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LAW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 31, 2019 2:00 pm

Presentation of the Portrait of Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey

June 18, 2019 1:15 am—1:00 pm

June Membership Meeting and One Hour CLE



Chancellor Bonnyman receiving award from Judge Daughtrey.





Rising Star Award Recipient LaTonnsya Burney.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Christen Blackburn



I am honored to serve as the 39th President of the Lawyers Association for Women. Thirty-nine years ago, the founding members of this organization set out to accomplish some incredible things for women in our community. Our founders, many who are still actively involved in this organization, sought to improve the law, especially as it relates to women, to increase the number of qualified women on the bench, and to encourage the participation of women in local, state, national and specialty bar associations, particularly at leadership levels. Almost four decades later, I am proud to say that together we have made great strides toward achieving these

goals. Today, women hold the majority of the seats on our Tennessee Supreme Court and hold 10 out of the 23 seats in Davidson County courts. In addition, LAW is proud to report that the past, present and incoming presidents of the Nashville Bar Association and the President Elect of the Tennessee Bar Association are all women (and LAW members!) Women are also leading law firms and legal departments throughout Nashville.

We are accomplishing many of the goals of our founders, but we are certainly not done! Everyday we confront new challenges and legal issues affecting women that demand our attention and action. We still seek to create a more diverse and inclusive environment for attorneys in Nashville's legal community. We still seek to promote a better quality of life for working moms including alternative work schedules and work-from-home options, which is certainly possible given continued advances in technology. We will continue to educate our members on important legal issues and to affect change in our legal community to improve the lives of women lawyers.

While LAW was generally founded to address issues of concern to women in the legal profession, it was also specifically created to serve as a community of peers supporting the few women lawyers practicing in Nashville in the early 1980s. Our founders understood the unique perspective shared by other women lawyers as they pursued their individual career goals while raising families and enjoyed the camaraderie LAW provided. Thankfully, this fabulous community has not changed - only grown substantially larger as more and more women have entered the practice of law in Nashville.

When I moved to Nashville over 10 years ago, the first women lawyers I met were through LAW. In a short period of time, LAW became a invaluable community of friends and mentors, and I know that what I found in LAW is not unique to me. At our recent Board retreat, I asked our new Board to share some of the things they love about LAW. I learned that they have also found "meaningful friendships," "the opportunity to connect with other women," and a place where "women support women."

One of my goals for this year is to share all of the great things about LAW with every woman attorney in Nashville so that she can find her own community of friends and mentors in LAW. To achieve this goal, I will need every member's help! This is my challenge to you: think of the women in your life who are not plugged into LAW - she may be in your office, a classmate, a client, or a new law-yer - and invite her to one of our thought provoking CLEs, networking happy hours, or quarterly Lean In Circles. Introduce her to some of the wonderful women in this organization. Help her find the same amazing community that we have all found through LAW!

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Introducing LAW's 2019-2020 Officers and Directors

LAW elected its officers and directors at the annual meeting of the membership on April 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Omni Nashville Hotel.



President—Christen Blackburn. Christen is a 2008 graduate of The University of Memphis School of Law. She is special counsel in the law firm of Lewis Thomason, where she practices civil litigation focused primarily in the areas of transportation, products liability, and employment. Christen has previously served LAW as President Elect, Secretary, and chairs of the Programming Committee and Judicial Appointments, Nominations and Awards Committee. She is also active in NBA, where she serves as a co-chair of Community Relations Committee.



President-Elect—Sara Anne Quinn. Sara Anne is a 2010 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. She is an Attorney at the law firm of Butler Snow, LLP where she practices in the Labor and Employment Group and Healthcare Regulatory and Transactions Group. She represents private and public sector employers in every aspect of the employment relationship, and in all aspects of healthcare, including business, medical and legal matters.



Secretary—Kimberly Faye Clark. Kimberly is a 2015 graduate of the Nashville School of Law. She is an attorney at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP. assists clients across each tier of the alcoholic beverage industry – manufacturing, distribution, and retail. She also advises new and emerging businesses in business formation, contract matters and non-disclosure agreements. Prior to entering private practice she served as Senior Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Frank G. Clement, Jr. of the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section.



Treasurer—Leighann Ness. Leighann is a 2012 graduate of the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. She is an attorney at HCA Healthcare where she serves as Operations Counsel-Physician Services Group.



Archivist—Amanda Bradley. Amanda Bradley. Amanda is a 2016 graduate of the Nashville School of Law. She is a Law Clerk and Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Frank G. Clement Jr. on the Tennessee Court of Appeals.



