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### Field Trip to Casa Azafrán

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Membership Meeting and  
One Hour General Credit CLE\*

Recent changes affecting Nashville's immigrant  
community and pro bono opportunities

Speakers: Linda Rose of Rose Immigration Law Firm  
and executives from non-profit organizations affiliated  
with Casa Azafrán

\*Pending accreditation

11:15 a.m. Registration  
11:45 a.m. Announcements  
12:00 Noon CLE Begins

B.B. King's Jazz Club  
152 2nd Avenue North

Cost:  
Members: Lunch \$25/CLE \$15  
Nonmembers: Lunch \$30/CLE \$25

\*Reservations must be made by Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at Noon.

Register Online at [www.law-nashville.org/events](http://www.law-nashville.org/events)

## LAW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 19, 2017 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Networking Happy Hour

July 26, 2017 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Book Club

August 8, 2017 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Board Meeting

August 16, 2017 11:15 am - 1:00 pm (Note: Wednesday)  
Field Trip to Casa Azafrán  
Membership Luncheon and One Hour General Credit CLE

[Click Here](#) for a complete listing of LAW events  
and registration details!



*Seeking attorneys who were  
New Admittees*

*From 1977 – 1987*

Did you, or do you know an attorney who was a  
New Admittee from 1977—1987 and attended the  
New Admittees' Breakfast during those years?

The 40th anniversary of the New Admittees'  
Breakfast is this fall, and LAW would like to  
honor those persons at the Breakfast on Novem-  
ber 7th. Please contact the LAW office at

[info@law-nashville.org](mailto:info@law-nashville.org).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Elizabeth Sitgreaves



The month of July brings many things. Humidity. Fourth of July barbecues. Trips to the beach. And for a small segment of our legal community, it brings the final countdown to the bar exam. I think back to nine years ago to my summer of bar review and can still remember July 4<sup>th</sup> circled on my calendar as the date at which studying would become even more serious. If I was being honest, the first half of that summer was pretty nice. I spent the mornings going for a run and then bar review, midday in the library studying, and the afternoons studying by the pool. After July 4<sup>th</sup>, I still made time for the runs that kept me sane, but my afternoons were now fully committed to practice multiple choice exams and essay questions. The hours panicking over Secured Transactions and whether I should have taken Commercial Paper are long behind me.

Now, while law students cram and study, I'm still thinking about the upcoming bar exam, but for a much more pleasant reason. We are fully in the midst of planning the Lawyers' Association for Women Marion Griffin Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> New Admittees' Breakfast on November 7, 2017. Our annual New Admittees' Breakfast is my favorite event of the year. Taking place on the morning of the swearing-in ceremony for Nashville bar admittees, the Breakfast is an opportunity for us to come together as a profession to celebrate and recognize the newest among us and to commiserate over and remember our summers (or winters) of bar review and that one question on the bar exam that we will never forget (don't get me started on the UCCJEA). For me, the Breakfast also serves each year as a reminder of why I love being a lawyer. It is easy to forget after late nights and weekends working on briefs or early morning drives to court in other counties that initial excitement, and frankly relief, that the years of hard work and the many hours of study and stress have finally paid off. Having the opportunity to meet and congratulate the new admittees is always an excellent reminder that our profession is special not just because of the impact and skill that we have to help others, but because it is one that requires work and dedication to join.

In honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the breakfast, we want to pay special tribute to the LAW members who were present at the first ten breakfasts (1983-1993) and hope those of you that were new admittees those years will attend and be recognized. I hope that you will reach out to your friends and former classmates and use the breakfast as a reason to reconnect. If you have not attended in the past, I hope you will join us. I also hope that many of you will consider sponsoring the breakfast so that we can welcome the many new admittees on their special day. Letters and invitations will be arriving in your email and regular mail boxes soon. Maybe you will find your own inspiration in the joy and excitement of their day.

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## *Upcoming Monthly Membership Meetings*

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LAW Member Linda Rose and executives from non-profit organizations affiliated with Casa Azafrán will present the program.



Linda Rose

\*Note meeting will be held on Wednesday.

\*\* Accreditation pending.

*Watch for more information on the September program!*

*We will be back at BB King's on*

*September 19, 2017*

## *Marion Griffin Women's Symposium*

*October 18, 2017\**

*Vanderbilt University Student Life Center*

*11:00 am—6:00 pm*

*Keynote Speaker: Former Ambassador Melanne Verveer*



Melanne Verveer is the Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security at Georgetown University. The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security seeks to examine and highlight the roles and experiences of women in peace and security through research, global convenings, and strategic partnerships.

Melanne Verveer served as Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues from 2009-2013 following her appointment by President Barack Obama. As Ambassador, she coordinated foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic, and social advancement of women.

Previously, from 2000-2008, Ambassador Verveer served as Chair and Co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international nonprofit she co-founded. Vital Voices invests in emerging women leaders and works to expand women's roles in generating economic opportunity, promoting political participation, and safeguarding human rights. Prior to her work with Vital Voices, Ambassador Verveer served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady in the Clinton Administration and was chief assistant to then-First Lady Hillary Clinton.

Ambassador Verveer has a B.S. and M.S. from Georgetown University and holds several honorary degrees. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, and the World Bank Advisory Council on Gender and Development.

She is also the co-author with Kim Azzarelli of the book *Fast Forward: How Women Can Achieve Power and Purpose*. Her book was selected by the Health & Wellness Book Club as its September reading selection.

Stay tuned for more information regarding CLE breakout sessions and concluding reception.

\*There will be no regularly scheduled monthly meeting in October due to the Marion Griffin Women's Symposium.

*November 7, 2017*

*New Admittees' Breakfast—40th Anniversary Celebration!*



*Keynote Speaker: Penny J. White, Former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice and E.E. Overton Distinguished Professor of Law, Director of the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, and Interim Director of Clinical Programs at the University of Tennessee College of Law*

# June Program Recap: 2017 Legislative Update

by Tracy Alcock

There was a packed crowd at B.B. Kings during LAW's June luncheon as the LAW members heard the 2017 Legislative Update from Mandy Haynes Young, an attorney with Butler Snow, Erica Bell Vick, an attorney with Bass, Berry & Sims, and Kim Adkins, an attorney with The Capitol Strategy Group, LLC. For your review, a condensed version of the handout, which was provided to LAW's attendees at the June program and prepared by the panel members is below. We are not publishing the entire handout, rather including mainly the items that were discussed during the program.

\* Some information contained in this report was obtained from the *Tennessee Legislation Service*.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

**SB 557 by Ketron/HB 1291 by Sanderson - Alcoholic beverage commission - jurisdiction over enforcement of criminal offenses involving marijuana.** Removes jurisdiction over enforcement of criminal offenses involving marijuana from the alcoholic beverage commission.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 372 effective January 1, 2018.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0372.pdf>

**SB 930 by Ketron/HB 1287 by Sanderson - Distilleries to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on their premises.** Authorizes a distillery to sell at retail by the drink alcoholic beverages for consumption on its premises.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 295 effective May 4, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0295.pdf>

## BANKING AND CREDIT

**SB 1202 by Norris/HB 314 by Hawk - Regulation of non-depository financial institutions.** Revises various provisions relating to the licensing of certain non-depository financial institutions. **Part of Administration Package.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (004749) adds that, effective April 1, 2018, licenses issued under the Check Cashing Act of 1997 will expire on December 31 of each year instead of March 31 of each year.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 122 effective July 1, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0122.pdf>

## CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING

**SB 377 by Overbey/HB 704 by McCormick - Investment of campaign funds.** Requires that all campaign funds be deposited into an FDIC or national credit union administration insured financial institution. Also requires any interest, dividends or income earned by such investment to be reported on the candidate's or political campaign committee's financial disclosure report. Prohibits non-authorized investments. Allows the registry of election finance to impose a civil penalty for a violation of not more than \$10,000 or 115 percent of the amount invested in violation, whichever is greater.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 109 effective July 1, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0109.pdf>

**SB 645 by Beavers/HB 686 by Van Huss - Fines for voter fraud.** Requires the court to impose an additional \$5,000 fine for a conviction for voter fraud. Provides a \$5,000 reward for information leading to a conviction for voter fraud.

