



LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS CITY

**Lawyers Association of Kansas City Young Lawyers Section
2019-20 Board of Directors Ballot**

BAR NUMBER AND STATE OF ADMISSION: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: You must be a member of LAKC-YLS to vote. One ballot per YLS member.

1. Please vote "**yea**" or "**nay**" for the nominated 2019-20 officers.
2. Please vote for up to **ten (10)** additional directors for the 2019-20 term.
3. Please vote for one student liaison member.

Return ballot by email to info@lakc.net by 7pm on May 8, 2019 or return at the Annual Meeting, to be held from 5-7pm at Chicken N Pickle, 1761 Burlington ST, North Kansas City.

President:	Ashlee Crowl
President Elect:	Allison Greenfield
Treasurer:	Julie Parisi
Secretary:	Jean Menager
Public Service Officer:	Noah Garcia

Yea Nay

Directors – vote for 10:

Current members up for re-election:

- Pat Allegri
- Sheena Foye
- Emily Leach
- Phil Raine
- Ross Weimer

1st time candidates running:

- Danielle Atchison
- James Maggard
- Jordan May
- Pam Winter
- Maggie Young

Student Liaison Members – vote for one (1):

- Allyssa Dockins
- Danielle Hall
- Shea O’Sullivan

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2019-20 SLATE OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Ashlee Crowl. Ashlee owns her own firm, Tax Advising, LLC and partners with SEED Law, LLC, to provide tax advising to small businesses and individuals, specifically providing strategic advising for entrepreneurs. Ashlee serves Amethyst Place as an EnCompass Mentor and is on the Finance Committee of their Board of Directors. Ashlee has concentrated her bar association activities to LAKC because it provides the opportunity to focus on service and develop connections with peers. She has been the liaison to Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance and plans to strengthen that partnership going forward. Ashlee is very excited to serve as President for the 2019-20 year.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Allison Greenfield. Allison is an associate at Knight Nicastro, LLC and practices law in the areas of business and commercial litigation, insurance, premises and product liability, and arson-fraud litigation. She is a member of the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors, the Greater Kansas City Claims Association, and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. She has enjoyed developing friendships in the LAKC-YLS community through her involvement with LAKC-YLS and feels that it has been rewarding to be a part of an organization that has a strong presence in the community and is focused on giving back to the community. She would like to continue her service to the LAKC-YLS Board and giving back to the community.

PUBLIC SERVICE CHAIR: Noah Garcia. Noah is associate general counsel at Kansas City Southern, where he counsels the company on employment and other matters. He is a member of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Military Matters (KCMBAF), KCMBA, both the National and Kansas City Hispanic Bar Associations, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Kansas City, Canine Companions for Independence (Kansas City Chapter), and the ABA Military Pro Bono Project. Of all Kansas City bar associations, Noah finds LAKC is the most committed to the development of young litigators and would like to continue serving as a part of the organization's commitment and activities to bring together colleagues and friends.

SECRETARY: Jean Ménager. Jean advises and handles transactions for local businesses, and litigates business and employment issues. Jean regularly serves as an outsourced general counsel and addresses his clients' corporate and LLC, employment, commercial leasing, and acquisition needs. Jean holds and has held various leadership positions at other bar associations and professional groups, including having been the chair of the Johnson County Bar Association's (JCBA) Young Lawyers' Section for two years and also serving on the board of directors of the JCBA. Jean has been active with LAKC-YLS since his election to the board. He values the organization's commitment to service and looks forward to taking on the role of board secretary. When not being a lawyer, Jean enjoys photography.

TREASURER: Julie Parisi. Julie is an associate at Seigfreid Bingham, P.C. where she practices civil litigation, focusing on transportation and employment litigation. She is a member of the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors, KBA Media Bar Committee, and KCMBA. She has thoroughly enjoyed her experience with LAKC, which has included serving as the co-chair of Santa's Snowball, organizing the Annual Luncheon, and volunteering at various LAKC events. She would like to serve as Treasurer to continue the great work of Phil Raine and sustain the great programming of LAKC-YLS.

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Patrick Allegri

Ameritrust Group Inc.

I have enjoyed my time on the board and would love to continue on. The work we do makes a small impact for the better in our community, and I want to continue to help in that effort.

Sheena Foye

Wyrsh Hobbs Mirakian

I have served on the board and find it very fulfilling to serve in the community. I would be honored to serve another term. This last term I co-chaired Santa's Snow Ball and was involved in many other projects.

Emily Leach

Traders Insurance Company

I want to serve on the board for LAKC because I can bring a fresh perspective on community service and the law based on my time in Arkansas. I want to begin networking with other lawyers who want to utilize their law skills while providing meaningful community service to the KC metro. I have worked as a personal injury lawyer and in-house counsel, so I will be able to bring lawyers from differing perspectives to the table to help promote the law community as a whole in the KC metro.

Phil Raine

Simpson Logback Lynch Norris PA

I have really enjoyed my time on the LAKC Board for the past three years and want to continue my work. In my time served so far, I've been able to work closely with nearly every YLS activity, especially on the financial side as YLS Treasurer for two years.

