

## ELECTION BALLOT 2016

## Board of Directors, Lawyers Association of Kansas City-Young Lawyers Section

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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- You must be a member of LAKC-YLS to vote. One ballot per YLS member.
- Please vote for up to **twelve (12)** 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 Molly Keppler by e-mail to molly.keppler@stinson.com, or by U.S. mail to Molly Keppler, Stinson Leonard Street LLP, 1201 Walnut St., Suite 2900, Kansas City, MO 64106. Ballots, whether sent by e-mail or U.S. mail, must be received prior to **5 p.m. on June 23, 2016**, to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, you may do so at the LAKC-YLS Elections on June 23, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Char Bar, 4050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

- ASHLEE CROWL. Ashlee is a Compliance Analyst at H&R Block. <a href="http://www.HRBlock.com">http://www.HRBlock.com</a> She received her J.D. in 2014 from University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Ashlee is a member of the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Metropolitan area Bar Association Member and Leadership Academy Participant in 2016, Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance- Operation Breakthrough Reading Buddies Program and Amethyst Place's EnCompass Mentoring Program. Ashlee would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "I participate in various community and legal organizations because I value relationship building, personal development and service. I am particularly excited about LAKC's focus on education, service, and leadership which makes LAKC's YLS Board a spectacular intersection of my interests and skills. As a volunteer I have been able to support the causes I believe in but I have been looking for a way to support those on a leadership level rather than solely through direct service. The YLS activities and goals align with my personal goals and I am excited to participate in this group to advance LAKC and to support our profession, and the community."
- CHRIS DANDURAND. Chris is an associate at The Gorny Law Firm, LC, where he practices primarily in civil litigation. http://www.gornylawfirm.com He received his J.D. in 2011 from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Chris is a member of KCMBA, the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, the University of Missouri Alumni Association and the Nelson-Atkins Young Friends of Art. Chris is also a member of KC Cauldron, and he participates in GenKC activities. Chris is currently serving on the Board and would like to continue serving on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "Broadly, my interest in the Board arises from my long term intentions of devoting time to the betterment of the community here in Kansas City. Kansas City is currently at a significant turning point and the excitement for the future here is particularly high. I want to be a part of helping the City realize its true potential as a leader in the legal industry, business and innovation, civic organizations, the arts, and professional sports. I know that attorneys, and associations with exposure like LAKC, are critical to bettering individual community members and the City as a whole. Service on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors will provide me with the opportunity to work toward these goals along with like-minded members of the community. I also have experience recruiting other lawyers to attend and join events at KCMBA and MATA, and I have served on committees responsible for planning social events. These skills would be directly applicable to service on the Board."

- NOBLE E. FREEMAN. Noble is an associate with Husch Blackwell LLP, where he practices primarily in Corporate, M/A & Securities. <a href="http://www.huschblackwell.com">http://www.huschblackwell.com</a> He received his J.D. in 2015 from Washington University School of Law. Noble is a member of Big Brothers and Sisters of Greater Kansas City and the Kansas City Symphony Alliance (a fundraising committee for the symphony). Noble would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "I'm originally from California and it would be great to meet new people that are a part of my profession that want to better the community that we live in."
- NATE JONES. Nate is an associate with Wagstaff & Cartmell, where he practices primarily in civil litigation with emphasis on complex pharmaceutical and medical device actions. <a href="http://www.wcllp.com">http://www.wcllp.com</a>. He received his J.D. from University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Nate is a member of Blue Springs Business Group, Big Brothers and Sisters of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Lawyers Association of Kansas City Young Lawyer Section, Board of Directors, Missouri Bar Association, Nelson-Atkins Young Friends of Art and Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy. Nate is currently on the Board and would like to continue his service.
- SARA LINTECUM. Sara is an associate with Lathrop & Gage LLP, where she practices primarily in policyholder and insurance coverage. <a href="http://www.lathropgage.com">http://www.lathropgage.com</a> She received her J.D. in 2013 from University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Sara is a member of AICPA, Missouri Society of CPAs, American Royal volunteer and University of Kansas Alumni Association. Sara is currently serving on the Board and would like to continue her service.
- JEAN B. MÉNAGER. Jean is an associate with Colantuono Bjerg Guinn, LLC, where he practices primarily in employment and business law. <a href="http://www.ksmolaw.com">http://www.ksmolaw.com</a> He received his J.D. in 2014 from the University of Kansas School of Law. Jean was awarded a certificate in business and commercial law, and he is a recipient of the Black Faculty and Staff Council Scholar award. Jean is a member of the Earl E. O'Connor Inn of Court (Board Member-Reporter), Johnson County Bar Association and Kansas Bar Association. Jean would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "I would like to serve because I see this as an opportunity for me to expand my service to the bar. This organization is particularly attractive to me because its Young Lawyers section is strong and takes an active role in the community. If elected to serve, I will bring value to the board because I am easy to work with, I pay attention to details, and I communicate effectively."
- JAMES R. MONTGOMERY. James is an associate with Stinson Leonard Street LLP, where he practices primarily in Business Litigation. <a href="http://www.stinson.com">http://www.stinson.com</a> He received his J.D. in 2015 from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. James is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Kansas City Legal, Board of Directors of Kanbe's Markets and the Housing Committee of the Marlborough Community Coalition. James would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "The goals of the Young Lawyer's Section of LAKC are several: to serve the public interest, to serve young lawyers, to educate the public, and to cooperate with other national and state bar associations. These goals coincide with my own personal desire and track record of giving back to the community, and working through the legal community in doing so. My history indicates that I would be an appropriate fit for this position: throughout my time in law school at the University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou), I demonstrated a strong record of serving both the law school as well as the community. I worked with many organizations in the law school, serving as a director for Mizzou's Board of Advocates (known elsewhere as a Moot Court Board), where I ran and

