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President's Message

By Marilyn Harp, Kansas Legal Services, Topeka



You might call me a history buff. I wasn't not a fan of those dates and facts that you had to learn to pass the test in school. But, give me a biography and I can stay up all night reading it. You see, I am a fan of the stories of the real people who lived before us. That may be why the KWAA Video project drew me in. This effort, in recognition of our 25th Anniversary, was an opportunity to hear from the pioneers of our profession about the journey they faced as women attorneys in Kansas.

As a personal project during my Presidency, I want to preserve as much of the history of KWAA, the organization, and of Kansas women attorneys as possible. I also want to share it with our members and with others who want to learn.

The current "library" of information is on the document page of the KWAA website.

In the KWAA Video Project, you will find

- The 3 videos produced for the 25th Anniversary celebration are hosted on YouTube. You can view them here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLn4X6_W2Ei3GY2kIsj_NcA/videos.

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The screenshot shows the YouTube interface for the 'Kansas Women Attorneys Project' channel. The channel name is 'Kansas Women Attorneys Project' with a 'Subscribe' button showing 0 subscribers. The 'Uploads' tab is selected, displaying a grid of five video thumbnails:

- Trailblazers**: 16:43, 165 views · 11 months ago
- Lindsborg25**: 9:50, 160 views · 11 months ago
- Justice**: 18:25, 117 views · 11 months ago
- Hon. Rebecca Crotty**: 16:17, 24 views · 6 months ago
- Hon. Deanell Tacha**: 19:52, 16 views · 6 months ago

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Trailblazers is the oral history of many Kansas women attorneys. **Justice** gives the perspective of many women who serve as Judges in Kansas. **Lindsborg 25** is a history of KWAA and the legacy of our 25 years of the Lindsborg conference. Also on this YouTube page is the full interview with many of our pioneer.

- Lists of the women attorneys admitted to practice in Kansas back to 1881.

In the Publications listing, you will find

- A link to Journey on the Road Less Traveled. This 1998 publication of the Women Attorneys Association of Topeka contains histories of Jennie Mitchell Kellogg, Lilla Day Monroe and Regina Victoria Mills Chambers, among others.
- A chapter from Requisite Learning and Good Moral Charter, A History of the Kansas Bench and Bar. This volume was published by the Kansas Bar Association on its 100th Anniversary. Martha Hodgesmith wrote the chapter titled, "Some of them [are] actually representing clients in court" Women Lawyers in Kansas." Martha writes of the history of the Kansas Women Lawyer's Association, which existed from 1919 until it affiliated with the Kansas Bar Association in 1935.
- From Petticoats to Briefs: A History of Women at the UMKC Law School is also posted.

You may find that access to these resources is a bit balky. I continue to look for ways to refine the presentation. For now, you may have to download a document to get to the link to find the article you want to read. But, it is worth the effort and I hope you will take the time to do so. If you know of other resources that should be listed, please suggest them. I would love to continue to grow this resource.

These resources are available to all visitors to the KWAA website. People other than our members research women attorneys in Kansas. Some because they want to learn about their ancestors. Others because they are looking for role models. Many of the emails from the public to KWAA are looking for these types of resources.

Efforts to place the KWAA archives with the Kansas History Museum will further preserve our own organization's history for those who want to dig deep in the original source material. Our Archives committee continues to work on this project.

Recently, I talked to Connie Achterberg about this project. She lived this history and has been an active part of retelling it. Talking with her reminded me that we only know history because others are willing to share it. By sharing these resources with our members and the public, I hope we will all know a little more about the history of Kansas women attorneys.





KWAA PIONEERS:
yesterday, today, and tomorrow

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CONNIE SCHULTZ

#ForgingOurPath
#MakingJennieProudSince1989



Women in the News

Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger received the Warren W. Shaw Distinguished Service Award.



Deena Hyson Bailey receiving her award.

Deena Hyson Bailey was the 2016 recipient of the Wichita Women Attorneys Association Louise Mattox Attorney of Achievement Award.

Justice Carol Beier was elected to the American Law Institute.

Diane Bellquist was elected Treasurer of the Topeka Bar Association.

Glenda Cafer was elected President-elect of the Topeka Bar Association.

Jennifer Fenton Cocking was featured in *The Ichabod* as a new member of the Washburn Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Holly Dyer was elected to the American Law Institute.

Laura Graham was elected President of the Topeka Bar Association.

Hon. Christel Marquardt was elected as the KBA Delegate to the ABA.

Mira Mdivani was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the KBA.

Sarah Morse received the Topeka Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

Hon. Sally Pokorny was featured in the Winter 2015 *Washburn Lawyer*. The article can be found here: <http://washburn-law.edu/publications/washburnlawyer/issues/52-2/04-06.pdf>.

Hon. Sally Pokorny was inducted into NONOSO. NONOSO is an alumnae women's honor society at Washburn University taken from Washburn's motto, Non nobis solum, or "not for ourselves alone". The organization recognizes exceptional Washburn women based on their intelligence, creativity, personality, scholarship, leadership, moral integrity, community involvement and accomplishment.

Hon. Evelyn Wilson received the Topeka Bar Association Hon. E Newton Vickers Professionalism Award.



Left to right: Hon. Evelyn Wilson, Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger, and Sarah Morse.



**Solo/Small Firm
Committee**

**Free
CLE
WEBINAR**

*“From Happy Trials to Happy Trails:
Basic Retirement Considerations for
Solo and Small Firm Practitioners”*

Presented by: Susan Berson of
Berson Law Group LLP

1.0 hour KS CLE Law Practice Management

June 22, 2016

12:00 p.m. -

12:50 p.m.

Register:

Email full name to:

WPLLC@WPLawPractice.com

No later than June 21, 2016

Open to all KWAA members

Interested in writing an article for the KWAA Newsletter?

We are always looking for new contributors to the KWAA Newsletter. If you have an article idea and want to contribute to the newsletter, contact Newsletter Chair, Danielle Hall at danielle.hall@ksbar.org for more information.



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DUES NOTICE AND MEMBERSHIP FORM
 DUES OF \$50.00
 FOR AUGUST 1, 2016 TO JULY 31, 2017

If you have not joined KWAA for the coming year, complete this form and mail it with your check for \$50.00 made payable to the Kansas Women Attorneys Association to:

KWAA
 PO BOX 598
 Topeka, Kansas 66601

NAME: _____
 FIRM/AGENCY: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Home Phone: _____ (will be included in the directory)

AREAS OF PRACTICE, check all that apply:

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