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2025 LBA

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Thank you to everyone who has renewed for 2025!

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, 2025 to guarantee uninterrupted membership benefits. Simplify your renewal process in the future by signing up for auto renewal; contact Marisa Motley at mmotley@loubar.org to learn more.

Get the most out of your membership by joining the LBA as a Sustaining Member. Benefits include one free hour of conference room rental in the newly renovated Bar Center, free limited-time access to our new enhanced member profiles in the LBA's public directory, discounts on CLEs and signature events (some exclusions apply) and a printed copy of the 2025 pictorial roster.

Know a new attorney who passed the bar in the fall of 2024? They can join the LBA for FREE! This is a great way for new attorneys to get immersed in 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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A Call to Action

January 1, 2025. A new year represents many things to many people. Hope for a better year. New Year's resolutions — many make them, some achieve them. We may or may not declutter and organize our homes and offices. Get our affairs in order. This is the year we will improve our diets and lose weight. We want to learn a second language. We will get a pet and train it properly. I could go on and on.

The LBA is 125 years old in 2025. It is a cause for celebration, lots of cake and ice cream. Maybe bouncy houses and ponies? Okay, maybe not.

It is an opportunity. We, the LBA, as an organization and as members of our profession, can spotlight what we do. To live our mission:

- · Promote justice, professional excellence and respect for the law;
- Improve public access to the judicial system;
- · Provide law-related services to the community; and
- · Serve our members.

During the coming year, the LBA Board and staff, along with our 125th Anniversary Committee, will present our members with opportunities to achieve our mission throughout Louisville. Please watch your emails, eBriefs, Bar Briefs and social media for these events.

I ask that the membership support our committees. Our volunteers and staff work throughout the year to provide programming in the form of CLEs, events, forums, participation in local events and networking opportunities.

With eight committees and 22 sections, get involved. If you are not a member of a section, please consider joining one or more to benefit from meeting others in your field. And since each section is required to present a CLE program, take the opportunity to be a presenter.

The committees provide programs and guidance in different areas, such as member Health and Wellness, and Diversity and Inclusion; and support core LBA functions like Continuing Legal Education and the Kentucky Lawyer Referral Service.

As an LBA member since law school, I met other attorneys and started networking before passing the bar. Now I am in the position to pass on

not only legal related knowledge but life related wisdom. The LBA has partnerships and works with the UofL Brandeis School of Law, We work with the Law and Government Magnet at Central High School and with law-related academies and programs at Seneca and Waggener. Our members assist with pro bono projects both on the LBA's behalf and in conjunction with the Legal Aid Society, the Jefferson County Public Law Library and Brandeis.

This President's Page is not intended to be an advertisement for the LBA, but a call to action. Nothing makes a board of any organization happier than knowing the members "have your back" and will be there to work on the next project or be at the next event. I also realize that I'm preaching to the choir. Our members are active in the community, as is evidenced every time you mention a member's name and the response is, "they are already doing 'X'." We are asking you to consider doing "X + 1."

Consider any one or more of the following:

- · Volunteer for a committee
- · Join a section for an area of law you do not already practice in
- · Sign up for the Kentucky Lawyer Referral Service
- Form a pickleball team and aim for the LBA championship
- · Become an LBF Fellow and volunteer for their Board

You get the idea. We have beautiful, updated facilities; stop by, use the conference rooms, get a cup of coffee while waiting for a hearing or motion hour. While there, meet a new member or say hello to an

Looking forward to seeing you at our birthday events!





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INTRODUCING 2025 LBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Samuel Wardle



Assuming the role of president-elect 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 underin-

sured 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 and has recently joined the Communications Committee. He also devotes a significant portion of his time to pro bono work and volunteerism.

Jennifer Kleier



Moving up to vice-president/ treasurer 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 dropin day shelter in Louisville serving unhoused women, children and marginalized genders.

Sean Deskins



Joining the Executive Committee as secretary is Sean Deskins. Sean is an attorney with the Oldfather Law Firm, concentrating in plaintiffs' litigation including medical malpractice, products liability, employment law and legal malpractice. His practice also includes complex business and trusts and estates litigation. Following law school,

Sean spent a year serving as a Fulbright Scholar in the Slovak Republic where he taught courses on the American legal system and human rights law. Upon returning to Kentucky, Sean worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. Sean received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Louisville and is an active UofL alumnus. He previously served as president of the UofL Law Alumni Council and as chair of the LBA's Young Lawyers Section, which was honored as a Co-Section of the Year during his term. Sean also recently wrapped up a two-year term as the LBA's representative to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and continues to serve as a member of the ABA's Commission on Disability Rights. Sean and his wife, Ashley, live in Louisville with their dog, Forrest.