While there is certainly more to be done as an officer, I was mock trial co-chair this year and helped host the state tournament. During that time, I realized how much potential the high school mock trial competition has. However, there are several problems holding it back: the turnover of mock trial chairs because we are a YLS board, the size disparity between the KC and STL regions, and the lack of participation from the KC legal community to judge and support the tournament.

At the end of mock trial this year, we worked with the big board to establish a separate LAKC committee which will run mock trial. This takes some pressure off of YLS, but YLS would still be heavily involved in the process. I would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS board for the next two year term in order to help with the creation of this committee, represent YLS on the committee, and help the high school mock trial program grow and improve in the KC area.

Ross Weimer

Berkowitz Oliver LLP

LAKC provides a great opportunity for the KC legal community to get together and collaborate, network, and advance the legal profession in Kansas City. Additionally, LAKC serves an important function in giving back to the community through its various service events. I've enjoyed and appreciated being a part of the YLS board and hope to continue serving LAKC.

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Danielle Atchison

Mdivani Corporate Immigration Law Firm

I learned about this organization through Jean Menager and Ashlee Crowl. I currently serve on the board of the Earl E O'Connor Inn of Court with Jean and value his work ethic and opinion. He has told me about the great work this organization does for our community. I am interested in serving on this board because I would like to be a part of an organization that promotes service for our community. I am particularly interested in working with an organization that brings excitement around giving back and networking. LAKC-YLS programs such as Skippy and Skivvies and the Court Crawl are unique. I think I can help to continue the programs' successes as well as bring continued creativity to the YLS board. After participating this past year in Santa's Snowball and in the Mock Trial competition, I am very excited to have found an organization that focuses on serving both in legal education and our broader community.

James Maggard

Seigfreid Bingham PC

LAKC and the Young Lawyers Section have always impressed me with their focus on service and volunteer work. Over the past several years, I have been able to participate in a number of events organized by LAKC and the YLS board, including the wrapping party for Santa's Snow Ball, the Run for Justice, the Skippy & Skivvies Drive, and the MO High School Mock Trial Competition. Through these events and through hearing about others, I have seen how committed LAKC is to community service. I would like to become more involved in similar community-oriented projects, and serving on the YLS board would provide an excellent opportunity for me to do so.

Jordan May

Seigfreid Bingham PC

I would like to serve on the LAKC Board of Directors for the Young Lawyers' Section for a few reasons. Although I have practiced in Kansas City since August of 2015, I lived in Lawrence, Kansas until just a few months ago. I would love to be able to learn more about Kansas City generally, as well as its legal community, and work with other young Kansas City lawyers. Additionally, I appreciate that LAKC is a service-focused organization. I believe that giving back to your community is as important as learning about and experiencing your community, but, it is often overlooked in practice. Over the years I've worked with several service organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, AmeriCorps, United Way, Harvesters, and Habitat for Humanity, and currently I volunteer with Girls on the Run of Greater Kansas City. I would enjoy being able to work on the several LAKC service projects throughout the year. Other young attorneys at my firm have been on the Board in the past and have spoken highly of the experience. So I feel that serving on the Board for the Young Lawyers Section of LAKC would give me the opportunity to learn about, work in, and give back to the Kansas City community.

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Pam Winter

Knight Nicastro LLC

I want to serve as a member of the Board of Directors because of my recent participation at LAKC events, including the Volunteers Unleashed Pet Rescue and Adoption, High School Mock Trial competitions, and the Santa's Snow Ball. I believe serving on the Board of Directors will encourage me to get involved in other sponsored events, allow me to be more active in the community to better serve the public, and provide me an opportunity to be more engaged with other young lawyers in the Kansas City legal community.

Maggie Young

Seigfreid Bingham

As a recent law school graduate, I am eager to find ways to get involved in the Kansas City legal community, both from a networking standpoint and from a service standpoint. I have enjoyed the YLS events I have attended in the past and know I would also enjoy being a part of making those events happen. Additionally, I have always been interested in public service and I both appreciate and would love to be a part of YLS efforts in this particular area.

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Law Student Liaison Candidates

Alyssa Dockins

I would like to be the student liaison for UMKC because I am dedicated to giving back to the community that raised me to get to where I am today. Over the last few months, I have enjoyed getting to meet as many people as I can in the Kansas City legal community. I think I would be a good choice for this position because I have established myself as someone who my classmates can come to with questions about events and opportunities, not just in law school but also in the community. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to engage in the community as much as I have so far in law school, and I would like to continue this through working with a group of like minded professionals in the field I will join in a couple short years.

Danielle Hall

I first learned of LAKC when volunteering to judge a high school mock trial competition and immediately wanted to help further the organization that promotes the program. My time spent in high school mock trial is when I learned I wanted to become a lawyer and created my passion for litigation. I am passionate about giving back to our community and using my legal education to make our communities better places to live and work. I am dedicated to service to others and inspiring a new generation of lawyers.

Shea O'Sullivan

I would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS board of directors because I would like to help bridge the gap between law students and young lawyers in the Kansas City area. I see a need for mentorship between people in the field, and examples to be set for community involvement and a balance between the profession and personal life. If elected to serve, I would like to emphasize the value of our civic duty to the community by using our knowledge and training to benefit the public.