skills; some just need a job and reliable transportation to get to that job. What they all need is a home.

Here is how I see this scenario playing out under the new law. An officer sees a homeless person sleeping on a sidewalk on Bardstown Road. The officer gives the homeless individual a citation which directs him to appear in court on a specific day and time several weeks away. The homeless person does not have a bus ticket or the means to access any other form of transportation to get to the Hall of Justice. Even if he did, what would he do with his belongings which he keeps with him at all times while he makes his court appearance; he cannot risk having all of his possessions appear to just be abandoned on the street. So, when he does not make his court appearance, then the judge must decide what to do.

Typically, a criminal summons would be issued but that requires an address so the person can be served. Without an address, the only other option is to issue a bench warrant, which will result in the arrest of the person. So, let's say the judge issues a bench warrant and imposes a bond of \$100. The bench warrant gets served on the homeless person on a Saturday afternoon and he is taken to jail where he remains until his court appearance on Monday morning because he does not have \$100 to post his bond. To resolve the charge of unlawful camping, he can pay a fine or he can go to a treatment facility. I'm a drug court judge and I know that beds in treatment facilities do not remain empty, so it may be a few days before a bed becomes available. Does the judge hold the homeless person in jail until that bed opens up? If not, then how does the court notify the homeless person when the bed becomes available? While I do not doubt Rep. Nemes' sincerity when he writes that he does not want homeless people in jail, I do think that is going to be the reality when people are charged with and prosecuted for unlawful camping.

I do not mean to suggest that there is an easy answer to homelessness. As Justice Gorsuch wrote in *Grants Pass*, “Those experiencing homelessness may be as diverse as the Nation itself – they are young and old and belong to all races and creeds. People become homeless for a variety of reasons, too, many beyond their control. Some have been affected by economic conditions, rising housing costs, or natural disasters. Some have been forced from their homes to escape domestic violence and other forms of exploitation. And still others struggle with drug addiction and mental illness.” While I would agree that a toolbox of ideas is needed to address this problem, I hope one of those tools will not end up being a hammer.

Chief Judge Ann Bailey Smith presides in Division 13 of Jefferson Circuit Court. ■





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# Law School Is Different Now. It's Better.

Marc Murphy

I had one suit, the one my grandfather bought me to wear to my college graduation. It was old school wool and hot, though, and I wouldn't wear it again until Moot Court two years later. The August air that settled in my un-air-conditioned Old Louisville apartment was heavy with the very specific dog-food-in-the-making smell from the Ralston-Purina plant next to campus that people of a certain age will remember. Streets were still being repaired from the Great Sewer Explosion earlier that year, when hexane from that plant ignited under the streets around campus. The musical CATS had just premiered in London. MTV arrived on cable and – I kid you not – played music videos. Ronald Reagan had just begun his first term as President.

It was August 1981, and I was taking my first nervous walk down 3rd Street to the law school at the University of Louisville. Forty-three years, later I'm reminded of that walk nearly every day as I follow the same sidewalk from my parking lot to the law school, now the teacher and not the student.

It began when I agreed to teach a class on the fly for a professor who was unable to attend that day. After, she asked if I had an interest in doing more, even full-time. I wasn't going to practice forever, I knew, and the prospect of now amplifying my counsel and experience by coaching the next generation to serve their own clients was intriguing. I was gratified and humbled when months later, after a rigorous process, I received an offer as a Professor of Practice. I'm preparing now to begin a second academic year in that position.

Forty years is a long time to practice law. I was one of the lucky ones. As a First-Gen student (as we call them now), I had no lawyers in my family and only knew what I saw on TV or read in books. The reasons I didn't have imposter syndrome are because we hadn't given that a name yet, and, I didn't know enough to know that I really should have had it. Success in law school was do-or-die for me for the additional reason that my pre-existing obligation to the U.S. Army was binary: Pass

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the bar or command a tank. There were days during those three years I wished for the relative calm of a tank.

I wanted only to be a trial lawyer and was certain I didn't have the disposition for any other practice. In retrospect, I was right. As it happens, I was blessed for 40 years to do nearly exactly what I had hoped for. I learned and worshipped at the altar of Frank Haddad. I prosecuted, first in the JAG Corps and then in Indiana and Kentucky, and defended. I tried every type of case imaginable, won and lost murder cases and even represented some innocent people, the hardest thing to do. I practiced all over the country and in Europe, too. I worked for free sometimes and, at another point, sent monthly bills to a single client for over \$1 million a pop. I wrote a brief for the U.S. Supreme Court. (The fact that the Fourth Amendment doesn't protect Open Fields is not entirely but perhaps a little bit my fault, sorry. You win some, you lose some.)

Importantly, I practiced with wonderful professionals – lawyers and especially those who make lawyering possible – at every stop in my career who made the bad days tolerable and the good ones glorious.

Law school is different now. It's better. Today's law students are challenged, but are supported and encouraged, as well. The meat grinder, Survivor Island approach of the past is a dinosaur, as are any professors still employing it. There's an awareness among my new professor colleagues that this is, in fact, 2024

and not 1981, and that both the world and our students have changed. We know more now about how people learn, that some learn differently, and that preparing young men and women to counsel their future clients through trauma shouldn't involve subjecting the students themselves to unnecessary trauma during their training. Professors meet to discuss the art of teaching and best practices, and to share approaches and successful learning outcomes. Yes, Justice Brandeis is still in repose under the front portico marked by a stone that, depending on the season, bears autumn's leaves or students' final exam petitions in the form of coins and Animal Crackers. A monumentally thoughtful innovator and scholar, he'd be proud of the thoughtfulness and innovation practiced by the faculty of this school named for him since my graduation.

