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KBA Committees

What are KBA Committees?

The Knoxville Bar Association is committed to advancing and supporting both the legal profession and the public in the greater Knoxville area. KBA committees offer members the ability to play a role in providing professional development and networking opportunities, charitable community outreach, educational events for the public, support for other attorneys and so much more. Read the reports below about each committee's mission and accomplishments in the past year for more information.

How can you get INVOLVED?

Complete the form online to sign up at www.knoxbar.org/getinvolved. Only members can serve on committees, and the best time to sign up for committees is during dues renewal in December. Some committees have a set number of participants so it is best to join at the start of each year. Committees often meet monthly and while you're not required to attend every meeting, we do ask that committee members commit to attending as many meetings as possible. Each committee operates a little differently, so if you have questions about this commitment, contact the chair(s) of the committee to learn more.

Only have a few minutes to spare but still want to PARTICIPATE?

Read the "News You Can Use" e-mail from the KBA each Friday for updates on KBA programs, including requests for volunteers, opportunities to speak, donate goods or your time or attend special events. Or, proactively reach out to a committee or section chair to let them know of your willingness to assist with a particular project.



Access to Justice Committee

2018 Chairs: Debra L. House and Daniel L. Ellis

MISSION: The Access to Justice Committee is focused on the KBA's goal of improving the efficiency, fairness, and accessibility of justice to all citizens. Much of our work this year has been designed to foster attorneys' involvement with nonprofit organizations, thereby helping to meet the KBA objectives of using the bar's collective resources to improve the well-being of the community and of improving the public's understanding of the legal profession. In addition to helping the public achieve access to justice, the committee is focused on helping attorneys achieve the objective of fulfillment and satisfaction in the practice of law through helping individuals and organizations who are typically underserved by the legal profession.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The committee was involved in many activities, including:

- (1) Supported the Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance, offered in conjunction with Legal Aid of East Tennessee, in organizing and recruiting volunteers for Interfaith Legal Clinics at Colonial Heights United Methodist Church, Beacon of Hope/Vestal United Methodist Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Anoor Academy and Grace Lutheran Church, and Overcoming Believers Church. The committee continues to recruit new faith communities from all backgrounds and neighborhoods to participate.
- (2) Assisted with the UT Legal Clinic's Expungement Clinic held in Madisonville, Tennessee and continue to engage community leaders and work towards future expungement clinics.
- (3) Continued support of the KBA Barristers Access to Justice Committee's monthly Veterans Legal Advice Clinics.
- (4) Supported the efforts by the Immigration Subcommittee to respond to the ICE raids in Morristown, Tennessee by coordinating with other immigration law attorneys and law students to provide both legal advice and representation in immigration law related matters and with participation from other members of the bar on the creation of powers of attorney for the care of minor children.

Archives Committee

2018 Chair: Robert A. Crawford

MISSION: To collect, store and preserve materials of interest to and history of the KBA membership.

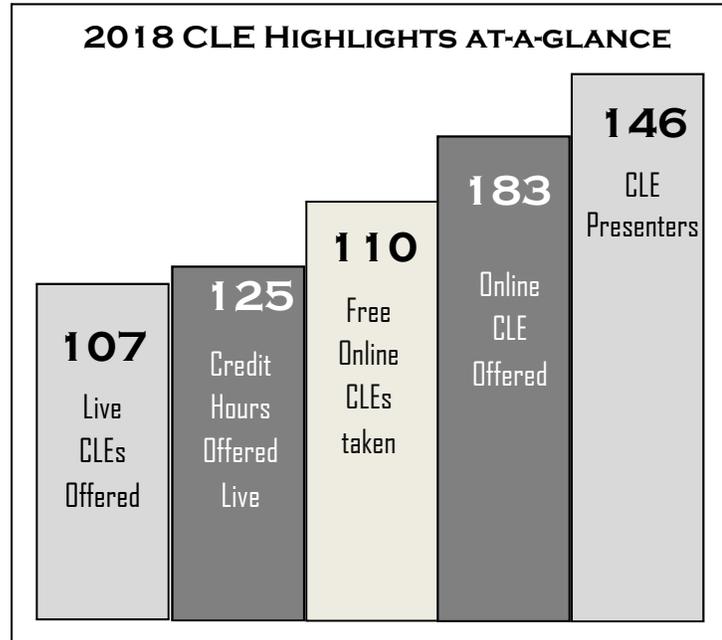
2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The Archives Committee endeavors to collect, store and preserve materials of interest to the KBA membership. Since 2014 the Archives Committee has been supported by generous grants from the

