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### **Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association launches, Power Up: Free Power of Attorney Services for Healthcare Heroes**

Kansas City, Mo. – Lawyer volunteers from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) will offer free power of attorney planning services for healthcare workers on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic. The new initiative, *Power Up: Free Power of Attorney Services for Healthcare Heroes*, aims to give peace of mind to medical workers by helping them prepare those documents at no charge.

Estate planning is always important, but preparing these legal documents is crucial for those who put their lives in danger every day by treating those sickened with coronavirus. For many frontline workers who have not yet made these preparations are now faced with the gravity of the situation and may not know where to quickly find help. Members of KCMBA’s probate and estate planning committee recognized this need and their unique ability to help.

KCMBA President Athena Dickson described the impetus for the initiative, saying, “At this uncertain time, thousands of healthcare workers in the Kansas City area are putting their lives on the line every day to keep the rest of us safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. We felt that we wanted to show our support in a way that only lawyers can do by offering to help during this time.”

The Power Up program will launch by offering services to employees of Truman Medical Center, and will broaden to other hospitals in the near future. Services will be available initially to healthcare workers directly involved in treatment of COVID-19 patients. Any KCMBA member in good standing is eligible to volunteer with the program.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, email [committee@kcmba.org](mailto:committee@kcmba.org).

#### **About KCMBA**

*Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) is the largest and oldest bar association in the Kansas City area. Founded in 1884, KCMBA utilizes its rich tradition as a platform to provide current, innovative and relevant service to its 5,000 members in its nine-county service territory in Missouri and Kansas. The mission of this Association is to serve our members and our community by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.*

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