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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christen Blackburn



This past month, LAW hosted its 2nd Marion Griffin Women's Symposium where we evaluated "What it Takes to be a Women Lawyer." Attendees benefited from truly inspirational speakers including women trial lawyers, trail blazers, community activists and firm leaders who discussed some of the biggest hurdles women face in the practice of law including overcoming social norms, achieving pay equity, finding quality childcare, gaining the respect of our peers and developing the practice and life we really want.

While I found each session informative and thought provoking, what I enjoyed most about the Symposium was how it brought together women from every practice area and every generation to discuss our common challenges but also our individual and collective solutions. The discussions in the Symposium reminded me how powerful women are when we come together to tackle an issue- How we can effect change in our lives and in the lives of women in our community. And how LAW and its members have always been at the forefront of changing the legal and societal landscape in Nashville to create better lives for women in our city.

Because the challenges that we face as women lawyers are not unique to us because of our degree. All working women in Tennessee struggle to find safe, reliable and affordable child care so they can maintain employment and meet their children's needs. All working women in Tennessee fight for pay equity and equal opportunities for promotion. For example, Tennessee working mothers make \$0.72 for every dollar a father makes. What makes these statistics even more frustrating is that over half of Tennessee families rely on a female breadwinner to provide, but at a lower wage than their male peers. The result is more than 40% of these female headed families in Tennessee live in poverty.

But women lawyers in our city refuse to accept these statistics and are working every day to advocate for change. Change in how employers address family leave and pay equity. Change in how our legislatures and government agencies work to protect women in the workforce. And ultimately change the statistics mentioned above to create economically secure families.

I am looking forward to hearing from two of these women on Tuesday October 15, 2019 at our October member CLE and lunch, which will be held at Thistle Farms. Shanna Hughey, President of [ThinkTennessee](#), and Elizabeth Gedmark, Senior Staff Attorney/Director of the Southern Office for [A Better Balance](#), will discuss some of the challenges women in Tennessee face in obtaining economic security and how we can work together to effect change for Tennessee women's workforce. I hope you will join me as we learn how LAW can continue to work together to create better lives for women in our city.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019

October 15, 2019

Membership Luncheon and One Hour CLE



11: 15 am Registration and Lunch
Noon—1:00 pm CLE

5122 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, TN 37209

(Parking behind the building (upper deck and under the trees across the alley) or use Lyft code LAW101519. Entrance to event space is in the back.

Shanna Hughey, President of Think *Tennessee*, and Elizabeth Gedmark, Senior Staff Attorney/ Director of the Southern Office for A Better Balance will present on the “State of Our State: Women in the Workforce in Tennessee”.



Shanna Hughey



Elizabeth Gedmark

October 24, 2019

Practicing Parents Networking Breakfast



Drop the kiddos at school and meet your sisters in the law for breakfast!

Milk and Honey (in The Gulch)
214 11th Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37203

FREE FLOWING COFFEE ON LAW!

October 29, 2019
Quarterly Lean-In Mentoring
Circle Meeting
“The Great Balancing Act”



6:00—8:00 pm
Waller
511 Union Street, #2600
Nashville, TN 37219

Panelists will discuss balancing work life issues and pressures of the legal profession at different stages of their careers during the first hour. After the panel discussion, individual circles will meet the remainder of the evening.

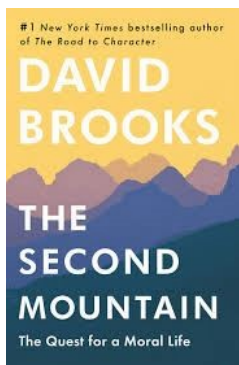
November 7, 2019
New Admittees’
Breakfast

7:15—9:00 am

Wildhorse Saloon
120 2nd Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37201

Keynote Speaker:
Anne Clayton Martin
Chancellor, Part II
Davidson County Chancery Court
Twentieth Judicial District Court
Nashville, Tennessee

November 12, 2019
Health & Wellness Book Club



6—8:00 pm
203 Heathstone Circle
Franklin, TN 37069
Take your favorite beverage
and an appetizer to share!