Knoxville Bar Foundation. This has enabled the Archives Committee to continue with our Bar History Project and to conduct additional interviews with senior members of the Knoxville Bar. The completed legal history interviews are available for viewing on the KBA website. The Committee is grateful to the Knoxville Bar Foundation for its continued support of the Legal History Project.

Continuing Legal Education Committee

2018 Chairs: Shelly L. Wilson & Judson K. Davis

MISSION: The committee is responsible for the concept, presentation and other aspects of each KBA CLE event and provides advice and counsel to the Board of Governors on CLE related issues. CLE presentations included 1-hour Lunch and Learns or In Chambers Sessions; extended 3-hour seminars on one subject; all-day presentations, such as the Law Practice Today Expo; and online programs. Ideas for programs and speakers come from the committee itself, other KBA committees, sections, third-party sources, the bar as a whole, and the bench, both State and Federal. Subjects for presentation range from specific subjects within an area of the law, changes in the law by legislature and/or courts, specific functions of a given local court, as well as pure fun, law office management, and work life balance. The Committee continually reevaluates the concepts and effectiveness of our programs.



2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The CLE Committee is proud to advise that during calendar year 2018, the KBA sponsored 107 live programs, offered 183 online programs and 146 presenters participated in programs.

Diversity in the Profession Committee

2018 Chairs: Hon. Deborah C. Stevens & Amanda Lynn Morse

MISSION: To foster in the Knoxville legal community a climate of awareness of the particular needs of minority lawyers, as well as to implement programs designed to ensure that every attorney will have the opportunity to succeed professionally and participate in the affairs of the legal community without regard to race, color, creed, religion or gender.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The “Diversity & Inclusion: A Call to Action: From Awareness to Commitment” CLE program and reception was held on September 25th at The Foundry. The “Call to Action” message was delivered by renowned speaker Vicki Clark, who shared a powerful message on human connections, inclusivity and cultural competence and she left quite an impression. Buddy match paired 54 law students with 46 attorneys. The event drew more than 150 participants including 79 law students from the U.T. College of Law and the LMU Duncan School of Law and 74 attorneys. The program wrapped up with an interactive exercise at each of the 18 tables and each participant wrote down what they would commit to within the next 30 days to demonstrate their commitment to diversity and inclusion. The committee coordinated two DICTA articles on diversity and inclusion and sponsored the Economics of Practicing Law in Knoxville programs at UT College of Law and the LMU Duncan School of Law in October.

Fee Dispute Resolution Committee

2018 Chairs: C. Scott Taylor & Robert L. Vance

MISSION: To provide assistance to both clients and lawyers when a dispute arises regarding attorney's fees and both parties agree to participate in the process in which the FDC issues a non-binding decision.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The committee received five new disputes during 2018. The total number of complaints

received was comparable to prior years but files were not opened on several matters due to BPR complaints being submitted simultaneously.

Functions Committee

2018 Chairs: Courtney Epps Read & Emily K. Stulce

MISSION: To identify and implement social functions that bring an ever diverse membership together outside the confines of work so that they may make new friends and renew existing ones.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The committee arranged for a sold-out trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to view the synchronized fireflies and held a successful Trivia Night at Abridged Brewing on January 22, 2018. The Committee again this year co-sponsored two happy hours with the Barristers and a rooftop party at The Hyatt Place. The Committee also planned a free Yoga event for members but cancelled due to inclement weather. The Committee spent a considerable amount of time coordinating the Golden Gala for February 9, 2019. The Committee secured sponsors, reached out to honorees, and planned event details.

