

Lisa O. Miller

President-elect: 2020-2021

President: 2021-2022

Immediate Past President: 2022-2023

I have served as the Director of Law for the City of Barberton since 2008 and prior to that I worked for the City of Barberton, Summit County and Westfield Group. I received my JD from the University of Akron in 1991 and my Bachelor of Science from Ashland University in 1988. As an active member of the Akron Bar Association I have served on the Board of Trustees as well as Co-Chair and Member of the Judicial Commission, Chair and Member of the Bar Applicant Committee, and Member of the Grievance Committee.

Select Other Volunteer Activities:

- Ashland University Board of Trustees 1996-2018, Member, Chair of the Board 2006-2015
- The Chapel, Akron/Green, 1988 Member
- Magic City Kiwanis 2009, 2018-2019 President
- Leadership Akron Class XIX

Michael Karst

Vice-President of Membership: 2020-2022

Michael is an associate attorney at the law firm of Kastner, Westman & Wilkins in Akron, Ohio. Michael devotes his practice to counseling employers on a variety of workplace matters including employee separation, leave administration, and labor disputes. Prior to joining KWW, Michael spent the first part of his career at a plaintiffs' personal injury and employment litigation firm in Westlake, Ohio. He is a 2013 graduate of the University of Akron School of Law and a 2010 graduate of Butler University. Michael serves as a current member of the Akron Bar Association Labor & Employment Section and is a former chair of the New Lawyers Section. He also previously served on the Association's Membership Committee and Human Resources Committee. Michael is a native of Huntington, Indiana and the latest of five generations of attorneys in his family. Michael and his wife, Katie, make their home in Fairlawn alongside their ferocious cat, Boston.

Hanne-Lore M. Gambrell

Trustee: 2020-2023

Hanne-Lore joined Brouse McDowell as a summer associate in 2017, working on general business, risk management, and litigation matters. She is a transactional attorney, developing her practice in our Real Estate and Corporate & Securities practice groups. Hanne-Lore is particularly interested in real estate transactions, corporate structuring, cybersecurity and technology issues, liability protection, and contract administration.

While pursuing her J.D. / MBA from the University Of Akron School Of Law and the University Of Akron College Of Business, respectively, Hanne-Lore was an Associate Editor for the Akron Law Review. She also served as President of the University of Akron's Chapter of Black Law Students Association from 2016-2018, winning National BLSA's Small Chapter of the Year for the 2017-2018 academic year; and Chief of Staff for the Midwest Region of National Black Law Students Association where she assisted with coordinating the 2018 MWBLSA Regional Conference in St. Louis, MO. Hanne-Lore also volunteered with the Inmate Assistance Program, where she assisted inmates at Summit County Jail with legal research issues; volunteered as a Student Ambassador with the University Of Akron School Of Law; and with several other student organizations, including Student Bar Association and the American Constitution Society. Hanne-Lore received Student of the Year award in 2018 from the Akron-Canton Barristers Association.

She is currently serving as President of the Akron Urban League Young Professionals and Chair of the Diversity Committee at the Akron Bar Association. She is also a member of Akron-Canton Barristers Association, volunteers with Project Grad Akron, and has founded an African American Attorney's mentorship program at the University Of Akron School Of Law. She loves to volunteer in her spare time with various community organizations, and is an avid reader.

Andrea Whitaker

Trustee: 2020-2023

Andrea received her JD from Case Western Reserve Law School in 2001, magna cum laude. Prior to coming to Akron to work with her father, Bill Whitaker, she represented unions at Goldstein and Associates and was an associate at the civil rights and criminal defense firm of Friedman and Gilbert in Cleveland. Her practice is split between civil and criminal matters with an emphasis on litigation and appellate work. She has tried cases in both State and Federal Court addressing a variety of complex civil and criminal areas of the law. Ms. Whitaker has also briefed and argued many cases in various appellate courts and in the Ohio Supreme Court. She is admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio, the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States.

James P. Wilkins

Trustee: 2020-2023

Jim Wilkins is a shareholder in Kastner Westman & Wilkins, LLC, a ten-lawyer boutique labor and employment firm in Akron, Ohio. The firm represents management exclusively.

Jim has devoted his entire 37-year legal career to representing and counseling employers on all aspects of the employment relationship. When employers get into legal difficulties, he will defend them. Even more importantly, Jim provides proactive advice to clients to help them stay out of trouble and to help them comply with the full range of labor and employment laws. He spends considerable time providing compliance advice to employers on such key laws as the FMLA and ADA.

Jim regularly provides training to his clients' supervisors and managers on key HR issues, including professionalism and harassment training of the sort he's doing here today. He also advises employers on the development and implementation of human resource policies and strategies to enable them to achieve their broader objectives.

Jim received his B.A., with honors, from The College of Wooster and his law degree, with honors, from the National Law Center, George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Ten years ago, Jim completed a peer review and examination process in order to be certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a Specialist in Labor and Employment Law. He is one of only about 140 lawyers in the State of Ohio who have achieved this designation. Since 2008, Jim has fulfilled additional continuing legal education requirements in order to maintain his status as a Specialist in Labor and Employment Law.