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August 2020 – Scott Gyllenborg

KCMBF's Military Matters is proud to shine the August #ProBonoSpotlight on Scott C. Gyllenborg, founding partner of Gyllenborg & Brown, P.A.

Scott has served many roles within both KCMBFA and KCMBF over the last decade. He was a member of the KCMBF Board of Directors when the Legal Connection: Military Matters program was initiated, and he signed up to be a volunteer as soon as the program started processing referrals. Since then, Scott has been a frequent volunteer, accepting multiple referrals for veterans each year. As Scott is a criminal defense lawyer, he takes referrals for veterans related to traffic

violations, warrants, municipal charges (which make up a large portion of the referral requests), as well as misdemeanor and felony cases.

Scott is a proud advocate of the Military Matters program, and although he did not serve in the military, many of his family members have. His father was a sergeant in the United States Army who fought during World War II in both the European and Pacific theaters, and Scott's uncle was a captain in the United States Marine Corps, deployed during the Korean War. Scott has a nephew who is a sergeant in the United States Air Force Reserve, and a nephew-in-law who is a major in the United States Army JAG Corps, teaches at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and holds



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degrees from Davidson College, the University of Kansas, the University of Virginia, and Columbia University.

“Military Matters is such an important program of KCMBF. The veterans we represent need help that they cannot afford to pay for, and the assistance we provide often makes a huge difference in their lives,” says Scott. His perspective is veterans have served our country and taken action for us, so we should take action for them and recognize their continued importance in our community. Scott enjoys connecting with each veteran he represents, hearing about where they were stationed and deployed, and what they experienced while serving in the military.

Scott grew up in Prairie Village and Leawood, graduated from The Barstow School, and received his B.A. degree in English from the University of Kansas. After he graduated from KU, Scott, still deciding whether to go to graduate school, was a track laborer on the Kansas City Southern Railroad and then a salesman with Jack Roach Cadillac before a friend at Shook, Hardy & Bacon recommended that he work as a paralegal to explore whether he should go to law school. Scott was a paralegal at Spencer Fane Britt & Browne and then Shughart Thomson & Kilroy before he took the LSAT and enrolled at the University of Kansas School of Law, where he was 1L class president. The trial bug hit him as a 3L when he participated in a national trial competition in Provo, Utah. KU did not win that competition, but Scott and his teammates did get in some excellent snow skiing at Snowbird.

During law school, Scott clerked at Polsinelli White Vardeman & Shalton. After graduation, he was an Assistant District Attorney in Johnson County, Kansas,



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and then joined Watson Ess Marshall & Enggas as a litigator. Scott attributes much of his success to the great mentors he has had throughout his career, many of whom have held leadership positions in KCMBA and KCMBF. In 2000, he started his current firm, now Gyllenborg & Brown, P.A. His wife, Christina, was his law partner for eight years before she was appointed to the district court bench in Johnson County, Kansas. Scott has held leadership positions in KCMBF, KCMBA, the Johnson County Bar Association, and Midwest Innocence Project among other organizations.

Scott continues to be a vocal champion for Military Matters and encourages other attorneys to join the volunteer program. In his experience, a little help from a lawyer can go a long way toward getting veterans back to a more level playing field, enabling them to continue to improve their lives.

Thank you, Scott, for your dedication to KCMBF's #MilitaryMatters!



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