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Allan is responsible to Tennessee Bar Association members for management of the TBA staff, as well as enabling the TBA Board of Governors, House of Delegates, committees and sections to develop and implement policy. He represents the association before the General Assembly, agencies and related organizations.

Allan has a bachelor of arts in political science from Lambuth University and a law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law. He was with the Tennessee Association of Legal Services for seven years and was executive director of the Nashville Bar Association for 12 years.



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Josie Beets is the Public Policy Coordinator for the Tennessee Bar Association. In this position, she uses research and contact with individual lawyers and policy makers to assist sections and other association entities in the development of legislation and public policy positions affecting law and the legal profession.

Josie earned her bachelors degree from Sweet Briar College and her law degree from Brooklyn Law School. She is licensed to practice in Louisiana, where she worked with the Access to Justice program at the Louisiana State Bar Association and later Acadiana Legal Services Corporation. She also served in the Fort Polk Office of Staff Judge Advocate and is the online content editor for the Military Spouse JD Network.



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Denise is the Youth Court Coordinator for the Tennessee Youth Court Program, a division of the nonprofit Tennessee Legal Community Foundation. In this capacity she works to establish and support youth courts in the state, guiding local juvenile courts and community organizations that implement these innovative programs.

Prior to working with the TLCF, Bentley taught at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and litigated in juvenile courts. Most recently, Denise administered violence prevention initiatives for Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Public



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Barry assists in management of the TBA staff and serves as coordinator for the Communications Circle. He also oversees TBALink, the TBA's web site, and TBA Today, the association's daily electronic newsletter. Barry has journalism and political science degrees from Baylor University and a master's degree in political science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has spent most of his career working in journalism, most recently at The Charlotte Observer.



Karen Belcher
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As administrative assistant to TBA Executive Director Allan Ramsaur, Karen works closely with the TBA Board of Governors, the House of Delegates and other committees and governing bodies.

Karen is a Nashville native and holds an associate's degree in office administration. Before coming to the TBA, she developed her skills working more than 15 years in association administration for hospitality and pharmacy organizations.



Kaisha Bond
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As a coordinator for the TBA's TennBarU CLE programs, Kaisha is the point person in the production of many of the TBA's educational programs. Kaisha works with course producers to make sure all of the materials are ready for participants and all of the many other logistical issues that need to be put in place to ensure a high quality educational experience for all attendees.

A Kingsport native, Kaisha graduated from the University of Tennessee with a concentration in criminal justice and has worked as a probation officer in Atlanta and

ools. A native of Nashville, Denise holds degrees from Fisk University and Vanderbilt University School of Law.



Landry Butler
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As Publications Coordinator, Landry juggles many of the print and online products produced by the Tennessee Bar Association, including the *Tennessee Bar Journal*, section newsletters and brochures. Before coming to the TBA, Landry worked as a graphics and design professional for more than 10 years, spending time at the *Nashville Scene* newspaper, as well as two Nashville firms involved in health care education and intelligence. A graduate of Trevecca University with a bachelor of science degree in management and human relations, he is also active in the Nashville arts community, having served on the board of the Plowhaus Artists' Co-op and as a founding member of the Untitled Artists' Group.



Christy Gibson
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As a Committees and Sections Coordinator, Christy works with a number of the TBA's 27 sections and 12 committees, assisting with newsletters, facilitating meetings and ensuring they operate smoothly. A native of Missouri, Christy earned a bachelors degree in political science and master of public administration from Arkansas State University. Prior to joining the TBA Christy worked for a large scale commercial real estate developer in Jonesboro, Ark., and was a campaign assistant there in the local mayoral election. Christy also served as board member and Fundraising Chair of the Women's Crisis Center of Northeast Arkansas and was appointed by Governor Huckabee to the Commission for Closing the Academic Achievement Gap in the State of Arkansas.



Jenny Jones
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As a Committees and Sections Coordinator, Jenny works with a number of the TBA's 27 sections and 12 committees, assisting with newsletters, facilitating meetings and ensuring they operate smoothly.