The students are different, too, but they are also the same. I don't pretend to know the minds of my students, raised since 9/11 in a world in which cell phones and the internet have effectively been public utilities available to almost all. The students are exposed to ideas and worlds, for better or worse, that were invisible to me and my classmates in 1981. Where we giggled our way through Cold War nuclear attack duck and cover exercises in the hallways of our junior high schools, they rehearsed active shooter drills while reading on their phones that just a state or county over there was, in fact, an active shooter, and 14 kids their age died while texting their moms, "I love you." These same

students lost a year or more of classroom education while they watched politicians bungle the pandemic response, and more than a 1 million people die in the supposedly developed United States, the most of any country. They may have lost members of their own families. They may themselves struggle with the disease's long term effects, and fear they always will.

Still, when I stand before them in a classroom, I often see me, 43 years ago. Equal parts excited and terrified. Grasping at a future I had only dreamed of before. Exhausted, sometimes. Bored, frequently. Grateful for my new friends. But substantially less emotionally and intellectually mature than these young men and women are today. There's not a point at which during my three years in law school I had my act together as much as my students do. Maybe they had to grow up faster. (That I was simply an idiot is a possibility as well.) The Kids, as The Who sang, Are Alright.\*

\*As an aside, these poor students have been and will continue to be the victims of my endless references to music, movies and other pop culture they don't catch because, to them, I may as well be citing 12th Century Sanskrit tablets. I do mourn this generation's failure to recognize the foundational legal insights in "A Few Good Men," "My Cousin Vinny" and, especially and obviously, "Caddyshack."

In 2024, Gen Z will surpass Boomers in the workforce. The average debt load of a graduating law student is now \$150,000. They're in law school at a time in which professors who teach Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and other subjects have to rewrite syllabi that have been gutted by a Supreme Court that many students – I asked them – don't respect and in which they place no hope of protecting them or their families if they are from marginalized communities or even if they are, simply, women. The women in my classes understand they're pursuing a law degree in a country in which they have fewer

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rights than their mothers did.

Despite this the students at the Brandeis School of Law whom I've come to know and who I'm honored to teach have, to quote "Friday Night Lights," "clear eyes, full hearts." (See, \*, *Supra.*) Many of them have overcome stiff challenges to get to law school in the first place. The student body in 2024 is not monolithic, though. As we did, they come from different places, geographically, socially and economically, and dream of going different places, too. In the spring when we discussed Barbara Kingsolver's *Demon Copperhead* in trial practice class, several of the students recounted their own stories of growing up in Appalachia, and recognized family or people they knew in the novel's characters. Others are from the city. Some have lawyers for parents. Most do not. Some have money. Most do not. Some of them embrace and are even energized by the political, legal and cultural upheaval of these times. Others worry but persist. Attending law school in 2024 is a political act, overtly or not. In our days, the supremacy of the Rule of Law was unquestioned and we were just working out the fine print. Now, its survival is a matter of debate by responsible people, and these students understand that the oath they hope to take some day to uphold the Constitution has a new and perhaps urgent resonance.

Not all of my students want to change the world, and that work isn't for everyone. But all of them, I tell them, will be thrust into leadership positions in their communities, if only informally, simply because they've studied and practice the law. Even if you're not a judge, I say, or a state legislator, or a governor, and even if you eschew an obviously political life, as long as we are a nation of laws, your clients and the community will rely upon you to administer those laws. Simply doing that – ethically and diligently – isn't just political, it's the foundation of the system itself.

Studying law today is an act of courage, too. You may have walked uphill three miles in the snow to school, every day but I'm telling you these students are walking four. We paid our tuition – and rent – with summer jobs and perhaps easily repaid small loans. Our commitment in time and money was almost certainly going to be rewarded with a job. And, the legal world we were preparing to enter, though imperfect, was stable. Some of us even naively believed the work of the War-

ren and early Burger Courts would carry on, and rights – civil and others – would continue to expand. To my students these are the rants of their Old Professor, on par with my story that I went to high school with Miley Cyrus' dad Billy Ray and college with Joe Montana. Which is true.

The good news for these future lawyers is that in my new colleagues at the Brandeis School of Law, I've come to know some of the finest legal professionals and some of the best people I've ever met. Among them are recognized scholars, caring teachers and a sense of community from top to bottom that embraces the students, challenges them and prepares them for this new world. The school's Dean, Melanie Jacobs, is tireless and inspiring. My law school class didn't hear much about empathy, compassion or self-care, to say the least, even though effective lawyering requires these skills. Today, these are as important in a way as Torts and Crim Law, and rightly so.

You should get to know this law school I've become re-acquainted with in my 41st year of practice, and to which I'm now committed, body and soul. The Office of Professional Development works year 'round to connect our students with you and the legal communities in Louisville and beyond. The LBA has opened its doors and membership at no charge to our students. You can help open doors by appearing on a panel about your practice, giving resume and interviewing tips or – of course – letting OPD know when you're ready to hire your next Brandeis School of Law grad.

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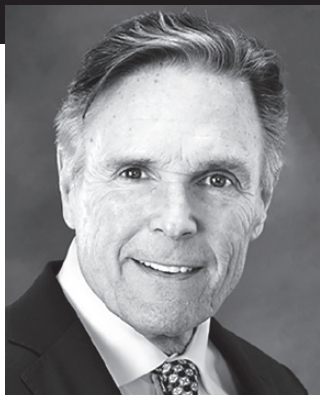
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# Beyond the Bar Exam: Why Young Lawyers Need the LBA and the YLS

*Al'Lisha Hanserd*

Congratulations! You've conquered law school, passed the bar exam and secured your first legal position. Now, as you embark on your legal career, it's crucial to invest in your professional development and build a strong network. Here's why joining the Louisville Bar Association (LBA) and actively participating in its Young Lawyers Section (YLS) is an essential step in taking your legal journey to the next level.