Archivist—Courtney Orr. Courtney is a 2014 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. She is an Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Appeals Division). She is a former law clerk to Judge Robert Holloway, TN Court of Criminal Appeals.



Newsletter—Brooke Coplon—Brooke is a 2014 graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School. She is an Associate at Wiseman Ashworth Law Group, PLC where she practices in personal injury, employment, civil rights litigation, nursing home litigation, healthcare law, mental health law, and premises liability.



Newsletter—Chambre Malone. Chambre is a 2006 graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School. She is Senior Counsel, Regulatory Compliance for Bridgestone Americas, Inc.



Newsletter—Tabitha Robinson. Tabitha is a 2017 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. She is a Staff Attorney at Nashville Electric Service.



Newsletter—Caroline Sapp. Caroline is a 2014 graduate of the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. She is an Associate at the Law Offices of John Day, PC.



Second Year Director—Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs. Kyonzte is a 2004 graduate of Vanderbilt Law School. She is Deputy General Counsel for the Tennessee Department of Health.



Second Year Director—Samantha Simpson. Samantha is a 2016 graduate of Belmont University College of Law. She is a Judicial Law Clerk to The Honorable Robert L. Holloway, Jr., Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Middle Section.



First Year Director—LaTonnsya Burney. LaTonnsya is a 2010 graduate of The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. She is the Director of Contracts/Assistant University Counsel at Tennessee State University. LaTonnsya is the recipient of LAW's 2019 Rising Star Award.



First Year Director—Shellie Handelsman. Shellie is a 2014 graduate of Belmont University College of Law, where she also earned a certificate in Entertainment and Music Business Law. She is an Attorney with Shuttleworth PLLC where she practices in the area of civil litigation, insurance defense litigation, entertainment, sports, IP law, and estate planning and probate law.



Immediate Past President—Ashonti Davis. Ashonti is a 2009 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. She serves as in-house counsel at Aetna Senior Supplemental Insurance. Upon graduation from law school, she was a judicial law clerk for The Honorable John W. McClarty, Tennessee Court of Appeals, Eastern Section. Ashonti is the recipient of the 2017 Rising Star Award.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

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LAW Matters May 2019



Tuesday, June 18, 2019 June Membership Meeting and One Hour General Credit CLE BB King's Jazz Club 11:15 am—Noon Registration and Buffet Lunch Noon—1:00 pm CLE Presentation 152 2nd Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37201 <u>Annual Legislative Update</u>

Mandy Young, Erica Vick & Kim Adkins join us for their informative and energetic program! Register Early—Arrive Early! This meeting is always well attended!







Mandy Young

Erica Vick

Kim Adkins

To register for all LAW events, go to www.law-nashville.org/events



Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet 2019



LAW Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Recap:

By: Tabitha Robinson

On April 11, 2019, LAW hosted its annual meeting and awards banquet at the Omni Hotel. The meeting began with minutes from the previous meeting, followed by the introduction and approval of the 2019-2020 slate of officers. Next, there was a video highlighting LAW members discussing the events and successes from the past year. In the video, the members remarked that the Lean-In Mentoring Circles were among LAW's best programming of the year. One member remarked that the Lean-In Circles allowed members "to sit down and discuss problems, which is very difficult for lawyers to admit." The video also featured members discussing what makes LAW relevant. One member remarked, "Strides have been made in the legal profession for women, but there is still a lot of work to do towards achieving equity in the legal profession and LAW recognizes that." Another member stated that "LAW's mission will always be relevant as long as there is a need for legal help…and as long as there is a lack of diversity in the profession."

Lastly, the video concluded with members saying one word that described LAW. The words were "awesome, engaging, community, influential, supportive, important, and fearless." President Ashonti Davis began her speech by reiterating these words and stating that "LAW would be none of these things without the contributions of our members...LAW is more than a group of women that meets for lunch or happy hours...LAW has the infrastructure to do something really important...We are created to connect with other people...relying on a small tightknit group is critical to any person's success, and LAW is one avenue to offer the opportunities for that connection and for that support...So one of the last things I want to do as President is encourage you all to get involved...Be awesome. Be important. Be fearless."

Next, Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey and Judge Aleta Trauger joined the stage for the presentation of the Martha Craig Daughtrey Award to Chancellor Claudia Bonnyman. Judge Trauger introduced Chancellor Bonnyman by explaining how she met her. She highlighted Chancellor Bonnyman's legal career as the only female prosecutor in District Attorney Tom Shriver's office, a partner at two different law firms, the Clerk and Master for the Chancery Court, and as a Chancellor. She also discussed Chancellor Bonnyman's history with LAW as one of the organization's founders and LAW's first president.