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (004393) reduces from \$5,000 to \$1,000 the additional fine for a conviction of voter fraud and the reward for reporting a violation of voter fraud that leads to a conviction.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 246 effective July 1, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0246.pdf>

**SB 1265 by Norris/HB 550 by Wirgau - Political campaign committees definition.** Redefines a political campaign committee to include any group of persons receiving contributions or makes expenditures in a calendar year exceeding \$1,000.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 347 effective May 9, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0347.pdf>

## COMMERCIAL LAW

**SB 279 by Lundberg/HB 376 by Sanderson - Legal action against real estate appraisers.** Requires that actions to recover damages based off of a real estate appraisal be filed within one year from the discovery of the act, and shall never be brought at a time later than five years from the discovery. Prohibits the real estate appraisal commission from consider-

ing disciplinary action based off of a complaint completed more than three years before it was submitted.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 234 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0234.pdf>*

**SB 737 by Yarbro/HB 726 by Swann - Advertising services for the provision of a motor vehicle warranty.** Adds to the violations of the Consumer Protection Act of 1977 any deceptive advertising of the services of a motor vehicle warranty that insinuates the warranty originated from the manufacturer or dealer.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 25 effective March 29, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0025.pdf>*

**SB 1192 by Norris/HB 304 by Hawk - Regulation of securities.** Makes various changes to the regulation of securities under the Tennessee Securities Act of 1980, such as granting the commissioner of commerce and insurance authority to restrict certain exemptions, increasing penalties for violations wherein senior citizens and adults with certain mental or physical dysfunctions are victims, and altering filing and renewal requirements. **Part of Administration Package.**

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 424 effective May 18, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0424.pdf>*

## CORRECTIONS

**SB 603 by Massey/HB 551 by E. Smith - Liability of sheriff for actions by jailer.** Removes civil liability of sheriff for the actions of a jailers who was hired by the sheriff.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 401 effective May 18, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0401.pdf>*

## CRIMINAL LAW

**SB 119 by Briggs/HB 56 by Zachary - Expands the offense of theft.** Expands the offense of theft to include evading a component of an anti-shoplifting device, interfering with a fire alarm system, or using any artifice or article to commit or facilitate a theft. Punishes a fifth or subsequent conviction in a two-year period one classification higher and imposes a fine of not less than \$300.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (005223) amends the language in section 2 to set the fine as not less than \$300 nor more than the maximum fine established for the appropriate offense classification.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 184 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0184.pdf>*

**SB 120 by Briggs/HB 55 by Zachary - Creation of the Organized Retail Crime Prevention Act.** Penalizes a person who works with one or more people to commit theft of merchandise with a value exceeding \$1,000 (assembled over a 90 day period) with an intent to sell the property for gain. Also punishes someone who receives, possesses, or purchases any merchandise or stored value cards obtained from a fraudulent return with knowledge that the property was obtained illegally.

**Amendment:** House Amendment 3 (008742) deletes subsection (d) of section 1 of the bill as amended which authorized the trier of fact to infer a violation of the proposed legislation if a person received, possessed, or purchased 10 or more stored value cards in a 14-day period from the same individual or merchant.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 472 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0472.pdf>*

**SB 229 by Massey/HB 1112 by Farmer - Notification requirements for domestic violence offenders regarding firearms.** Requires the court to give a defendant pleading guilty to a domestic violence offense notice of the firearm dispossession consequences of a domestic violence conviction. Specifies procedure for a person convicted of domestic violence to terminate possession of all firearms, including completing an affidavit of firearms dispossession form and returning it to the court. Requires the domestic violence state coordinating council, in consultation with the administrative office of the courts, to develop the affidavit of firearms dispossession form and requires such form to be posted on the website of the administrative office of the courts.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 127 effective April 12, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0127.pdf>*

**SB 244 by Beavers/HB 108 by Van Huss – Fetal heartbeat testing prior to an abortion.** Requires fetal heartbeat testing prior to an abortion and prohibits abortions from the point a fetal heartbeat is detected. Exceptions to criminal abortion include medical emergencies that complicate the condition of the pregnant woman as to necessitate an immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or save the impairment of major bodily function.

*Senate Status: Referred to Judiciary.*

*House Status: Health Subcommittee deferred to 2018.*

**SB 274 by Harris/HB 1264 by Towns - Trespassing in open areas.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (004328) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Directs that it is not a defense to prosecution of criminal trespass to consider common areas of housing or apartment complexes as property where owner's consent to enter has been granted, if proper signage is displayed, except in certain circumstances.

**Status:** *Enacted as Public Chapter 135 effective July 1, 2017.*

**Link to Public Chapter:** <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0135.pdf>

**SB 310 by Lundberg/HB 403 by Hicks - Expansion of child endangerment offenses.** Extends the offense of child endangerment to include a parent knowingly exposing a child to or failing to protect a child from abuse or neglect resulting in imminent danger to the child.

**Status:** *Enacted as Public Chapter 381 effective July 1, 2017.*

**Link to Public Chapter:** <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0381.pdf>

**SB 311 by Lundberg/HB 402 by Hicks - Offenses for juveniles to be tried as adults.** Amends language to include that a child who was sixteen years or more of age at the time of the alleged conduct, or the child was less than sixteen years of age, can be transferred to a criminal court of competent jurisdiction to be tried as an adult if the child was charged with the offense of; first degree murder, second degree murder, rape, aggravated rape, rape of a child, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated robbery, especially aggravated robbery, kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping, especially aggravated kidnapping, commission of an act of terrorism, or an attempt to commit any such offenses. The district attorney general may not seek, nor may any child receive, a sentence of death for the offense for which the child was transferred.

**Status:** *Enacted as Public Chapter 382 effective May 18, 2017.*

**Link to Public Chapter:** <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0382.pdf>

**SB 385 by Massey/HB 694 by R. Williams - Exclusion to marijuana.** Creates a new subsection excluding from the definition of marijuana, a cannabidiol product approved as a prescription medication by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

**Status:** *Enacted as Public Chapter 120 effective April 12, 2017.*

**Link to Public Chapter:** <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0120.pdf>

**SB 445 by Stevens/HB 508 by Lamberth - Prevention of damages against firearm owners.** Allows for the recovering of damages by persons adversely affected by local policy against firearms that is preempted by state law. Requires that the restriction of firearms on government property be limited to areas where all entrances are secured by metal detectors and at least one security officer.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 6 (008722) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the substantive changes are to: (1) remove applicability from state government and certain types of facilities, (2) restrict the applicability to handguns carried by handgun carry permit holders, (3) to authorize local governments to restrict handguns from being carried in parks if certain conditions are met, and (4) prescribes acceptable damages to be the greater of actual damages or three times the plaintiff's attorney's fees, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees if such attorney's fees were not awarded in the previous calculation.

**Status:** *Enacted as Public Chapter 467 effective July 1, 2017.*

**Link to Public Chapter:** <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0467.pdf>

**SB 511 by J. Johnson/HB 1050 by Matlock - Penalties for spoofing.** Creates a Class A misdemeanor for knowingly and misleadingly using a caller identification service to send inaccurate information with the intent to defraud, harm or steal. Does not apply to such instances as any authorized law enforcement activity. Makes civil penalties enforceable by the attorney general and reporter and a private right of action related to "spoofing" of caller identification, facsimile, and text messaging services.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (004853) adds language to the bill, specifically proposed section § 47-18-2302, clarifying that such section does not apply to a provider unless the provider acts with the intent to assist, aid, or abet, in the commission or concealment of any person planning or causing a caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information to a subscriber while the person has the intent to defraud, cause harm to another person, or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

**Status:** *Enacted as Public Chapter 257 effective July 1, 2017.*

**Link to Public Chapter:** <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0257.pdf>

**SB 780 by J. Johnson/HB 393 by Dunn - Theft by new home contractors or home improvement service providers.** Expands the offense of theft to include new home construction contractors who fail to refund amounts paid under contract under certain circumstances. Offense also includes new home construction contractors who deviate from or disregard plans or specifications contained in a new home construction contract.