November 14, 2019
Community Relations Volunteer Project
at Thistle Farms

9:30—11:30 am

5122 Charlotte Pike
Nashville, TN 37209

As Thistle Farms prepares for its busiest time of the year, volunteers will assist in making sure holiday products are ready for shipment. Volunteers can expect to stuff envelopes, cut and fold tissues paper, tag apparel, and more.

November 14, 2019
Networking Committee



Trivia Night
7:30 pm
Diskin Cider
1235 Martin Street
Nashville, TN 37203

December 12, 2019
Member Appreciation CLE
3-5:00 pm
Followed by Holiday Mixer

Until 7:00 pm

Butler Snow LLP
150 3rd Avenue South, Suite 1600
Nashville, TN 37201

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Marion Griffin Women's Symposium: What It Takes To Be A Woman Lawyer

September 20, 2019 Belmont University - College of Law

On September 20, 2019, Belmont University - College of Law hosted the Marion Griffin Women's Symposium: What It Takes To Be A Woman Lawyer. The symposium included an all-attendee session, four breakout sessions (attendees could select two of the four breakout sessions to attend), and a keynote presentation with Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the North Carolina Supreme Court as the keynote speaker.

All-Attendee Session

Debra Sunderland, Sunderland Coaching / Conscious Leadership Group, presented the first session of the symposium for all attendees. Along with interactive activities, Ms. Sunderland posed questions for attendees to consider and provided handouts for attendees to respond on – her thought-provoking questions asked attendees to consider their hidden iceberg (a hidden iceberg was explained by the use of a drawing depicting an iceberg above and submerged in water; ¼ of the iceberg, which is above the water, is a person's / a leader's statements / conscious desire; ¾ of the iceberg, which is below the water, is the results / what is actually occurring / unconscious commitment). What is your unconscious commitment, etcetera?

Ms. Sunderland also asked attendees to consider whether they were an unconscious leader (one who goes through the motions, not living in the present, living, generally, fear-based, blaming, criticizing, and lacking self-awareness) or a conscious leader (trusting, open, collaborative, living in the present rather than in the future or the past, and self-aware). She described ways that attendees could discover what type of leader they were, including asking yourself whether you are below or above the line? (A simple black line can tell one where he or she is located in life at that moment; above the line is open, curious, and committed to learning; below the line is committed to being right, defensive, and closed.) Ms. Sunderland explained that we can't thrive as leaders if we are in defense mode, and determining our location is key in thriving as a leader.

First Breakout Session:

What It Takes To Be A Woman Trial Lawyer

With Laura Baker as the Session Moderator, the panelists, Julie Bhattacharya Peak, Erin Palmer Polly, and Kathryn Barnett, responded to Laura's questions, which were promoted by competing articles recently published in *The Atlantic* and the *ABA Journal*, - Lara Bazelon's "What It Takes to Be a Trial Lawyer if You're Not a Man" and Cris Arguedas's "What It Takes' article gives false picture of female trial lawyers" – and discussed the treatment of gender in depositions, motions, and trials and whether gender plays a role.

You Do You: Getting A Seat At The Table That Is Right For You

With Session Moderator DarKenya Waller, panelists, Emily Hunter Plotkin, Jennifer Robinson, and Wendy Warren, discussed choosing a career path that a person actually wants rather than following the path he or she thinks he or she should be taking and how to achieve those goals - whether that be sitting at the table at a large law firm, starting one's own practice, or becoming the CEO of a Fortune 500 Company. The panelists discussed the struggles that they faced in pivoting their careers and the benefits that come along with recognizing that the law provides numerous paths to success. The inspiration for this session was panelist Emily Hunter Plotkin's article, "Forging The Path That Works For You."

Second Breakout Session

How Can Nashville Firms Balance the Scales for Women Lawyers?