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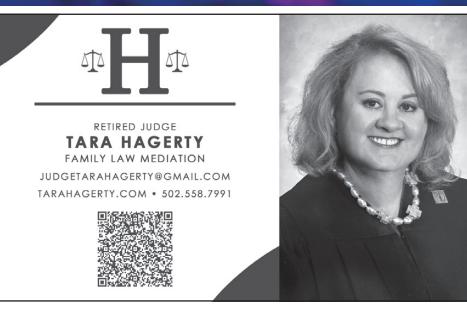
and meetings. Each section's goal is to enhance your practice and foster your legal and management skills. To join a section or to serve as section chairs

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Kentucky's New Narrower Inheritance Tax Statute on Powers of Appointment

John Cummins and Thomas Monarch

The Kentucky Legislature has reduced the scope of the Kentucky statute governing the inheritance taxation of trust property subject to a power of appointment. Only general powers of appointment will be subject to Kentucky inheritance tax now. No longer will the more limited special powers of appointment be subject to this tax.

The taxation of appointive property under Kentucky's inheritance tax scheme has been a cause of great confusion amongst practitioners and taxpayers throughout its history. The tax issue arises in trusts which give the beneficiary a power to "appoint" the trust property to others at the beneficiary's death. This most recent update brings Kentucky's taxation of appointive property much closer in line with the federal estate tax scheme and should resolve much of that confusion.

Effective July 15, 2024, Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) Section 140.040 expressly limits the definition of "power of appointment" to mean a general power of appointment, which is a power exercisable in favor of the powerholder, the

powerholder's estate, the powerholder's creditors and/or the creditors of the powerholder's estate. It also now expressly excludes from the definition of "power appointment" limited or special powers of appointment that are limited to the health, education, maintenance and support ascertainable standards or that are exercisable only in conjunction with another person having a substantial interest in the appointive property that is adverse to the exercise in favor of the powerholder, the powerholder's estate, the powerholder's creditors and/or the creditors of the powerholder's estate. While not exactly the same, this updated Kentucky definition is substantially similar to the definition of "general power of appointment" which is subject to federal estate tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 2041.

Prior to this update, Kentucky law was unclear as to whether the term "power of appointment" was limited to only general powers, or whether the term was all encompassing to include any power of appointment regardless of any limitations thereon. This confusion led to uncertainty in estate tax planning and

inconsistencies in the preparation and acceptance of Kentucky inheritance tax returns.

Now, for decedents dying on or after July 15, 2024, the Kentucky Department of Revenue is required to administer this new KRS § 140.040 as nearly as practicably identical to the federal taxation of general powers of appointment under Internal Revenue Code Section 2041. With this clarification, it is better understood that limited or special powers of appointment specifically excepted from the term "power of appointment" will not cause the subject trust to be subject to Kentucky inheritance tax.

Nonetheless, there are still uncertainties as to how this new statute will affect how the beneficiaries' distributive shares subject to Kentucky inheritance tax are determined. It is unclear whether the Kentucky Department of Revenue will seek to levy tax on the transfer of trust property based upon the most probable appointee of a limited or special power of appointment over a trust, or if the Department will ignore the limited or special power and tax the named trust remainder beneficiaries.

Moving forward, practitioners and taxpayers should tread carefully when dealing with any power of appointment until the Kentucky Department of Revenue has issued clear guidance as to how this new tax scheme will be administered. That being said, this new Kentucky statute certainly seems to be a step in the right direction in narrowing the class of powers subject to Kentucky inheritance tax and conforming to the federal estate

tax approach. It also eliminates the confusing statutory power of appointment regime that has been in effect for many years.



Partner John R. Cummins and Managing Associate Thomas H. Monarch are based in Dentons' Louisville office and are members of the firm's Trusts, Estates, and Wealth Preservation group.

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Our Job Board rates are lower than other job listing sites and are specifically tailored to reach legal candidates. You can post openings for 30 or 60 days, and you can even leverage the power of the LBA's publications, eBriefs and Bar Briefs, to extend your posting's reach.

