

Your Guide to KCMBA

Sections & Committees

2018

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Business Law (Corporate Law)

This committee promotes the objectives of KCMBA within the field of corporate law and, to that end, furthers the development of the law within that field; examines the operations and efforts of the Corporation Code, the Securities Act and other related statutes; and studies the law of partnerships, sole proprietorships and other business organizations.

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Construction Law

This committee (A) holds periodic meetings to encourage camaraderie among its members, and discusses new state and federal legislation court decisions affecting construction law practice, (B) presents seminars for KCMBA members on new developments in this practice area, (C) presents seminars for the Kansas City metropolitan construction community on legal issues relevant to their business (D) coordinates with industry agencies in the Kansas City metropolitan area to assist in industry educational efforts and (E) coordinates with BAMSL and MOBAR on joint education efforts in the legal and construction communities.

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Corporate House Counsel

This committee develops communication between corporate house counsel and outside counsel, focusing on topics of common interest.

TBD, Chair

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 perception 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

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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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Securities

This committee considers federal and state securities laws, general laws as they apply to the issuance and offering of securities, self-regulatory organization rules and regulations, procedures and practice in arbitration, securities litigation, and practices of the securities industry.

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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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The Business Law Section – led by dedicated and enthusiastic Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs – is committed to providing tangible member benefits to KCMB members, including CLE programming on emerging issues, networking, timely articles and involvement opportunities. This Section provides programming that meets the diverse needs of all members, including corporate counsel, plaintiff and defense attorneys. I look forward to serving our constituents on the KCMB Board.

— **Michelle Worrall Tilton**, Business Law Section President

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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

This 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 KCMB 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 KCMB 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 KCMB, as may be considered to be useful, in the practice and development of medical malpractice law.

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Torts Law

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Workers' Compensation Law and Procedures

This committee considers the practice and procedure before the division, commission, and courts and collects and distributes information concerning the developments of compensation law and administration thereof to members of KCMB.

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The Civil Litigation Section encompasses a wide variety of practice areas. The Section's committees strive to offer relevant and well-balanced CLEs, as well as a place for practitioners to brainstorm and network with their colleagues. If your practice involves any aspect of civil litigation, the KCMB Civil Litigation Section has something for you. Also, if you are looking to get more involved in the legal community, the Section's committees

are a great way to make an impact and get noticed.

— **Jessica Agnelly**, Civil Litigation Section President

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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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Municipal Court

This committee considers all matters involving the municipal courts, observing the practical workings of the courts, both civil and criminal, and the workings 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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The Municipal Court and Criminal Law committees comprise the Criminal Law Section. Given our members' chosen practice area, we can't help but to regularly stumble into courtrooms, meaning our clients and our practices are directly impacted by every change in the law or courthouse procedure. The Municipal Court and Criminal Law committees keep up with, and sometimes even influence, the changes and help our members adapt through lunch meetings, CLE opportunities, and networking. If you handle criminal cases, I encourage you to join our committees.

— **John Gromowsky**, Criminal Law Section President

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Education

This committee develops CLE activities as it also identifies and implements other learning opportunities of benefit to section members and other KCMB 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 KCMB President.

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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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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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The Diversity Section works closely with judges, lawyers, bar associations, and law schools to promote diversity in the legal community through networking events, CLEs and educational seminars, and its annual Heartland Diversity Job Fair (scheduled for August 3-4, 2018).

— **G. Gabriel Zorogastua**, Diversity Section President

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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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Juvenile Law

This committee studies and considers the state laws, local practice and rules regarding juveniles and other issues related thereto, including review of available treatment services and consideration of other legal actions affecting juveniles.

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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 KCMA 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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To practice law within the three sub-committees of the Family and The Law Section allows attorneys, through our experience, while handling client matters, serving as a mediator and/or a Court appointed Guardian ad Litem, and provides the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in numerous other areas of the law outside of our section. Further, our section is a diverse group of attorneys, as well as non-lawyers, who are inclusive and dedicated to supporting the members of each sub-committee, all members of KCMA and our community as a whole.

— **Jennifer Oswald Brown**, Family and the Law Section President

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Continuing Legal Education

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Membership and Social

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Outreach

This committee plans and facilitates community outreach for the FCAS of KCMB to enhance community awareness of the federal court legislative operations.

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Participation in the Federal Courts Advocates Section offers valuable opportunities to interact with members of the federal judiciary and bar. The Section regularly presents CLEs on timely, interesting federal practice topics. Members of the bench attend and participate in these CLEs, and join in our social events as well. The group also supports the courts' community outreach program and gives federal civil and criminal practitioners unique opportunities to network and learn from one another.

— **K. Casey Tourillott**, Federal Courts Advocates Section President

Outreach

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

The scope of this committee is planning and facilitating social events for the Section. The committee will work with the Outreach Committee on membership recruitment of solo practitioners and small firm lawyers.

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The largest section of the KCMB, we create lively social events, CLEs, and regularly invite speakers to relate info that affects the business of solo/small firm lawyers at our monthly lunches. And if you are considering going solo in KC, we'll make sure you are not alone. Whether it be sharing expertise, co-counselling cases or simply bouncing ideas and experiences, this section is a vital resource in the metro. Together, we are all stronger.

— **Michael Rapp**, Solo Practitioner and Small Firm Section President

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Law Practice Management & Technology

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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Continuing Legal Education

The scope of this committee is dedicated to the purpose of offering legal seminars of interest and benefit to young lawyers and other members of KCMB through its continuing legal education programs.

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Membership/New Lawyers

This committee has been involved in projects including:

Law School - to serve as a liaison between the members of KCMBA and area law schools. This function is served through sponsorship by the committee of various social and educational programs and events.

Mock Trial - to work in conjunction with the Lawyers Association of Kansas City, in sponsoring the Annual High School Mock Trial program. Teams from high schools in the greater Kansas City area are invited to compete against each other for the opportunity to represent Kansas City in the State Mock Trial Competition.

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Public Relations

The scope of this committee is to publicize various YLS events, including YLS social activities. There is also significant effort to publicize the multitude of YLS Law Week activities, including newspaper, radio and television public service announcements and news coverage. The committee also attempts to publicize matters of interest to KCMBA on state, national and local levels, and to the general public.

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Public Service

This committee has been involved in projects including:

Community Service - to sponsor projects and forums that allow young lawyers to provide needed services to the public for the betterment of the community at large. This goal has been fulfilled through a variety of projects that emphasize the legal skills of the KCMBA participants while providing opportunities to develop contacts both within and outside the legal community.

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 the community and to answer questions for individuals, who might otherwise have no access to legal advice.

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The scope of this committee is to organize and conduct the Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court program in Kansas City. This program is designed to better equip young trial lawyers for courtroom appearances and to promote excellence, collegiality, professionalism and ethics in the legal community.

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The scope of this committee is to consider the undertaking of certain projects, which come before the KCMBA-YLS from time to time. It is responsible for the planning and implementation of projects which are undertaken during any given year, but may not be repeated on an annual basis.

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The Young Lawyers Section provides many opportunities for new attorneys to get involved with KCMBA and the community through charitable service and professional development. The section's goal is to make new members feel welcome and to provide a training ground for the future leaders of our bar. The YLS committees work hard throughout the year to conduct public service programs such as Law Week, raise funds for other charitable endeavors and member scholarships, facilitate networking events, and develop educational CLEs targeted to newly practicing attorneys. It is an exciting time to be a Kansas City lawyer and I look forward to working with you this year.

— **Michelle Marvel**, Young Lawyers Section President

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