

# KCMBF

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation

## Newsletter

Greetings!

This year has turned out to be very different than many of us originally imagined, with rapidly changing work and living environments. Even during this pandemic, there are still plenty of ways for you to get involved with Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of KCMBA. We are one of the few bar foundations in the country to utilize lawyers' unique legal and problem-solving skills to help the community, and our community needs you now more than ever. We are grateful for all of you who make our programs possible.

Watch this video to learn more about your foundation.



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**Peter Goss**



**Athena Dickson**

KCMBF and KCMBF Issue a Statement on Racial Inequality and Injustice

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KCMBF is now accepting applications for positions on the 2021 KCMBF Board of Directors. Positions include Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Legal Advisor, and eight Members-At-Large. Fill out the [application](#) and submit to [apply@kcmbf.org](mailto:apply@kcmbf.org). Applications can be found at [kcmbf.org](http://kcmbf.org) and are due September 18, 2020.

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ALLIANCE

**Save the Date!**

Friday, October 23, 2020



The 23rd annual Domestic Violence Alliance seminar is scheduled to take place via Zoom videoconference and potentially in person, as well. The seminar will feature a group of inspiring speakers addressing the role of evidence in domestic violence cases.

This year's free Domestic Violence Alliance seminar is even more necessary now than before. The police have reported a 22% increase in domestic violence calls during the pandemic, and many shelters in Kansas City are at capacity. We hope you can join us for this important seminar.



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## MILITARY MATTERS

Military Matters has continued to function as normal despite the changing city orders. The only exception is the Kansas City VA Medical Center, which has been affected by the pandemic. We expect when the VA resumes normal operations, the need for volunteer attorneys will be greater than ever.

Register [here](#) as a volunteer lawyer for our military service members and veterans. You can find a list of all Military Matters volunteer benefits [here](#), including satisfying lawyers' requirement of participating in the Jackson County juvenile appointment program.

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## STUDENT LAW ACADEMY

With the help of [PREP-KC](#), 12 students were chosen to participate in this year's program and paid internship. The [Student Law Academy](#) (SLA) Legal Pathway launched June 1, providing online sessions through PREP-KC's virtual Connector. Each Monday in June, SLA Scholars interacted with legal professionals on salient legal topics. This Legal Pathway sets up a formal path to the law for future students nationwide. Thank you to [all our speakers](#) for June!

Additionally, rather than the planned in-person internships, SLA will pivot to an online curriculum for the weeks of July 13-17 and July 20-24, with a virtual Graduation ceremony on July 24. Each day, SLA Scholars will learn from legal professionals through interactive sessions, discussions, and special projects. They will virtually visit courts, witness dockets, depositions, and learn about the legal system and careers in the law. [Click here to view the July calendar.](#)

[Click here to meet this year's SLA Scholars](#)



## You're Invited!

KCMBF's Student Law Academy cordially invites you to join us for the virtual SLA Graduation.

**Friday, July 24 at 12:00 pm**

Hosted via Zoom videoconference

## Virtual Graduation Program

Welcome - Peter Goss, KCMBF President, *The Goss Law Firm, PC*  
Opening Remarks - Mayor Quinton Lucas, *City of Kansas City, Missouri*  
Keynote Speakers - Dana Tippin Cutler and Keith Cutler, *James W. Tippin & Assoc. and Couples Court with the Cutlers*

Please email [swagner@kcmbf.org](mailto:swagner@kcmbf.org) to receive the link to join the celebration.

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We are proud to announce KCMBF's Student Law Academy has been selected as a Missouri Lawyers Media 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Award winner! The awards recognize attorneys, firms, and organizations that are significantly advancing diversity, inclusion, and the dignity of all people in Missouri's legal profession and in communities in which exceptional legal work impacts justice for all. To learn more about the award and honorees click [here](#).

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# LIBERTY & JUSTICE Gala

In consideration of potential health risks due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, KCMBF has cancelled the 18th Annual Liberty & Justice Gala scheduled for September 12, 2020. We are saddened that we will not be able to gather for our annual celebration and fundraising event this year and look forward to the Liberty & Justice Gala next year. Although we will not be gathering in person, we will be in touch in the near future in an effort to ensure the foundation's signature programs are able to continue to serve those in need of our assistance.

- Jill M. Katz, Gala Chair

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Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters! With your help, we have adapted our programs where needed in order to serve our mission and those in the community.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharra Wagner'.

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