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (004583) deletes "real estate broker or agent" from the definition of "new home contractor."

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 310 effective July 1, 2017.  
*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0310.pdf>

**SB 802 by Dickerson/HB 1173 by Faison - License revocation for unpaid fines.** Amends language authorizing the clerk of the court ordering disposition of an offense to notify the commissioner of safety when an offender has litigation taxes, court costs, and fines that remain unpaid after one (1) year from the disposition of the offense. Notification shall take place within twenty (20) days of the expiration of the one-year period or as soon as practicable. The commissioner of safety shall not refuse to revoke a license issued under title 55 on grounds that notification was not received within the twenty-day period.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (006526) rewrites the bill. Expands the grounds for hardship to include "school," "religious worship," "participation in a recovery court," and "other reasons or destination as determined by the court" under which a person may apply to have their license revocation stayed for failure to pay court costs and fines. Authorizes an indigent person to apply to the trial court having original jurisdiction over the offense for a waiver of any outstanding litigation taxes, court costs, and fines related to a license being revoked. Creates a fee of up to \$50, subject to the discretion of the court, after consideration of the person's ability to pay. Adds a new section to authorize a person whose license has been revoked to apply to the trial court, having original jurisdiction over the offense, for a restricted driver license under certain circumstances that shall state will all practicable specificity the necessary times and places the person may operate a motor vehicle. Requires a \$65 application fee, payable to the DOS, upon application. Senate Amendment 2 (006892) adds language to the bill that defines the term "cost" such that it includes any jail fees or other incarceration costs.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 412 effective January 1, 2018.  
*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0412.pdf>

**SB 894 by J. Johnson/HB 173 by Lamberth - Preemption of certain criminal offenses.** Specifies that state law preempts local government ordinances and resolutions with respect to the regulation of and appropriate sanctions for conduct involving drugs and other substances.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 124 effective April 12, 2017.  
*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0124.pdf>

**SB 1260 by Norris/HB 1041 by Gant - Alien sentencing enhancement factor.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (006481) deletes the requirement that the defense must have previously been deported from the United States for committing a criminal offense and further deletes the word "alien" from the proposed legislation. House Amendment 1 (006279) deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation to remove the requirement that the defendant must have been previously deported from the United States.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 492 effective July 1, 2017.  
*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0492.pdf>

**SB 1342 by Bailey/HB 835 by DeBerry - Enhancement factors for violent offenses committed against a uniformed law enforcement officer.** Allows for an enhancement factor to be applied if the defendant is convicted of the offense of aggravated assault against a uniformed member of the armed forces or national guard, who the defendant intentionally selected because of the person's status as a law enforcement officer or member of the armed forces or national guard.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 265 effective July 1, 2017.  
*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0265.pdf>

## EDUCATION

**SB 14 by Green/HB 174 by Reedy - Creates a list of rights and protections afforded to educators.** Creates a list of rights and protections afforded to educators. Specifies that an "educator" means any teacher, principal, supervisor or other individual required by law to hold a valid license of qualification for employment in the public schools.

**Amendment:** House Amendment 2 (007285) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are to remove the provision of the bill which prohibits educators from being evaluated by professionals who do not have the same subject matter expertise or from being evaluated based on the performance of students whom the educator has not taught. Removes the provision of the bill which prohibits LEAs from forcibly relocating a teacher to a different school based solely on test scores from state mandated assessments.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 360 effective May 11, 2017.  
*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0360.pdf>

**SB 196 by Overbey/HB 483 by Forgety - Establishes a progressive truancy intervention program in K-12 schools.** Establishes a progressive truancy intervention program in K-12 schools that involves tiers of pre-juvenile court programs designed to keep a truant child out of the juvenile court system. Specifies additional interventions that may consist of school-based community services, participation in a school-based restorative justice program, referral to a



school-based teen court, or Saturday courses designed to improve attendance and behavior. Prohibits in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension from being used as part of the progressive truancy interventions adopted by schools for unexcused absences from class or school.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 2 (006602) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to require LEAs to designate an employee as the attendance supervisor; (2) sets the maximum length of the attendance contract for students involved in progressive truancy intervention at 90 days or the last day of the semester; and (3) authorizes LEAs that have adopted an effective progressive truancy intervention program to present details of the intervention program to the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) for approval in lieu of strict compliance with the provision of the bill as amended.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 379 effective July 1, 2018.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.insosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0379.pdf>*

**SB 723 by Kelsey/HB 538 by E. Smith – “Campus Free Speech Act”.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (006774) rewrites the bill. Enacts the Campus Free Speech Protection Act that requires institutions of higher education to adopt a multitude of policies conducive to free speech. Protects the free speech rights of all faculty (as long as it's in their purview) and students in the classroom. Requires that all institutions adopt and require free speech policies that describe exactly what their free speech rights are. Things prohibited by this bill include: designating a free speech zone, not allowing a certain speaker to campus, "shielding" students, charging students or student organizations a security fee. Recognizes faculty's ability to teach and research but does not allow unnecessary insertion of political views.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 336 effective May 9, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.insosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0336.pdf>*

**SB 729 by Gresham/HB 1196 by Rudd - Tennessee Educators Protection Act.** Specifies that an educational entity is not liable for taking any action related to the control, grading, suspension, expulsion, or discipline of a student unless that action violates a law, rule or school policy and that action occurs while the student is on the property of the educational entity or under the supervision of the educational entity or its employee. Also specifies that an educational entity or employee is not liable for making a report consistent with federal or state law to the appropriate law enforcement authorities or to an official an educational entity if the person making the report has reasonable grounds to suspect the student to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, involved in the sale or distribution of drugs or alcohol or involved in another illegal activity. Defines "educational entity" to mean the state board of education, the department of education, and any other body, board, or agency that governs a public or private school, including LEAs and local boards of education. Creates other liability protections for educational entities and employees.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 407 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.insosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0407.pdf>*

**SB 771 by Beavers/HB 888 by Pody - Use of restrooms and locker rooms at public schools.** Requires students in public schools and public institutions of higher education to use restrooms and locker rooms that are assigned to persons of the same sex as that shown on the students' birth certificates.

*Senate Status: Failed in Education on 3/22/2017 for lack of a motion.*

*House Status: Taken off notice in Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee on 3/28/2017.*

**SB 1216 by Norris/HB 530 by Hawk - Enacts the STRONG Act of 2017.** Creates the Tennessee Support, Training, and Renewing Opportunity for National Guardsmen (STRONG) Act of 2017. Establishes the STRONG program under the authority of the adjutant general, which provides tuition reimbursement to an educational institution. Defines an educational institution as any public university, college, or community college or any private college or university that is regionally accredited and has its primary campus in Tennessee. Requires the department of military to pay the educational institution one hundred percent of the maximum resident undergraduate in-state tuition charged by the institution attended upon successful application by the eligible member attending a public educational institution unless the student is receiving state or federal assistance. Mandates state or federal assistance must be applied toward the student's tuition first followed by funds from the program. Requires the program to pay the average cost of tuition at a public two year institution or public four-year university, as determined by THEC and TSAC, for students attending private two-year or private four-year colleges unless the student is receiving state or federal assistance. Mandates state or federal assistance must be applied toward the student's tuition first followed by funds from the program. Requires the adjutant general to provide annual student-level participant data to the higher education commission for publication on or before December 1 beginning in 2018. Terminates the program on June 30, 2021, unless reenacted or extended by the general assembly prior to that date. **Part of Administration Package.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (004159) clarifies what tuition reimbursement amounts a member is eligible to receive, including the Tennessee Promise scholarship, the Tennessee Reconnect grant, the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, assistance programs or grants, Tennessee student assistance awards, the federal Pell grant, Montgomery GI Bill benefits, Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, and federal tuition assistance program benefits.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 229 effective April 24, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0229.pdf>*

