

Sections & Committees

2019

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Kansas City is an innovative and entrepreneurial community. For 2019, the Business Law Section is committed to providing creative, collaborative, and diverse resources and is determined to reach out to all its members. Leadership is open to any new ideas from members as well as community leaders. Opportunities for groups to interact and learn from each other will be of continued focus.

— **Rebecca Martin**, Business Law Section President

Business Transactional Law

This committee's focus is business transactional law, which includes entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, risk management/insurance, employee benefits, network security, and contract negotiations/best practices. The committee also focuses on corporate due diligence and disclosures pursuant to securities laws and regulations.

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Environment & Energy Law

This committee seeks to advance the fields of environmental and energy law by exploring

developments in law and policy, with an emphasis on topics of local and regional import; encouraging dialogue among attorneys in the private, public, and non-profit sectors; fostering relationships between regulators and the regulated community; and building collaborative relationships with local law schools to inspire future environmental and energy leaders. The committee will promote this mission by aspiring to sponsor and co-sponsor CLE accredited programs and networking events for members with local universities, industry, and other interested parties, with committee leadership meetings monthly or as needed.

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Media Law

This committee, upon approval of the Board of Directors, plans and arranges from time to time a regional meeting for members of the legal and journalism professions to promote a better understanding between both professions, to develop favorable public opinion and a more thorough public understanding of our legal system. These objectives are to be carried out by initiating a dignified informational program designed to reach and inform the individual local lawyers. The committee assists KCMBA with publicizing public service activities of KCMBA and individual lawyers to increase public acceptance of lawyers, obtains information concerning proposed legislation relating to the conduct of the business of the courts, county officers or laws, and generally examines and considers such proposed legislation.

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Patent/Trademark/Copyright

This committee holds periodic meetings to discuss recent IP decisions as well as to discuss IP cases concerning local businesses or IP cases filed in local courts. This committee also plans continuing legal education programs, including a spring seminar on Trademark and Copyright law and a fall seminar on Patent law.

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Real Estate Law

This committee considers the law and procedures pertaining to real property and promotes its fair and just administration; studies and reports to the Board of Directors any proposed, necessary or desirable legislation; and promotes legal education of members of KCMBA and the public on real property law.

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Sports and Entertainment Law

This committee keeps up to date on current developments in the law affecting amateur, collegiate, and professional sports and the entertainment field. The committee

disseminates that information by way of continuing legal education programs, periodic meetings, and any other appropriate methods. The committee involves lawyers in private practice and those who work for organizations in the sports or entertainment field. The committee encourages the development of sports and entertainment law practice by appropriate activities designed to widen understanding of the field and its practice opportunities.

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Tax Law

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Appellate Practice

The Appellate Practice Committee strives to clarify and explain the appellate process (civil and criminal, state and federal) through its programs and work for experienced appellate practitioners and attorneys new to appellate litigation alike. Committee members monitor developments in case law and amendments to procedural rules and statutes, present appellate institutes and other educational programming, and link practitioners with the appellate judiciary.

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Business Litigation

The committee promotes and enhances the business litigation practice of its members who litigate in all areas impacting business enterprises by building relationships, providing hands-on mentorship opportunities, offering practice-specific continuing legal education courses, and recommending changes to current law. The committee accomplishes its mission through social events, member recruitment and instruction, and subcommittee involvement.

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Court Procedures and Practice

This committee considers all matters involving the circuit court, observing the practical working of the state and federal courts, both civil and criminal, and the working of our judicial system; collects information on the subjects relating to the improvement of same and the administration of the law.

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Labor and Employment Law

This committee supports the just and lawful administration of workplace laws through programs and activities designed to educate and train attorneys and other interested parties about substantive, procedural, and practical considerations in a manner reflecting the concerns, interests, and positions of both employees and employers. Additionally, the committee strives to develop goodwill and positive relationships among KCMBAs members practicing in this area of law.

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Medical-Legal/Nursing Home Negligence

This committee provides a common meeting ground for those members of KCMBAs who are engaged in representing clients in medical malpractice litigation, and studies proposed medical malpractice legislation; encourages members of the association involved with medical malpractice litigation to meet and confer upon various problems; and reports any recommendations to KCMBAs, as may be considered to be useful, in the practice and development of medical malpractice law.

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Workers' Compensation Law and Procedures

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The Criminal Law Section is dedicated to bringing CLE and networking opportunities to our members. Our Section is made up of the Municipal and Criminal Law Committees. Membership in the Section includes municipal, state and federal prosecutors, private attorneys, and public defenders. Please join us if you would like to keep up to date on the newest developments in criminal and municipal law and meet other attorneys who practice in these areas.

— **Zachary Thompson**, Criminal Law Section President

Criminal Law

This committee studies the criminal laws and procedures in the courts of state and federal jurisdictions and all other practices in said courts relating thereto; makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for corrective legislation or procedure changes; and, assists the Board of Directors in having these laws passed or procedures adopted by the appropriate body.

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The KCMA Diversity Section looks forward to promoting diversity in the Kansas City legal profession by advocating for proper representation, addressing procedural barriers unique to diverse attorneys, and raising awareness of legal issues pertinent to its diverse members. We will continue to collaborate with local diversity bar associations, law firms, and law schools to provide networking and educational opportunities for current and aspiring lawyers throughout the year. We are also thrilled to host the Second Annual Unity Reception to honor the Sly James Diversity and Inclusion Award and host the 15th Annual Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair.

— **Henry Thomas**, Diversity Section President

Diversity Education

This committee develops CLE activities as it also identifies and implements other learning opportunities of benefit to section members and other KCMA members for the advancement of diversity issues. The committee's work focuses on the practical aspects of ways diversity issues in legal practice can be appreciated, anticipated, recognized and fully utilized.