## Beyond CLE Credits:

### Building Your Foundation

While continuing legal education credits are a necessary part of maintaining your license, the YLS provides far more. It's a vibrant community specifically designed to empower young lawyers like yourself. Here's why YLS membership is an investment in your future:

- **Networking Opportunities:** The legal profession thrives on relationships, and the YLS events are designed to connect you with established attorneys, judges and peers across various practice areas. These connections open doors to valuable mentorship opportunities and future collaborations. The YLS fosters a supportive community where you can build lasting relationships with colleagues facing similar

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- **Social Events:** YLS understands the importance of building rapport outside the courtroom. Regular social events provide a relaxed environment to connect with colleagues, fostering a sense of camaraderie and belonging within the legal community.
- **YLS-Specific Programs:** The YLS tailors programs to the specific needs of young lawyers. These programs address topics like practice management, client development, navigating the legal workplace and mental health and wellness in the legal profession. This targeted approach equips you with the practical skills you need to thrive in your early career.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** The YLS provides a platform to develop your

leadership skills. Volunteer opportunities within the section allow you to take on initiatives, manage projects and gain valuable experience essential for future career advancement.

- **COMING THIS FALL - Skill Development:** Hone your legal skills through practical workshops led by industry experts. You'll gain practical insights not typically found in traditional law school curricula.

## Investing in the Future:

### A Call to Experienced Attorneys

A strong YLS not only benefits young lawyers but also strengthens the entire legal community. Seasoned attorneys play a vital role in fostering the growth of the next generation of legal professionals. Here's how you can contribute:

- **Become a Mentor:** Share your knowledge and experience by mentoring a young lawyer. This guidance can be invaluable in helping them navigate the complexities of the legal profession.
- **Speak at YLS Events:** Offer your expertise by presenting on relevant legal topics, providing young lawyers with practical insights and real-world perspectives.

- **Volunteer or Attend YLS Events:** Your participation in YLS events demonstrates your commitment to the next generation of lawyers and sends a powerful message about the importance of community within the profession.

## Join the Movement:

### Get Involved Today!

The LBA YLS offers a unique opportunity to connect with colleagues, develop essential skills and become a well-rounded lawyer. Don't miss out on this invaluable resource. Contact Lisa Anspach, [lanspach@loubar.org](mailto:lanspach@loubar.org), to learn more about upcoming events and how to get involved.

## Together, let's build a strong and vibrant legal community in Louisville!

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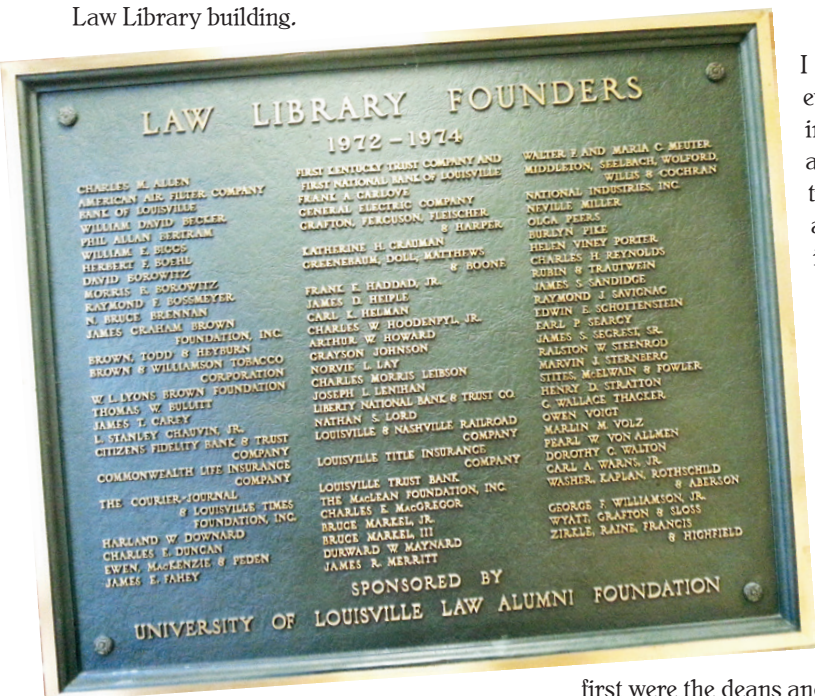
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# The Law Library Looks Backward and Forward at 50

Kurt X. Metzmeier

At the front of the law library door there is a large brass plaque, headlined “Law Library Founders 1972-1974.” It is inscribed with all the people who helped to erect the University of Louisville Law Library building.



I have walked past it every day on the way into work for years, and several more times a day going back and forth from meetings, barely noticing it. However, as this year marks the 50th school year that the law library building has been opened to a new class of law students, I have been looking at it more carefully.

As an alumnus of the law school, the one thing I noticed first were the deans and faculty listed.

My distant predecessor Pearl Von Allman, the law school's first permanent full-time law librarian, is listed, as are two professors, Norvie Lay and Nate Lord, who taught me respectively tax and decedents estates when I was a student. Carl Warns was before my time, although I knew Warns from the labor institute still held in his name. Deans Marlin M. Volz and James R. “Jim” Merritt round out the Brandeis notables.

Next, I spotted a few legends of the Louisville bench and bar.

Jurists like U.S. District Court Judge Charles M. Allen, and Jefferson Circuit and Kentucky Supreme Court judges Marvin J. Sternberg and Charles M. Leibson, are represented, as is former Louisville Mayor Neville Miller. The names of legendary lawyers like Frank A. Haddad, Jr., and pioneer women attorneys Maria C. Meuter and Helen Viney Porter, are also inscribed.

Also interesting is the support for the building of the library from the leading Louisville-based corporations of the day: Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation (now part of Reynolds American), Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Company (PNC Bank Kentucky Inc.), the *Courier Journal* and *Louisville Times* (bought by Gannett Co.), General Electric and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company (merged into CSX Transportation).

However, the thing that was most intriguing to me was some of the law firms listed:

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 STITES MCELWAIN & FOWLER  
 WYATT GRAFTON SLOSS

At first glance, these names might be vaguely familiar to the law students who walk through the door adjacent to the plaque, with some hint of current law firms in names like Greenebaum, Stites, Todd and Wyatt, the ancestors of the modern law firms they are meeting with in on-campus interviews.

Still, none are completely “right.” What has happened to the legal profession in the last 50 years?

## The Origins of the Louisville Law Firm

The early history of the law firm was simply a partnership of two or more lawyers, dividing work and fees. After WWII, the firms would get somewhat bigger, but nothing like we have now.

