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Plan to attend the 46th Annual New Admittees' Breakfast

November 8, 2022 in the Davidson Ballroom at the Music City Center

7:15 am Registration, Coffee & Networking

8:00 am Program and address by Chancellor Moskal



Keynote Speaker Chancellor Patricia Head Moskal

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Shellie Handelsman



The Women's Political Collaborative of Tennessee organized an exceptional program to honor and swear in the 18 women judges and 1 woman public defender who were elected to serve in Davidson County. This historic event, showcasing a record number of women elected to these positions, was held on August 13, 2022 at the Historic Hermitage Hotel.

LAW was one of the sponsors of this event, as 18 of these women are LAW members, with several serving on this year's Board and many maintaining Sustaining Memberships with LAW. When LAW's founders organized their first meeting in January 1981, at the suggestion of Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey, one of its purposes was to work on the selection of qualified women for election and nomination to the bench, and for the continuing improvement of the overall quality of the bench. 41 years later, in a room packed with hundreds of

people supporting these women, I can imagine how thrilled our LAW founders are, as their hard work and perseverance led to this historic moment. I know Judge Daughtrey was elated as she recognized these trailblazers.

As you likely have already seen or heard, one of these Judges, Chancellor Patricia Moskal, will also be the speaker at our New Admittees' Breakfast this year. Chancellor Moskal is currently serving on our Long Term Planning Committee and continues to be actively involved in LAW. I can't wait to hear how she inspires the new admittees on November 8, 2022 before they are sworn in to the Bar.

I'm excited this year's Breakfast will be in person and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. I hope your firm and/or you personally will consider being a Breakfast Sponsor. In addition to our Firm Sponsorships, LAW has added two options: the Founder's Circle and Individual Sustaining Sponsorships. You can find more details about registration, tickets, and sponsorships on our website.

When women support each other, incredible things happen,

Shellie

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The Changing Abortion Landscape After *Dobbs*

By Devon Williamson

On August 24, 2022, at noon CST via Zoom, a panel of five accomplished women convened to discuss the future of abortion in the state of Tennessee post-*Dobbs* ruling. The panel was moderated by Jenny Charles, an Assistant District Attorney for Davidson County.

This diverse panel included Knoxville Criminal Defense Attorney Chloe Akers, Tennessee State Senator Heidi Campbell, TN Right to Life Representative Tomi Robb, Nashville OBGYN's Dr. Carolyn C. Thompson, M.D., and Plan C Co-Founder Elisa Wells.

Specifically, each speaker provided the following input on Tennessee's new abortion statute that was enacted as a result of the *Dobbs*' decision:

Chloe Akers. Chloe, a criminal defense attorney, began by breaking down the elements of the statute from a legal perspective. She went on to emphasize that Tennessee's abortion statute has absolutely "no exceptions" and that "the termination of a pregnancy after fertilization (i.e., when a heartbeat forms) is a class C felony in Tennessee." Ms. Akers acknowledged that there are "affirmative defenses" in the statute, but stressed what that actually means is that the medical provider would be arrested, indicted, hauled into court, and then, at trial, would have to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she determined that in his or her medical opinion, an abortion was needed to save the mother from substantial harm. Ms. Akers vehemently warned that "any time medical providers in this state perform an abortion, even if it's an ectopic pregnancy, they are putting themselves at risk of criminal prosecution."

Heidi Campbell. Senator Campbell focused on the intent of why Tennessee lawmakers enacted this statute. She stressed that this is merely an attempt to overtake the control of democracy and one of the best ways to do that is to get women under control. She lamented that this is really a misogynistic law that seeks to control women, because, per the Senator, the reality is that Tennessee is one of the most regressive states in the country when it comes to the caretaking of children.

Tomi Robb. Pro-life activist Tomi Robb also focused on the "intent" aspect of this law, but in a different way. According to Ms. Robb, if a medical provider's intent is to not perform an abortion, but rather, to save the life of a woman, then that is not considered an abortion under the law. She also expressed that with regard to rapes specifically, abortions "are not a magic cure to make trauma better and are not a solution." She expressed that women can look toward the resources available to support them after being impregnated by their rapist, as opposed to causing another tragedy, i.e., killing a human life.