**SB 1218 by Norris/HB 531 by Hawk - Establishes Tennessee reconnect grant.** Authorizes the Tennessee reconnect grant, similar to the Tennessee promise scholarship and the Community College Reconnect Grant. Under present law, the promise scholarship is generally available to students who enroll in a higher education institution by the fall semester after completing high school or a high school equivalence. Also, under present law, the Community College Reconnect Grant is generally available to students who have earned at least 30 semester hours toward completion of an associate degree but have not been enrolled in college for at least 12 months. The grant created by this bill will be available to persons who have been out of school for extended periods of time and who may have never attended college. To be eligible for such grant, a student must not have already earned an associate or bachelor degree; must be compliant under Financial Aid requirements; must be a Tennessee resident and must complete FAFSA for each year this aid is received. The student must be an independent student; be admitted to an eligible post secondary institution and participate in a college success program through the Tennessee reconnect community initiative. **Part of Administration Package.**

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (003714) deletes and replaces language of the bill such that the only substantive changes are to add four-year public and private institutions to the TRG program, limit the award amount for students enrolled at these institutions to the average cost of tuition and fees at a community college, and limit the participation of non-traditional students to those enrolled in a baccalaureate program receiving the HOPE scholarship.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 448 effective May 24, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0448.pdf>*

**SB 1394 by Tate/HB 872 by Akbari - Prohibits the suspension or expulsion of students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.**

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (004969) rewrites the bill. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to conduct a review of all current laws and policies related to exclusionary discipline of students in pre-kindergarten through kindergarten and present its findings no later than May 1, 2018. Requires the DOE to develop a model policy for alternatives to exclusionary discipline practices. Requires LEAs to adopt the model policy or develop their own policy prior to the 2018-19 school year.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 204 effective April 27, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0204.pdf>*

## Estates & Trusts

**SB 1163 by Hensley/HB 1016 by Hawk - Changes to probate law.** Makes changes to probate law, including requiring the receipt of a distributee or legatee to be executed under penalty of perjury or sworn before the clerk or a notary public.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (007243) clarifies that a personal representative must properly administer an estate, paid or settled all claims that were lawfully presented, paid all expenses of administration, mailed or delivered notice of the requirement to file claims to the creditors of the decedent who were known to or reasonably ascertainable by the personal representative, has for estates where death occurred prior to January 1, 2016 filed with the court a final receipt from the department of revenue unless waived, has distributed the estate according to the laws of the intestate succession. Adds language stating that in connection with any final settlement with the court, it is necessary for the receipt of any legatee or distributee to be executed under penalty of perjury or otherwise sworn before the clerk or a notary public, in a form developed by the administrative office of the courts. Deletes the language "settle the accounts as prescribed" and substituting instead the language "settle the accounts or file a status report as prescribed". Adds language stating the receipt must be in a form developed by the administrative office of the courts.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 280 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0280.pdf>*

## FAMILY LAW

**SB 50 by Dickerson/HB 434 by Ramsey - Order of protection remains in effect until appropriate divorce court takes action.** Rewrites previous language and requires an order of protection, if one is in effect at the time a petitioner or respondent files for divorce, to remain in effect until the appropriate divorce court modifies, dissolves, or makes the order a part of the divorce decree. If the court modifies the order or makes the order of protection part of the divorce decree, the court shall issue a separate order of protection. Requires the clerk to immediately forward a copy of any order of protection issued and any subsequent modifications to the petitioner, respondent, and the local law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the area where the petitioner resides.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 241 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0241.pdf>*

**SB 677 by Yager/HB 407 by Carter - Interest on child support arrearages.** Eliminates the section pertaining to accrual of interest on child support arrearages.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (004086) rewrites the bill. Eliminates the accrual of interest on child support arrearages unless the court makes a written finding that interest shall continue to accrue. Requires the court to set the rate at which interest shall accrue after consideration of any factors the court deems relevant at no more than 4% per year in the case of such finding.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 145 effective April 17, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0145.pdf>

**SB 993 by Lundberg/HB 1126 by Parkinson - Retroactive child support awards.** Establishes that in child support actions filed on or after July 1, 2017, the court cannot order the payment of retroactive support for more than five years unless the court finds the obligor deliberately avoided service or impeded the imposition of the child support obligations.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (007341) rewrites the bill to prohibit any award of retroactive child support for a period of more than five years from the date the action for support is filed. Replaces references to "obligor" and "obligee" with references to "custodial parent" and "noncustodial parent." If the court determines, for good cause shown, that a different award of retroactive child support is in the interest of justice, then the court may award a shorter or longer period of retroactive child support. The burden for showing a longer period of retroactive child support in the interest of justice lies with the custodial parent. The burden for showing a shorter period of retroactive child support in the interest of justice lies with the noncustodial parent. Provides that nothing limits any claim for retroactive child support owed to the Department of Human Services.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 419 effective July 1, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0419.pdf>

## GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

**SJR 111 by Bell - Urges banning state-sponsored travel to states that have banned such travel to Tennessee.** Urges the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to ban state-sponsored and state-funded travel within their respective jurisdictions to any state of the Union that has banned state-sponsored travel to Tennessee in a selective way.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (004591) removes language from the original bill asking to ban state travel to California.

*Status:* Governor signed on 5/4/2017.

## GOVERNMENT REGULATION

**SB 127 by Green/HB 54 by Zachary - Discriminatory actions by government against business.** Prohibits state and local governments from taking discriminatory action against a business based on the business's internal policies.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 3 (004225) deletes and rewrites language in the bill such that the proposed prohibition for state and local governments from taking discriminatory action against a business entity is based specifically on that business's healthcare insurance policies and the coverage provided thereunder; family leave policies; minimum wage policies; or anti-discrimination policies; provided that such policies are in compliance with state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations.

*Senate Status:* Senate passed on 3/9/2017 with amendments.

*House Status:* State Government Subcommittee deferred on 4/5/2017 to the first calendar of 2018.

**SB 327 by Overbey/HB 275 by McCormick - Disclosure of travel expenses by the General Assembly.** Requires members of the General Assembly who have their travel expenses paid for by politically interested persons to disclose the amount and source of the reimbursement.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 470 effective May 30, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0470.pdf>

**SB 1085 by Stevens/HB 1111 by Farmer - Construction of statutes.** Establishes that undefined words be given their natural and ordinary meaning without any construction that would limit or change the meaning unless it's clearly meant to be divergent.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 302 effective May 5, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0302.pdf>

## GUNS

**SB 921 by Southerland/HB 11 by Goins - TN Hearing Protection Act.** Enacts the "Tennessee Hearing Protection Act," which deletes the prohibition on possession, manufacture, transport, repair, or sale of a firearm silencer.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 339 effective July 1, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0339.pdf>

**SB 1241 by Norris/HB 452 by Eldridge - Punishment for the unlawful carrying or possession of a firearm.** Increases the penalty for unlawfully possessing a firearm with a prior conviction for a violent felony from a Class C to a Class B felony. Increases the penalty for person unlawfully possessing firearm with prior felony drug offense from a Class D to a Class C felony. Increases the penalty for unlawfully possessing a handgun with a prior felony from a Class E felony to a Class D felony. Requires that persons convicted of unlawfully possessing a firearm with a prior violent conviction are ineligible for probation.