Chancellor Bonnyman then took the stage to accept the Award. Chancellor Bonnyman thanked LAW, the LAW Awards Committee, and her friends for nominating her. Chancellor Bonnyman recognized her husband, Gordon, and thanked Judge Daughtrey. She noted, "[t]he 21st century is the women's century...those of us in this room are privileged to play a role individually and collectively in making these possibilities a reality." Chancellor Bonnyman mentioned the "Me Too" Movement and rapidly changing norms in the country. "Girls are demanding education, and women are demanding control over their own bodies and agency over their own lives. Those demands are often met with violence and redoubled oppression, but our sisters continue to inspire with their courage and persistence...How extraordinarily fortunate we are to be a part of it all." Chancellor Bonnyman concluded by quoting, "Look around, look around, at how lucky we are to be alive right now...At this momentous time, I could not be more honored or grateful to receive this award from this organization in this place...I am so grateful to be a part of this great band of sisters." *

Then, President Ashonti Davis introduced LaTonnsya Burney as the Rising Star Award recipient. Davis described LaTonnsya as "passionate, authentic, and humble." She remarked, "some people join organizations and immediately chart a path to leadership, honors, and recognition. But that isn't LaTonnsya's way. When you think of yourself less, the focus is more on other people. And I have learned that from LaTonnsya...she does nothing for recognition or credit, she only does it for the benefit of others." Ashonti then asked the group to join her in congratulating Burney.

Burney took the stage and to accept the award. After receiving the award, Burney highlighted some of the people that influenced the legacy she wants to leave, including her father and her mother. Burney explained that when she became a lawyer, she was not enthusiastic about becoming involved in the legal community. Despite this, LAW soon became another part of her legacy. Burney described how she met a fellow LAW member who became her mentor, Camille Steward. Burney then recognized member Andrea Perry for her support. Lastly, she thanked Ashonti for being "the most instrumental in [her] involvement in LAW and the Nashville Bar." Burney said, "It is her continued support and promotion of me, even when I don't think I deserve it, that will always mean the most." Burney concluded by stating that she hoped that LAW "continues to grow and reflect a legacy of inclusiveness, support, and promotion of each other."

President Ashonti Davis then passed the gavel to the LAW's new President, Christen Blackburn. President Blackburn took the stage and presented Past-President Davis with a gift as a token of LAW's gratitude. Blackburn then stated, "I am incredibly honored to be the 39th president of LAW...There are some amazing women that have led this organization. I thank you for the legacy you have left. I want to thank and acknowledge our founders...and I want to acknowledge the many goals you have created for us 39 years ago. We are accomplishing these goals, and we still have a lot of work to do...I am honored not just to serve because of the accomplishments this organization has done, but because of the impact it has made on my life...thank you for your friendship, mentorship, and for creating a community for me in LAW." Lastly, Blackburn challenged members to invite attorneys to LAW so that they may "have the same sense of community and experience all the benefits" of LAW. Adjourning the meeting, Blackburn stated that she "look[ed] forward to the year ahead." The 2019 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet was an invigorating evening of reflection and celebration of what is to come. LAW would like to thank its sponsors for their support in the banquet.



Tabitha Robinson is a 2018-2019 Newsletter Editor and Staff Attorney for Nashville Electric Service.

*Click Here to read Chancellor Bonnyman's remarks in their entirety.

No Small Matter -

Amanda Bradley

On March 26, LAW members gathered at the offices of Bone Law for a Lunch and Learn sponsored by the Practicing Parents Committee. Members enjoyed lunch together while viewing the documentary, <u>No Small Matter</u>, which focuses on the crucial years of early childhood education and the critical need for more childcare facilities nationwide. The film is designed to educate people about the childcare shortage crisis and kick-start the public conversation about the importance of early care and education and its longterm effects on our population. Practicing Parents Committee Co-chair, Lynne Ingram, has been working with the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee to bring the issue of the childcare shortage in Nashville to the forefront. After the film, members shared about their own experiences with childcare in Nashville and engaged in thoughtful conservation about steps we can take as both parents and members of Nashville's legal community to raise awareness and do something about the shortage of affordable, quality childcare in our community.