Dr. Carolyn Thompson. Dr. Thompson expressed many concerns from a medical doctor's standpoint, stating that "there are certain pregnancies that can never be taken to term - so, all you're doing is prolonging a pregnancy that cannot result in a viable pregnancy while putting the mother in a life-threatening situation." Dr. Thompson further stated that "Now, in Tennessee, physicians have a choice between committing malpractice or committing a felony." And, because of this, Dr. Thompson is "terrified."

Elisa Wells. Ms. Wells is extremely concerned about the effects of this law on women's health. She stated that she heard about one woman drinking bleach to induce an abortion and is worried tactics like these will continue to happen. She is a passionate proponent of abortion pills and wishes

to make them more accessible. Ms. Wells stated that WHO has done a lot of research about the pills and says that a woman can safely self-manage her abortion up to 12 weeks. She thinks this Tennessee statute does not prevent abortions; it only makes them harder to get.

The discussion concluded with Ms. Akers stating that though Nashville District Attorney Glen Funk has said that he won't prosecute doctors, the legislature, in effect, circumvented this by allowing for the removal of DA's for refusing to follow the law. Ms. Akers stressed that this law also implicates the actions of mid-wives, anesthesiologists, nurses; really, anyone involved in the process of an abortion as it takes place in a hospital. She cautioned that this is going to have a wide-reaching catastrophic effect in Tennessee and pleaded for Tennessee lawmakers to write an explicit exception to be written into the law.

Ms. Akers is passionate and disheartened about the fact that there is no exception in this statute and that interpreting intent just like Ms. Robb does proves her point even more: that if the legislature wanted to put exceptions in the statute, it would have explicitly done so. Ms. Akers stresses that "pregnancy is not a problem to be solved, but rather, it is a medical condition to be treated."



From Top Left: Chloe Akers, Jenny Charles, Dr. Carolyn Thompson. From Bottom Left: Elisa Wells, TN State Senator Heidi Campbell, Tomi Robb



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The Importance of Being A Well-Rounded Attorney

By Judge Lynda Jones

Parents know what it means to have well rounded children. We want our children to be exposed to many different activities from academic to arts and athletics. So, it only goes to follow that as young attorneys, it is important to have a variety of experiences. Not only in the law, but also with civic engagement and social outlets.

LAW has nominated a number of women for Athena recognition who excel academically, are brilliant lawyers and stand head and shoulder among male peers in the performance in the legal arena. However, it is also important to have other outlets in addition to the law. As you may know, you are able to cultivate clients when you have interests outside of your law practice. Those interests maybe as varied as karate or art class. Or you may make a number of friends and be civically engaged in the community groups. A few groups that come to mind are the Kiwanis, the Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, or a civic sorority of some type like Alpha Kappa Alpha.

All of these experiences serve to weave a broader viewpoint for attorney. Look at some of our former Athena winners in Nashville.

Ellen McIntyre and I recently wrote about different leadership groups available in our region. This month I will touch on a few civically engaged groups that are very respected:

Downtown Kiwanis of Nashville - Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy and offering guidance.

Rotary Club of Nashville – They seek to impact our community and personally enriching by providing forums for fellowship, understanding and service among engaged leaders.

The Links - The outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated has five facets which include Services to Youth, The Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services. The programs are implemented through strategies such as public information and education, economic development, and public policy campaigns.

Delta Sorority - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, West Africa and the Republic of Korea.

Les Gemmes - Les Gemmes, Incorporated is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, civic, and cultural purposes; and is committed to promoting positive influences within local communities.

Nashville Chapter of Jack and Jill - Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2 – 19, dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty.

Alpha Kappa Alpha - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded on a mission of five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority's inception. Our mission is to culti-

vate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."

The Junior League of Nashville - The Junior League of Nashville is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Breakfast Club of Nashville - The Breakfast Club of Nashville is an association to support the business and service of its members by providing them information of common interest, using each other's services or products, and recommending member services or products to those outside the club.

The American Association University Women - Advancing gender equity through research, education and advocacy.