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (006985) rewrites the bill to enhance possession of a firearm by a person with a prior felony conviction involving the use or attempted use of force from a class C felony to a class B felony and to enhance possession of a firearm by a person with a prior felony drug conviction from a class D felony to a class C felony.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 475 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0475.pdf>*

## HEALTH CARE

**SB 1180 by Hensley/HB 1189 by M. Hill - Tennessee Infants Protection Act.** Prohibits abortion of a viable fetus except in a medical emergency and requires testing to determine viability if a woman is at least 20 weeks pregnant.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (007680) clarifies that a physician who is not associated in practice with the physician who intends to perform or induce the abortion is required certify that the abortion is necessary as opposed to a physician who is not professionally related to the performing physician. States that the requirement for the hospital at which the abortion is to be performed to be equipped with appropriate neonatal services for premature infants does not apply if there is no hospital within 30 miles with neonatal services and the physician who intends to perform or induce the abortion has admitting privileges at the hospital where the abortion is to take place. Allows a physician who has not been convicted in a criminal prosecution of purposely performing or inducing an abortion upon a pregnant woman when the unborn child is viable to raise the affirmative defense in any proceeding brought by the board of medical examiners or the board of osteopathic examination to revoke the license of a physician for purposely performing or inducing an abortion upon a pregnant woman when the unborn child is viable.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 353 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0353.pdf>*

**SB 1206 by Norris/HB 317 by Hawk - Evaluation and treatment following a judgment of not guilty by reason of insanity.** Requires trial court to order the person found not guilty of first degree murder by reason of insanity to be immediately diagnosed and evaluated on an outpatient basis. Specifies the evaluation must be performed by the community mental health agency or licensed private practitioner designated by the commissioner to serve the trial court. Requires the person to only be discharged from inpatient hospitalization if ordered by the court to participate in outpatient treatment. Mandates that any person ordered by the trial court to participate in outpatient treatment must do so for an initial period of six months. Allows the court to order the continuation of outpatient treatment beyond the sixth month period and specifies factors court must consider when making that determination. **Part of Administration Package.**

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 342 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0342.pdf>*

## INSURANCE HEALTH

**SB 437 by Watson/HB 498 by C. Sexton - Changes in provider's fee schedule.** Changes various provisions concerning when a health insurance entity can make or is required to notify a provider of changes in the provider's fee schedule.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 88 effective January 1, 2019.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0088.pdf>*

## JUDICIARY

**SB 160 by Kelsey/HB 188 by DeBerry - Civil actions in general sessions court.** Changes the method by which a civil action in the general sessions courts is commenced from issuance of a warrant by a clerk, to filing a warrant with the clerk.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 267 effective May 4, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0267.pdf>*

**SB 983 by Gresham/HB 752 by Goins - Permits person who is granted an order of protection to carry a handgun.**

**Amendment:** Conference Committee Amendment authorizes a person who petitions the court and is granted an order of protection, twenty-one (21) calendar days after the order of protection is granted, to carry any handgun as long as the person has on their possession at all times a copy of the order of protection. A person who has applied for a temporary handgun carry permit may continue to carry a handgun after the time period has expired while that application is pending, as long as the person has possession of both a copy of the temporary handgun carry permit application receipt and a copy of the order of the protection. Sets eligibility requirements to receive a temporary handgun carry permit from the department of safety, for a person who petitions for an order of protection.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 468 effective May 26, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.imsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0468.pdf>*

**SB 1243 by Norris/HB 578 by Curcio - Expunction of a juvenile record.**

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (004197) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill to change the procedure to file a motion to expunge, rather than a petition, with the court. Senate Amendment 1 (006377) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill to change the procedure to file a motion to expunge, rather than a petition, with the court. This amendment also clarifies that the model expunction motion must be accessible to all children.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 197 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.imsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0197.pdf>*

**SB 1244 by Norris/HB 577 by Curcio - Expunction of a juvenile record.** Requires expunction of juvenile records that would be misdemeanors if committed by an adult upon petition by the child following one year's time. Requires an adjudicating court to inform a child upon reaching 17 years of age of the need to petition for expunction and to provide the child with a petition form.

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (004196) deletes the requirement of the clerk of the court to send a postcard to the child which informs them of the right to expunction and the need to file a motion to the juvenile court.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 196 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.imsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0196.pdf>*

## LABOR LAW

**SB 209 by Green/HB 165 by Pitts - Veteran hiring preferences.** Authorizes private employers to give hiring preference to honorably discharged veterans, spouses of a veteran with a service-connected disability, unremarried widows or widowers of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability, and unremarried widows or widowers of a member of the military who died in the line of duty.

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (003754) adds language to the original bill that specifies that private employers are not required to provide preference in hiring to the persons listed.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 9 effective March 22, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.imsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0009.pdf>*

**SB 332 by J. Johnson/HB 419 by Wirgau – Employee wages.**

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (007816) requires all wages or compensation of employees in private employment to be due and payable not less frequently than once per month. For each employer that makes wage payments once monthly to employees in private employments, all wages or compensation earned and unpaid prior to the first day of any month shall be due and payable not later than the fifth day of the succeeding month. For each employer that makes wage payments in two or more periods per month, all wages and compensation of employees in private employments shall be due and payable as follows:(A) All wages or compensation earned and unpaid prior to the first day of any month shall be due and payable not later than the twentieth day of the month following the one in which the wages were earned; and (B) All wages or compensation earned and unpaid prior to the sixteenth day of any month shall be due and payable not later than the fifth day of the succeeding month. The final wages of an employee who quits or is discharged shall include any vacation pay or other compensatory time that is owed to the employee by virtue of company policy or labor agreement. Clarifies that it does not mandate employers to provide vacations, either paid or unpaid, nor does it require that employers establish written vacation pay policies. Clarifies that nothing in TCA Section 50-2-103 shall be construed as prohibiting the payment of wages at more frequent periods than required.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 362 effective May 11, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.imsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0362.pdf>*

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**SB 262 by J. Johnson/HB 180 by Lynn - Local government requirements on employee scheduling.** Prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, regulation, resolution, policy, or any other legal requirement that regulates or imposes a requirement upon an employer pertaining to employee scheduling.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1, House Consumer & Human Resources Committee Amendment 1 (003719) adds language to the original bill that clarifies local governments may regulate or impose a requirement upon an employer pertaining to employee scheduling when necessary to avoid creating a public or private nuisance.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 107 effective April 7, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.imsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0107.pdf>*

## MEDIA & PUBLISHING

### **SB 550 by Ketron/HB 344 by Terry - Minor victims of crime.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (007182) rewrites the bill. Specifies certain information concerning a victim of a criminal offense who is a minor that will be kept confidential and not open for inspection by the public: A) Name, unless waived; B) Home, work, and electronic mail addresses; C) Telephone numbers; D) Social security number; E) Any photographic or video depiction of the minor victim; F) Whether the defendant is related to the victim (unless the relationship is an essential element of the offense). A custodial parent or legal guardian of the minor may petition a court of record to waive confidentiality. Clarifies rules in which the confidential information of the minor shall not be construed to restrict certain law enforcement procedures.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 308 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.inosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0308.pdf>*

## MISCELLANEOUS

**HR 127 by Clemmons - Recognizes and commends Kay West.** Recognizes and commends Kay West, accomplished writer and influential Nashvillian, for her many continued contributions to her community. **House Status:** *Failed in House on 5/8/2017.*

**HJR 579 by Sparks – Recognizes and honors the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County.** Recognizes and honors the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County for preserving the history of their community, commends its members for their tireless dedication to promoting greater awareness of the contributions of African Americans to Rutherford County's rich history.

*Status: Governor signed on 5/12/2017.*

## PROFESSIONS AND LICENSURE

**SB 473 by Roberts/HB 979 by Calfee - Freedom to Prosper Act.** Enacts the “Freedom to Prosper Act” to prohibit local government entities with jurisdictional boundaries from: (1) Imposing any licensing requirements on an occupation unless the political subdivision imposed licensing requirements on that occupation prior to July 1, 2017. Subject to (3), a political subdivision may continue to impose licensing requirements on an occupation if the political subdivision imposed licensing requirements on that occupation prior to July 1, 2017; (2) Imposing any licensing requirement on an occupation that expands or increases any licensing requirements imposed on such occupation by a state agency; or (3) Continuing to impose licensing requirements on an occupation, if a state agency begins to impose licensing requirements on the occupation and the occupation was not previously subject to licensing requirements imposed by a state agency.