Amanda is a 2019-2020 Archivist and past co-chair of the Practicing Parents Committee. She is a Law Clerk and Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Frank G. Clement Jr. on the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

International Markets in Nashville for Asian Ingredients

By: Callie Tran

One of my most distinctive memories, especially in terms of smell, is visiting international markets with my mom. Whether the plan was to make traditional Vietnamese dishes or classic vegetable sides, she frequented the international markets to get the necessary ingredients. Luckily, she brought me along to help her gather the ingredients, and, at the end, I got to pick out a unique sweet treat in the candy aisle.

If you have never been to an international market, do not let the idea of unusual food and unfamiliar aisles scare you away. When you first visit an international market, the sights and smells can certainly overwhelm you. However, most international markets are organized like local grocery stores, with clear separation of fresh produce, shelf stable goods, frozen items, and meat and fish displays. The aisles are generally divided into cuisines—Chinese, Mexican, Vietnamese, Thai, etc. This can still be overwhelming for a first time visitor, so some suggested tips:

- Know the type of cuisine in the recipe you are using
- Google any ingredients you are totally unfamiliar with to figure out if it's a fresh or shelf item
- Ask the employees for help to locate the item, determine what size to buy, or recommend a brand
- Try some of the different sweets and snacks!

I usually get my standard kitchen pantry items and fresh produce to inspire my next meals. Some staples in my kitchen:

- Kikkoman reduced sodium soy sauce
- Oyster sauce: adds depth to any stir fry recipe. I use a vegetarian version that is just as good.
- Lee Kum Kee Hoisin sauce: great to add both sweet and saltiness-often used as an add-on in pho
- Sriracha: familiar flavorful hot sauce popping up in more and more restaurants these days. I use it on pretty much everything, Asian dishes or not.
- Three Crabs fish sauce: a Vietnamese staple. My mom swears by this brand.
- Huy Fong Foods chili garlic sauce (sambal): another favorite hot sauce that is thicker than Sriracha

Nashville has some great international markets. If you have a new Asian recipe to try, check out these:

- K & S World Market:
 - ◊ 5861 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209; (615) 353-8681
 - ♦ The largest market on this list where I have done general grocery shopping
- King Market:
 - ♦ 1801 Antioch Pike, Nashville, TN 37013; (615) 333-3103
 - ◊ Lao/Thai market that serves authentic dishes in its connected restaurant
- International Market and Restaurant:
 - 2010 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37212; (615) 297-4453
 - ◊ Long-standing market and restaurant that serves Thai dishes near Belmont
- InterAsian Market and Deli:
 - ◊ 2160 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211; (615) 742-3268
 - ♦ Market that is well-known for its banh mi sandwiches

Visiting an international market is an *experience* that can be a lot of fun. Every time I go, I see an item I have never heard of or would even imagine using in a recipe. Be sure to check out our local international markets and wander to the nearby restaurants to get inspired for your next meal!



Callie is a Compliance Specialist at Change Healthcare.

A Local's Guide to Navigating Nashville Summers and Avoiding Tourists

By: Tabitha Robinson

The days are getting longer, and the weather's getting warmer. Summer in Nashville will be here before we know it! And as we all know, with the beautiful days come the droves of tourists ready to kill our vibe. If you are looking for something fun to do this summer, don't get caught up in the throes of lower Broadway—or heaven forbid—in a hot tub on wheels. Instead, here are some ideas that are more local-friendly and hopefully tourist-free:

1. Big Band Dances

Wanting to dance the night away like Daisy and Gatsby? Nashville Parks and Recreation and the Tennessee Arts Commission host big band dances every week, featuring some of Nashville's best musicians and bands. Gather at Centennial Park any Saturday in June–August from 7:00-10:00 p.m. (with the exception of the week of Independence Day) for a night of free music, dancing, and food trucks. If you're like me and have two left feet, there are free dance lessons at the beginning of every event. You can find this year's schedule at:

https://www.nashville.gov/Portals/0/SiteContent/Parks/docs/culturalarts/Music/SummerConcerts/BigBand2019FULL-Schedule..pdf.