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Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair

This committee plans and organizes the annual Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair (HDLJF). The committee consists of no more than ten members appointed by the KCMA President.

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Membership and Social

This committee plans and coordinates social activities that allow section members to network with each other as they celebrate and enhance their work together. Additionally, the committee is attentive to ways to get others involved and interacts with diverse groups to help bring people together on a less formal basis.

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Diversity Recruitment and Retention

As this committee works on membership recruitment and retention to help facilitate and advance the work of the Diversity Section, it also provides an even greater focus for the section's work. In those endeavors, the committee works, in conjunction with the Education Committee, to help advance awareness of resources that can assist in creating and maintaining inclusive environments.

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The Family and the Law Section encompasses three active sub-committees all of which are committed to improving the practice of law, serving their members and giving back to the legal community as a whole. The section's committees work to offer relevant and practical meeting topics and innovative CLEs, all while providing a supportive environment for collaboration and networking with colleagues. The Family and the Law Section is the perfect place to get more involved in the legal community and grow your practice.

— **Tiffany McFarland**, Family and the Law Section President

Domestic Law

This committee includes the study and consideration of all substantive laws of state and federal jurisdictions concerning the family, juveniles, divorce, separate maintenance, adoption and other laws thereto related. Recommendations for changes in the common or statutory law shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

The committee also serves as liaison with the courts dealing in the area of family law, assisting them in their administrative problems and serving as a sounding board for any suggestions in procedure and legislative acts.

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Probate and Estate Planning

The purpose of this committee is to 1) study and develop projects in and connected with a) the administration of justice in courts having probate jurisdiction in Missouri and Kansas, b) tax matters related to the administration of probate estates, conservatorships and trusts, c) assist clients in planning for handling of their financial affairs in the event of disability and transfer of their assets to beneficiaries during their lifetime or at their deaths, d) assist clients in planning for personal disability and disability of family members, including termination of life support systems, e) plan for transfer of assets outside of probate and f) assist concerning persons needing service in the foregoing areas who are not otherwise able to obtain such services; 2) study and recommend through the Board of Directors proposed legislative enactments designed to improve the administration of justice in all areas to which this committee relates; 3) plan and present seminars for KCMB in all areas to which this committee relates, including matters of ethical considerations; and 4) develop appropriate means of educating the public in the areas of the law to which this committee relates.

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FCAS brings together federal court practitioners and federal judges for CLEs and social events throughout the year. With FCAS membership, free CLE lunches at the courthouses provide a unique opportunity to break bread with the local judiciary and engage in informal roundtable discussions on topics that impact judges and attorneys alike. Whether you are a recent law school graduate or have been practicing for decades, we hope you will join us in 2019 for these exceptional networking opportunities.

— **Rachel Schwartz**, Federal Courts Advocates Section President



Solo Small Firm Section is a great resource for firms with 15 or fewer attorneys to get involved in KCMBAs. The section focuses on the business aspects of lawyering. Our meetings, at noon on the second Tuesday of the month, are geared toward discussions with guest experts on issues in the areas of HR, marketing, or technology. You do not have to reinvent the wheel to run your law practice when a member of this section and our happy hours are great opportunities for networking!

— **Christina Miller**, Solo Practitioner and Small Firm Section President

FCAS Continuing Legal Education

This committee offers legal seminars of interest and furthers relations of benefit to section members and other KCMBAs members through its continuing legal education.

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FCAS Membership and Social

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FCAS Outreach

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Law Practice Management and Technology Committee

This committee provides its members with information on practice management trends, marketing, client development, legal technology and finance. Members will find law practice management resources to meet their day-to-day law practice needs. The committee will offer checklists, best practices, publications and annual continuing legal education programs that provide up-to-date information and practical tips to help members better manage their law practice.

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Outreach Committee

This committee will work with the Social Committee to promote activities that foster a greater awareness of opportunities within the section. It will also sponsor projects and forums that allow solo practitioners and small firm lawyers to provide needed services to the public for the betterment of the community at large. This goal will be fulfilled through a variety of projects that emphasize the legal skills of the section participants while providing opportunities to develop contacts both within and outside the legal community.

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Social Committee

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The Young Lawyers Section offers many opportunities for new attorneys to get involved with KCMBA and the community through charitable service and professional development programming. The section's goal is to provide new lawyers the necessary tools to become the future leaders of our bar. The YLS committees work tirelessly to conduct public service programs such as Law Week; raise funds for charitable endeavors and member scholarships; facilitate networking events; and produce premier CLE programs targeted to newer attorneys. This is an exciting time to be a member of YLS and KCMBA and I look forward to working with you this year.

— **Jonathan Steele**, Young Lawyers Section President

Continuing Legal Education

The scope of this committee is dedicated to the purpose of generating ideas for legal educational programs of interest and benefit to young lawyers and other members of KCMBA.

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Golf Tournament

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Membership/New Lawyers

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Public Relations

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Public Service

This committee is involved in projects including:

Community Service - to support KCMBA initiatives that allow young lawyers to provide needed services to the public for the betterment of the community at large. This goal is fulfilled through a variety of projects that emphasize the legal skills of KCMBA members.

Law Week - to carry out various Law Week activities in connection with the national Law

Day celebration sponsored by the American Bar Association. The activities sponsored by the committee give KCMBA and the Kansas City legal community the opportunity to directly serve and educate the community, who might otherwise have no access to legal advice.

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This committee includes promotion of interest in the practice of private international law and provides a forum for discussion and study of public international law issues, the role of international organizations, international security affairs, and immigration law. The committee identifies and promotes communication and collegial relations among KCMBA members with common interest in the international arena.

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Wellness

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