Interprofessional Relations Committee

2018 Chairs: Sherri DeCosta Alley & Paul E. Wehmeier

MISSION: To encourage mutually beneficial interaction among lawyers and other professionals in the community, such as physicians, accountants, financial planners, and the like. In addition, where existing relationships may be somewhat strained, we aim to find ways to promote a spirit of cooperation and better understanding. The committee welcomes member participation and ideas for networking and/or events or programs to be held in conjunction with other professionals in 2018.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: This year the Committee hosted an event on October 30th exclusively for eighty members of the Knoxville Bar Association (KBA), American Institute of Architects-East Tennessee (AIA), and the Knoxville Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE). Sponsorships were secured from Pinnacle Bank and Partners Development and Doug Lawyer shared a powerful message about the Knoxville Chamber's efforts to recruit new jobs, wages and capital investment in East Tennessee. The Committee also helped share events sponsored by the TSCPA with the KBA membership.

Judicial Committee

2018 Chairs: Samuel W. Rutherford & Hanson R. Tipton

MISSION: To coordinate with and provide support to the members of the judiciary and the various courts with a goal to constantly enhance the interactions and relationships between local attorneys and judges. We seek areas of concern and interest to the judiciary where we might be of service in exploring and seeking solutions to those areas of concern and to identify and support items of interest to the judiciary.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: This year the committee once again coordinated the annual judicial luncheon at the KBA Law Practice Today Expo, continued to coordinate the Judicial News column for DICTA, and continued to assist in putting together CLE programs that were related to the judiciary. The Committee's major projects this year included working with Knox County Circuit Court judges to assist in revising the Local Rules and working on drafting a KBA policy for membership polls for judicial elections.

Law Office Technology & Management Committee

2018 Chairs: Robyn Jarvis Askew & Stephen Ross Johnson

MISSION: To provide information to bar members relevant to technology and the management of the practice of law.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The committee helped coordinated the Law Practice Today Expo on April 6 and 7, 2018 which included 22 CLE sessions, 300+ attendees, 35 vendor sponsors and Hallerin Hill as the featured speaker for the judicial roundtable luncheon which featured 22 local judges from the trial and appellate courts.

Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS) Committee

2018 Chair: Laura Bradley Myers

MISSION: The members of LRIS panel are the face of the local bar to those clients who are referred by the KBA. By demonstrating compassion, honesty and responsiveness in our dealings with the community, panel members improve their impression and respect of the legal profession. The LRIS benefits KBA members by providing a source for referrals for fee generating clients.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The LRIS committee reviewed the LRIS policies and procedures and addressed significant questions regarding the submission of panel member fees to LRIS in a timely manner. In addition, the committee reviewed LRIS referral procedures to better prevent attorney conflict of interests from arising from initial case referrals, and to limit the dissemination of information unnecessary for referrals. Committee members drafted significant changes to the LRIS policies and procedures for the 2018-19 fiscal year to improve the LRIS experience of both panel members and potential clients. The KBA's LRIS continued its public outreach in 2018, and continued to increase awareness of the KBA's LRIS services through its Facebook page, court brochures, Office on Aging events, and educational materials provided at the monthly Veterans Legal Advice and quarterly Faith and Justice clinics, which serve clients of all income levels.

Lawyers Concerned For Lawyers Committee

2018 Chairs: James M. Cornelius, Jr. & John W. Butler

MISSION: It is the mission of the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Committee, to assist judges, lawyers and law students with behavioral health related issues, whether it be alcohol or drug dependency, depression or other mental health issues. The committee assists these individuals in identifying, treating and recovering from these illnesses, which in turn protects the interests of clients and the public from harm caused by impaired judges and lawyers. It also works to educate the bench and bar as to the causes and treatments for behavioral health related issues in order to facilitate the prevention of harm that can be caused to and by impaired members of the legal profession. The committee supports various components of the KBA's mission, including helping the KBA serve as a leader in advancing excellence, ethical conduct, professionalism and public responsibility in the legal profession, as well as to help identify and support the needs of a diverse membership and foster an environment in which members experience a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction in the practice of law. To help ensure confidentiality, no figures regarding involvement are released.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The LCL Committee worked quietly behind the scenes in 2018, on a confidential basis and in conjunction with TLAP, to assist judges, lawyers and law students with behavioral health related issues. Based upon the confidential nature of the Committee's business, we are not at liberty to disclose or publicize the results of our work with members of the bench and bar in 2018. The LCL Committee also worked in conjunction with TLAP in 2018 to educate the bench and bar as to the causes and treatments for behavioral health related illnesses.