Nashville Cable - Cable is an influential, resource-rich organization affecting positive change for women to achieve personal and professional success.

The National Association of Women Business Owners, Nashville Chapter - NAWBO is a national organization created exclusively for women business owners, designed to help each member grow their community with a trusted network of collaborators and partners. Nashville NAWBO is Nashville's local chapter – meaning you can foster relationships on both a local and national level.

I encourage you to look into these civic groups as well as to pursue other personal passions. You are in a privileged position in our world. You hold a degree, training, and income higher than over 95% of the rest of the world.

To whom much is given, much will be required (**Luke 12:48**).



Judge Jones is a 2022-2023 co-chair of the Judicial Appointments, Elections and Awards Committee. She is judge of Division IX of the Davidson County General Sessions Court. Elections and Awards

Recap of Joint CLE with the NBA

Advocating for and Welcoming our LGBTQ+ Clients

By Kierstin Jodway



From Left, Olivia Hill, Abby Rubenfeld, Stephanie Roth and Josh Wood

In a joint CLE put together by the Nashville Bar Association and LAW, a group of leaders gathered on September 15, 2022 at the NBA Office to discuss ways to advocate for and assist LGBTQ+ clients. It was informative and inspiring.

The panel included Abby Rubenfeld of the Rubenfeld Law Office, Josh Wood, partner at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, Stephanie Roth, Vice Chancellor for Equal Access at Vanderbilt University, and lastly, Author, Veteran, and Political Activist, Olivia Ruth Hill. Moderating the panel was Founder of Elder Law Nashville, Barbara Moss.

This loaded panel discussed many hot-topic issues in the legal industry for LGBTQ+ folks, including issues related to marriage equality, estate planning, employment, and Title IX. Below are some of the highlights of each panel member's insights and experience:

Abby Rubenfeld, who was instrumental to the marriage equality case, *Obergefell v. Hodges (Tanco v. Haslam)*, spoke to the recent implications of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs* and concerns among the LGBTQ+ community as to whether marriage equality is at risk in light of Justice Thomas's concurring opinion. Specifically, Justice Thomas posited that the Supreme Court "should reconsider" its past rulings codifying rights to contraception access, same-sex relationships and same-sex marriage. Ms. Rubenfeld weighed in, noting that there is likely not a current majority on the Supreme Court that would favor overturning these key Constitutional rulings, but emphasized that it is more important than ever to get out and vote in local, state and federal elections, all of which impact the judiciary.

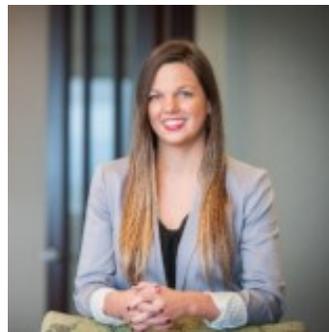
Josh Wood, who practices employment law at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, discussed his practice and how he advises clients on various LGBTQ+ issues. For instance, he discussed the importance of looking at the recruiting processes to ensure that businesses are reaching LGBTQ+ candidates in their recruiting efforts, as well as being intentional about the individuals selected and trained to interview candidates. Next, Mr. Wood discussed the importance of evaluating on-boarding forms to make sure they are inclusive of all gender identities and training managers and HR folks such that they are equipped to investigate complaints related to LGBTQ+ matters. Mr. Wood also discussed the work he does in revising employment policies in order for them to read in a gender-neutral manner, as well as the importance of all employers creating a transition policy so that they are prepared to support an employee who wishes to transition. Finally, Mr. Wood discussed that these efforts only truly make a difference if they are also reflected in the company's culture.

Next, we heard from Vice Chancellor for Equal Access at Vanderbilt University, **Stephanie Roth**, who spoke to her experience in the Title IX space addressing LGBTQ+ issues. Ms. Roth discussed the ever-changing guidance issued by various Presidential Administrations on how Title IX applies to

LGBTQ+ issues, as well as the Executive Order President Biden issued on Day one of his presidency guaranteeing an Educational Experience Free from Discrimination on the Basis of Sex. Ms. Roth spoke to Vanderbilt and other Universities that are prioritizing equality and non-discrimination for the LGBTQ+ students, regardless of whether they are mandated by Title IX. Ms. Roth noted that the LGBTQ+ community remains particularly vulnerable when it comes to being victims of sexual assault and the efforts undertaken to combat this unfortunate reality. Likewise, she also emphasized the importance of voting, as we are seeing many state governments, including Tennessee, enacting laws requiring students to participate in sports that align with the gender assigned to them at birth.

