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It's Lindsborg Time!

By Chelsey Langland

In the next few weeks, you should be receiving the registration brochure for this year's KWAA Annual Conference at Lindsborg. The planning committee has been working hard to live up to the standards set by past committees, and we hope that this year's meeting will have as much fun and information as in the past.

Are you interested in learning? We have some incredible CLE sessions this year. The program committee has worked hard to respond to comments from last year, in an effort to acknowledge that our membership has a multitude of practice areas.

Do you practice criminal law? Come see Karen Wittman's presentation on forensic science (complete with slides), hear Angela Wilson and Amy McGowan talk about managing electronic evidence in a big murder trial (hear the stuff you didn't get on *48 Hours: Mystery*), and listen to Nola Foulston talk about handling high-profile cases (is there something interesting going on in Wichita right now?) Civil practitioners will be treated to a cutting-edge take on adoption, which addresses both the nuts and bolts, as well as new issues such as surrogacy. You can learn from Patty Riley and Cindy Sheppard how to make your summary judgment motions more effective, hear Molly Wood tell about the latest Medicaid changes, or get insider mediation tips from Kathy Kirk. Also, back by popular demand, the immigration panel of past years—

(Kathleen Harvey, Mira Mdivani, and Rekha Sharma-Crawford)— will be presenting on Saturday morning opposite only one other program. You can expect all of this, plus two opportunities for ethics CLE hours and a session where you might get to hear federal judge Tom Marten play his guitar.

It may be that you're just coming to Lindsborg for the fun, which is entirely understandable. You've heard a lot about Susan Estrich, our dynamite keynote speaker. Expect to be fired up, energized, and motivated by her speech on women, men, sexism, and the future. You'll have the chance to mingle with her at the reception after the speech. Next time you see her on Fox News, you can remember that time that you shook her hand. This year's Friday dinner will be at the Smoky Hill Winery in Salina. New for this year, we have two plush coaches to drive us to the winery, which will allow us to conduct a rolling pre-party. The auction will be held on Friday during lunch. You'll have plenty of browsing time on Thursday and Friday morning, which should put you in prime position to maneuver in for the best items. Bring your checkbooks; all of the proceeds go to fund our scholarships at Washburn and KU law schools. We'll also have our traditional reception at the Courtyard Gallery, and I'm sure we'll manage to squeeze in a few hours at Ol' Stuga.

This conference gets better every year, and it will be more fun if you are there. Come prepared for the heat, a lot of interesting discussion, and a great time!

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KWAA'S 16th
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
IN LINDSBORG,
KS ON JULY
21st-23rd.

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MEMBER NEWS

On April 29, WWAA elected officers for the upcoming year. **Carolyn Matthews** will serve as President, **Laura Shaneyfelt** will be the Vice President/President Elect, **Jennifer Hill** comes in as Secretary and **Carol Boorady** returns as Treasurer.

Deena Hyson Bailey will serve as President, **Amy Fellows** will serve as President Elect and **Deb James** will serve on the Executive Board of the Litigation Section of the KBA for 2005-2006.

Teresa Sittenauer will serve as President and **Becky Hesse** will serve as Treasurer of the Insurance Section of the KBA for 2005-2006.

Gloria Farha Flentje received the 2005 Louise Mattox Award of Professionalism and Achievement from the Wichita Women Attorneys Association.

Terry Mann has been elected to the Washburn Law School Board of Governors.

Teresa Mah has been elected as partner by her firm, Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer in Wichita, Kansas.

Deena Hyson Bailey will be moving in-house to work for a firm client, Raytheon Aircraft Company, in Labor Relations as of May 31, 2005.

Linda Kirby recently wrote a book about how to be the executor of someone's estate. The book, called *The Executor's Guide* is being sold at Barnes & Noble.

Carol Boorady was nominated by the Wichita Women Attorneys Association and won the 2005 KBA pro bono award.

Three KWAA members have been elected to serve on the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors. **Linda Parks** won her race for the position of Vice President. **Kathy Webb** ran unopposed for her seat in District 7 (Sedgwick Co.). **Teresa Sittenauer** won her race in District 5 (Shawnee Co.).