2. Nashville Symphony's Outdoor Concert Series

Nashville Symphony's community concerts are probably one of my favorite events to go to during the summer. Every year, the Nashville Symphony performs free concerts at various parks and recreation areas around town. This year, the Symphony will perform at Centennial Park, Two Rivers Mansion (my personal favorite!), Smith Springs Community Center, Cumberland University, Key Park, Cherokee Dock, and the Historic Rock Castle. There's nothing better than lying on a blanket with a bottle of wine and listening to the Nashville Symphony as the sun sets. What's more, there are prize giveaways and fun for the whole family. Here is a link to this year's community concert schedule: https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/communityconcerts



Photo by Nashville Symphony

3. Hip Donelson's Farmer's Market

Tucked away from the bustle of downtown, Hip Donelson's Farmer's Market features live music and local food, as well as produce and hand-crafted items for purchase. There's something for everyone at the Market. Hip Donelson's Farmer's Market kicks off its 2019 season on May 3. This year, the Market will be hosted on the lawn of Two Rivers Mansion every Friday from 4-7 p.m. There's even a shuttle bus that transports Market-goers from the Music City Star's Donelson Station to the Market. Some of my Farmer's Market favorites are Panini Bread's pastries, the heirloom tomatoes, and the local honey. Learn more about Hip Donelson's Farmer's Market at: https://www.facebook.com/HipDonelsonFarmersMarket/

4. Radnor Lake State Park

Who doesn't love Radnor Lake? And what better time to visit than in the summer? Radnor Lake State Park features 1,368 acres of nature preserve, six miles of walking trails, and wildlife abound, including turtles sunning on rocks and otters traversing the lake! If you're a bird enthusiast, Radnor Lake is a perfect place for birding and is home to the Barbara J. Mapp Aviary Education Center, a place where you can observe owls and other birds native to the area. Radnor Lake is one of Nashville's greatest ecological gems, if not the best. Learn more about Radnor Lake State Park at: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/info/radnor-lake

5. Longhunter State Park

Located on the eastern shores of Percy Priest Lake, Longhunter State Park has something for every nature lover. I love packing a picnic lunch and sitting on one of the craggy rocks hanging over the lake. There's a swimming area and abundant waters for boating, fishing, and waterskiing. There's also a paved walking trail, along with easy to moderate hiking trails throughout the park. Longhunter State Park is definitely one of my favorite "zen" places in all of Nashville. Discover all Longhunter State Park has to offer at: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/activities/long-hunter.



Photo by Tennessee State Parks

6. Nashville Paintball, Inc.

Does it hurt? I'd be lying if I said it didn't...but don't let that prevent you from participating in one of Nashville's most exciting recreational activities. As a matter of fact, Nashville Paintball's website claims that paintball is safer than tennis or golf. Located in Hermitage, Nashville Paintball offers games for all experience levels and for everyone 10-years-old and up. Grab a group of friends and release some stress as you dodge between structures and avoid being hit by hurling orbs of paint. Nashville Paintball provides all of the equipment you need, so just be sure to come in comfy shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Learn more at: https://www.nashvillepaintball.com/.

7. Brushfire Pottery

If paintball isn't your speed, then Brushfire's for you. It's a perfect opportunity to get out of Nashville's sweltering heat and paint your own pottery. Located in Green Hills, Brushfire hosts parties and team building activities, as well as solo and small group painting sessions. For \$7, you receive unlimited access to an array of paint, assistance from one of Brushfire's instructors, and design tools such as stencils, brushes, and sponges. From there, you can select as much pottery as you desire (for an additional price per item) and paint away! Painting pottery is a fun, relaxing, and satisfying creative outlet. The best part about painting pottery is picking up your finished pieces after they have been fired in the kiln. I have bowls, coasters, and plates from Brushfire that I have been using for years—the pottery truly withstands the test of time and serves as a constant reminder of fun memories. Learn more at:

https://www.brushfirepottery.com/.

8. Lane Motor Museum

As we all know, Nashville has its fair share of stormy days that are better spent indoors. For these days, there's Lane Motor Museum. Particularly enticing to the husbands and dads in your lives, the Lane Motor Museum features a large collection of antique automobiles, motorcycles, planes, and bikes. Lane Motor Museum hosts special exhibits throughout the year. This summer, Lane Motor Museum will feature, "Eureka! Innovative Ideas That Were Ahead Of Their Time." You can learn more about Lane Motor Museum at: https://www.lanemotormuseum.org/.



Photo by Lane Motor Museum

Hopefully, you found something on this list that piqued your interest. Have fun this summer, and good luck evading the tourists!



Tabitha Robinson is a 2018-2019 Newsletter Editor and Staff Attorney for Nashville Electric Service.



New Member Spotlight Elizabeth Moreton

Where are you from? Tell us about your path to practicing law. I was born and raised in Columbus, Georgia (about 100 miles southwest of Atlanta). I graduated from the University of Georgia with a history degree and then moved to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt Law. It was an amazing three years, and Nashville truly became a "second home." After graduation, I moved back to Columbus to work for a small firm because I had the opportunity to work with and learn from an incredible female employment law partner. I spent my last year in Columbus clerking for a United States Magistrate Judge.