Last, but certainly not least, we heard from the ever-inspiring **Olivia Ruth Hill**, who weighed in on all of these issues from her perspective of navigating the world as a transgender woman living in Nashville. She spoke about how she did not truly realize how pervasive white male privilege was until she transitioned. No longer was she assumed to be smart, hard-working, focused, strong, etc. Agreeing with Ms. Rubinfeld, Ms. Hill spoke about the importance of voting in local elections, especially as Tennessee remains the only state in the country that does not allow individuals to modify their gender assigned on their birth certificate. She also spoke on issues of sports and bathrooms, pointing out that many of the same arguments we are seeing being used against the transgender community today were once used against people of color to keep them from obtaining equal rights.

It was an inspiring and deeply important discussion. The personal stories and perspectives were touching to those in attendance, both virtually and in-person. LAW thanks the panel, as well as panel moderator, Barbara Moss, for putting this program together and leading the way for others to use their law degree to do good in our community and in the world.



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In addition to the physical benefits, yoga helps my mental health and helps me be a better human . . . better member of society . . . better participant in personal relationships. Yoga does this by helping me connect with myself and helping me learn how to explore and respond to stresses instead of letting anxiety run wild with knee-jerk reactions. Over time, I build more awareness about how I feel and what I need by clearing out the clutter in my mind, and I can adjust my life according to those needs.

Most people probably think of yoga as just the physical postures, but it is really an 8-limbed path toward enlightenment. “Enlightenment” may sound hokey, but, really, the end game is cultivating as many moments of true, internal peace as possible—that sense that there is no better place to be than right here, right now. Anyhow, the 8-limbed path appears in the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, which is an ancient text with widely accepted translation and commentary. The eight limbs are the yamas (abstinences), niyamas (observances), asana (yoga postures), pranayama (breath control), pratyahara (withdrawal of the senses), dharana (concentration), dhyana (meditation) and samadhi (absorption). The yamas are ethical rules to live by or the “don’ts,” so to speak, which are: nonviolence, non-lying, non-stealing, chastity, and non-greed. The niyamas are moral codes to live by or the “dos,” which are: purity (of speech and body), contentment, persistence/self-discipline, self-study, and surrender (to God, to a higher power, to your truth).

