



ELECTION BALLOT 2017-18
Board of Directors, Lawyers Association of Kansas City–Young Lawyers Section

BAR NUMBER AND STATE OF ADMISSION: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

- You must be a member of LAKC-YLS to vote. One ballot per YLS member.
- Please vote for up to **three (3)** of the following candidates for the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors by marking the box next to the candidate's name.

Please return this ballot to Tyler Scott by e-mail to tyler.scott@huschblackwell.com or by U.S. mail to Tyler Scott, Husch Blackwell LLP, 4801 Main Street, Suite 1000, Kansas City, Missouri 64112. Ballots, whether sent by e-mail or U.S. mail, must be received prior to **5 p.m. on May 9, 2017**, to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, you may do so at the LAKC-YLS Elections on May 9, 2017, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Tom’s Town, 1701 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

- PATRICK ALLEGRI.** Pat is a current Director for LAKC-YLS and is seeking re-election. Pat chaired and participated in several committees during his first term with LAKC-YLS. Pat is an associate with Foland, Wickens, Eisfelder, Roper, and Hofer, P.C., where he practices primarily civil litigation. He received his J.D. in 2010 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Patrick is currently involved with MODL Quarterly Report, Nelson Atkins Young Friends of Art, KCMBA-YLS, and MODL, KADC, and the KS and MO Bar Associations.

Patrick would like to continue serving as a member of the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: He considers the work LAKC-YLS does to be some of the most fulfilling work he has done as a lawyer and would like to continue to help coordinate that work and the events LAKC-YLS puts on.

- JESSIE MCKINNEY.** Jessie McKinney is a current Director for LAKC-YLS and is seeking re-election. Jessie chaired and participated in several committees during her first term with LAKC-YLS. Jessie is an attorney at Shook Hardy & Bacon and practices in the Business Litigation and Corporate Services Department. She graduated from the University of Iowa School of Law in 2010. Jessie is a member of the Missouri Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and Innovative Professionals for Entrepreneurs. Jessie is also involved with the Nelson Atkins Young Friends of Art Party Arty Committee and completed the KCMBA Bar Leadership Academy. Jessie was recently named a 2015 Rising Star and Influential Woman by KC Magazine.

Jessie would like to continue serving as a member of the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: She would like to continue coordinating with others in the community to help build a stronger, more vibrant Kansas City.

- **SEAN COOPER:** Sean is an attorney at Stueve Siegel Hanson and practices in the Civil Litigation department. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in 2013. Sean is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Business Litigation Committee, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, and the MO Bar Anti-Trust Law Committee. Sean would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: “I want to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors because of the two events I attended over the past year that encapsulate LAKC’s impact: LAKC’s annual Whittaker Award Luncheon . . . and Missouri’s High School Mock Trial competition. On the one hand, the Whittaker Luncheon featured legal titans at the height of our profession. On the other, the mock trial competition featured high school students – without formal training in the traditional sense – who had poured themselves into re-enacting our justice system. LAKC’s ability to bring these ends of the legal spectrum together is a testament to both the organization’s stature in the legal profession and its outreach in the Kansas City community. In sum, I view LAKC as an excellent organization for both community service and professional enrichment, and I view serving as on LAKC’s YLS Board as an opportunity to grow as an attorney while serving a community I love.”

- **SHEENA FOYE:** Sheena is an attorney at Wyrsh Hobbs Mirakian and practices in the Criminal Defense department. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 2010. Sheena is a member of the Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Sheena would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: “I’ve been actively looking to become more included in LAKC. Specifically, I would love to have a more active role in managing the wonderful community service projects LAKC-YLS puts on and organizes.”

- **JULIE PARISI:** Julie is an attorney at Seigfreid Bingham, P.C. and practices in the Commercial Litigation department. She graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in 2013. She is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, KC LEGAL, the Kansas Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, and a member of the De Soto School District Parents as Teachers Board. Julie would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: “I want to serve on the LAKC Board of Directors because I believe it is a great opportunity to meet and work alongside similarly service-minded attorneys. I practiced in Topeka for three years before joining Seigfreid Bingham last August and have been looking for ways to become more involved with the Kansas City bar and the Kansas City community. As a former volunteer at the Lawrence Community Shelter, the Snow Ball is of particular interest to me, and as a former high school mock trial participant, I am enthusiastic about LAKC’s High School Mock Trial Competition. I believe my interests in getting to know attorneys in the Kansas City area while reaching out to the community align with those of LAKC, which is why I want to serve on the Board of Directors.”

- **KAITEE PURDON:** Kaittee is an attorney at Legal Aid of Western Missouri and practices in the Public Benefits (Medicaid) department. She graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in 2014. Kaittee is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and its Domestic Law Committee and the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater

Kansas City. Kaitee would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: “I am interested in serving on the Board because I share LAKC’s vision of serving the public, and I want to increase my collaboration with fellow attorneys. After practicing social work for almost six years, I attended law school to gain more tools to serve the public interest. Since joining Legal Aid in 2014, I have practiced family law, served on Legal Aid’s internal Salary and Benefits Committee, moved to the practice of MO HealthNet advocacy, and been promoted to supervisor. Now that I feel settled into my role at Legal Aid, I am pursuing external opportunities for service, leadership, and learning. In particular, I would like to lend my support to the great service events YLS plans throughout the year. Legal Aid is fortunate to benefit from the Run for Justice; and my current work involves collaboration with some of YLS’s other beneficiaries, including Operation Breakthrough. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors, and I am grateful for your consideration.”

- **MARK SCHAFFER:** Mark is an attorney at Shook Hardy & Bacon and practices in the IP Litigation department. He graduated from Washington University School of Law in 2014. Mark is a member of Pages & Chapters and their Advisory Board, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section and the Patent/Trademark/Copyright Committee, the American Bar Association, and is the Summer Associate Social Chair at Shook Hardy & Bacon. Mark would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: “While in college and law school, I was very active in board positions, executive teams, and in the community. For example, in law school I served as Editor-in-Chief of Washington University Global Studies Law Review, where I oversaw a board of 15 members and a 50 person editing team. At Washington University Olin Business School, I volunteered on a venture capital team to advise early-stage startups in the St. Louis community on business and legal needs necessary to capitalize and scale their businesses. Additionally, while in college, I was the chair of Blue Key, where I organized several of the largest service events on campus, such as food drives and military supply drives. I am still fairly new to the Kansas City area, and now that I have about three years’ worth of experience at my law firm, I feel as though I’m in a position to take on more substantive roles in the legal and service community. I have already begun to do so with my involvement on the Board of Pages & Chapters. I believe my prior experiences and passion for community service will make me an asset for LAKC’s Board of Directors.”
- **ROSS WEIMER:** Ross is an attorney at Brown and James and practices civil defense law. He graduated from Boston College School of Law in 2016 Ross is a member of and participated in LAKC-YLS and its Santa’s Snowball and High School Mock Trial events. Ross would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: “I was involved with numerous LAKC events this past year and enjoyed meeting new people and developing my professional network. I want to serve on the LAKC Board of Directors to further develop these professional relationships. I also appreciate LAKC’s involvement in the community and desire to be a part of the planning that goes into these events. As a former teacher in a low-income school, I desire to give back to the youth of KC and think we can have a meaningful impact on their development through our programming.”