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September 2018 – Meredith A. Webster



We would like to recognize Meredith A. Webster, associate with the litigation practice in Kutak Rock LLP's Kansas City office. At Kutak Rock, Meredith focuses her practice on insurance coverage and commercial litigation, including appeals.

Meredith has been a Military Matters pro-bono volunteer since the program's inception in the Spring of 2016 and has taken on multiple cases spanning over 40+ hours. Meredith was called to volunteer for Military Matters, because like so many of us, she has many relatives and friends who have served, including her grandfather in the Korean War and her uncle in the Vietnam War. Her predominant motivation for participating in the Military Matters program, however, is simply to give back to the individuals who make sure she gets to live in a country where she has the good fortune to go home safely every night.

Her tireless work on behalf of Kansas City veterans has brought about many successes, including one on her very first case that involved circumstances of emotional abuse and opportunism, wherein a "friend" had coerced her client into taking out payday loans for the "friend's" financial benefit. One aspect of the case involved trying to negotiate with one of the payday lenders in an effort to reduce the loan amount that was increasing each month because of non-payment and compound interest. The payday lender's representative did not understand the implications of continuing to contact her client after the lender had been informed of her representation and been instructed not to contact her client. Meredith submitted a complaint to the state attorney general with all of the documentation of her attempts to explain the situation to the lender and their continued written communications with her client. The payday lender forgave the loan after receiving correspondence from the attorney general's office and the veteran's life was significantly improved.



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In addition to Military Matters, Meredith volunteers with multiple other organizations throughout the city, including Downtown Outreach, Happy Bottoms, and SevenDays™ and is currently a Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurion. Meredith is an exemplary model within the legal profession and we thank Meredith for her continued dedication to Military Matters and our veterans as well as the other work she does for the Greater Kansas City community.



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