With Session Moderator Christen Blackburn, panelists, Jim Jenkins, Lisa Ramsay Cole, and Stacey Garrett Koju, discussed and explored the challenges women lawyers face rising in the ranks in law firms, obtaining equality in compensation, identifying mentors and champions, and developing as firm leaders. This breakout session built on themes from Sharon Rowen's documentary, *Balancing the Scales*, which LAW members viewed in September 2018, and continued the conversation started at the question and answer session with Ms. Rowen.

The panelists also discussed law firm culture and how their firms help and support their attorneys, including when the attorney has to care for a child, a sick parent, or even a sick animal – the panelists also discussed the different and flexible working schedules / options available to their firm's attorneys.

The Childcare Crisis Impacting Women Lawyers

With Session Moderator Lynne Ingram, panelists, Gina Tek, coordinator of Childcare Tennessee, Lisa Wiltshire, Policy Director for Tennesseans for Quality Early Education, and Phil Acord, Executive Director of the Children's Home, discussed and re-

sponded to questions regarding the critical need for quality childcare and the efforts to expand equality childcare in Nashville. With an eighteen-month to two-year waitlist for infants at childcare facilities in Metro Nashville, panelists also discussed the affects women face when returning to work after having a child, the quality of childcare, and the expense of childcare once the child/children is/are accepted into a program. There is a national movement to raise awareness and improve the state of childcare across the country, which the panelists also discussed during this session.

Keynote Speaker Chief Justice Cheri Beasley

Originally from Nashville, Tennessee and a graduate of Whites Creek High School and the University of Tennessee College of Law, Keynote Speaker Chief Justice Cheri Beasley’s discussed her twenty-year judicial career and time spent practicing law in the Twelfth Judicial District’s Public Defender’s Office.

The Chief Justice’s accomplishments demonstrate her commitment to the legal profession and judiciary. On top of her career, the Chief Justice was also a wife and a mother to twins. When she first ran for reelection, the Chief Justice recalled her and her husband pushing a stroller with their nine- to ten-month old twins and going door-to-door to campaign for her election. Based on her experience, the Chief Justice offered practical strategies on how to navigate the terrain of family and career and discussed the balance when pursuing a successful legal career and meeting society’s expectations of success at home and in one’s community.

The Chief Justice also encouraged attendees to be courageous and noted the importance of asking someone to tell their story. She offered examples of other attorneys’ encounters with bullying or unwanted comments – the Chief Justice then posed the question to attendees - what would you do when if you witnessed something / how would you respond when someone demeans someone in front of you, in the courtroom? She encouraged attendees to speak up and be courageous.

The Chief Justice has done just that in her position as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court by establishing a paid parental policy in the judicial branch and is currently working to change the sexual harassment policy – doing something different and standing up for what is right is the message she practices and offered to attendees.



We Need Less Talk and Rock the World

By Andrea Perry

“One woman can make a difference but TOGETHER we can rock the world.”— Author unknown

As a female attorney, mother and wife, I have seen the challenges that women face in the legal profession - that’s why I am working diligently to be a part of the change, to be a part of bringing solutions to the table, rather than merely identifying the problems that women attorneys face. The 2019 Marion Griffin Women’s Symposium was a vehicle to bring women together to unite, be a part of the change, and discuss and bring solutions to the table.

Whether it is dealing with the illusion of the work/life balance, the child-care crisis, or the gender bias in the courtroom, we must commit and be the kind of change that will improve our professional and personal lives, and also make the road smoother for the next generation of women lawyers.

I have always hoped for change, cheered for change, participated in any initiative that promoted change and, most importantly, spoke up for change. But time and time again, I have witnessed the conversations churn in the same muddy water of recognition of the problems without any clear resolutions. If change is what we want, it is through action, reform, and a united community of women lawyers that we will effect it.

We need to focus on the kinds of changes that will create and improve opportunities for women lawyers, as well as provide them with professional mobility. For those women who are in positions of power – you have the ability to elevate those around you. There truly is nothing more powerful than women coming together as a united front to create the world in which they want to live. Nobody will give us what we do not take for ourselves, and we need each other to be successful.