Jenny has also served the TBA as executive assistant to TBA Executive Director Allan Ramsaur and previously provided administrative support to the YMCA's senior staff. She is also an avid photographer — holding a degree from Austin Peay in fine arts with emphasis in photography — and an active traveler. Often she combines her two loves, recording her visits around the U.S. and abroad in photos.



Linda Murphy
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Linda is the front line contact for visitors to the TBA. When you call the general number, you usually will be greeted by Linda's kind and helpful voice. In addition to answering the phones, she greets visitors, orders office supplies, sorts the mail and

as a legal associate with the Gwinnett County Solicitor's office. She also holds a masters degree in business administration with a specialization in marketing from Walden University.



Therese Byrne
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Therese is in charge of meeting and event planning at the TBA, including TBA's Annual Convention, the TBA Leadership Conference, Board of Governor's meetings, and other major events.

A Nashville native, Therese brings to the TBA a strong background of planning and coordination of events. Immediately before coming to the TBA, she was director of meetings and special events for mental and substance abuse related conferences. She also had a lengthy career in the film production business in Los Angeles where she was a production coordinator for television and films. She is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University.



Lauren Hopper Lee
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As a coordinator for the TBA's TennBarU CLE programs, Lauren works in the production of many of the TBA's educational programs. Lauren works with course producers to make sure all of the materials are ready for participants and all of the many other logistical issues that need to be put in place to ensure a high quality educational experience for all attendees.

Lauren holds both a bachelors and a masters degree in Social Work from Tennessee State University. Most recently she worked at St. Luke's Community House, serving seniors and families in West Nashville. She has also interned at the Tennessee General Assembly.



Steve King
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Steve King leads the busy webcasting program at the Tennessee Bar Association. He coordinates video programs at the Tennessee Bar Center and on location. In addition, he works with speakers and staff to coordinate audio/visual programming.

Before joining the TBA Steve worked as a Technical Director for several television networks. He holds a bachelors degree in communication and information from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and a bachelors degree from Middle Tennessee State University with a major in computer information systems.



Pam Johnson Nolan
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If you have a financial question, invoice or need reimbursement from the TBA, you'll want to call Pam. She performs all accounting functions for the TBA. She also is the administrator of the Finance and Administration Circle, the group of employees who

s to keep track of the rest of the staff.

Linda is a native of Pulaski, where she also studied at Martin Methodist College. Before coming to the TBA she worked in accounting and office administration.



Lynn C. Pointer
Programs Director
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The TBA has 27 sections and somebody has to keep up with them all! Lynn works with Christy Gibson to do just that. She also assists about 12 committees, coordinating and attending section and committee meetings, assisting with section newsletters and distributing materials. As a circle leader, Lynn also supervises all TBA staff members involved in program planning and presentation.

Lynn has a bachelor of arts in management and human resources from Trevecca University. She is a former financial administrator in the Metro Public Defenders Office.



Stacey Shrader Joslin
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As director of the TBA's Young Lawyers Division, Stacey works closely with the YLD leadership on its public service projects — such as the state High School Mock Trial Competition and Law Day poster and essay competitions — and coordinates the regular operations of the YLD. In addition, Stacey coordinates communications with the media across Tennessee, helps produce the TBA Today daily electronic newsletter and contributes to the association's monthly magazine, the Tennessee Bar Journal.

Before coming to the TBA, Stacey worked on Capitol Hill for 10 years. In Washington, she served as a legislative analyst with the House Republican Conference and later as legislative director for U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson and senior advisor for U.S. Rep. John Boozman. A native of Texas, she holds a political science degree from Wheaton College.



Kelly Stosik
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If you have a question about any of your TBA benefits, just call Kelly Stosik. As the TBA's Membership Director, she works to make sure you're able to receive all of the benefits that come with your TBA Complete Membership. In addition to this, Kelly also coordinates campaigns to recruit new members to the TBA.