Several the firms on the law library plaque came from the “Big Law Firm Shake-Up” of 1948, when Louisville's then “super firm” of Bullitt & Middleton split up. That firm itself was only a few years old, resulting from the 1942 merger of the more ancient firms of Bruce & Bullitt (founded 1812) and Crawford, Middleton, Milner & Seelbach (1854). At that time, *Courier Journal* humor columnist Allen M. Trout joked about the conservative demeanor and fashion sense of the new firm: “There is more to Bullitt & Middleton than meets the eye. William Marshall [Bullitt] wears nose glasses. Charles G. Middleton wears batwing collars on weekdays. Leo T. Wolford, a partner, wears a profound look. Charles W. Milner, another partner, wears pants with a sharp crease.” Nonetheless, he concluded, “I do not believe there is a goatherd in Kentucky who would

dare the legal wrath of Bullitt & Middleton.”

Bullitt & Middleton was perhaps too large for the divergent personalities of the prickly Bullitt, the former U.S. Solicitor General, and the avuncular Middleton. The 1948 “Shake-Up” split it into five law firms, four of which are echoed in the names on the plaque: Middleton, Seelbach, Wolford, Willis & Cochran; Bullitt, Dawson & Tarrant; Woodward, Hobson & Fulton; and Ogden, Galphin, Street & Abell.

Despite the superficial resemblance to a modern law firm, every name in these partnerships represented a living lawyer. The first firm was led by batwing-collared Middleton, assisted by Louis Seelbach (the son of the founder of the Seelbach Hotel). With significant government experience, William Marshall Bullitt, ex-federal judge Charles I. Dawson and John E. Tarrant were a legal supergroup, but the firm headed by Ernest Woodward, Robert P. Hobson and William H. Fulton wasn't far behind in legal firepower. And Squire R. Ogden's legal group would also hold its own in the Louisville legal market and give his name to a modern law firm.

## The Later History of the Brass Plaque Law Firms

In 1971, Eli H. Brown III of Brown, Ardery, Todd & Dudley and Henry R. Heyburn of Marshal, Cochran, Heyburn & Wells brought together their current firms into Brown Todd Heyburn just in time to become supporters of the University of Louisville Law Library. This firm included lawyers like Philip P. Ardery, Marshall P. Eldred, Jr., Mark B. Davis Jr., John T. Bondurant and Charles Cassis who would be prominent in the Louisville legal community well into the 21st century. In 2001, the firm would merge with Cincinnati's Frost & Jacobs becoming **Frost Brown Todd**.

The front pages of the *Courier Journal* in 1980 heralded the merger of Louisville firm **Wyatt, Grafton & Sloss** with Tarrant Combs & Bullitt (successor to Bullitt, Dawson & Tarrant) with much fanfare. Gordon Davison, the managing partner of Wyatt Grafton, joined with former governor Bert Combs to create a firm with statewide political clout, **Wyatt Tarrant & Combs**.

**Grafton Ferguson Fleisher & Harper** took a rather circuitous route into the 21st century. In 1978 the firm reformed as Harper Ferguson & Davis. In 2002 they merged with Ogden Newell & Welch; three years later in 2005 the Ogden firm merged with Lexington-based Stoll Keenon Park forming the new firm of **Stoll Keenon Ogden** or SKO.

By 1974, **Middleton Seelbach Wolford Willis & Cochran** was one of the last of the “Shake Up of 1948” firms to be intact, albeit with few of the named partners. After Eugene Cochran died in 1975, the firm styled itself first as Middleton Rutland & Baird and by 1980, when Ed Middleton died, simply **Middleton Reutlinger**. Then in 2022 the firm did something unheard of for an ancient law firm: they disbanded the partnership.

**Stites McElwain & Fowler** was a relatively new name in 1974, the result of a merger of Louisville's Stites & McElwain with the Frankfort law firm of Dailey & Fowler two years before. The name Stites came from Kentucky Court of Appeals chief justice James W. Stites who inherited a firm that had been founded in 1832 by Henry Pirtle, the first dean of the UofL Law School. In 1983 Stites McElwain & Fowler merged with the Lexington firm of Harbison, Kessinger, Lisle & Bush (the roots of which date back to 1905) to form the name we now know, **Stites & Harbison**.

**Greenebaum Doll Matthews & Boone** had by the 1980s become Greenebaum Doll McDonald and led lists published by Business First as one of the top law firms in Louisville. In 2012 its partners sought more regional prominence by merging with Indianapolis firm Bingham McHale to become Bingham Greenebaum Doll. The trend toward bigness continued in 2019 when the firm merged with **Dentons**, a super-regional law firm boasting offices across the U.S. and around the world.

## The Law Library at 50 Years

With Louisville's super law firms focused on a global legal community, the law library is moving into the future using its own resources. As a place, the law library is as central to the life of law students as it was 50 years ago. While today's students research the law on legal databases, they rely on the law library to pay for those databases and law librarians to help them search efficiently. And between classes and while studying for finals, the law library is just as packed as it ever was. This summer, carpet almost as old as the building was replaced on the second floor and in the basement as we endeavor to make the place where students spend much of their time between classes as comfortable and inviting as possible.

And bigger projects are on the drawing board—although to realize them we will need help from the same sort of friends of the law school whose names are on the plaque described above.

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## NKU Chase is Answering the Question:

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"The Wolf program emerged from David and Nancy Wolf's belief that the legal profession can and should be a leader and role model for upstanding public service," Dean Judith Daar explains. "With their support, our students can delve deeply into their professional identity formation journey, exploring how to best care for their clients and themselves in this high-stakes career path."

The journey students begin at Chase can continue in practice for decades. "Law schools in general, and Chase in particular," says Wolf Chair Professor Jack Harrison, "are well-positioned to provide guidance, inspiration and instruction to enable future lawyers in the development of an ethical and professional view of their role in society in serving justice, fairness and truth throughout their legal careers."

For students, the integrated approach to what it means to be a lawyer involves:

- **Classroom work**, including a new course on utilizing technology in pursuit of justice, the long-established foundational course of Professional Responsibility and some historical perspective.