Martha Coffman is one of three finalists for the open position on the Kansas Supreme Court.

The Kansas Trial Lawyers Association has formed a Women's Caucus. For more information, contact **Kathy Kirk** at kathykirk@earthlink.net.



KWAA CALENDAR

June 17, 2005

Wichita Women Attorneys Association is hosting its annual Ethics CLE on Friday, June 17th from noon to 2:30 pm at Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm in downtown Wichita. The 2 hour ethics CLE is free to WWAA members, or \$60 for non-members (WWAA membership is only \$25). Lunch is approximately \$8. Contact Sabrina Standifer at sstandifer@adamsjones.com to register.

July 21-23, 2005

KWAA's 16th Annual Conference in Lindsborg, KS. The keynote speaker will be Susan Estruch. Please contact the KWAA office at (785) 290-2717 for more information.

KANSAS WOMEN ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION'S
16th Annual Conference
Bethany College
Lindsborg, Kansas
July 21st - 23rd, 2005



Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of America's most inspiring speakers! Susan Estrich will be the keynote speaker at the 16th Annual Kansas Women Attorneys Association Conference in Lindsborg, Kansas. She will be speaking on the topic of "Sex and Power: Women, Men, Sexism and the Future" on the evening of July 21, 2005, with a reception following her presentation.

A veteran of three presidential campaigns, Susan Estrich is currently a law professor at the University of Southern California, having previously hosted "The Susan Estrich Show" on KABC radio in Los Angeles. Estrich is a contributing editor of *The Los Angeles Times* and a former Thursday columnist for *USA Today*. She currently writes a nationally syndicated column that appears weekly in such publications as *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Herald* and *The Houston Chronicle*. Estrich's weekly column also appears on America Online's "The Great Debate: Talk Politics with the Pundits" on Wednesdays and Fridays.

As a professional, Estrich has paved the way for countless women to attain positions of leadership, accomplishing a series of distinguished firsts along the way. In 1988 she became the first woman to head a national presidential campaign, and was the first woman president of the *Harvard Law Review*. She earned a B.A. with highest honors in 1974 from Wellesley College in Massachusetts, where she was Phi Beta Kappa and a Durant Scholar. In 1977, she graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Radcliffe Graduate Alumni Association in 1989.

Estrich began her law career as a clerk to Judge J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals and went on to clerk for Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court. She has served on the United States Senate Judiciary Committee as a Special Assistant to the Chief Counsel, and has worked on several political campaigns including the Kennedy for President Campaign in 1980. She also served as Special Assistant to Senator Edward M. Kennedy in 1981, and as Senior Policy Advisor for the Mondale -Ferraro Campaign in 1984.

Estrich is the author of several books, including *Getting Away with Murder: How Politics is Destroying the Criminal Justice System*, (Harvard University Press), *Making the Case for Yourself: A Diet Book for Smart Women*, (Riverhead Books) *Real Rape*, (Harvard University Press) and her latest book, the Los Angeles Times bestseller, *Sex & Power* (Riverhead Books). Her articles have appeared in the *Yale Law Review*, *Washington Post Magazine*, and the *Harvard Women's Law Journal*. She has also written briefs on reproductive rights for the Supreme Court.

Silent Auction Takes on New Look for Lindsborg 2005

by Martha Hodgesmith (the apparently perennial chair of this event)

The "can hardly wait for event" of Lindsborg 2005....no, not the ethics presentations...the Silent Auction will take on a new look in 2005.

Trading the power of school competition and liberal quantities of liquid beverages for more display space and longer amounts of time to bid, we hope will result in a significant increase in the proceeds. The Silent Auction items will be on display in the Bethany dining hall beginning Thursday afternoon with completion of the bidding at lunch on Friday.

But that's not all. Additional items will be live auctioned during the luxurious motor coach ride to the Friday evening event. So for continuing success of this event, offers of donations need to start coming in fast and furious. E-mail solicitations through the KWAA list serve will be a continuing fact of life from now until July 20th.