A former collegiate volleyball player and coach, Kelly has also worked as director of membership and convention services for the American Volleyball Coaches Association and as the director of member services for the Jefferson County Association of Realtors in Denver. She is a graduate of Ferris State University in Michigan and has done graduate work in communications at Southeast Missouri State University.

support the administration of the TBA.

Pam was also the customer service and accounts receivable coordinator upon joining the TBA. Prior to coming to the TBA, Pam worked for Bank of America for 16 years. The Nashville native held a number of different positions with the bank during that time, including the credit card, home equity, and installment loan divisions.



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SUZANNE CRAIG ROBERTSON is editor of the *Tennessee Bar Journal*. Contact her for writer's guidelines, or to send an article for review. Suzanne works with a seven-member editorial board to decide what will and will not be published, and with the publications coordinator on design and production. In addition, Suzanne helps produce the TBA Today daily electronic newsletter.

She has a bachelor of science in communications from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.



Brittany Sims
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As the coordinator of TBA Leadership Law (TBALL), Brittany Sims works with the steering committee to plan and implement a six month leadership training program for lawyers throughout Tennessee who have been identified as emerging leaders within the legal community. She is responsible for organizing all TBALL workshops/retreats, activities, and correspondence. Additionally, she contributes regularly to the TBA Today daily electronic newsletter.

Prior to joining the TBA, Brittany worked as a youth program coordinator and completed a one year term with AmeriCorps VISTA. She earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in English from Hampton University and a Masters degree in Public Administration with a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management from Tennessee State University. Brittany is also the assistant volleyball coach at Fisk University.



Andrea Swafford
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If you have a question about your current coverage through the TBA's insurance agency, you will want to call Andrea. Andrea works with the TBA Insurance Agent Graham Swafford to maintain the highest level of service for TBA members and their insurance coverage.

A Memphis native, Andrea graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a degree in communications. Before joining the TBA, Andrea worked in banking in Chattanooga and Nashville.



Graham Swafford
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Graham Swafford is the insurance agent for TBA Member Insurance Solutions. In this role, Graham works for Tennessee Bar Association members to find the insurance coverage and financial services they need from a carefully selected group of financially strong and reputable insurance companies.



Mindy Thomas Fulks
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If you are interested in presenting at any CLE program offered by the Tennessee Bar Association or would like to see a particular program you will want to contact Mindy. As a Director of Continuing Education, she can assist you with putting a CLE program together or can direct you to an existing program that might fit your need.

Mindy earned her Master of Education from Middle Tennessee State University. Prior to coming to the TBA she worked as a program coordinator and facilitator for several alternative sentencing programs in Middle Tennessee counties. Mindy has also spent 14 years in Central America and has worked as an interpreter in Davidson and Williamson counties.



Elizabeth Slagle Todaro
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Elizabeth Slagle Todaro is the Access to Justice and Public Education Coordinator at the Tennessee Bar Association. Liz has over 15 years of experience in the fields of domestic violence, family law, criminal justice, women's issues, political advocacy and education reform.

Liz earned a bachelors degree in political science from Emory University and a law degree from the City University of New York Law School. She worked in the Battered Women's Rights Clinic during law school, representing clients in NYC family courts. She also worked with the Incarcerated Mother's Law Project of the Women's Prison Association, serving clients at Riker's Island Jail and in other N.Y. state correctional facilities.

Since law school, Liz has continued her public service oriented career, ultimately moving back to Nashville to do outreach for the YWCA Domestic Violence Center and then serving as the program director for the Crisis Center at Family & Children's Service. Most recently, Liz has led Nashville Debate, a local non-profit that works to bring policy debate back into Metro Nashville's public schools, while continuing a part-time role as a community educator with the YWCA.

Liz is a native of Nashville and graduated from Hume-Fogg Academic High School.



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Tanja is one of the voices you'll hear if you call in — or send us an email. She is also a key member of our finance and administration team, handling registrations for CLE programs, conventions and other events as part of her duties coordinating accounts receivable.

Before coming to the TBA, Tanja worked as an administrative assistant, a medical secretary and accounts receivable clerk at companies in Southern Alabama.

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