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Family, friends and judicial officers from the past came to celebrate U.S. Magistrate Judge Jill A. Morris as she ceremoniously became inaugurated and enrobed at the court's first full in-person ceremony on April 1, 2022, since the start of the pandemic.

The Judge was delighted with remarks and anecdotes from those who were close to her including Senior District Judge Nanette Laughrey whom Morris clerked for when her law career was in it's infancy, Dr. Amy Mulholland, Co-Owner of Associates in Family Psychology, Dan O'Toole of Armstrong Teasdale, and Michael Matula, Shareholder of Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak and Stewart.

Chief Judge Beth Phillips and Morris herself closed out the ceremony after being enrobed by her husband Paul and her two daughters.

The WDMO is proud to "officially" welcome her to the bench!



It was a courtroom filled with laughter, joy and tears during Magistrate Judge Brian Gaddy's investiture ceremony on May 20, 2022.

With the judge's over quarter-of-a-century work in complex criminal litigation, it's no wonder his program included notable speakers such as Jeremy Weis from the Federal Public Defender's Office, Walter Brown from Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak and Stewart, and the always popular J.R. Hobbs with Wyrsh Hobbs and Mirakian who also officially presented the Judge to the Court.

Many tales were told out of school as speakers reveled in reminiscing of not only times of joy but also times of intense emotions. It was clear to all who attended that Gaddy was not just well-liked; he was loved.

The WDMO is proud to welcome him to the bench!



Live and In Person

The WDMO was excited to host it's first full attendance live and in person CLE with the 14th Annual Koger Bankruptcy Symposium.

New-to-the-bench Bankruptcy Judge of the District of Delaware, the Hon. Craig T. Goldblatt shared his insights and observations as a budding judicial officer and the effects it has on the bar. Professor of law at the University of North Carolina Melissa J. Jacoby then shared insight into what constitutes a "person" in the eyes of bankruptcy law.

And back by popular demand, the symposium concluded with our panel of Bankruptcy Judges Cynthia Norton, Dennis Dow and Chief Brian Fenimore, acting U.S. Trustee Dan Casamatta and Chapter 13 Trustee Rick Fink., Scott Goldstein, bankruptcy-focused attorney from Spencer Fane, facilitated the discussion between the panel and the attendees on current bankruptcy law topics, rules and procedures. Mr. Goldstein has been consistently listed in Best Lawyers in America, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law section, Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, Banking, Bonds/Government Finance and has for several years been recognized in "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal.

Of course, a live and in person event would be incomplete without Joe's KC BBQ for lunch! What a way to kick off the end of the CLE season!



Live and In Person

The court held the 22nd Annual D. Brook Bartlett Lectures in conjunction with the Court's 200th Anniversary on Friday, June 24. The special celebration was held in the conference rooms at Harrah's hotel in North Kansas City. Over 300 WDMO attorneys attended the event.

Keeping the 200th anniversary spirit alive, Missouri State Archivist Dr. Kenneth H. Winn presented 200 years worth of legal issues and historical developments that impacted Missouri most of which involving the Western District. Following in tow was a lively panel discussion lead by the WDMO Historical Society President Jeff Simon, regarding the civil rights legacy of the Kansas City Race Riots. With special guests Mayor Quinton Lucas, Civic Leader Alvin Books, Director of KC Tenants Tara Raghuvver, and our own Senior District Judge Howard Sachs, the conversation was rich with history and stories that directly relate to modern day issues such as housing and urban development.

It wouldn't be Barlett without our Supreme Court genius Dean Erwin Chemerinsky. In addition to his annual Review of the Supreme Court presentation, he appeared on the local NPR radio station, KCUR truly minutes after the historic rulings (including Roe v. Wade) came down. [Listen here](#): 'What will it mean for the Supreme Court's legitimacy to go against the weight of public opinion?' | KCUR 89.3 - NPR—Up To Date

The Dean always seems to be in Kansas City for groundbreaking rulings!



WDMO Special Ceremonies



Chief District Judge Rodney W. Sippel of the Eastern District of Missouri, and cross designated for the Western District of Missouri (WDMO), conducted a joint bar oath ceremony at the Missouri State Capitol on Friday, April 22, 2022.

Surrounded by friends and family, forty-two new attorneys who recently passed the February 2022 Missouri State Bar exam were sworn in to the Western District of Missouri.

The next joint bar oath ceremony will be held on September 30, 2022, for new attorneys who passed the July 2022 Missouri State Bar exam. The WDMO would like to wish all of these new attorneys the best of luck!

For the first time ever at this location, Fort Leonard Wood congratulated thirteen new U.S. citizens from eleven different countries at their naturalization ceremony held in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate courtroom. U.S. Magistrate Judge Willie J. Epps, Jr., along with Col. Anthony Pollio, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood commander were present to address the new citizens.

Becoming a citizen has been an easier process for service members since 2002, when an executive order was signed that expedites the citizenship application process for active-duty service members serving on or after Sept. 11, 2001.