To get started, visit the LBA Job Board at www.loubar.org/placement-services/ or scan the QR code below:



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LBA TWO-HOUR CLE

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Friday, March 7

Speakers will address decisions the Kentucky Supreme Court and Court of Appeals handed down during the 2024 calendar year. A panel discussion will follow the presentations, as time permits.

Speakers: Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Goodman attorneys **Emily T. Cecconi**. **Nathan R. Hardymon** and Elizabeth M. Howell

Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. — Program Place: Hybrid – Bar Center or Zoom

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Technology issues: User error does not qualify for a refund for LIVE webinars. Recordings are <u>NOT</u> included with registration. Separate fees apply for accessing past recordings through the LBA On-Demand Catalog. Please note: Live and on-demand CLE programs have different KBA accreditation requirements.

Judge McNeill Named Deputy Chief Judge of Court of Appeals



Court of Appeals Judge J. Christopher McNeill is the new deputy chief judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Larry E. Thompson appointed Judge McNeill, who begins serving in the role on January 1, 2025. The deputy chief judge provides administrative oversight to

the Court of Appeals in the chief judge's absence.

Judge McNeill of Western Kentucky was elected from the 1st Appellate District and took office in May 2020 to fill an unexpired term on the Court of Appeals, and was reelected for a full eight-year term in November 2022.

Before serving as a Court of Appeals judge, Judge McNeill worked in private civil practice and was a staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He later became a directing attorney for the Public Defender's Office in McCracken County, overseeing more than 70,000 cases across Western Kentucky.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture and organizational communication from Murray State. He completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1993 and later received his J.D. from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Association of Legal Administrators

The monthly chapter meeting of the Kentucky Association of Legal Administrators will be held in person on Thursday, January 9, beginning at noon 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 Deana Lively, *dlively@dbllaw.com*. ■

Women Lawyers Association

The WLA January Member Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9 at noon at the Jefferson County Public Law Library (514 W. Liberty, 2nd floor) discussing "The New WLA." We will discuss WLA's revamped mission statement and our work to empower and advance all women by providing meaningful access to legal systems, inclusion in important community efforts, and accessible pathways to success and intersectional equity in the legal profession. We will introduce members to our new committees, which we're introducing for calendar year 2025, and will discuss the ways members can get involved in our programming and activities. We'd love to have your input! RSVP on our website: https://wlajeffco.com/wlaevents/.

The LBA proudly introduces its Inaugural New Lawyer Academy Class. This six-month program will launch in January 2025 for attorneys in their first to third years of practice. Designed to bridge the critical gap between academic legal education and the dynamic realities of professional practice, this intensive academy equips emerging legal professionals with the practical skills, strategic insights and professional networks essential for long-term career success.

LBA members are encouraged to congratulate and support these talented new lawyers as they embark on this promising professional development journey.

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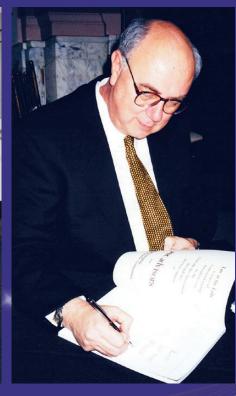


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ANNIVERSARY







THE LBA IS TURNING 125 IN 2025!

We're excited to celebrate our rich history and the incredible members who have shaped the Louisville legal community.

View a few ways to get the celebration started in our checklist to the right. On the previous page you'll see a handful of blast-from-the-past photos and below is a story from the first paid LBA Executive Director, Judge Maria "Kitty" Meuter. We will be promoting giveaways, celebratory events and much more throughout the year so keep an eye on future issues of *Bar Briefs*, *eBriefs*, social media and your email.

Do you have a story to tell? Share your historical information with Tess Taylor, LBA Communications and Marketing Specialist, ttaylor@loubar.org.

Have a unique idea for our 125th? Get involved! Contact Marisa Motley, Chief Outreach Officer, to join the planning committee at mmotley@loubar.org.

We're looking forward to celebrating with you!

Editor's Note: In 1900, there were only 178 members of the Louisville Bar Association. 125 years later, we have well over 2,000. During the first 50 years of its existence, the LBA was run by volunteer attorneys since there were no staff members. Judge Maria "Kitty" Meuter was the LBA's first paid Executive Director (and Kentucky's first female judge). Judge Mueter passed away in 2009. Below, read some of her memories from the LBA's early decades, printed in a series of "The way we were" articles that appeared in *Bar Briefs* throughout the LBA's centennial year.