Save yourself from the guilt of responding late by e-mailing Martha Hodgesmith at marthah@cox.net with a description of your donation and your suggested minimum bid value. The sooner the better so that Martha can start tantalizing you with those memorable descriptions of items and services you can't live without.

Friday Night at the Lindsborg Conference

by Mary Feighny

When considering whether to reschedule that deposition or chemical face peel, think about asiago pinwheels, quiche, salmon, cheesecake, pie, and wine that doesn't come in a box.

Yessiree, girls, that's what we have planned for you at the Friday night dinner during the Lindsborg Conference. The Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery in Salina is the site for our annual Friday repast.

Air-conditioned buses will collect you from the Ol' Stuga and whisk you to a place with acres of growing green things from which the nectar of the goddesses is produced.

You can sit outside on the shaded porch and listen to the whirr of the ceiling fans while observing nature at its finest and sipping one of the Vineyard's cabernets or, for those of us experiencing the wonders of "the change," sit inside the gloriously cool dining room which overlooks the vineyard.

After sufficient quantities of nectar have been imbibed, our own Mary Feighny and Theresa Bush (a.k.a. Theresa Nuckolls) will entertain you with vignettes from "Parallel Lives," a comedy by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy that has been described as a "romp with feminist sensibility."

Don't run the risk of being "out of the loop" for years to come when people gush about the dinner and how so very Lucy and Ethel-like Rachael Pirner and Sally Pokorny looked stomping those pinots in that big old barrel. Whoa, hope you girls removed that toenail polish!

Quality Child Care Available at Lindsborg Conference

by Mary Feighny

A local church near the Bethany campus will provide extended-hours child care for attendees of the Lindsborg conference. The times available and fees for the service are as follows:

- Thursday, July 21
- Friday, July 22
- Friday, July 22
- Saturday, July 23

You may have child care for the entire conference, including all nighttime activities, for the low price of \$120. You may pick and choose care for only portions of the conference as needed for a lesser charge.

The price of child care includes snacks, meals, and activities.

You must pre-register for child care on your Lindsborg conference registration form. No child care registrations will be taken after July 11, 2005. Please contact Mary Feighny at feighnym@ksag.org for details.

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We are always looking for information from our members. If you have exciting news, information or an article that you would like to submit to the Amicus, please contact the KWAA office at (785) 290-2717 or Kathy Bailes, Amicus editor, at baileslegal@earthlink.net with your news.

We would love to hear from you!

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**KANSAS WOMEN ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION
NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
August 1, 2005 ~ July 31, 2006**

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Law Student Membership Dues: Complimentary

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KWAA Council Action – Spring 2005

by Teresa Sittenauer

The KWAA council met on Saturday, April 23, 2005, in Wichita. Thanks to the Wichita women for the hospitality of the Wichita Bar Association office. Here are a few highlights from the spring 2005 council meeting:

- **Nominating committee appointed**--Anne McDonald, Kellie Hogan, Patricia Hamilton, Teresa Sittenauer. Please contact one of us if you are interested in an office or district representative slot. Patricia is president-elect. If you would like to serve as a committee chair, please let her know.
- **List serve**--the council decided to send out a friendly reminder to members each quarter that the list serve is a great way to share thoughts and opinions among our members. Replies may be sent to the group as a whole or to the individual sender. The thoughts and opinions shared on the list serve represent those of the individual sender, not necessarily those of the organization as a whole or the council, unless otherwise specified.
- **Support for judicial candidates**--KWAA wholeheartedly supports its members' efforts in seeking these posts. It is KWAA's policy not to issue a blanket letter of support for any candidate "on behalf of" KWAA. Rather, officers, council members, or members of KWAA, individually or in groups, are encouraged to write letters of support or make calls or contacts for candidates of choice. Further, information regarding the candidacy, and calls for assistance or instructions on how to assist the candidate, are welcome and encouraged to be posted on the list serve.
- **Awards**--the council selected this year's Jennie Mitchell Kellogg Attorney of Achievement. (It's a secret.) Come to Lindsborg to find out the identity of this year's wor-

