

PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT

February 2019 – Hon. Kyndra Stockdale



We would like to recognize Kyndra Stockdale, newly-appointed Associate Circuit Judge for the 16th Circuit, for her passion to help veterans and active duty service members in the Military Matters program. Prior to being appointed as Associate Circuit Judge for the 16th Circuit, she practiced at Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer & Crawford, P. C. as a senior attorney. Before that, Kyndra was a prosecutor for seven years, an experience that provided a great deal of insight for Kyndra's Military Matters cases. Throughout her time as a Military Matters volunteer attorney, Kyndra has taken on more than five referrals and has spent 18+ hours being involved in the cases. Kyndra became involved with the Military Matters program by attending a CLE. Once she understood that she could sign up for referrals that fit her skill set or areas of practice, she was more than happy to join as a volunteer attorney.

In every single Military Matters case Kyndra takes on, she understands how eager people can be to take a plea of probation. One of her biggest successes is working with the prosecutors and judges to adjust fines and probation/diversion requirements to set the veteran or active duty service member up for success. She communicates to her Military Matters clients that taking a plea of probation can involve classes or counseling and can lead to several hundred dollars in fees, which can be a financial burden for people who might be living paycheck to paycheck. Kyndra fights tirelessly to make sure that her Military Matters clients are given a chance to be prosperous after their legal matters are in the past.

Outside of Military Matters, Kyndra volunteers as the race director for Breathe Deep Kansas City. She is very passionate about this 5k because it benefits Lungevity, a lung cancer research organization, previously known as the Lung Hill Run, that was started by a friend of Kyndra's who passed away from lung cancer. Kyndra has two little girls who are two and five years old. She is a Kansas City native and she is thankful that her whole family lives here so she can spend as much time with them as she can.



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