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 2 (006536) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes include: clarifies that the prohibition on new licensing requirements of a previously unregulated profession, occupation, or trade only applies to occupations which are currently subject to state licensure requirements; clarifies that the provisions of this bill as amended do not apply to licensing requirements of or on any other regulation of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical service providers, emergency rescue management providers, or any other type of first responder or emergency service provider.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 332 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.inosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0332.pdf>*

**SB 1309 by Crowe/HB 1067 by Holsclaw - Inappropriate involvement of healthcare practitioners with controlled substances.**

**Amendment:** House Amendment 2 (008758) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Declares that a healthcare practitioner violates the practitioner's practice act by refusing to submit to a drug test or testing positive for any drug on any government or private sector preemployment or employer-ordered confirmed drug test for an employer when the practitioner does not have a lawful prescription for using the drug or a valid medical reason for using the drug. Requires a practitioner who refuses to submit to a drug test or tests positive for any drug to produce a lawful prescription for the drug or a valid medical reason for using the drug to the employer, or to report to the substance abuse peer assistance or treatment program of the appropriate board for the practitioner within three business days from the time of notification to the practitioner of the confirmed test result. Authorizes the Department of Health to take emergency action without prior approval of the Attorney General and Reporter if the healthcare practitioner does not comply with the terms and conditions of the substance abuse peer assistance or treatment program of the appropriate board for the practitioner.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 481 effective July 1, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.inosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0481.pdf>*

## PROPERTY & HOUSING

### **SB 469 by Niceley/HB 456 by Littleton - Flying of US flag and military flags by veterans - HOA restrictions.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (006470) rewrites the bill to state that no homeowners' association shall adopt or enforce a dedicatory instrument provision that prohibits a property owner from displaying the flag of the United States of America or an official or replica flag of any branch of the U.S. armed forces on the property owner's property. A homeowners' association may enforce reasonable regulations regarding the placement and manner for the display of the U.S. flag. The property owner must display the flag in accordance with U.S. Code.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 331 effective July 1, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0331.pdf>

## RETAIL TRADE

### **SB 1086 by Stevens/HB 1020 by C. Sexton - Short-Term Rental Unit Act. States that a short-term rental unit provider must maintain at least \$500,000 in liability insurance or coverage to cover damage done by any person renting the unit from the short-term rental unit provider. Clarifies the restrictions a local governing body may or may not impose on short-term rental units.**

*Senate Status:* Finance, Ways & Means deferred on 5/9/2017 to 2018.

*House Status:* House passed on 5/8/2017 with amendment.

## TAXES & BUSINESSES

### **SB 205 by Bowling/HB 1034 by Van Huss - Eliminates the professional privilege tax. Eliminates the professional privilege tax for the tax year ending on May 31, 2018, and subsequent tax years.**

*Senate Status:* Taken off notice in Finance, Ways & Means on 5/9/2017.

*House Status:* Taken off notice in Finance Subcommittee on 5/8/2017.

## TAXES GENERAL

### **SB 193 by Overbey/HB 331 by Swann - People 100 years of age or older exempt from the Hall income tax. Exempts people 100 years of age or older, or any persons who file a joint return and either spouse is 100 years of age or older, from the Hall income tax.**

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 453 effective May 25, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0453.pdf>

## TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

### **SB 134 by Roberts/HB 39 by Goins - Tests to determine alcoholic or drug content of a person's blood. Adds language that requires a law enforcement officer to obtain a search warrant or have a drivers' signed consent to a "Wavier of Warrant" before administering a blood test for the purpose of determining the alcohol or drug content levels. Specifies that a person who refuses to submit to a breath test, is only subjective to the civil penalties provided for an implied consent violation. Classifies refusing, preventing, or obstructing the administration of a blood test for the determination of alcoholic or drug content of the operator's blood, a Class A misdemeanor. Rewrites language that protects a person who is withdrawing blood from a person for the purpose of conducting an alcohol or drug content test, not eligible for any civil or criminal liability. Requires law enforcement officers to advise drivers that refusal to submit to a breath test will result in the suspension of the driver's operating license; and depending on the person's prior criminal history, may result in the person being required to operate only a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device. Provides guidelines for a court suspending or revoking a driver's operating license if the driver was not given the consequences for refusing a blood or breath test. Sets specific guidelines for courts to follow for persons who knowingly refuse to the submission of a blood or breath test, as outlined above.**

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 2 (007073) clarifies that the prohibition on a court suspending the license of an operator or requiring the operator to operate only a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device, if such operator is not advised of the consequences of the refusal to submit to a breath test, only applies to an implied consent law violation and not if a person is convicted of DUI.

*Status:* Enacted as Public Chapter 304 effective July 1, 2017.

*Link to Public Chapter:* <http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0304.pdf>

### **SB 151 by Lundberg/HB 381 by Lamberth - Automated driving systems (ADS) in Tennessee. Authorizes the operation of automated driving systems (ADS) on the public roads of Tennessee.**

**Amendment:** House Amendment 4 (008565) deletes and rewrites the bill. Clarifies that the section stating "No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, and effectively setting the brake thereon and, when

standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway” does not apply to an ADS-operated vehicle. Requires a passenger or human operated to wear a safety belt in an ADS-operated vehicle. Requires the ADS-operated vehicle to remain on the scene if the operator is involved in an accident resulting only in damage to fixtures or other property. Defines “dynamic driving task” and “minimal risk condition.” Deletes provisions relating to automatic crash notification technology. Outlines conditions in which an ADS-operated vehicle may drive or operate on streets and highways in Tennessee with the ADS engaged without a human driver physically present in the vehicle. Allows a person who is physically inside an ADS-operated vehicle, when the ADS is engaged, to use an integrated electronic display. Specifies that liability for accidents involving an ADS-operated vehicle must be determined in accordance with product liability law, common law, or other applicable federal or state law. States that the chapter exclusively governs the authorization of the operation and use of an ADS-operated vehicle when the ADS is engaged and in high or full automation mode, including commercial use.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 474 effective June 6, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.insosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0474.pdf>*

#### **SB 172 by Niceley/HB 141 by Staples – Lara’s Law.**

**Amendment:** House Amendment 1 (006586) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes Motor Vehicle Recall and Disclosure Act (Act) for the purpose of prohibiting a motor vehicle dealer from offering for sale and new or used motor vehicle until the dealer has obtained a recall database report for such vehicle. If a recall database report obtained by a dealer indicates that a motor vehicle is subject to a manufacturer's safety recall that has not been repaired, the dealer is prohibited from selling such vehicle. If a recall database report obtained by a dealer indicates that a motor vehicle is subject to a manufacturer's safety recall that has not been repaired, the dealer is prohibited from selling such vehicle until the recall repair has been performed. Establishes that if a franchisee of a motor vehicle dealer acquires a motor vehicle subject to a safety recall and the franchisee's manufacturer has not yet developed a remedy to correct the defect, or made the appropriate replacement parts available to the dealer to remedy the defect, then the manufacturer is required to reimburse the dealer at least one percent per month of the wholesale value of the vehicle for each month the vehicle remains in the dealer's inventory until the remedy or parts are provided by the manufacturer. Compliance with this Act may not be waived by the consumer. Any violation of the Act is considered a Class C misdemeanor as specified in Tenn. Code Ann. Title 55 chapter 17 part 1.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 306 effective January 1, 2018.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.insosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0306.pdf>*

**SB 272 by Beavers/HB 222 by Ragan – Driver’s license for non-citizens and aliens.** Requires the department of safety to print the language “NON U.S. CITIZEN” or “ALIEN” on driver licenses, permits, or other forms of identification issued or renewed for a temporary period to persons who are not United States citizens and not lawful permanent residents of the United States.