After World War II, the American Bar Association stepped up its program to encourage middlesized bar associations to set up their own offices on the pattern of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, etc. Attorneys in Louisville wanted to comply since many association and professional problems were taking too much time from the private offices of the officers and committee members.

There were other problems facing the association. The profession and the Courts were in need of a law library in the downtown area. The only law library open to all attorneys was on Belknap Campus some miles away. There were two small law libraries in the downtown area. One was in the Marion E. Taylor Building. It was funded by the firms in that building and was for their use. The other library was slightly larger and was in the Kentucky Home Life Building at 5th and Jefferson Streets. This library was used by the attorneys who had a card of entrance and what it cost I was never told. I was told that the attorneys who had cards were selected. I also heard that the lady who worked at the library seemed to feel that the social register as she saw it should be the rule. This excluded a lot of attorneys and particularly newly admitted attorneys who were not associated with a large firm.

The Louisville Bar Association had a very low budget and in the late 1940s it was hard to raise money. Most of those who had sufficient sums of money had the use of a library. Robert T. Burke was one of the men who felt strongly about this issue, and he headed a group who was trying to solve this problem. He did not live to see his dream become a reality but his son, Robert T. Burke, Jr., carried on and pushed hard for a library. He also devoted a lot of time to the library for the rest of his life.

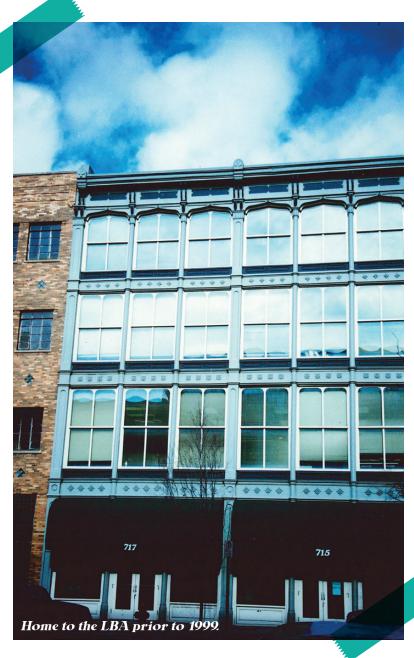
Finally, the groups who were pushing for improvements were able to solve their problems with the aid of the Circuit Court Clerk and the Fiscal Court. The Circuit Court Clerks in Kentucky were by law the County Law Librarians. Our Fiscal Court agreed to furnish space for the library and some equipment. The Fiscal Court would purchase books which would be of service to the Circuit Judges. (When presenting my budget, I always had to be able to show the Fiscal Court of what benefit the volumes would be to the Judges.) The Bar Association would select the Executive Secretary (later Executive Director). This person would also be the Law Librarian.

The Louisville Bar Association and the Circuit Clerk would pay the salary. The Clerk would also employ a law student to help in the library in the afternoon. The Fiscal Court and the Louisville Bar Association would share the expenses of the books. It was several years before the Clerk would employ a secretary for the Librarian.

With the help of donations, by 1952 the library was set up and some of the books in place. A retired army officer served as receptionist until a person could be chosen to handle the library and Bar Office. The committee to recommend the Executive Secretary had a list of qualifications the first of which was an LLB. Luckily, I had been able to meet the qualifications as I had the LLB and had worked for the Federal Land Bank of Louisville for eight years. The last three years of my employment by the bank had been as a clerk in the legal department of the bank.

On October 2, 1952, I was sworn in as Executive Secretary at the Louisville Bar Association and Clerk in the office of the Jefferson Circuit Court Clerk. I kept that office for 19 years.









LBF ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2025

Sara Veeneman Judd is the incoming President for the Louisville Bar Foundation for 2025. As Senior Counsel for PPL Services Company, Sara works in-house for Louisville Gas & Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company. She represents LG&E and KU in all proceedings at the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Frankfort and provides counsel to the utilities on a wide array of issues, focusing primarily on Kentucky regulatory matters. Before joining LG&E and KU in 2015, Sara was a partner at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP where she spent nine years practicing in commercial litigation. During her tenure at Wyatt, she served on the firm's Recruiting and Diversity Committees. Immediately after graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Law, she clerked for the Honorable Charles R. Simpson, III, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Sara is a Louisville native and remains active in the community, both professionally and personally. In addition to serving on the board of the LBF, Sara has been a member in the Brandeis Inn of Court. Sara also graduated from GLI's Inaugural LEAD class, Leadership Louisville's Ignite Louisville program and the Fund for the Arts NeXt! Leadership program. She served on the Friends of the Louisville Zoo Board for six years, and now serves on the parish counsel for Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Other LBF Officers for 2025 include: Gregory T. Dutton, President-Elect; Joseph C. Ventura, Vice President and Treasurer; Nicole T. Cook, Secretary; Charles H. Stopher, Past President. In addition, four individuals will join the LBF Board of Directors: C. Dean Furman, Dwight L. Haygood, Sarah J. Martin and Ozair M. Shariff.