District Judge Stephen Bough, his staff and Clerk's Office administrative staff greeted more than 2,000 visitors to The K on a rainy Friday morning, August 19th. The smiles, tears and a few hugs from the new citizens and their families were all that was needed to make this a memorable day. A special thanks goes out to the Kansas City Royals for their generosity in providing a wonderful facility and amazing staff for such an event.

During the ceremony, the Senior VP and Chief Legal Officer for the Kansas City Royals Adam Sachs (son of Senior District Judge Howard Sachs), spoke on behalf of the organization. With such connections, court staff were given a private tour of the stadium after the event. Let's just say we now know that the visitors' locker room has an arcade game and a fully stocked kitchen. We also know where they keep Slugger's 4-wheeler!





Whittaker Courthouse Construction

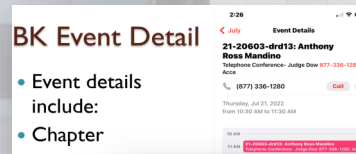
GSA is currently underway on a repair and alteration project for the Whittaker Courthouse located in Kansas City, MO. The project will replace the deteriorating curtain wall system, install blast resistant glazing, and complete roof upgrades. The project is in design phase now, with construction anticipated to commence in the Fall of 2023. The duration of the project is 24-26 months.

The courthouse will remain open during all construction phases. The Court will provide further updates as they become available, but please anticipate long-term lane closures on the North and South sides of the building as well as some entrance and exit door closures throughout the project.

Universal Calendar Auto Notification (UCAN)

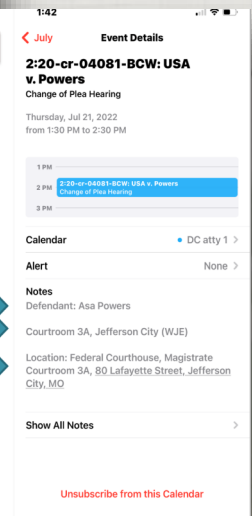
The Western District has a newly developed program that will automatically import, display and update your court schedule from District and Bankruptcy CM/ECF to Outlook, Google or Apple calendars via iCalendar subscriptions. Your personalized UCAN calendar link can be shared with support staff so that they, too, can import your court calendar to their device. Support staff can also color code calendar imports if they support multiple attorneys. Testing of the program has been performed and a soft launch has occurred.

Be on the lookout soon for a mass e-mail instructing you on how to enroll!



DC Event Detail

- Event details include:
- Defendant
- Courtroom
- Location



Bankruptcy Court News

United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Missouri



2022 Central Division Fall Eat & Greet Educational Program

The Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri is pleased to announce an upcoming in-person seminar.

Lunch will be provided!

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

Time: 11:30-12:00 Lunch
12:00-1:00 CLE program

**Location: MU School of Law, Law Library, 123A Hulston Hall,
Columbia, MO**

Agenda

- Bankruptcy Judge Dow's Perspective: Current Issues
- United States Trustee's Perspective: Current Issues
- Trustees' Perspective: Current Issues
- Clerk's Office: Current Issues
- Question and Answer Session

[Click Here to Register for the Eat & Greet at MU](#)

Bankruptcy Court News

United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Missouri



2022 Eat & Greet Educational Program for Kansas City and St. Joseph Divisions

The Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri is pleased to announce
an upcoming in-person seminar in Kansas City.

Lunch will be provided!

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Time: 11:30-12:00 Lunch
12:00-1:00 CLE program

**Location: 400 East 9th Street, Second Floor Conference Room,
Kansas City, MO 64106**

Agenda

- Bankruptcy Judges' Perspective: Current Issues
- United States Trustee's Perspective: Current Issues
- Trustees' Perspective: Current Issues
- Clerk's Office: Current Issues
- Question and Answer Session

[Click Here to Register for the KC Eat & Greet](#)

Bankruptcy Court News



BANKRUPTCY PARALEGAL & SUPPORT STAFF TRAINING



Along with the Chapter 13 Trustee, the Western District of Missouri will be hosting a Bankruptcy Paralegal & Support Staff Training on **Monday, April 24, 2023**. More details to come via mass e-mail.

NOTICE

The revised Local Rules for the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri have been approved by en banc order and submitted to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals for approval.

The revised rules will be effective December 1, 2022.

MAP Updates

INVITATION

CELEBRATING
30 years



Court's 30th ADR Anniversary and Mediation and Assessment Program (MAP) Advanced Training

Thursday, October 13, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

In-person only.

Whittaker Courthouse

400 East 9th Street, 2nd Floor

Kansas City, MO 64106

RSVP by 09/30/2022

map@mow.uscourts.gov or 816-512-5080

Full day registration required as registration is limited.

No registration fee. Lunch provided.

Register
Online!

5.8 hours of CLE requested in MO and KS,
including 1.0 hour MO Ethics CLE and
1.0 hour MO Elimination of Bias CLE



YOU'RE INVITED

Southern/Southwest Division Bench & Bar Reception

Thursday, October 27, 2022

4:30pm—6:00pm

Historical Exhibit Open House

United States Courthouse

**222 N. John Q. Hammons Parkway
Springfield, MO 65806**



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