Legislative Committee

2018 Chairs: E. Michael Brezina III & Cheryl G. Rice

MISSION: To keep KBA members informed about proposed state legislation that may affect their clients and the courts. Legislation concerning the continuation of the Judicial Selection Commission, the potential election of the Attorney General and various reforms in the civil justice system continue to be monitored.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: In 2018, the Committee published a regular "Bill Watch" to the membership with the significant assistance of KBA member Stephanie Coleman. The Committee also took a small group of Committee members to Nashville for a friendship mission during the legislative session. The group met with various senators and representatives from the Knoxville area, as well as KBA members Dwight Tarwater, counsel to Governor Haslam, and Tennessee's Attorney General, Herbert Slatery. A meeting was held in September to discuss how to address bill watch in the 2019 session, whether to schedule a "day on the hill" in 2019, and planning for a reception or event in Knoxville with our legislative delegation perhaps at or near the close of session.

Membership & Membership Services Committee

2018 Chairs: Loretta Cravens & Taylor A. Williams

MISSION: To support the foundation of the KBA – its membership – by striving to increase participation of local practicing attorneys in the organization. It further promotes services designed to enhance the quality of membership within the KBA.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The Membership Committee was again privileged to oversee the compilation and publication of

the annual KBA Attorneys' Directory, an invaluable benefit of KBA membership. A digital Pictorial Register was proposed to the KBA Board of Governors in June and the KBA staff worked with John Black Photography to offer headshots at a deeply discounted rate to members. The digital Pictorial was released to members in early October and includes more than 1100 member photos. The committee continued to search for new ways to engage non-members to encourage participation and membership in the KBA, while also endeavoring to provide new benefits to existing KBA members and ensure their continued membership in the association.

Memorials & Resolutions Committee

2018 Chairs: Ruth T. Ellis & John E. Eldridge

MISSION: To prepare resolutions memorializing the lives of Knoxville area attorneys who have passed away during the preceding year. These resolutions are placed in the permanent records of both the KBA and the Chancery Court of Knox County. In addition, the committee plans, makes preparations for and sponsors the annual Memorial Service, which honors members of the bar who passed away during the preceding year, inviting members of the bar, as well as the families of the deceased to attend.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The Memorial Service was held on Friday, November 16 at the Tennessee Supreme Court in Knoxville, and 15 attorneys were remembered. The Committee also discussed guiding principles decide whether to include a deceased local attorney in the Memorial Service. The attorney must have practiced in Knoxville and have had a relationship with and be known in the Knoxville legal community. The Committee also discussed that it would be helpful to keep the number of attorneys who will be remembered at each service to fewer than 15 and generally August 31st will be the cut-off for the November service and March 31 for the May service. The Memorials Committee recommended that we add an "In Memorium" section to the KBA website and that it will include all of the attorneys who have passed away since 2007. Memorial Notices will continue to be emailed to members as long as they include information on a funeral, receiving friends and/or a celebration of life service.

Professionalism Committee

2018 Chairs: Garry W. Ferraris & Hon. John F. Weaver

MISSION: To advise the KBA Board of Governors about potential rule changes and develop programs that emphasize the importance of maintaining the highest professional standards. The committee periodically reviews potential recipients and makes recommendations to the Board of Governors for awards such as the Courage in the Face of Adversity Award and the Don Paine Lawyer Legacy Award.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The Committee met monthly during 2018 to evaluate proposed amendments to Tennessee Supreme Court rules affecting the profession and practice. Among proposed amendments reviewed during 2018 were Tennessee Supreme Court rules concerning adoption of a Uniform Bar Exam, requirements for a mandatory pre-admission Tennessee law course, discipline for discriminatory conduct, Rule 31 alternative dispute resolution, counsel for indigent defendants, the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection, changes to Tennessee's Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Evidence, Rules of Judicial Conduct and Rules of Criminal Procedure. A proposed revision of the KBA's Guidelines for Professional Courtesy and Conduct was studied, drafted and submitted to the Board of Governors for its consideration. In October the Committee organized and hosted the annual KBA Fall Hike and picnic held at House Mountain State Natural Area.