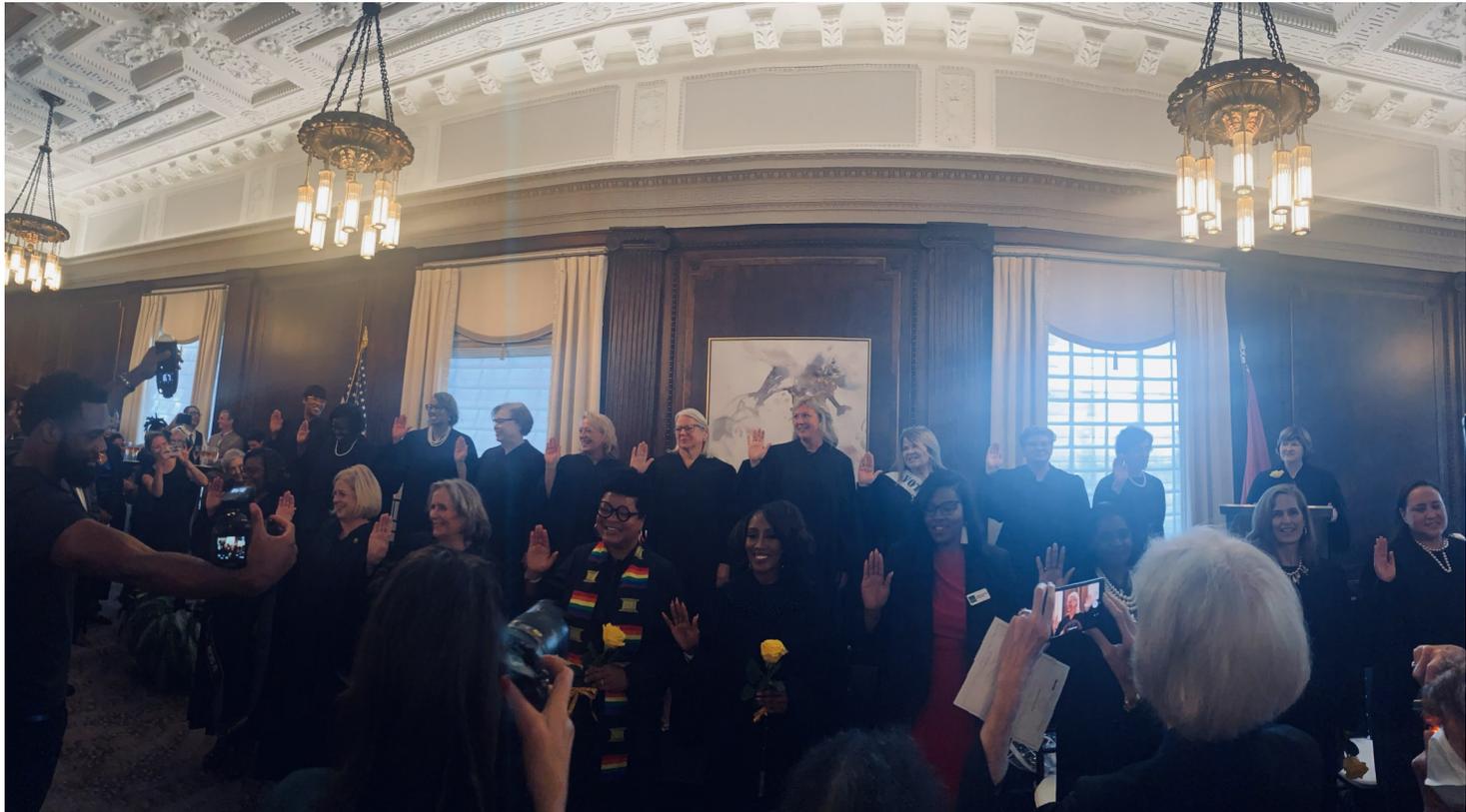
The ideas encompassed in the 8-limbed path and, especially in the yamas and niyamas, are amenable to integration into any religion. In teacher training, I was with 15 other folks from varied backgrounds and faiths, and I am not aware of anyone having had a problem reconciling the 8-limbed path with their beliefs. They are simply ideas on which you can focus and reflect from time to time as you practice strengthening each. For example, if you wanted to focus on the first yama, ahimsa (nonviolence), you could examine that from many angles thinking of the various synonyms as well (kindness, love). Are you being kind to yourself on the mat in your yoga practice? Are you accepting where you are? Or are you judging yourself and your strength or flexibility? Are you comparing yourself to or judging others and their practice? Off the mat, you can apply the concept the same way, thinking about personal relationships, work relationships, etc. Then, you can do the same exercise with each of the yamas and niyamas.

Overall, I have found that after practicing yoga and learning so much about the history and philosophy of yoga, I feel much more healthy and settled in life. I feel strong and flexible, and have less aches and pains. And, I am more confident in my decision-making, have more feelings of peacefulness and happiness as well. If you would like to explore a little more, I have two recommendations. First, take a class or two (or five!). There are several available communities and free classes available around town. Search for Small World Yoga or Hot Yoga of East Nashville to check their schedules or come to the next Stretch-n-Sip hosted by LAW. Second, read up on the 8-limbed path. There are tons of books exploring the 8-limbed path and people with their yoga journeys. Two that I have read are, [Yoga and the Path of the Urban Mystic](#) by Darren Main (specifically, part two) and [Journey Into Power](#) by Barron Baptiste.