- **Archives**--Carol Boorady, Gabrielle Thompson, and our quilters are crafting a very special quilt made of each year's Lindsborg conference t-shirts for display and the archives. There are plans to create multiple quilts for auction at some point in the future. See Carol or Gabrielle if you have some t-shirts to donate.
- **Scholarship**--the council authorized funding of a \$1,000.00 scholarship each for the KU and Washburn Law Schools for the 2005-06 school year. This is the second year KWAA will offer the scholarships. The scholarships are to continue on the same terms and conditions in place for the current school year.
- **Judicial independence**--the council discussed the current debate over so-called "judicial activism" and the notion of judicial independence. Deena Bailey and Rebecca Crotty volunteered to arrange a round table discussion on these topics during the Lindsborg conference, to be held in addition to Hon. Tom Marten's scheduled CLE plenary session entitled "Judicial Activism."

KCVLAA



KCVLAA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides legal and accounting assistance to artists and arts organizations from all creative disciplines, including visual artists, writers, musicians, playwrights, actors, dancers, filmmakers, photographers, graphic artists, theater companies, orchestras, crafts groups, artists' cooperatives and neighborhood arts councils. KCVLAA's services include:

- a wide array of free legal and accounting services for qualifying artists and arts organizations;
- mediation of arts-related disputes; and
- education programs for artists, arts organizations, arts-related businesses, lawyers and accountants.

KCVLAA was formed in May 2004 with the encouragement of the Missouri Arts Council, the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City, the St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts and the Texas Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts. KCVLAA serves portions of western Missouri and eastern Kansas, including Leavenworth, Johnson, Wyandotte, Douglas and Miami counties. This geographical area previously was served by the St. Louis organization. With the high concentration of artists and arts organizations in the Kansas City area, a separate local organization was needed. KCVLAA anticipates that it will handle several hundred arts-related matters each year through its volunteers.

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Has your information changed?

If any of your information has changed, please contact Danae at the Association office.

We need your help to keep our membership records as current as possible. Danae can be reached at (785) 290-2717 or by e-mail at djohnson@kearneyandassociates.com.

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Support Our Arts Community

• **Be a Volunteer.** KCVLAA seeks volunteer lawyers and accountants to provide pro bono services to qualifying members of the arts community. Modeled after similar organizations in St. Louis, Texas, Chicago, New York and California, KCVLAA matches artists in need with attorneys and accountants who can help them on a pro bono basis. Individual lawyers and accountants who provide pro bono services through KCVLAA are charged no fee for participating as volunteers. Volunteers provide assistance with copyright, trademark and patent issues, contract negotiation and review, arts-related landlord-tenant issues, dispute resolution/arts mediation, estate planning for artists, nonprofit

organization formation, tax-exempt status, and public/private funding for the arts. KCVLAA also seeks mediators for arts-related disputes. If you are trained as a mediator, please consider volunteering for that program. If you are interested but not trained, KCVLAA will be providing mediation training soon.

• **Be a Sponsor.** Individual practitioners, or their firms, may also participate as KCVLAA sponsors. The sponsorship fee varies with firm size. Sponsoring individuals and firms will be listed on KCVLAA's printed materials and website. Individual sponsors, and all practitioners within a sponsoring firm, attend KCVLAA education programs free of charge. Sponsors are also eligible for inclusion in the KCVLAA referral bank.

Participate in KCVLAA's Education Programs

KCVLAA offers CLE and CPE programs to assist our volunteers in providing high-quality professional services to the arts community.

KCVLAA has already held two CLE programs, "Art + Law Meet at the Crossroads" and "Springing into the New 501(c)(3) Process." We anticipate at least 3-4 programs per year. If you have expertise in arts-related practice areas, we welcome your participation as presenters and panelists in future programs. Lawyers and accountants ready to volunteer will find applications at:
www.kcvlaa.org

To receive additional information about volunteering, about the upcoming seminars, or about other KCVLAA programs, please contact Lynnette Siegel, our Executive Director, at lynnette@kcvlaa.org or (816) 472-3535.



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