**Amendment:** Senate Transportation & Safety Committee amendment 1 (004162) requires the department of safety to print "VISA" on driver licenses, permits, or other forms of identification issued or renewed for a temporary period to persons who are not United States citizens and not lawful permanent residents of the United States.

*Senate Status: Transportation passed on 2/27/2017 with amendment 1; Sent to Finance.*

*House Status: Finance Subcommittee deferred to 2018.*

**SB 384 by Massey/HB 397 by Dunn – Driver license printed in vertical format for persons under 21 years of age.** Requires that driver licenses be printed in vertical or portrait format for persons under 21 years of age. Authorizes licenses to replace vertical format license with horizontal one upon reaching 21 years of age for the cost of a duplicate license.

*Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 388 effective May 18, 2017.*

*Link to Public Chapter: <http://publications.insosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0388.pdf>*

## **UTILITIES**

**SB 747 by J. Johnson/HB 730 by Marsh - Renames Tennessee Regulatory Authority to be the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.** Renames the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to be the Tennessee Public Utility commission and redesignates the authority's directors as commissioners

**Amendment:** Senate Amendment 1 (004146) deletes and replaces language of the bill such that the only substantive change is to direct the Tennessee Code Commission to change various references to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, to various acceptable references to the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission.

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## Girl Attorney-TN Offers Advice, Community

by Jane Salem

Do you need to know how to handle a traffic ticket in Collierville? Who's a good family lawyer in Cookeville? Or how to respond when opposing counsel calls you a "bitch"?

These answers and more are all available at Girl Attorney-TN on Facebook.

Girl Attorney-TN is a "secret group," meaning that someone has to invite you to join. If you need an invite, email me at the address below.

The group in our state got started due to the efforts of Tennessee Court of Appeals Judge Brandon Owen Gibson in Jackson. Judge Gibson went to law school in Texas and is licensed there. A while back, law school buddies invited her to join Girl Attorney-Texas. Judge Gibson enjoyed those posts and ultimately wondered why Tennessee didn't have a similar group.

So she contacted Girl Attorney's founder, Oklahoma City attorney Susan Carns Curtiss, who was happy to work with Judge Gibson to set it up.



*Tennessee Court of Appeals  
Judge Brandon Owen Gibson*



*Susan Carns Curtiss*

Girl Attorney-TN went live on November 30, 2016, at 9:30 p.m. (Duh, Judge Gibson is a working mom, *of course* it was that late). Invitations went to approximately 10 female attorneys. By the time she was ready for bed about an hour later, over 250 members signed up. Within 24 hours, there were over 2,000, and now there are more than 2,900. "It sort of took off from there," Judge Gibson recalled. "The growth was shocking."

Curtiss said there are Girl Attorney groups in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. About 20 of them are "genuinely active," with Tennessee's as one of the most robust. Curtiss also created a national group; to request an invite to that group or a group in another state, go to [www.girlAttorney.com](http://www.girlAttorney.com) and look under the "Facebook Groups" tab.

Lawyers used to meet for happy hour for information, guidance and occasional venting, Judge Gibson said. Now they can do it from anywhere, any time. Moreover, Facebook seems to be a popular platform for lawyers, especially those who are new to the profession. ("New" is another way of saying "young lawyers.")

As the name implies, the Girl Attorney groups are open only to women lawyers. Curtiss wants the group to be "a female space." She explained, "It's part of what makes it special. It's a place where women can be truly comfortable. For example, some women have used it to ask about where they can nurse at an unfamiliar courthouse when they'll be in trial all day."

Girl Attorney-TN is popular because it's a great resource for general advice, referrals and as a launch pad for legal research, Gibson said.

However, membership does present a couple of pitfalls. Namely, some people have a tendency to over-share details about cases. These kinds of communiques are better made via message or the phone – "because even though the group is 'private,' it's still not private," Judge Gibson reminded.

Also, some people name-names when calling out perceived bad behavior. Judge Gibson recently messaged a member to inform her that someone from her post is married to a member of Girl Attorney-TN. Again, think before posting: Should it be private? Should it even be posted at all?

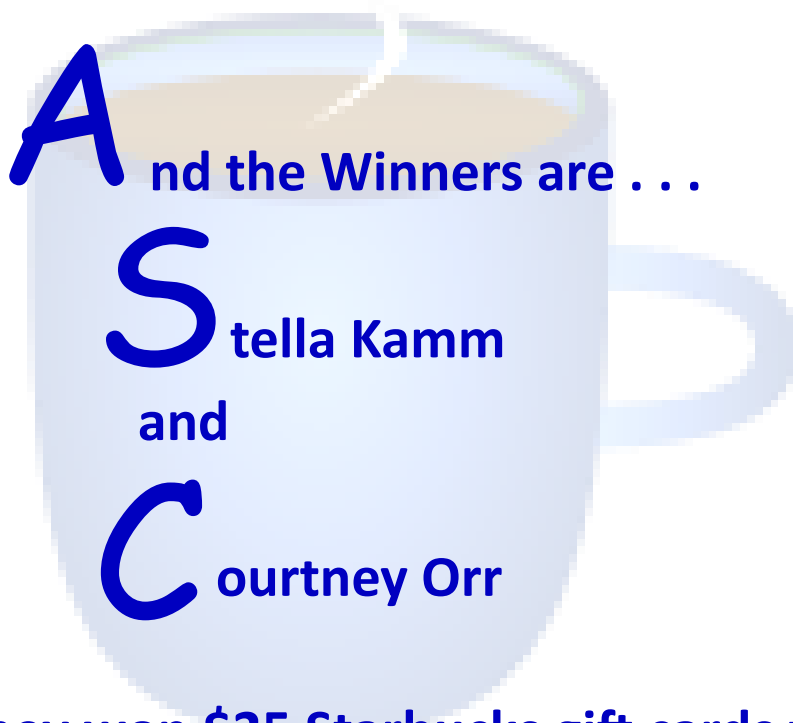
That said, perhaps the best feature is the sense of community it provides, in Judge Gibson's opinion. For example, recently a member asked if others ever feel like they "don't fit into this profession." "It was heart-breaking," Judge Gibson said, "but the supportive responses were overwhelming. And haven't we all felt like that at some point or another? The responses let her know she's not alone."

Girl Attorney-TN provides a valuable sense of connection, and "if we can connect lawyers from Bristol to Memphis, from Chattanooga to Dyersburg, I think that's a good thing. Curtiss agrees. "The best part is seeing women support each other and feeling safe enough to ask questions."

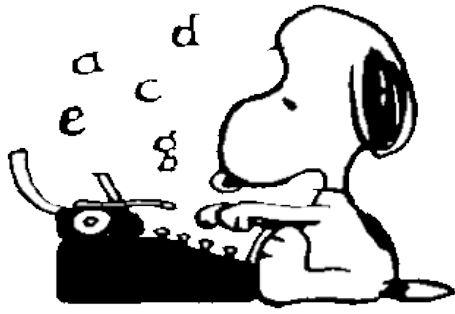
By the way, the general consensus among the Tennessee group was, if someone calls you a "bitch," it means you're representing your client well.



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**Stella and Courtney won \$25 Starbucks gift cards for participating in the recent LAW Membership Survey!**



## Lawyers: We write and we write . . .

by Alexis Braun

All lawyers are writers. We draft motions, letters, wills, comments, memoranda, and so and so forth. But some among us are *writers*: novelists, screenwriters, playwrights, historians . . . .

I began thinking about lawyer/writers after I read a book called *Grace* earlier this year. *Grace* is a novel about slavery, motherhood, and the value of female lives and bodies in the American antebellum South. I am a pretty prolific reader, but *Grace* was a revelation – a beautifully written haunting of a novel that I could not put down or stop thinking about even after I turned the last page. (Professional reviewers agreed. *Grace* was named a best book of 2016 by *The New York Times*, *Kirkus Review*, and *Book Riot*. It was also awarded 2017 First Novel Prize by the American Library Association’s Black Caucus.)

