# ARKBAR Happenings

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Earnest Brown Jr., Circuit judge for the 6th Division of the 11th Judicial District West, has been nominated to the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission.

Karen K. Hutchins, Executive Director, Arkansas Bar Association, was featured as the Arkansas Society of Association Executives March Member Spotlight.

Kendall Lewellen, an attorney at the Center for Arkansas Legal Services, has been appointed to serve on the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission.

Cristy Park joined Arkansas Access to Justice as the new program coordinator in February.

Spicer Rudstrom announced that Stephen Hester has been made a member of Spicer Rudstrom, PLLC.

Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C. announced that Nick Thompson has joined the firm as Counsel in the Little Rock office.

From left: Wright, Bates and Jackson

Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C., has been recognized by JD Supra in its 2021 Readers’ Choice Awards. Mitchell Williams was recognized as the top firm publishing in the category of energy. Attorney Walter Wright was selected as the top author in the categories of energy and environment, while Attorneys Devin Bates and Benjamin Jackson were each selected as a top author in the category of product liability.

Brice White received the Esther Silver-Parker Corporate Trailblazer Award, which is given to an individual who demonstrated dedication to uplifting and building a better future for black lives through business.

Michael K. Goswami has been named a member of the Rose Law Firm. He practices in the Little Rock office’s business section.

Nancy Smith has joined the Rose Law Firm’s litigation practice group in Little Rock as an associate attorney.

Jessica Witherspoon has joined the Rose Law Firm as a new associate in the business section in Little Rock.

Ryan Smith is a new associate in the Rose Law Firm’s Fayetteville office, where his practice focuses on business litigation.

Brooke Moore (pictured left) and Laura O-Bryan with MyVirtual.Lawyer received the James I. Keane Memorial Award during the ABA TECHSHOW 2021.

Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP announced the establishment of the Friday Forward Fellowship. The program was created by the firm’s Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee with the goal to increase the number of law school students from diverse backgrounds.

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Womack Phelps Puryear Mayfield & McNeil, P.A. of Jonesboro is pleased to announce Sara M. Gay has joined the firm as an associate.

Brett W. Taylor has joined Cross Gunter Witherspoon & Galchus of Little Rock as an associate attorney.

Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC announced that Michael B. Heister, Jeb H. Joyce and Joseph W. Price II have been named Managing Members of the law firm.

Meet ArkBar’s #MoreThanALawyer Daniel Wigley, associate attorney at Gibson & Keith, PLLC in Monticello, Arkansas. When he is not practicing law or enjoying the outdoors he is designing computers. ArkBar’s new #MoreThanALawyer campaign highlights all the ways ArkBar lawyers impact lives within and outside of their profession. Nominate a #MoreThanALawyer by emailing ahubbard@arkbar.com.

The Arkansas Bar Association is your advocate at the State Capitol.

New Laws Now
Your Member Benefit

As the Regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly continues, the Arkansas Bar Association and its Legislation Committee are working full time to monitor legislation affecting the administration of justice and the legal profession on your behalf. During a Regular Session, bills become effective 90 days after the legislature has adjourned Sine Die, which is the official last day of the session. However, a number of bills include an emergency clause and become law immediately following the signature of the Governor.

As a member benefit, the Arkansas Bar Association has compiled a list of all of the new bills that have already gone into effect. View the list of new laws now here: http://bit.ly/ABANEWLAWS.

Please continue to monitor as we will continue to update the new laws throughout the session.

Special Enrollment Period
Feb 15 - Aug 15
Federal order reopens health insurance enrollment in response to COVID-19 emergency.
Construction Law

Virtual Conference
Friday, April 9, 2021

Program Planners:
Dr. Carl Circo
JB Cross, Jr.
Cyril Hollingsworth
Joel Hoover
David Powell
Jeff Puryear
Andrea Woods
Ashlea Brown

8:30a - 9:30a  Cyber Security Considerations for the Modern Construction Company
Ashlea Brown, Nabholz Construction
M. Joshua Leicht, Kinesso

10:00a - 10:30a  Arbitration/Mediation: Update and Tips
Cyril Hollingsworth, Dover Dixon Horne PLLC

11:00a - 12:00p  Unwrapping Wrap-Ups: Controlled Insurance Programs
Andrea Woods, Nabholz Construction
James Shay, American Contractors Insurance Group

12:00p - 1:00p  Lunch Break

1:00p - 2:00p  Materialmen’s Lien Law Round Up
JB Cross Jr., Newland & Associates, PLLC

2:30p - 3:30p  COVID and Force Majeure Clauses
Dr. Carl Circo, University of Arkansas School of Law
Dennis M. Zolper, Dennis Zolper, P.A.