Publications Committee

2018 Chairs: Melissa B. Carrasco, Catherine E. Shuck & Chris W. McCarty

MISSION: To provide interesting and informative articles to members of the KBA in its monthly publication, *DICTA*. The committee has worked to expand and diversify both the magazine's content and member participation.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: In 2018, the Publications Committee went looking for new perspectives, and we found them. Brady Cody took us Bar Hopping, and suddenly *DICTA* became interactive. Seriously, there are a lot of people who are VERY PASSIONATE about their local courthouses. Lisa Hall expanded our vocabularies with a lesson on how to use "jackass" in modern parlance. Each month President Burroughs reminded us to seek civility in our profession, although some additional guidance might be needed on how the word "jackass" falls within that framework, and each month Robbie Pryor told us a story. It might be about music; it might be about love; it might be about a midnight concert in the basement of a frat house. But whatever the story might be, Robbie knew how to tell it. *DICTA* followed through with its goal of engaging more members of the KBA in multiple ways. Technology was also

a theme. We looked at data breaches and how to prevent them. Bill & Phil kept us in a constant state of, “I want that!”, and our ethic professors—Judy Cornett, Alex Long, and Paula Schaeffer—made sure we knew that the wild frontier of technology still has rules. We learned about medical marijuana, immigration, and #MeTOO. DICTA’s regular contributors helped us uncover Hidden Knoxville (thanks, Angela Nystrom), become Well Read (thanks Beth Ford), and appreciate the Local Lore and Lawyers all around us (thanks Joe Jarrett). And, last but certainly not least, it would not be 2018 without some mention of Jason Long in an airport or Nick McCall’s bringing adding that touch of class with the Last Word. Fresh, unique perspectives made 2018 a year to remember.



KBA Sections

What are KBA Sections?

Sections are designed for attorneys in particular areas or types of practice to network with one another and receive professional development. Sections may vary on how often they meet for discussions, sponsor events and send communications to their members. By joining a section, you are not necessarily making a commitment to actively participate in section meetings and events, but we hope you will as often as your schedule allows so that the sections can continue to build a sense of community in these areas and types of practice.

How can you get involved?

Complete the form online to sign up at www.knoxbar.org/getinvolved.



Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

2018 Chairs: R. Kim Burnette & Robert M. Stivers, Jr.

MISSION: To promote the use of appropriate forms of dispute resolution and to develop the KBA's ability to meet some of the public's need for mediators, arbitrators and others who help resolve disputes at less social cost than the judicial process. The section also educates local practitioners on current uses and trends in dispute resolution throughout the country.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The section provided a variety of CLE programs on diverse ADR topics including: Practical Ethics in Mediation: What Would You Do?; Mediating Residential Construction Disputes – Why it Seems Like a Messy Divorce Case; Ethical Mediation: 21st Century Challenges to the Mediator’s Craft; Mediation Strategies: Differences in Mediation Process; Mediation, Arbitration & Negotiation, Oh MY! An Alternate Dispute Resolution Update & Review of Mediation Best Practices; Mediating the Myriad Forces in a Medical Malpractice Case; Mediation – Practice & Ethics Update 2018.

Bankruptcy Section

2018 Chairs: Thomas H. Dickenson & Gregory C. Logue

MISSION: Open to all lawyers whose practice involves bankruptcy, the section educates its members and provides a forum for discussion among members and the judiciary.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The section hosted several CLE programs and co-hosted along with LAET and with the support and involvement of United States Bankruptcy Judge Suzanne H. Bauknight, four Pro Bono Debt Relief Clinics which provided pro bono legal services to income eligible consumer debtors. The Hon. Suzanne Bauknight hosted a ceremony that recognized the volunteers who contributed to the success of this year Debt Relief Clinics.