When I began to look into the book (maybe the author has another novel I should pick up!), I discovered that Natasha Deón, the author, was not only a first-time novelist but also an attorney. Ms. Deón attended night classes at Trinity Law School in Santa Ana, California, while continuing to work full time until she earned her law degree in 2000. Since 2000, Ms. Deón has practiced criminal law (including post-conviction work), worked as an insurance defense attorney, and taught courses at Trinity Law School and Mount Saint Mary’s College.

*Grace* isn’t a book about the law, but the law and ideas of justice clearly influence her writing. When asked in an interview how writing and justice align, Ms. Deón replied: “That’s one of the things I grapple with in *Grace* because I don’t believe there’s justice when somebody is killed. Justice is restoration, it’s giving them back what they lost. If you steal \$100 from me, we go to court, you have to give me my \$100 back. When somebody dies, you can’t get that person back. All you can do is punish. It doesn’t actually feel like real justice even when it’s carried out. It’s a sort of revenge that comes out of another definition of justice, a place where justice is decided based on what seems fair. A life sentence for a fourteen-year-old boy who commits an armed robbery and someone dies? Twenty-five years to life for a mom, like a client I had who walked out of Costco with \$503 worth of unpaid groceries because her children were hungry?”

Ms. Deón is in good company. It turns out lawyers have been making careers (or side careers) of writing since . . . well, since there were lawyers. John Grisham (graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law, criminal law practitioner, member of the Mississippi House of Representatives) is probably the most famous lawyer/writer, but there are more. A lot more.

Take Henry Fielding, an author famous for his classic novel *The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling* (originally published in 1749). Henry Fielding was also a barrister who wrote influential pamphlets and called for the abolition of public hangings in England. Renaissance man Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, who wrote novels, poetry, and plays, completed his law degree in Frankfurt, Germany in 1771 and practiced law for a short time before dedicating himself to his writing. Franz Kafka, author of classics such as *Metamorphosis*, *Amerika*, and *The Trial*, trained as a lawyer in Austria and worked for an insurance company full-time while penning his many classics.

There are also numerous contemporary examples of lawyer/writers. Take Scott Turow – a graduate of Harvard Law School who worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney before writing such books as *Presumed Innocent*, *The Burden of Proof*, *Pleading Guilty*, *Personal Injuries*. Or David Baldacci – a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law who practiced law in Washington, D.C. before writing *Absolute Power*, *The Simple Truth*, *End Game* . . . or Meg Gardiner, a graduate of Stanford Law School who practiced law in Los Angeles before publishing her Evan Delaney novels. Or Lisa Scottoline who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and became a litigator in Philadelphia before writing 14 bestselling novels. Bernhard Schlink, writer of *The Reader* and many other titles, was a judge at the Constitutional Court of the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia and a professor of law at Humboldt University.

So some lawyers write. I'm not saying all of us should, but it's good to know that we can and that we do (often very well and very successfully). We have a lot to say and that's (probably) not a bad thing.



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## Members on the Move

Joycelyn Stevenson, formerly with Littler Mendelson, has moved to the Tennessee Bar Association where she is serving as the Executive Director.

Kimberly Faye, former judicial clerk to Judge Frank Clement, has moved to Bone McAllester.

LaTonnsya Burney has moved to Tennessee State University where she is Director of Contracts/Assistant University Counsel.

Lyndsie Schmalz, former LAW board member and former judicial clerk to Judge Aleta Trauger (U.S. Courts, Middle District of TN), has accepted a position as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Seattle, Washington. She will also be married in October!

## *New Member Spotlight*

### *Ellen Forrester*



**Where did you grow up? Tell us about your path to practicing law.** I was born in Knoxville but I grew up in Marietta, Georgia. It took me years to figure out what I wanted to “be when I grew up” but I finally figured it out about 10 years ago. I moved to Nashville to live with my mother who had moved back to Nashville from Georgia to be closer to family. When I enrolled at Lipscomb, I knew that I was headed to law school. It was in the second year at Tulane that I realized I wanted to be a Public Defender.

**What brought you to Nashville?** I came to be with my mom and extended family.

**Tell us about your family.** I married my favorite person in the world last year and since then we have brought a beautiful and sassy girl, Katherine Grace, into the world. We will be giving her a sibling in December, though if she comes early she or he will be Grace’s Irish twin.

**What do you do professionally and what is your favorite part of your job?** I am a Nashville Public Defender. I love my clients and getting to stand up for them when it matters most. Making sure that everyone has the best defense, despite their ability to pay for it, is a truly American ideal. I also LOVE my co-workers; very few people get to work with some of their best friends.

**If you weren’t a lawyer, what would you be and why?** I would either be a restaurant owner or a caterer. I love cooking and have business savvy. I worked as a caterer during law school and found that I had quite a gift at it! Recently we vacationed at a bed and breakfast; I think I would be a great bed and breakfast owner/operator.

**What is your favorite thing about being a LAW member?** I just joined, so I am very much looking forward to the networking and events!

**What do you like to do in your spare time (if you have any)?** I am an avid homesteader. I love chicken keeping, gardening, and I have also just recently joined the Nashville area bee keepers association (NABA) and will be getting my own hive of bees very soon. I love to be outdoors and staying busy.

**What books are you reading right now and what is the last book you read?** I have literally just finished reading my 5th book on bee keeping. Before that I read “Gardening with Chickens.”

**What is your favorite quote, piece of advice, or a motto you try to live by?** When I was a little girl I watched Pollyanna (a lot). She talks about playing the “glad game”. This involves finding something good in even the worst situation. I try to see the bright side of things and the best in others. This is challenging sometimes but reformative.

**Any “fun facts” about you other LAW members don’t know?** I am in the Daughters of the American Revolution. This means that I have traced my ancestry back (by original documentation) to a “Patriot Ancestor” who fought in the American Revolution. In DAR we work for historic preservation, patriotism and education. I have been a member for several years and it is great fun!

**What woman most inspires you and why?** My Grandmother Grace Forrester Lewis (2-6-1918 to 1-13-16). She was funny, smart, hardworking, and devoted to her family and to her Lord. She went to college before women did that, she had three children and raised two after losing a child early in her life. She worked in a bank and kept a farming household running while encouraging her children to seek education for themselves. These things she did with love, grace, and humility. She is terribly missed.

**It’s a Saturday in Nashville, what are you doing?** Most likely I’m at home with my family cooking dinner and trying to get the chickens into their coop before Rocky Raccoon comes around.

# LAW COMMITTEE CORNER

## *Recent Events*

### *Networking Committee*

The Networking Committee held its June meeting at  
Pastime on June 21st.



# *Upcoming Events*

## *July Networking Event*

*July 19th*  
*Chocolate and Wine Tasting*  
*5:30 pm —7:30 pm*  
*Tempered Café & Chocolate*  
*1201 5th Avenue North*

Located in the heart of Germantown, Tempered Cafe & Chocolate is a sweet and savory destination specializing in small batch artisan chocolates and fine wine. Tempered will be pairing their homemade chocolates with wine and providing education about the chocolate making process. Flights of 3 wines and 3 chocolates will be available for \$17. Wine will also be available by the glass for \$6. LAW will provide cheese and charcuterie patters. [Map It!](#)

## *Health & Wellness Book Club*

*July 26th*  
*6:00 pm*  
*Richmeade Place Clubhouse*  
*401 Bowling Avenue*



My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry, By: Fredrik Backman  
Marnie Huff will host the group. Please bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. [Map It!](#)

## *Mentoring & Member Development Committee*

*Kickoff Meeting*  
*Wednesday, July 26 at 12pm*  
*Washington Square Building*  
*222 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center*



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