Some of the fantastic progress I have seen from women-led initiatives include the development of assignment systems in firms so that quality assignments are not left to implicit bias or chance. These systems have been highly useful in advancing opportunities for female lawyers.

It is also vital to nominate women to take on internal leadership roles in law firms, such as a seat on the board of directors or chairing a committee. We need to take every opportunity to nominate women to leadership programs - they provide a great way to help women hone their leadership skills and learn about business development.

But, above all, let’s create different paths for women lawyers to be able to make their unique and powerful mark on this profession.

I, along with many others, believe significant change really is on the horizon. But it’s up to us to push it to the forefront and to bring in a new generation of practitioners to build on the momentum. We must mentor young women entering the profession, not just on best practices, but also on how to be part of the change.

To women lawyers everywhere, I see you, and I stand with you. Together, we have the power to unite, elevate, and create an environment that allows everyone to thrive equally.



Andrea Perry was a co-chair of the 2019 Marion Griffin Women’s Symposium. She is a Member Bone McAllister Norton PLLC.

A LAW Board Member in Italy

By Brooke M. Coplon



I wanted to do something big to celebrate my 30th birthday, so my husband and I decided to travel to Italy. We both love wine, food, and history, so Italy was a perfect fit for us!

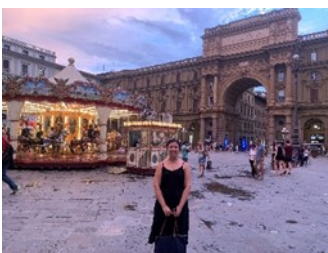
Our first stop was Venice. We timed our visit to coincide with the Annual Historical Regatta. The Regatta is an annual boat race down the Grand Canal. It starts with a parade of city officials in traditional outfits and boats. Then, teams—representing the neighborhoods of the city—compete in races down the Grand Canal.

Though Venice has a reputation for being overridden by cruise ship tourists, we found that while a section of the city was definitely covered in cruise ship tourists, they did not seem to venture out from a very small section of the city. We found it to be fairly easy to find sections of the city that weren't crowded and where we could really enjoy the beauty of the city.

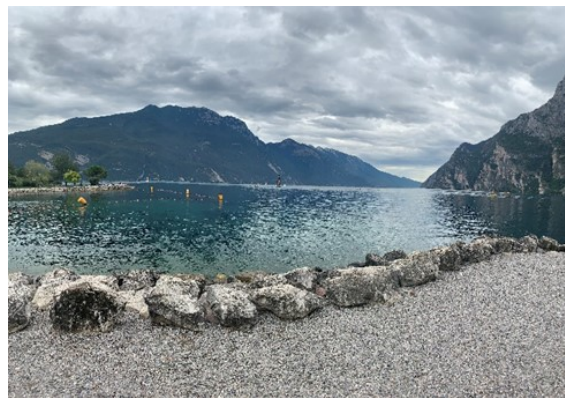


Next, we were off to Florence. Florence is commonly thought of as the birthplace to the Renaissance, due to its tremendous contributions to the arts and sciences in the 16th Century. While the city is “modern” in that it still has residents, unlike Venice, the majority of the city was built in the Middle Ages, and the layout of the city has not changed significantly since the Renaissance. However, two of Florence’s most famous sights were not completed until recently—well, recently for Florence. The Duomo’s façade was not completed until the 19th century, and the Piazza della Repubblica was not created until the 1890s.

From Florence, we took a day trip to Tuscany for wine tasting. As part of our tour, we stopped at an organic farm with views of San Gimignano to sample some Chianti and olive oil.



We then visited San Gimignano—nicknamed the “Medieval Manhattan” for its intact medieval towers. These towers were used both for show and for defense in times of war. Wealthy families would compete to build the biggest towers. In addition, families would hide in the towers when the town was under attack.