"The Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Social Justice course is designed to help students evaluate ways we can use AI and other technological tools to help to improve social justice and access-to-justice issues," says Professor Michelle Browning Coughlin, who designed and teaches it.

In the area of ethics and professionalism, Professional Responsibility focuses on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct for students to understand how everything they learn and do fits into what it means to be a lawyer. "I teach the course with a constant eye to the here and now. The class discussion is usually a real-time role-play in which students have to make decisions that are ideally as challenging as the ones faced by the lawyers in the case reading," says Professor John Bickers.

For historical understanding, Professor Jennifer Kinsley this past academic year taught the inaugural course of Shedding Shackles: The Life & Legacy of Salmon P. Chase (the 19th century Cincinnati lawyer, U.S. Treasury Secretary and Chief Justice for whom the college is named). "The entire course was built around the concept of lawyers' obligations to society. We discussed the historical work Chase did in that capacity and what shape that takes for lawyers in our community today," she says.

- **Clinic opportunities** that show the impact of law on individuals and society.

"The Children's Law Center Clinic does case work and policy work on children's issues, through direct representation and community education and policy projects," says Professor Amy Halbrook, associate dean for experiential learning. In the Kentucky Innocence Project, one of five clinic programs at the college, students have pursued justice for individuals who, for various reasons, ended up being wrongfully convicted. In one application for clemency, students investigated the case of a man whose conviction and life sentence, the Innocence Project argues, was the result of systemic failures, and no fault of his own.

- **Multi-cultural experiences** for relating to diverse clients.

"Having cross-cultural skills is important for lawyers not only to be able to relate successfully with clients from different backgrounds, but also to be able to work toward eliminating discrimination and inequities in the law itself," says Maria Llambi, assistant director of admissions and diversity initiatives. That development occurs in an annual Student Bar Association symposium on diversity and inclusion, in student organizations, and by being part of initiatives such as Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity and Chase All Rise, designed to allow students from diverse ethnic, racial and economic backgrounds to flourish within the student body.

- **Focuses on personal wellbeing** to better cope with pressures of the profession (and of law school).

"The world, including the practice of law, will throw us curveballs, obstacles and stressors, but if one practices wellbeing, then one becomes more resilient and can effectively manage these things without being undone by them," says Student Affairs Director Ashley Siemer. To help students develop skills to cope with the pressures of law school and to prepare for those in practice, Chase created the Equilibrium student organization focused on wellness and added a wellbeing webpage to the college's website.

With a dual emphasis on doctrinal courses and what it means to be a lawyer, Chase students are preparing to practice, knowing that their careers will involve more than just knowing the law.



*Pictured above: To help prepare for integrating aspects of professional identity into a new academic year, Professors John Bickers, from left, Jack Harrison and Michelle Browning Coughlin and Student Affairs Director Ashley Siemer joined faculty and staff from seven other law schools this past summer in a workshop on professional identity formation, led by representatives of the Minneapolis-based University of St. Thomas School of Law Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership.*

# Trailblazers Create Pathways...

## Documentary about Central High School Will Highlight Key Role of the Louisville Bar Association

Laura Rothstein

Do you remember being in high school? Can you recall the teachers who made a difference by making you think in class, not just memorize? By noticing you and encouraging you to try something new? By praising something outstanding that you did? By quietly and constructively giving you advice about how to do something better?

Do you remember others who influenced you during high school? Perhaps it was a part-time or summer job supervisor. Was this when you first had a role where you learned that showing up on time is important, or how to budget money you earned from hard work? Maybe there was a co-worker or supervisor who mentored you and stayed in touch with you.

Louisville Bar Association leadership recognized as far back as 1992 that high school is an important time in young peoples' lives. It's when they begin to decide what they want to be and how they want to get there. It's a critical time in their development, and those who influence them at that stage have a profound impact.

Those who open doors and create pathways for success during this stage of life make a difference.

"A Pathway Forward" – the documentary premiering on October 9 at Kentucky Performing Arts' Bomhard Theater – follows a sophomore class of students in the Central High School Law and Government Magnet program through their year of learning the Street Law curriculum from Joe Gutmann and Brandeis Law School students who teach for public service credit, often teaching many more hours than the required minimum.

The documentary, produced by award-winning documentary producer Jesse Nesser, has two major goals. First, it celebrates the Central High School Law and Government Magnet students who succeed in this program and outperform expectations. Second, it is a call to action for others to adopt, adapt and sustain such programs in their own communities.

There are many factors in the success of the program, including a gifted teacher, a consistently supportive Central High School administration and the participation of about 25 law students who teach in the program for sophomores, juniors and seniors each year, providing "near peers" who care about and set examples for these young people. The key administrative support of the Brandeis School of Law beginning in 2001 and the engagement of the University of Louisville Community

Engagement office are also key to the story.

The documentary will be a vehicle for discussion at legal education, bar association, high school education and other conferences and in a range of arenas to inspire others. The Louisville Bar community has been a trailblazer for more than three decades in recog-

valuable pathway program).

It is also notable that since starting the Trailblazer of the Year award in 2001, nine of the 21 recipients have either been graduates of Central High School or connected with implementing the pathway partnership since it began.

Through its *Bar Briefs* publications, the LBA has regularly highlighted Central High School students and the intersecting partnerships that make this such as



nizing the value of connecting with high school students as a means of ensuring diversity within the profession. Most notably, in 1992, the LBA reached out to Central High School to implement a summer internship program. Through that program, the LBA places law magnet students in summer jobs at law firms and other legal employers. During the 20 years I was involved in administering the program at the law school, I regularly surveyed the Central students each year to ask about their experience. These students highlight that the internships had a big impact on them. This is true for the Central students who go on to become lawyers and those who go on to other professions and to become active citizens.

Two of the Central graduates featured in the documentary are now employed at the firms where they did internships facilitated by the LBA. Lazaro Donis Munoz at Dinsmore (now at the Chicago Dinsmore office) was a 2015 Central graduate. Demetrius Holloway (the LBA's 2024 Trailblazer Award winner) was in the first internship program in 1992 – working at Stites & Harbison, where he is now a partner.