2024: BY THE NUMBERS

2024 showed a record-breaking amount of grant funds awarded by the LBF in a single year:

\$201.535

Total funds awarded in 2024 (previous record was \$169,500 in 2023)

22

Number of grants awarded to non-profits

\$15K

Amount of grant funds awarded to LBA for programmatic activities

26

Number of firms and law departments that join as Foundation Partners with 100% participation.

45%

Percentage of LBA members make a \$45 charitable gift to the LBF in 2024.

\$45K+

Amount in contributions to the endowment in 2024 made by Fellows' Pledges and gifts from supportive lawyers and law firms.

2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Foundation's grant awards in 2024 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 \$201,535. 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 \$3.6 million in grant funds. The Foundation is supported by charitable contributions from individual attorneys and law firms.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (LOUISVILLE)

Legal Assistance Clinics for Refugees - \$8,000

The International Rescue Committee provides opportunities for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture and other immigrants to thrive in America. Refugees are required by law to apply for adjustment of status (green card) after being present in the U.S. for one year. The paperwork is often complicated, and the refugees frequently require legal assistance. LBF funds will support regular workshops where pro bono attorneys will assist refugees in preparing the necessary paperwork to comply with the filing requirements.

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.

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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

New Lawyer Academy Scholarships - \$10,000 The Louisville Bar Association's New Lawyer Academy is a comprehensive six-month program, designed for attorneys with up to three years of experience. This inaugural academy aims to equip new lawyers with the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful legal career. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics,

addressing both professional and personal development needs. Career development is a key component, covering personal branding, mentoring and partnership tracks. Ethical considerations, including confidentiality and pro bono work, are integrated into the curriculum. The New Lawyer Academy seeks to bridge the gap between law school education and the realities of legal practice, setting new attorneys on a path to long-term career success. The grant from the LBF will fund scholarships for solo or small firm practitioners or others who otherwise cannot afford the full fuition.

WOMEN MAKE MOVIES

Film Project "The Dead Zone" - \$5,000

Women Make Movies is a non-profit arts media organization currently producing a film, "The Dead Zone," examining the pretrial detention system in America. The film explores the experience of Duane Lake, now rebuilding his life in Louisville, who spent six years in pretrial detention - awaiting trial without counsel - before being found not guilty. The film offers solutions for a model pretrial detention system that safeguards personal liberty while honoring the role of detaining individuals who pose risks. LBF grant funding will support educational programming that engages non-profits, legal associations and law schools in film screenings, and educational and community workshops on pretrial issues in Kentucky.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY

Statue Commemorating Alberta Odell Jones

Alberta Odell Jones was born in Louisville in 1930. She graduated from Louisville Central High School and then attended Louisville Metropolitan College, graduating third in her class. She attended the University of Louisville Law School for one year before transferring to Howard University for her degree, graduating fourth in her law school class. In 1959, upon admission to the Kentucky bar the same year she received her law degree, Jones became Kentucky's first practicing African American woman attorney. She later became the first woman appointed as a city attorney in Jefferson County. Jones was active with the Louisville Urban League, the NAACP and she founded the Independent Voters Association of Louisville where she initiated programs to educate African Americans on how to use voting machines. Jones was killed in 1965 and her murder remains unsolved. The Eta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, of which Jones was a member when she was a practicing attorney, is honoring Jones and her life achievements by commissioning a statue of Jones to be prominently displayed in her hometown of Louisville. The LBF grant will help fund the creation of the statue and the development of educational programming about Jones' notable contributions to the profession of law





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Bankruptcy Attorney:

The LBA's Placement Service is working with a commercial and contracts law office located in the Clifton area of Louisville seeking to hire an attorney with experience in bankruptcy matters on the creditors' side to coordinate and handle all their needs. Qualified candidates should have at least two years of related experience, be licensed in Kentucky, in good standing and have excellent references. The firm offers a competitive starting salary and a comprehensive benefits package. Contact Kristen Miller, kmiller@loubar.org, to learn more.