Corporate Counsel Section

2018 Chairs: David W. Headrick & Marcia A. Kilby

MISSION: To create CLE, networking, social, newsletter and other "to be developed" opportunities that will enhance and improve the role of in-house attorneys and attorneys in private firms that handle corporate matters

for their clients.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: On March 8, 2018, the Corporate Counsel Section co-hosted a CLE on Workplace Sexual Harassment with the Employment Law Section featuring Cathy Shuck and Melissa Carrasco. The Corporate Counsel Section held its Annual 3-hour CLE entitled "KBA Corporate Ethics and Updates" on August 23, 2018. Speakers presented information about EU General Data Protection Regulations, Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, marketing and social media, and cyber defense planning. The CLE was concluded with a panel presentation on various topics related to practicing in-house. Two issues of the Section's newsletter, *The Consigliere*, were published in 2018.

Criminal Justice Section

2018 Chairs: Sarah W. Keith & Joshua D. Hedrick

MISSION: Open to all lawyers whose practice involves the criminal justice system, the section educates its members and the general public about the criminal justice system and its purpose; fosters productive communication among members, the judiciary and criminal justice agencies; and seeks improvement in the operation of the criminal justice system.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: This year the Criminal Justice section hosted four CLE programs in 2018. Each program was well received by the attendees. We are grateful to our presenters, Beverly Sharpe, Sheryl Crouse, Patrick Slaughter, Trooper Sarah Hurst, and Trooper Joseph Massengill for their outstanding efforts in educating us on these timely issues. Currently in the planning stages is a program to provide an update on the status of the Recovery Court..

Employment Law Section

2018 Chairs: Howard B. Jackson, Timothy A. Roberto & Mark C. Travis

MISSION: To provide CLE programming on recent case law developments and legislative updates. The section is intended for management and plaintiff's counsel, in addition to in-house and government attorneys.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS:

The section presented well-attended CLE seminars for its members on timely topics, including Recent Developments and Expected Trends in NLRA and FLSA Law, Inside the EEOC's Strategic Enforcement Plan, and Employment Law Update and co-sponsored the #NotYouToo CLE program with the Corporate Counsel Section.

Environmental Law Section

2018 Chairs: Mary LeAnn Mynatt & James C. Wright

MISSION: To offer the opportunity to meet on a regular basis to discuss areas of common concern and develop a network providing access to members and professionals with environmental expertise. The section is open to any attorney whose practice includes environmental, transactional or land use issues.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The section held a meeting in March 2018 to discuss potential CLE program and section projects.

Family Law Section

2018 Chairs: Jo Ann Lehberger & James S. Sharp Jr.

MISSION: To focus on local and state-wide issues relevant to the family law practitioner and provide a forum for discussion. The section sponsors topical CLE programs for family law practitioners several times a year and meets regularly to discuss changes in legislation, case law and rules and practitioners' responses to these changes.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS:

The section hosted two CLE programs: Fast and Furious - Navigating the New and Proposed Changes in Child Support and Evidence Issues in Family Law Cases - Mistakes Made, Mistakes Seen and How to Get it Right.

Government and Public Service Lawyers Section

2018 Chairs: Leah Walker McClanahan & Ronald E. Mills

MISSION: To increase communication among its members and foster relationships with the bar as a whole, as well to encourage community service outside of work as public servants.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The section presented "Speaking Your Piece Without Disturbing the Peace," which was one-hour CLE program covering the very timely topic of orderly municipal demonstrations.

Juvenile Court & Child Justice Section

2018 Chairs: Justin W. Pruitt & Michael J. Stanuszek

MISSION: The section offers CLE programs to educate attorneys regarding substantive and procedural legal issues that arise in the representation of minors. It also organizes and participates in charitable projects to support children, families and lawyers representing families with children in our community.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The section sponsored two CLE programs during 2018. A one-hour CLE on Everything you need to know to practice in Juvenile Court – Part II was held on August 18 and a three-hour Guardian ad Litem training was held on November 18.