While the summer internships have probably the greatest impact, the LBA (through the Diversity Committee) is to be applauded for including recognition of the Justice McAnulty Essay competition winners at the annual February Trailblazer Black History Month program. The LBA has also provided a prize to the overall essay contest winner of a scholarship to its Summer Law Institute (another

successful program. In addition to the law school, the University of Louisville Office of Community Engagement and the LBA, important support for this pathway program comes from the Charles W. Anderson Bar Association, the ACLU of Kentucky and the Women Lawyers Association of Jefferson County.

The LBA Diversity Committee has also included programming about the Central High School Law Magnet program at its Trailblazer programs. These programs inspire and reinforce the value of connections between the legal community and this historic high school law magnet program.

The LBA and the LBF have been generous supporters of requests to facilitate activities related to this documentary. They agreed to allow a "Meet the Producers" event in May 2023 in their LBA space. And they provided space in the newly renovated offices for a gathering of about 12 law school graduates who taught Street Law while they were Brandeis law students. The purpose of the gathering was for them to share how the experience affected them while they were students and afterwards for the documentary, and to hear an idea for taking Street Law to at risk young people in the community through a program initiated by Jesten Slaw, a 2022 law graduate who taught Street Law during law school.

The example of how a bar association can play a critical role in these valuable pathway programs for underrepresented high school students is one that the LBA can share at national conferences. This will provide the ripple effect of other bar associations taking these ideas back to their communities. The documentary will be shown at my 50th law school reunion at Georgetown University Law Center (where Street Law began in 1972) on October 26, where I will facilitate a discussion afterwards about how lawyers can participate in adopting and sustaining such programs in their communities.

The financial support for the documentary from the Louisville Bar Foundation is another example of how the Louisville legal community supports diversity and providing services and programs to those who are underserved. It is an unusual activity for the LBF to support through its grant program. The confidence shown by doing so is another demonstration of the Louisville legal community providing the tools to keep blazing the trail and clearing the pathway.

Particular appreciation goes to LBA Executive Director Kristen Miller and LBF Executive Director Jeff Been for their leadership in making this documentary a reality.

Members and leadership of the LBA and LBF should know that their trailblazing has made a difference and that it is appreciated. This will be an example of a Kentucky to the World story. Kentucky to the World has served as the fiscal sponsor for contributors and will serve as co-host for the premier. Co-hosting with KTW is Harvey Johnston III, a Bowling Green attorney who also provided major funding for the production. The Kentucky to the World mission is to elevate the cultural and intellectual reputation of Kentucky on the global stage. It does so by sharing compelling stories of extraordinary people with Kentucky roots through live events, television specials, digital content, collectibles, school programs, and other initiatives. Its mission makes it a perfect sponsor and host for this program.

Laura Rothstein is Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. She was dean when the partnership began in 2001 with the Central High School Law and Government Magnet Program. She initiated and facilitated the production of "A Pathway Forward" documentary. ■





MESA ONE-HOUR

ChattyGPT: Using AI for More Effective Communication

Wednesday, September 18

Join us as we delve into the revolutionary ways AI is transforming lawyer communications. Discover how this cutting-edge technology can enhance your interactions with clients, streamline internal collaborations and facilitate negotiations with opposing counsel. This engaging session will provide practical insights and hands-on exercises, equipping you with the tools to leverage AI for greater efficiency and effectiveness in your practice.

Speaker: Sean Carter, MESA CLE

Time: 1 – 2 p.m. — Program  
 Place: Zoom – a link will be sent prior to the seminar  
 Price per hour: \$55 LBA Members | \$50 Sustaining Members | \$25 Paralegal Members | \$125 Non-members  
 Credits: 1.0 CLE Hours — Pending

Please note this is a partnered CLE program. Registration must go through MESA CLE and attendees must follow MESA CLE's cancellation policy.

ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY LAW CONFERENCE

Hosted by LBA Bankruptcy Law Section

Friday, October 25

This conference will bring together industry experts to cover the latest developments and trends in bankruptcy law. You can also network with fellow practitioners and grow your practice through your new connections. Sponsor and vendor opportunities are available. Contact Lisa Anspach, [lanspach@loubar.org](mailto:lanspach@loubar.org), today!

This conference is a hybrid event, taking place both at the LBA Bar Center and via Zoom. Please choose your preferred attendance method during registration. Lunch is provided for in-person attendees; please indicate your lunch preference during registration.

The agenda is available on the LBA website, [www.loubar.org](http://www.loubar.org).

Space is limited – register now!

Time: 9 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. — Program  
 Place: Hybrid: LBA Bar Center or via Zoom (please choose your preferred attendance method during registration).  
 Cost: \$280 LBA Members | \$252 Sustaining Members | \$140 Government/Non-Profit Members | \$99 Solo/Small Firm Practice Section Members or YLS Members | \$25 LBA Paralegal Members | \$560 Non-Members  
 Lunch is provided for in-person attendees, please indicate lunch preference with registration.  
 Credits: 7.0 (Including 1.0 Ethics) CLE Hours — Pending

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Hosted by Kentucky CCIM Chapter and Louisville Bar Association

Wednesday, November 6

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Join real estate professionals from across Kentucky for an extraordinary day of lively panel discussions, informed conversations and comprehensive one-hour courses covering a variety of commercial real estate and land use law topics. This event is a prime opportunity to network, gain insights and stay ahead in the fast-evolving field of commercial real estate.

Don't miss this chance to hear from one of the industry's leading experts and connect with peers who share your passion for commercial real estate. Mark your calendar and be part of the conversation that will shape the future of our industry.

Keynote Speaker: Patrick Nessenthaler, CFA, CAIA, MAI, CRE, Founder and CEO, Ness & Associates, "Dynamic Geopolitics, Critical Elections, and a Shifting Capital Market: Shaping Commercial Real Estate's Future in the U.S."

Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. — Program  
 Place: Louisville Marriott East  
 Credits: 6.0 CLE Hours — Pending

LBA OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The LBA Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the elected positions of President-Elect, Vice-President/Treasurer and Secretary for 2025. Nominations may be made by written petition signed by not less than ten (10) active LBA members. Submit all nomination petitions to Executive Director Kristen Miller at [kmiller@loubar.org](mailto:kmiller@loubar.org) no later than November 1st.

-Jennifer Kleier, LBA Secretary

WE'RE LIVE!

New LBA Website has Launched!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our new member database and website. This fully integrated platform will revolutionize your LBA experience.

Say goodbye to waiting for updates or purchases to appear in your account! In addition to your favorite features like the online membership directory and publications, we're streamlining your membership renewal process and bringing all our education under a single platform.

See below for detailed instructions on setting up your online profile\*.

We're excited about the future of the LBA and appreciate your continued support of YOUR bar association!

\*Not to worry, photos are on the way! If we have your photo on file but you do not see it, please don't fret, we are in the process of uploading them — thank you for your patience!

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**6 STEP 6**

- You will be able to create your new password by clicking the Change Password button

**7 STEP 7**

- Enter your new password then select Update Password
- On our homepage, sign in using your email and new password

# Know a Luminary of our Legal Community? Nominate them for an LBA Award!

The LBA is seeking nominations for its highest honors—the annual LBA Awards. Each year, we recognize our members who personify the best of our legal community with their work and professionalism. Do you know someone who deserves recognition? Read below for a description of each award and how you can make a nomination.

## Justice Martin E. Johnstone Special Recognition Award

This award is the highest recognition bestowed upon an LBA member for outstanding participation and partnership within the legal community. An individual deserving of this award has made a significant impact in the Louisville community through professional or volunteer efforts and exemplifies what it means to be a lawyer.

## Judge Benjamin F. Shobe Civility & Professionalism Award

Individuals receiving this award have consistently demonstrated adherence to the highest standards of civility, honesty and courtesy in their dealings with clients, opposing parties and counsel, the courts and the general public. They have shown sustained excellence through leadership in the profession.

## Robert & Frank E. Haddad Jr. Young Lawyer Award

Nominees for this award must have been practicing as a trial lawyer—either criminal or civil—for less than five years. Nominees must demonstrate an ability to handle complex or unusual trials or appeals and they must have garnered the respect and admiration of the judiciary and of their colleagues.

## Judge of the Year Award

This award is presented to a member of the judiciary who has shown judicial integrity and professionalism. A nominee for this award has contributed to the community by volunteering in civic organizations to help promote the image of the legal profession and has established a reputation for integrity, scholarship and professionalism.

## Paul G. Tobin Pro Bono Service Award

This award recognizes the work of LBA members who have unselfishly given time to improve the quality of society through their legal work. Worthy nominees will be LBA members who helped deliver legal services to the disadvantaged through a pro bono program or cause.

## Daniel M. Alvarez Champion for Justice Award

This award is given to a lawyer demonstrating a strong devotion to serving underrepresented individuals or groups by giving a legal voice to those who would otherwise be voiceless. These groups include, but are not limited to, the Hispanic and Latino communities, documented and undocumented immigrants, the LGBTQ community, incarcerated juveniles and indigent criminal defendants.

## Judge Richard A. Revell Family Law Award

This award is presented to attorneys who have been in the forefront of new developments in the practice of family law. They have exhibited dedication to families and children through work both inside and outside the courtroom. Award recipients have made significant contributions to public service in the area of family law and have demonstrated innovation in the performance of their duties.

## TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

To nominate a deserving candidate, please submit a letter including the following:

- Your nominee's name and the award for which you are nominating them.
- Detailed information about how they meet the specific award criteria.
- Information about the nominee's service to the LBA and the community.
- Any other additional details that will assist the committee in its deliberations.

Both your and your nominee's contact information, address, phone number and e-mail.

Quick and easy nominations can be made online here: [www.loubar.org/lba-annual-awards/](http://www.loubar.org/lba-annual-awards/)

Nominations may also be submitted via e-mail to Kristen Miller at [kmiller@loubar.org](mailto:kmiller@loubar.org) or postal mail to: LBA Awards, Louisville Bar Association, 600 W. Main St., Ste. 110, Louisville, KY 40202.

**NOMINATIONS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.**

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# Member Appreciation & Awards Luncheon

**Wednesday 13 November**

**11a-1p . Location TBD**

**New this year! There will be a vendor fair on-site prior to the luncheon.**



## There is Still Time to Become a Foundation Partner for 2024

The Louisville Bar Foundation is pleased to announce that 23 local firms or corporate in-house legal departments have signed up as "Foundation Partners" in 2024. The Foundation Partners program was established to recognize those who help continue the good works of the LBF by making a \$45 minimum tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation for every member of the firm or legal department. Firms or legal departments with five or more attorneys are eligible for recognition as Foundation Partners.

The combined support from the attorneys represented by the firms and legal departments listed below is more than \$30,000. The generosity of the Foundation Partners and other individual LBA member attorneys makes it possible for the LBF to support and improve legal services for the poor, law-related public education and our judicial system.

The Louisville Bar Foundation thanks all contributing attorneys for their generous support. ***It is not too late to join this list!*** For more information about how you can become a Foundation Partner, please contact Jeffrey A. Been at (502) 292-6734 or at [jbeen@loubar.org](mailto:jbeen@loubar.org).

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## GET PUBLISHED

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*Bar Briefs* relies heavily on contributions by generous volunteers. The LBA welcomes article submissions from attorneys, paralegals and other professionals.

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**SEPTMBER 2024 AWARENESS CALENDAR**

- Recovery Month
- National Suicide Prevention Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15-October 15
- Suicide Prevention Week: September 8-14
- World Suicide Prevention Day: September 10

**LOUISVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
More than 5% of the U.S. adult population (12.8 million people) reported experiencing serious thoughts of suicide.