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A Historic Swearing In Event The Hermitage Hotel August 13, 2022



Banff & Montreal

By Jenny Charles

We chose to vacation in Canada because Banff's views looked otherworldly on Instagram and Montreal has one of the largest street mural festivals in the world not to mention its reputation as a foody paradise. Heading north for a fraction of the cost of a European destination turned out to be a fantastic choice.

If you are anything like me, your idea of a rewarding vacation is hiking to near exhaustion surrounded by picturesque views and returning to the creature comforts of a nice hotel. We spent day one hiking Healy Pass which wound us through a shaded forest and meadows flooded with wildflowers until we reached the apex affording gorgeous views of the peaks. The next morning, we started early-like 5 am early-to ensure a parking space at Lake Louise which is the crown jewel of Banff National Park. The lake's water is a vibrant turquoise produced by rock flour when nearby glaciers melt. On the shores of Lake Louise begins the 2-mile hike to the Lake Agnes Tea House offering homemade baked goods and yes, lots of tea.

On day 3, we made the road trip from Banff to Jasper along the Icefields Parkway which is comparably as beautiful as the drive through Yellowstone Park. Jasper is Banff's smaller, relaxed, less visited northern neighbor that boasts the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. We travelled to Jasper for



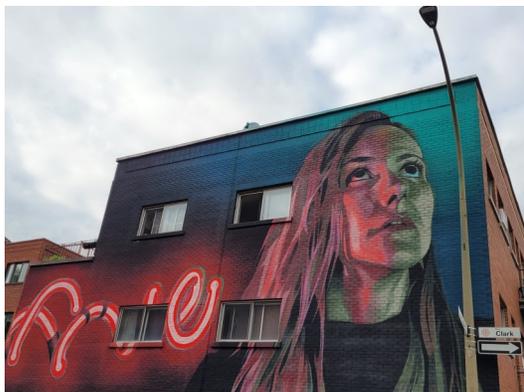
one reason and one reason only: the Sulphur Skyline Trail. The hike was grueling, and the mosquitoes were the size of hummingbirds but the view from the top can be described as near spiritual. The end of our day was capped off at the Jasper Brewing Company which featured the wonderful Babe Tangerine Dream beer.

Montreal was next and would turn out to be one of the most beautiful cities I have seen with one of the largest collections of public art in the world. The city is distinctly French, walkable, cosmopolitan, and chock full of cafes offering something for every taste including the Angry Birds chocolate pastry I bought.

We spent our first night perched at the bar of the Marcus restaurant watching a DJ spin a pair of vinyl records. This was not something we would typically do but the people watching was great and the seafood tower and tomato salad was even better. Montreal is a seafood and vegetable heavy city. Yes-

there is poutine and smoked meat sandwiches but there are also heirloom tomatoes as large as the human head and sea bass so rich it tasted like dessert. The night ended with a multimedia light display inside the Notre-Dame Basilica and a walk around Old Montreal with an ongoing art installation featuring videos inspired by the city's history projected onto city and alleyway walls.

We spent the last leg of our trip at Montreal's botanical garden with its giant thematic sculptures and exploring the city's street art. Ever since visiting Detroit and seeing their outdoor murals, I've looked for vacation destinations with a variety of street art. Every June thousands descend onto Montreal to see the mural festival and landlords clamor to have a wall of their buildings painted. Highlights included a multicolored Jackie Robinson mural who began his baseball career with the Montreal Royals and a mural of a woman staring up a streetlamp painted by a Canadian artist who formerly worked in a neon light factory.



In close, Banff and Montreal were simply amazing and if you are looking for a destination close to the states with ease of travel, you cannot go wrong with Canada.



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Life + Law: The Horse Birthday Party

By Amy Everhart

As a lawyer mama I am two different people. Lawyer-Me wears a pretty dress + heels, knows a whole ton about a lot of things, speaks with confidence, and has a tidy and serene office space painted in “Watery” (Sherwin-Williams 6478). Mama-Me wears whatever is not still sitting in the washer a week later + rain boots on a sunny day, still has no clue about this whole motherhood thing despite years of it because it keeps changing without warning, speaks in shrieks, and won’t open the door more than an inch to visitors because the walls inside her house are decorated in Sharpie (Techno Blue 0078FD).