What brought you to Nashville? When my now-husband proposed in 2016, he was living in Missouri and I was clerking in Georgia. We dated three years long distance, and it was time to finally pick a place to settle together. Andrew suggested Nashville because it is halfway in between our families and is, of course, a great city. I couldn't say "yes" fast enough. I moved back to Nashville in September

2017. Andrew joined me in late November, just 10 days before our December 2, 2017 wedding. We could not be happier with our life and community here, and I am forever grateful that life circumstances brought me back to my "second home."

Tell us about your family. My family is small but wonderful! My husband Andrew is a Missouri-native I met when we were both in the bridal party of two of my law school classmates. We are a very cliché bridesmaid/groomsman pairing who made it down the aisle ourselves. Andrew and I have been married almost a year and a half, and we love our life in the Hillsboro West End neighborhood. Andrew is the General Counsel and Director of Operations for Medlin Equipment Company, a farm and construction equipment dealership network. My parents and younger brother still live in Georgia, but we are fortunate to spend summer weekends together on Lake Martin, Alabama.

What do you do professionally and what is your favorite part of your job? I am a commercial litigator at Butler Snow LLP. I work on all stages of a variety of business disputes. I always say that my job is to help my client resolve their legal issue effectively and efficiently, so that they can get back to the core mission of their business. My favorite part of my job is interfacing with clients, getting to know them, and working to achieve their goals. A very close second is getting to work with the amazing team at Butler Snow.

What books are you reading right now? I just finished two Jennifer Close novels – *The Smart One* and *The Hopefuls*. I am currently reading *The Power of Habit* by Charles Duhigg.

What is your favorite quote, piece of advice, or a motto you try to live by? My very favorite words are Romans 13:8: "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law." I don't think there is anything more important we can do than to love our neighbors well. I feel so fortunate to work in a service-based industry, interacting with different people all day every day. I really try to have a positive attitude and take every opportunity to encourage and uplift others.

Any other fun facts that LAW members don't know about you? I never learned to ride a bike! At age 27, I thought maybe it was time to learn. I was a busy first-year attorney, so the only time I could find to "practice" my bike riding skills was long after sunset on a Wednesday night. I suited up in thick jeans, a sweatshirt, a brand new helmet, and a full set of knee and elbow pads. I must have been quite the spectacle, because a member of the neighborhood watch was dispatched "assess the threat" of an adult biker riding in wobbly circles at 9:30 p.m. After about a dozen laps in my cul-de-sac, I decided I'd had enough and have never mustered the courage to try again.

What woman inspires you most and why? I am incredibly inspired by my mother, Kimberly Wise. I honestly can't think of anything more inspiring than seeing such an example of grace, balance, honesty, and determination up close, lived out in daily life. My mom never missed a dance lesson, class play, or National History Day competition; she has a radically generous heart; and, I'd put her homemade spaghetti sauce up against any chef's in the country. Before her well-earned retirement a year ago, she also served as the CFO and Treasurer of a private equity firm. My mom taught me to put the interest of others above my own, to give my best effort in everything I do, and to work to live a life that actually reflects my priorities.

Thank you to our Sustaining Members who support the programs, mission and purposes of LAW above and beyond the Sliding Income Scale categories.

Audrey Anderson Anne Arney Kristi W. Arth Katherine Austin Laura Baker Cindy Barnett Kathryn Barnett Margaret Behm **Raquel Bellamy** April Berman Judge Cheryl Blackburn Christen Blackburn Judge Melissa Blackburn Chancellor Claudia Bonnyman Jan Bossing **Dewey Branstetter** Hunter Branstetter Mary Katherine Bratton Lori Brewer Tracey Carter Kristen Cass Jenny Charles Justice Connie Clark Kimberly Clark Brooke Coplon Nancy Krider Corley Chelsea Curtis Judge Martha Daughtrey Rebecca Demaree Jackie Dixon Sherie Edwards Jason Epstein Amy Everhart **Doreen Farthing** Mandy Floyd Shana Fonnesbeck Jessica Gichner Elizabeth Gonser Shellie Handelsman Laura Heiman Lisa Helton Jenny Howard Lynne Ingram Michele Johnson Judge Lynda Jones Brendi Kaplan Anne Marie Kempf Nina Kumar

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