Friday, October 25  
9:00 AM - 5:15 PM  
HYBRID: Bar Center or Zoom

Join us for the LBA's Annual Bankruptcy Law Conference to gain insights from experts, network with peers and stay updated on the latest trends in bankruptcy law.

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Local Issues in Filing Cases and Pleadings in the Western District	Elizabeth H. Parks, Clerk of the Court
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Navigating Interactions with the US Trustee in Your Case	Jamie L Harris, UST Trial Attorney and Timothy Ruppel, Asst. US Trustee
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Bankruptcy and Non-Bankruptcy Student Loan Solutions	Katherine A. Bell, U.S. Attorney's Office
12:15 PM - 01:00 PM	LUNCH	
01:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Current Issues in Chapter 13	Charles Sydenstricker, Chapter 13 Trustee Staff Attorney
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Sub-Chapter V Issues	Charity Bird, Kaplan Johnson Abate & Bird
02:30 PM - 02:45 PM	BREAK	
02:45 PM - 03:45 PM	Ethical Challenges in Conflicts and Dual Representation in Bankruptcy Law	James R. Irving, Dentons
03:45 PM - 04:15 PM	Procedures Before the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel	Hon. Alan C. Stout, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
04:15 PM - 05:15 PM	Case Law Update	Hon. Charles Merrill and Hon. Alan C. Stout, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Women Lawyers Association

The WLA has the following lunchtime programming on the calendar: On **Thursday, September 12**, guest speaker Amy Cabbage, former KBA President and District 4 representative for KBA Board of Governors, will be presenting her experience in those roles and current rules changes. The program will be held at noon at the LBA, 600 W. Main St., Ste. 110. Visit the WLA website, [wlaeffco.com](http://wlaeffco.com), for registration. On **Thursday, October 10**, guest speaker Judge Tara Hagerty, will be presenting about mediation. The program will be held at noon at KMAC, 715 W. Main St. Visit the WLA website for registration.

Save the Date! The WLA will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, November 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (location info to come). ■

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Through the LBA Placement Service

#### Real Estate / Foreclosure Attorney:

The LBA's Placement Service is currently working with a multi-state law office seeking to add an attorney to their Louisville office. The firm specializes in real estate matters representing mortgage lenders. Primary duties will include real estate transactions and foreclosure litigation throughout the state. Travel to various counties for Sheriff Sales and hearings is required. Real estate or foreclosure experience a plus, but other experience considered. Must be licensed in Kentucky, be in good standing and have excellent references. Competitive salary commensurate with experience and benefits offered. Send resumes in MS Word format to the LBA Placement Service Director, David Mohr, [dmohr@loubar.org](mailto:dmohr@loubar.org).

#### Civil Defense Litigation Attorney:

The LBA's Placement Service is currently working with a medium-size law office in downtown Louisville seeking to hire a seasoned attorney who can handle cases with minimal supervision. The firm primarily has a civil defense practice consisting of insurance defense-type cases. The seasoned attorney candidate must have at least five+ years of experience with civil litigation in Kentucky. Excellent salary based on experience, plus bonus opportunities. Salary is commensurate with experience and benefits are offered, as well. Send resumes in MS Word format to the LBA Placement Service Director, David Mohr, [dmohr@loubar.org](mailto:dmohr@loubar.org).

#### Family Law Litigation Associate:

The LBA's Placement Service is currently working with a medium-size firm located in downtown Louisville looking to hire a lateral associate for their family law practice. The candidate should be licensed to practice law in Kentucky and should have two to six years of experience practicing law; excellent reading, writing and advocacy skills; experience with family law litigation (preferred but not required), including property, support and custody disputes; litigation experience, including trial work, motion practice and discovery; and experience working with highly emotional clients and circumstances. Salary range is \$80,000 - \$110,000 based on experience. Their generous benefits package includes health insurance (individual coverage for employee, the firm pays 90%, the employee pays 10%), dental insurance (at the firm's expense); eligible to participate in our 401k plan after one year of employment. Paid holidays, vacation days, etc. In addition, paid parking as well as KBA and LBA membership and CLEs. Send resumes in MS Word format to the LBA Placement Service Director, David Mohr, [dmohr@loubar.org](mailto:dmohr@loubar.org).

# MEMBERS on the move



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Seiller Waterman is pleased to announce that **Adam B. Buckman** has joined the firm's Bankruptcy Practice Group. His current practice concentrates on Chapters 7, 11 and 13 and will work on financial restructuring. He is also a family law attorney and has a domestic relations practice. Buckman is a 2011 graduate of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law and is admitted to practice in Kentucky.

Fultz Maddox Dickens is proud to announce that **Alison Brehm, Philip Cecil, Molly O'Dea** and **Evan Wright** have joined the firm. Brehm has joined the firm as Of Counsel. Her practice focuses in the area of commercial real estate, with a concentration in office and retail leasing and development. Brehm represents landlords and tenants in all aspects of lease negotiations, including lease dispute resolution. Brehm received her J.D. from the College of William & Mary in 1998. Cecil has joined the firm as a commercial litigation attorney. For the past five years, Cecil handled complex commercial disputes in a variety of industries and had a robust appellate practice at a large national large firm. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. O'Dea has joined the firm as an associate attorney. O'Dea is licensed to practice in Kentucky. She will be joining the firm's litigation team where she will assist clients in a variety of business, healthcare, real estate and contract disputes. O'Dea received her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. Wright has joined the firm as an associate attorney, where he will practice with the firm's corporate, real estate and finance group. Wright is licensed to practice in Kentucky, where he assists clients in a variety of business and real estate transactions, including corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, leasing and finance. Wright earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs is pleased to welcome **Scott Weinberg, Devan Otten** and **Eli Bronn** to the firm as members of the Trusts, Estates & Personal Planning Service Team in Louisville. Weinberg joins as a partner where he will assist clients with estate planning, tax planning and business organizations. He graduated from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. Otten joins as a Senior Associate where she will assist with estate planning, probate and trust administration. She graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Law. Bronn joins as an Associate where he will assist with estate planning, probate and trust administration, and business organizations. He graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Law. ■

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