New Lawyers Section

2018 Chairs: Elizabeth A. Bowden & Samuel C. Louderback

MISSION: The New Lawyers Section is comprised of attorneys in their first 3 years of practice. The section will allow attorneys to connect with other attorneys who may not be in the same practice area, but who are new to the legal field and facing similar experiences. The New Lawyers Section includes educational opportunities, networking events, community service projects and e-community options with a comprehensive file-sharing system.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The New Lawyers Section successfully presented programming and events tailored to the interests of the members. Co-chairs and KBA staff came up with a survey to distribute at the first event, inviting feedback from members regarding which topics they would be most interested in for future NLS programming. The NLS offered 7 CLE programs, 2 community service projects, and 5 networking events.

Senior Section

2018 Chair: Wayne A. Kline

MISSION: The Senior Section is comprised of members over the age of 50 and typically holds quarterly luncheon meetings emphasizing collegiality. It tends to be high on humor and story-telling with excellent speakers. The section aspires to social networking the old fashioned way: good conversation and good company over good food.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: Luncheons were held at Calhoun's restaurant with guest speakers: Vince Staten ("Barbecue and the Meaning of Life: A Guide to the Great Barbecue Joints of America"); Judge Bill Swann ("The Skinny on Knoxville Politics"); Timothy A. Priest ("The 2018 Volunteers: A Football Preview"); and Natalie Manaeva Rice, PhD ("Russian propaganda and social media targeting of American voters, Update-2018"). Luncheons were well attended and speakers were well received.

Solo Practitioner and Small Firm Section

2018 Chairs: Edward G. "Tripp" White III & Patrick B. Slaughter

MISSION: To encourage networking and collegiality among sole practitioners and members of small firms as "Knoxville's Largest Law Firm," to provide high quality continuing legal education featuring topics that will help solo & small firm attorneys enhance and improve their practices and to assist its members with their unique challenges.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS:

The section hosted two one-hour CLE programs: Get Up to Date: New Indigent Representation Payment System – ACAP and A Clean Slate: Expungement Law for the Non-Criminal Lawyer.



Barristers Executive Committee

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Knoxville Bar Association

BARRISTERS

Young Lawyers Division of the Knoxville Bar Association

Who are the Knoxville Barristers?

The Knoxville Barristers are lawyers who are members of the Knoxville Bar Association who are under 36 years of age or have been practicing law less than five years. Probably no other local bar association and group of young attorneys work harder or have a more diverse list of public service opportunities than those right here in Knoxville. While providing valuable and appreciated public service, these young lawyers have fun enjoying each other and enjoying serving others.

How can you get involved?

Sign up for a Barristers' committee online or drop by one of their monthly activities: the Barristers' meeting on the second Wednesday of each month with social time starting at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting beginning promptly at 5:15 p.m.

Barrister Committee 2018 Highlights

Access to Justice Committee

Chair: Adam Duggan & J. Spencer Fair

The committee worked tirelessly this year to facilitate and encourage the KBA Barristers in their efforts (1) to develop a monthly clinic for veterans facing legal concerns; (2) engage young lawyers in pro bono opportunities like the veterans legal clinics, LAET Saturday Bar, quarterly Grandparents as Parents meetings and the Faith Based Legal Clinics; and (3) to offer educational programs to members and the community on timely legal topics.

Athletics Committee

Chair: Bryce Fitzgerald

The committee plans athletic and social activities as part of a joint effort with the Membership Services Committee. This committee sponsored the annual Barristers' Charity Golf Tournament at Holston Hills Country Club on October 22, 2018. Due to the generous financial support of the 100 golfers and the sponsors who participated, the tournament raised over \$6,000 for the charitable endeavors of the Barristers. The committee also hosted the first Annual "Bowable Hours" Bowling Night on April 19 at Main Event.