This concluded the “sightseeing” portion of our trip. We opted to spend the rest of our time in Italy at a resort town in the Italian Lakes region. We stayed in Riva del Garda—a town extremely popular with German tourists but relatively unknown to most Americans. Riva del Garda was part of Austria-Hungary until the end of World War I in 1918, and was on the front line during that war. The town is filled with palm trees and surrounded by the Dolomites and vineyards, making for a very unique climate and view. We spent our first day hiking around the town and relaxing.

Our next day we spent exploring the resort town of Arco, Italy—which used to be a Hapsburg resort town. The town was beautiful and not too crowded because it had rained earlier in the day.



After a wonderful stay in Riva del Garda, we unfortunately had to start our long trip home. We turned in our rental car in Verona and spent the afternoon there before boarding our train back to Venice. Verona is a unique city in that it has a Roman amphitheater (still used for opera), medieval buildings, and modern European boulevards. We wish we could have spent more time in this charming city.

We had a wonderful trip and are already planning our next trip to Italy. Ciao!

Brooke is a 2019-2020 Newsletter Editor. She is an associate at Wiseman Ashworth Law Group, PLC.

Board Spotlight: Shellie Handelsman First Year Director



Where are you from? Tell us about your path to practicing law. I'm originally from Pittsburgh, PA. I went to college at Berklee College of Music in Boston. After I graduated, I moved to Nashville and bartended for several years while figuring out what I was going to do with my life. I took a couple classes at Belmont, one of which was a business law class. I loved it, and I decided to go to law school. My parents actually met in law school, and I always said I would NEVER be a lawyer - funny how things change.

What do you do professionally, and what is your favorite part of your job? I just started my own law practice, **Handelsman Law**, and will focus in the areas of estate planning and probate law, entertainment, sports, intellectual property law, and business law. I do both transactional and litigation work. My favorite part of my job is assisting clients and feeling like I'm making a difference in their lives.

What leadership roles have you had with LAW? I've been the Membership Committee Co-Chair; the Judicial Appointments, Elections Co-Chair, and Award Nominations Committee Co-Chair; an Archivist; and currently, I'm a First-Year Director.

What is your favorite part of LAW? Definitely the members! I love getting to know the amazing women (and men) who are members of LAW. I've met so many of my close friends through LAW, many of whom I serve with on LAW's board.

Describe yourself. I'm always busy. When I'm not working, I'm networking, trying out a new restaurant with friends, or staying active - whether it's working out, playing lawyer's league softball, or competing in OCRs (obstacle course races). When I'm at home, I'm hanging out with my golden retriever, Dakota.

It's a Saturday night in Nashville. What are you up to? It depends if it's a race weekend or not. I run Spartan races and other OCRs. If it's a race weekend, I'm recovering from a Saturday race and most likely getting ready for another race on Sunday. If it's not a race weekend, I'm at a concert or trying out a local restaurant in Nashville.

Facebook or Instagram? Instagram

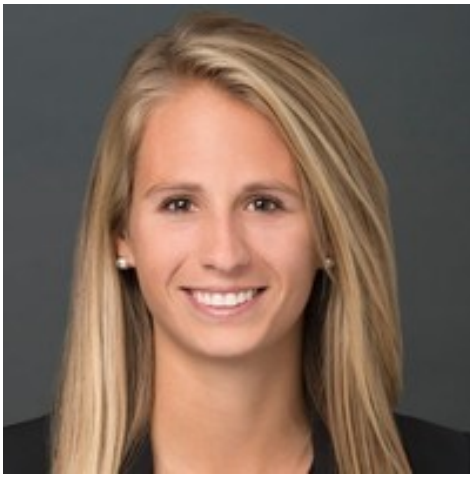
Phone call or text? Text

Nextflix or Hulu? Netflix

What is your favorite quote, piece of advice, or motto you try to live by?

"Don't be afraid to stand for what you believe in, even if that means standing alone."
-Andy Biersack

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."
- Maya Angelou



New Member Spotlight: Emma Kramer

Where are you from? Tell us about your path practicing law. I am originally from Riverside, Connecticut. I graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont, and studied law at Fordham University School of Law in New York City. After graduating in 2016, I practiced at a firm called Cahill Gordon & Reindel for three years. I concentrated primarily on litigation with an emphasis on matters relating to Antitrust Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Securities Litigation.

