Views from the Bench
Developed with the Appellate Practice Committee and the Eighth Circuit Bar Association

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 • 3:15 – 4:05 PM
KCMBA Event Center
Credit: Missouri – 1.0 / Kansas – Pending
Cost: Free for KCMBA Members

Seating is limited – Preregistration is required

Description

This is a unique program. For the first time, a panel of Eighth Circuit judges takes a break from the twice-yearly docket in Kansas City and participates in a CLE program about appellate advocacy, legal writing, oral argument, their Court’s internal operating procedures, and similar topics. The panel is also unique as each of the three judges previously sat on the Supreme Courts for their respective states of Arkansas, Missouri, and Minnesota. The panel will note the differences in federal and state appeals, specifically the differences in state and federal rules, and standards of review. Judge Stras clerked for Justice Thomas on the United States Supreme Court, which enables him to provide insights into its practice. In sum, the program will cover many points that will enable attorneys to maximize their effectiveness.

Schedule

3:00 PM Check-in
3:15 PM Program
4:05 PM Adjourn to Networking Reception

Description for the Eighth Circuit Judicial Panel

Chief Judge Lavenski R. Smith, Little Rock, Arkansas
Judge Duane Benton, Kansas City, Missouri
Judge David R. Stras, Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Course materials will be provided in electronic format only and are accessible with your laptop, tablet or other mobile device during the event. Final course materials will be sent via email when size permits and posted prior to the event at kcmba.org.

Parking will be validated at the event. **On-site registrations are welcome; however, seating and/or meals cannot be guaranteed unless you pre-register.