facilitated moot court and mock trial competitions. I also served as chair of our LGBTalliance group (Lambda Legal-Mizzou Chapter) where I ran events focused on educating the law school and central Missouri on sensitive LGBT topics. Since my move to Kansas City in 2015, I have also looked for additional opportunities to serve both the community and the legal profession. I am a current member of Kansas City Legal, and have participated in networking and social functions on behalf of the organization, reaching out to law students across the Midwest and advocating for Kansas City as a great place to begin a legal career. I have also been heavily involved in several community activities, such as participating in the Marlborough community initiative (sponsored by Stinson Leonard Street) as well as serving on the board of an up and coming not-for-profit coalition known as Kanbe's Markets, which aims to eliminate food waste and blight in the Kansas City metropolitan area via supplying food to, and educating, poor and low-income Kansas City residents in traditionally minorityinhabited regions of the city. Since beginning work at Stinson in September, 2015, I have also already contributed over 100 hours of pro bono legal work to the Kansas City community, and aim to contribute another 50 by September 2016. Because I am continually looking for ways to service both the legal profession and the communities of Kansas City, it would be my honor to be considered an applicant for the position of board member of the young lawyer's section of LAKC."

- PHIL RAINE. Phil is an associate with Manz Swanson Hall Fogarty & Gellis, P.C., where he practices primarily in civil litigation. <a href="http://www.mslawkc.com">http://www.mslawkc.com</a> He received his J.D. in 2013 from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Phil is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, LAKC-YLS Mock Trial Judge for past two years and adult volunteer for local Boy Scouts of America Council. Phil would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "I was introduced to LAKC-YLS through Allison Greenfield when she asked me to come help wrap presents in preparation for Santa's Snowball a few years back. Since then, I have enjoyed helping serve as a judge for the mock trial competition. Having grown to appreciate how LAKC-YLS gives back to the Kansas City community, I want to increase my commitment for this next year by serving on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors. I believe I am familiar enough with LAKC to step into the role quickly, and I believe I can make significant contributions to both the membership and the community."
- MARTIN D. RICE. Martin is a managing associate with Dentons US LLP, where he practices primarily in commercial real estate transactions, with an emphasis on acquisition and disposition, development, real estate finance and leasing. <a href="http://www.dentons.com">http://www.dentons.com</a> He received his J.D. in 2012 from the University of Kansas School of Law. Martin is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and volunteers with the LAWMO Volunteer Attorney Project. Martin would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "I am interested in becoming more engaged with attorneys outside my firm within the Kansas City legal community, and in becoming more involved with public service projects in the community. I believe that LAKC provides an excellent opportunity to pursue both of these goals."

- CASSANDRA ROBINSON. Cassandra is an associate with Brown & James, where she practices primarily in civil litigation. <a href="http://www.brownjames.com">http://www.brownjames.com</a> She received her J.D. in 2015 from the University of Missouri School of Law. Cassandra is a member of the Woman's Law Association Golf Tournament Committee, KCMBA Military Matters and Make a Wish Young Professionals Board. Cassandra would like to serve on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "As a young lawyer new to the Kansas City legal community, I am interested in becoming more involved with bar activities. I chose to apply for the LAKC Board of Directors, as I would enjoy the opportunity to work with members of the community, as well as other lawyers in an effort to give back to Kansas City. Associations like LAKC are critical to bettering not only the legal community, but the city as a whole. Service through LAKC-YLS Board will provide me with the opportunity to work towards these goals, alongside like-minded individuals. My discussions with LAKC members and board members, have convinced me the LAKC Board of Directors would be a wonderful place to grow within the legal community."
- □ ALAN SIMPSON. Alan is an associate with Graves Garrett LLC, where he practices primarily in commercial civil litigation. <a href="http://www.gravesgarrett.com">http://www.gravesgarrett.com</a> He received his J.D. from Washington University School of Law. Alan is a member of the Missouri Bar, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the Lawyers Association of Kansas City, where he served on the board of directors for the Young Lawyers Section. Alan is currently a member on the Board and would like to continue his service.
- RACHEL STAHLE. Rachel is joining the law firm of Dollar Burns and Becker, where she will practice primarily in personal injury litigation. Lawyers Helping Truck Crash Victims, Nursing Home Neglect & Personal Injury. She received her J.D. in 2009 from the University of Kansas School of Law. Rachel is a graduate of the 2014 KCMBA Bar Leadership Academy. She also participated in the Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court program in 2011. Rachel is a member of AWL, KCMBA, and the Missouri and Kansas bar associations. She has volunteered as a mock trial judge for numerous high school and college competitions in the KC metro area. Rachel would like to continue serving on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors for the following reasons: "I would like to continue my service to LAKC because I think it is a worthy organization that makes a positive impact on both the Kansas City legal and public communities. In addition, the YLS board is a great avenue for young lawyers to network, both socially and professionally."
- MALLORY (NEMMERS) VANDYKE. Mallory is an associate with Wagstaff & Cartmell, where she practices primarily in civil litigation, with an emphasis on Plaintiffs' personal injury actions. <a href="http://www.wcllp.com">http://www.wcllp.com</a>. She received her J.D. in 2013 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Mallory is a member of the Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City. Mallory is currently on the LAKC-YLS Board of Directors and would like to continue her service.