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KCMB Hosts 13th Annual Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair

The Thirteenth Annual Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair (HDLJF) will take place Aug. 5, 2017, at Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association in Kansas City, Mo. The HDLJF was created by Kansas City law firms, organizations and law schools for one particular purpose: to increase the number of diverse lawyers in Kansas City. This unique event is designed to connect law students with internships, externships, summer associate positions, and full-time employment to both the traditional and non-traditional legal employers. Currently, 75 students and recent graduates are registered to attend from nearly 35 law schools across the country.

The job fair will start with a Welcome Reception on Friday, Aug. 4th, at Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. On Saturday, the day will begin with a continental breakfast for students and employers before interviews at 8:30 a.m. A Keynote Luncheon - open to students, sponsors, employers and invited guests - will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Kansas City Mayor Sly James, with an introduction by Jolie Justus, Director of Pro Bono Services at Shook, Hardy & Bacon and 4th District Councilwoman, Kansas City, Missouri.

Immediately following, the students will return for more interview sessions that will conclude at 4:30 p.m. The interview process will be conducted on a 50/50 basis. Employers will pre-select half of the students who they wish to interview. The remaining half of the interview schedule will be filled based on lottery.

The 2017 HDLJF continues to build on its past successes by welcoming students from a variety of backgrounds and geographic locations, showcasing Kansas City and its legal community.

Sponsors Include: Stinson Leonard Street LLP, Lathrop Gage LLP, Spencer Fane LLP, Bryan Cave LLP, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Husch Blackwell LLP, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., and Kansas City Association of Legal Administrators (KCALA)

Law Schools Represented By Attending Students Include: Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Cornell Law School, DePaul University College of Law, Emory University School of Law, Florida A&M University College of Law, Georgia State University College of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, John Marshall Law School, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law, Southern Illinois University School of Law, St. Louis University School of Law, State University of New York, The George Washington University Law School, The University of Texas School of Law, Tulane Law School, University of Colorado School of Law, University of Dayton School of Law, University of

Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Illinois College of Law, University of Iowa College of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, University of Miami School of Law, University of Minnesota Law School, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, Washburn University School of Law, Washington University School of Law, William & Mary Law School

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association serves approximately 5,000 members in the nine-county Kansas City metro area: Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri. The mission of this Association is to serve our members and our community by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.

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Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair Press Opportunities:

Friday, August 4

4:30–5:30 p.m. Diversity Panel

5:30–7 p.m. Welcome reception

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Please check in at the Registration Desk

Saturday, August 5

Noon–1:30 p.m. Keynote luncheon

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