4:00p - 5:00p  Ethics
Pandemic—Fear, Anxiety, Stress
Michael S. Moore, Friday, Eldredge & Clark LLP

PRICES
Member Early (thru 4/5)  $215
Member Late (after 4/5)  $250
Non Member  $285

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Program Planner: Karey Gardner

8:00a - 9:00a  COVID-19 and the Laws Enforced by EEOC  
William A. Cash, Director, Little Rock Area Office EEOC

9:30a - 10:30a  Employment Law Considerations and Issues Related to the COVID Vaccines  
Wayne W. Young, Attorney at Law

11:00a - 12:00p  Wage and Hour Guidance for Telework  
Audrina Lange, U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division

12:00p - 1:00p  Lunch Break

1:00p - 2:00p  2020 Supreme Court and Eighth Circuit Labor & Employment Update  
Dean Theresa M. Beiner, UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law

2:30p - 3:30p  Labor Laws  
Speaker TBA

4:00p - 5:00p  Arkansas Free Legal Answers  
Jordan Bates-Rogers, Executive Director, Arkansas Access to Justice Commission & Foundation

6.0 CLE  
1.0 Ethics

PRICES  
Member Early (thru 4/12)  $235  
Member Late (after 4/12)  $270  
Non Member  $305

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24th Annual
Environmental Law
Virtual Conference
April 21-23, 2021
LIVE ON
CLE CENTRAL!

PRICES
Member Early (thru 4/19)       $385
Member Late (after 4/19)       $420
Non Member                          $455

PROGRAM PLANNERS
Jennifer Loiacano
Stuart Spencer
Madison Pitts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
9:00a - 10:00a Legislative Update
   Michael B. Heister, Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC
10:30a - 11:30a Environmental Sustainability and Resiliency
   Jamie Leigh Ewing, LRWRA Director of Environmental Assessment
   Casey Shepard, Engineer III-Environmental, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
11:30a - 1:00p Lunch Break
1:00p - 1:30p Air Programs Update
   Will Montgomery, Associate Director, Division of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality
2:00p - 3:00p How to Build a Better Justice System
   Cristy Park, Program Coordinator, Arkansas Access to Justice

THURSDAY, APRIL 22
8:30a - 9:00a Drones for Aerial Mapping and Air Quality
   Karen McCurdy, Sr. Vice President-Environmental, Crafton Tull
9:30a - 10:00a Grid Reliability and Resiliency
   Paul C. Suskie, Executive Vice President, Regulatory Policy and General Counsel Southwest Power Pool
10:30a - 11:30am The Police Power: Don’t Get Taken
   Mark Allison, Dover Dixon Horne PLLC
11:30a - 12:00p Annual Environmental Law Section Meeting
1:00p - 2:00p Case Law Update
   Justin Schwab, Founder, CGCN Law, PLLC
2:30p - 3:30p PFAS Regulatory Update
   Blake Whittle, DEQ

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
9:00a - 10:30a Environmental Landscape under a Biden Administration
   Kelly M. McQueen, McQueen Law Firm
   Stuart Spencer, Mitchell Williams Law Firm
11:00a - 12:00p Oh $#*! Moments of 2020
   Jordan Wimpy, Mitchell Williams Law Firm
12:30p - 1:30p Technical Update
   Chuck Buttry, Trinity Consultants

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24th Annual
Debtor/Creditor Law
Virtual Conference
April 29-30, 2021

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THURSDAY, APRIL 29

8:30a - 9:30a  Chapter 13 Mortgage Issues
Henry "Hank" Hildebrand, Standing Trustee for Chapter 13, Middle District of Tennessee

10:00a - 11:00a  Case Law Update—Part I
Joyce Bradley Babin, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas
Johnathan D. Horton, Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP

11:00a - 11:30a  Annual Debtor/Creditor Law Section Meeting
Zoom meeting invite will be provided.

12:00p - 1:00p  Things You Need to Know from a Chamber’s Perspective
Allison C. Albritton, Staff Attorney for the Honorable Richard D. Taylor, Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas
Aaron Cochran, Staff Attorney for the Honorable Phyllis M. Jones, Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas
Taylor D. Ellis, Staff Attorney for the Honorable Richard D. Taylor, Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas
Laura R. Westbrook, Staff Attorney for the Honorable Phyllis M. Jones, Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas

1:30p - 2:30p  Subchapter V—A Year in Review
Don A. Brady, Chapter 11, SubChapter V Trustee (DC)
Beverly Brister, Chapter 11, SubChapter V Trustee
O.C. "Rusty" Sparks, Caddell Reynolds Law Firm, PLLC
Patricia Stanley, Assistant U.S. Trustee

3:00p - 4:00p  Dimensions of Well-Being: The Fundamentals
Michael S. Moore, Friday, Eldredge & Clark LLP

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

8:30a - 10:00a  Views from the Bench
Judge Richard D. Taylor, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas
Judge Phyllis M. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

10:30a - 11:30a  Case Law Update—Part II
Joyce Bradley Babin, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas
Johnathan D. Horton, Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP

12:00p - 1:30p  An Overview of Escrow: How Does the Filing of a Chapter 13 Case Affect a Creditor’s Rights under RESPA?
Michael J. McCormick, Senior Partner, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

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| Member Early (thru 4/25) | $315 |
| Member Late (after 4/25) | $350 |
| Non Member               | $385 |

PROGRAM PLANNERS

Vanessa Cash Adams
Sarah McDaniel
Lindsey E. Raines
123RD ANNUAL MEETING

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

HILARIE BASS
President & Founder of the Bass Institute for Diversity & Inclusion; President of the American Bar Association (2017-2018)

STACY LEEDS
Foundation Professor of Law and Leadership, Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law; Dean Emeritus, University of Arkansas School of Law

ISAAC WRIGHT JR.
Consultant, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Criminal and Civil Attorney and inspiration for ABC’s series “For Life”

LAURA WASSER
Celebrity Family Law Attorney, Wasser, Cooperman & Mandles, P.C. Creator of “It’s Over Easy,” an online divorce platform

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