Real Estate / Foreclosure:

The LBA's Placement Service is currently working with a multi-state law office that is 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 of Kentucky. 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. Contact Kristen Miller, kmiller@loubar.org, to learn more.

Jefferson Trial Courts HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2025

New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 20, 2025

Spring Holiday (1/2 Day) Friday, April 18, 2025

Memorial Day Monday, May 26, 2025

Juneteenth National Independence Day Thursday, June 19, 2025

Independence Day Friday July 4, 2025

Labor Day Monday, September 1, 2025

Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Friday, November 28, 2025

Christmas Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Thursday, December 25, 2025

New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31, 2025

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

New Year's Day Thursday, January 1, 2026

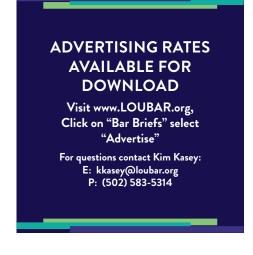
KY DPA Conference (Lexington, KY) June 2-4, 2025

KBA Convention (TBD) June 5-6, 2025

Prosecutors' Conference (Lexington, KY) August 20-22, 2025

District Judges' Judicial College (TBD) September 21-24, 2025

Circuit Judges' Fall Judicial College (Covington, KY) October 19-22, 2025





MEMBERS on the move







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Wolford

Barrow Brown Carrington is pleased to announce that **Troy DeMuth** has joined the firm as a partner, bringing 28 years of experience in family law. A Louisville native, DeMuth has extensive expertise in divorce, child custody, domestic violence, adoption and more, and is an approved family court mediator and Guardian Ad Litem. He has held leadership roles in the Association of Parent's Attorneys of Louisville, the Guardian Ad Litem's Association and the Louisville Bar Association. DeMuth is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has taught Family Law and Mediation at the University of Louisville. His contributions include serving as a consultant for Casey Family Programs, helping improve national child abuse and neglect practices.

Stites & Harbison attorney Ian Ramsey was recently elected Chair of the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission (KBBC) at its 2024 annual meeting. He will guide the KBBC, coordinate with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on pedestrian and bikeway programs and promote bicycling to governing officials and the public. First appointed to the

KBBC by Governor Andy Beshear in 2022, Ramsey will now serve as chair until January 2027. Ramsey is a Member (Partner) of Stites & Harbison based in the Louisville office. He focuses his practice as a products liability and commercial litigation trial attorney. He is also an active outside general counsel managing litigation, transactions and operational issues for clients.

Stites & Harbison welcomes attorney **Joshua G. Wolford** to the firm's Louisville office. He joins the Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy Service Group. Wolford's practice focuses on creditors' rights, bankruptcy and commercial finance matters. Before joining Stites & Harbison, he worked as a law clerk for Judge Danny J. Boggs, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2023-24). Prior to that he was a law clerk for Judge Karen K. Caldwell, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (2022-23). Wolford earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, valedictorian, *summa cum laude* and Order of the Coif, in 2022. He is admitted to practice in Kentucky.

In Memoriam



Francis Larkin Fore, Sr., a loving husband, beloved father, dedicated attorney and avid outdoorsman, passed away peacefully on November 7, 2024. He was the devoted husband of Connie Fore, with whom he shared 19 years of love and partnership.

Larkin was an extremely talented and well-respected lawyer for 50 years. In addition to representing many corporations and high-profile individuals, he was devoted to many causes, including advocating for minorities, disabled individuals and the deserving soul who just needed some help. Larkin never retired, asking why would he retire when "every day is a holiday" when you love what you do. He truly loved practicing law and representing his clients, who became lifelong friends.

Larkin found great pleasure in hunting and fishing, although he was admittedly far more interested in preparing the meals and sharing camaraderie than he was in seeking out the wildlife. Larkin's wit, devotion and counsel will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He leaves a legacy of love, loyalty and laughter, and his memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

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Santa's Court Toy Drive is a Roaring Success!

Thank you to all who helped spread holiday cheer through the LBA's Santa's Court Toy Drive! Once again, the legal community rallied to collect toys and donations for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. This year we collected over 250 toys with an estimated value over \$6,500 dollars and \$4,973 in monetary donations.

For the last 30 years, the legal community has helped fill the gaps on wish lists, bringing holiday magic to deserving children. We couldn't have done it without the support of the following firms and individuals.

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