Diversity Committee

Chairs: Christina Magrans-Tillery & Amanda Morse

The committee's mission is to promote knowledge of, and respect for, the legal profession in communities that historically have been excluded from the practice of law. The committee met numerous times throughout the year and participated in several activities. The committee assisted the KBA Diversity in the Profession Committee in organizing the September 25th *Diversity & Inclusion: A Call to Action: From Awareness to Commitment* CLE and Reception. Additionally, the Committee held a fall mixer on October 25 at Pretentious Beer Company where students of diverse backgrounds were able to meet and socialize with local attorneys in a low-pressure and inviting environment.

Hunger & Poverty Relief Committee (HPRC)

Chair: Courtney Panter & Meagan Davis Collver

This year, the Hunger and Poverty Relief Committee continued a number of its annual activities. The Professional Clothing Drive yielded hundreds of items of clothing that were donated to the Career Closet at the YWCA, KARM, and Connect Ministries. The Committee's first ever Brews for Backpacks event was held on August 6 at Printshop Beer Company. Attendees brought in 15 backpacks filled with supplies and donated more than \$950 to purchase additional school supplies for Childhelp Foster Family Agency of East Tennessee. Committee members also collected 145 winter coats during the Bundle Up Knoxville Coat Drive, which were donated to KARM's Coats for the Cold initiative. Law firms across Knoxville generously donated their time throughout the year and served an estimated 1,700 meals to the elderly as part of the Meals on Wheels Program, which was coordinated by Nic Arning. The annual Canned Food Drive to benefit Second Harvest raised \$14,484.66 and collected 240 lbs. of food. The donations represent 43,694 meals for those in need. The Committee will wrap up the year with a toy drive for SPARK (formerly known as the East Tennessee Technology Access Center). The drive will provide toys for children with disabilities and will be collected during the Barristers' Annual Elections and Holiday Party.

Law School Mentor Committee*Chairs: Caitlyn Luedtke Elam & Soojin Kim*

The Law School Mentor Committee held the Mock Interview Program at UT College of Law. The Mock Interview Program helps law students prepare for interviews for summer associate positions by providing them with an opportunity to engage in a “practice” interview conducted by a KBA member. Afterwards, each student receives feedback on his or her interview performance and résumé. This year the Committee conducted mock interviews at UT Law with the assistance of numerous volunteers from the KBA. We received great feedback from the law school, and the students greatly appreciated everyone’s time and efforts.

Law Week & School Outreach Committee*Chair: Luke Ihnen & Zack Walden*

This committee developed and implemented programming for Constitution Day. The program replaced the Junior Judges program, traditionally offered during Law Week. The Constitution Day program was piloted at Christenberry Elementary with the hopes that the program can be offered to other schools throughout Knox County. The committee also handles the nomination for the Law and Liberty Award which was presented to Kathryn Ellis.

Membership Services Committee*Chairs: Elizabeth M. Towe & Mikel A. Towe*

This year, the Membership Services Committee sponsored multiple happy hours and invited the entire Knoxville Bar and not just the Barristers. The year’s highlight was hosting the annual summer party at Candoro Marble, a piece of Knoxville’s history where marble products were made and used in the construction of numerous monumental buildings across the United States. More than 50 people were in attendance and enjoyed the opportunity to visit with new and existing friends and colleagues. The New Admittees Reception on November 5 at Elkmont Exchange was attended by 40 new admittees and members.

Mock Trial Committee*Chairs: Amanda T. Tonkin & Sarah J. Watson*

The Mock Trial Committee coordinated and hosted the 2018 Annual Regional High School Mock Trial Competition for Districts 2, 3 and 4. The competition featured 9 teams of high school students from Carter, Farragut, Jefferson County, Knoxville Catholic, L & N STEM Academy, Maryville, Powell, and Seymour. The committee coordinated over 50 volunteers to serve as judges and bailiffs to help with the competition. The first place went to Jefferson County High School’s “Blue” Team.

Volunteer Breakfast Committee*Chairs: Paul Wehmeier & Matt Knable*

The committee successfully organized sponsors and volunteers to serve a hearty breakfast to the underprivileged on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Volunteer Ministry Center. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to cover the cost of this endeavor. We were fortunate to have the assistance of many volunteers throughout the year to help prepare and serve the breakfasts.