It’s just easier to compartmentalize these two types of me, but every so often they intersect. And every time this makes me rather...trepidatious.

If you ever met my kids, you would understand.

But how can you say no to an invitation to the birthday party of a 34-year-old horse? On a pretty day in May, Williamson County Judge Deanna Johnson hosted a birthday party for her horse, Reagan, who turned 34! — and kindly invited local lawyers plus their children to help celebrate. I knew we couldn’t miss this. At the same time, I couldn’t stop picturing my children sending poor old Reagan into cardiac arrest, hanging from the barn rafters, or failing to keep their elbows off the table. This could seriously damage my competent-lawyer rep.



Naturally, my 7-year-old daughter, Georgie, was all over the idea of a horse birthday party. She dressed herself in her special horse dress (the one with pictures of horses printed all over the satiny skirt) and cowgirl boots and styled her own hair. My 9-year-old son, Teddy, prefers Minecraft and memorizing Rubik’s Cube algorithms to talking these days, so I wasn’t sure how he would do. He

changed out of his muddy baseball gear into a blue Gatorade-stained face and declared himself ready.

On the drive there we went over the rules again: “Remember, it’s ‘Yes, ma’am! Yes, sir! Please! Thank you!’ Practice it with me: ‘Yes, ma’am! Yes, sir! Please! Thank you!’ This is the South. It’s not like North Dakota at Grandma’s house. And please don’t climb onto the top of the car again. At least in front of people.”

We turned a corner and came upon a pretty green pasture, three horses who called it home, and a barn filled with delicious barbecue smells and all kinds of horsey crafts and games. Georgie’s eyes sparkled at the sight of the table filled with barbecue and all the fixings, and she memorized it for later. But first she had things to do. She and her brother wasted no time proceeding to make every craft and play every game in the barn. Then, cowboy hats firmly on and kerchiefs tied as any good cowboy would, *they were ready to ride.*

We wandered outside over to the horses, where Judge Johnson’s son was leading the kids around on horse rides. Georgie somehow always seemed first in line for the next ride, and I don’t know if it was the horses or Judge Johnson’s son she liked best. He and the horses share the prize for Most Patient, and he even played football with the kids. Teddy, a future zoologist, bonded with each horse and then rode them all again. I love that he went straight for the Jesse James look without apology, and I love that he’s still little sometimes even if he doesn’t think he is.



Long past when anyone was still in the barn eating, Georgie announced: “I haven’t had the food yet.” Then sashayed back to the barn to load up a plate of barbecue, baked beans and potato salad and proceed to chow down like any cowgirl can.

Naturally we closed the place down, the last to leave with one other family, because that’s how the Everharts always do it. As I drove my little herd home, the sun setting over the plains and cowboy songs playing in our hearts, Georgie asked, “Mommy, can we go to the birthday party again next year?”

I’ll admit I was a little relieved it went as well as it did. They said “please” and “thank you,” if sometimes with Mommy-prompts. They didn’t climb onto the top of the car while anyone was looking. Judge Johnson and her family were incredibly kind and welcoming. And the birthday boy survived our visit! In fact, what a special party, one we are not likely to forget. Thank you, Judge Johnson, for the cowboy memories!

“Mamas, don’t let your babies grow up to be cowboys / Don’t let ‘em pick guitars or drive them old trucks / Let ‘em be doctors and lawyers and such.” ~ Waylon and Willie



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Marie Scott has moved from Neal and Harwell to the Nashville office of Fisher & Phillips, where she will serve Of Counsel.



Joycelyn Stevenson has moved from the Tennessee Bar Association to the Nashville office of Littler where she will serve as managing shareholder.



Devon Williamson has moved from Whitfield, Coleman and Montoya, PLLC to opening her own personal injury law firm in Nashville called DevonLaw, PLLC. DevonLaw is a Plaintiff's civil litigation firm representing people who have been injured due to the negligence or carelessness of another person or company.

KUDOS

KUDOS to Kaley Bell and her husband on the birth of their son, Lawson Tigrett Bell, born on September 28, 2022.

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