What brought you to Nashville? I am clerking for Judge Richardson in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (as fellow LAW member Rachel Harris Berg's successor). As an added bonus, I no longer have to travel 900 miles to see my boyfriend who is not so coincidentally stationed at Fort Campbell. I have really enjoyed Nashville so far. I love my job and wake up every day excited to go to work - that is new for me.

Tell us about your family. I am very close with my family. I have one sister who is my polar opposite and best friend. Before moving to Nashville, we lived together in a tiny apartment in the West Village in New York City. We fought cockroaches, set off the fire alarm countless times in our semi-successful culinary experiments, and laughed until we cried. She will always be the best roommate I will ever have. My parents are also wonderful. Neither of them are lawyers but they could not be more supportive of me and my career.

My father spent the last 40 years in marketing, but is newly retired - I call him the busiest retired man in the world. He spent his first retired day googling new hobbies, and a few weeks later, he rode his motorcycle up the east coast from New Orleans to Connecticut. Now, less than two years into his retirement, he has started a new part-time job in marketing. He spends the rest of his time cleaning his boat, playing golf and tennis, and looking for new hobbies.

My mom is the rock of our family. She is an avid reader and excellent tennis player. My mom was involved in everything I did growing up - she volunteered at my school and ran my 300+ girls lacrosse club. Currently, she is caregiver for my grandparents. I admire her strength, patience, and unconditional love for everyone in my family. Being far away from them has definitely been a challenge.

What books are you reading right now? Currently, I am reading *Becoming* by Michelle Obama and *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.

What is your favorite quote, piece of advice, or a motto you try to live by? My Dad says that "it is better to have your fiddle and not be asked to play than to be asked to play and not have your fiddle." In other words, be prepared. I must have rolled my eyes during that lecture hundreds of times. Now, I think it dictates how I approach my career, and more generally, how I try to live my life.

Any other fun facts that LAW members don't know about you? Until now, I have never met a plant that I did not kill. However, for the last four months and as of today, I have three alive succulents.

What woman inspires you most and why? It is hard to pick one woman as my role model or sole inspiration. No one is perfect, we all have our flaws. I am sure even RBG has a few flaws, if we look closely enough. I am inspired by many different women for different reasons, so I will pick a few of many to name here. First, I am inspired by RBG's dedication to the law, work ethic, and perseverance - even if I don't necessarily agree with every decision she has written. I am inspired by my grandmother who I have never heard say a negative word about anyone - she can always find something positive, even in the most hopeless of cases. I am inspired by a friend of mine who is always trying to do her part to make the world a little bit better. Currently, she is attempting to live a zero-waste lifestyle. Her ability to push through minor everyday inconveniences that I do not want to deal with is truly inspiring. Finally, I am inspired by every working mom that I have met. They give me hope that women can, in fact, do it all.

August's Lean-In Circle Mentoring Event Recap

By Kimberly Veirs

On August 27, 2019, LAW members attended the kickoff event for the Lean-In Mentoring Circles at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis. The theme of the kickoff event was “Climbing the Law Ladder in Heels.” During the first hour of the event, LAW members heard from a panel of speakers, including Laura Smith, Vice President-General Counsel at Nashville Electric Service, DarKenya Waller, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee, Kathryn Barnett, Managing Partner of Morgan & Morgan’s Nashville office, and Mary Dohner Smith, Partner at Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP. The panel was moderated by Mentoring and Membership Development Co-Chair, Rachel Harris.

The panelists provided valuable insight on topics such as barriers to female leadership, how they have been successful in climbing the law ladder, and how leadership positions in community organizations have helped them to achieve leadership positions with their employers. The panelists also provided great advice to LAW members who are striving for leadership positions. Laura Smith stressed the importance of learning as much as you can about your industry and being willing to develop new skills in order to advance in in-house counsel roles. DarKenya Waller provided valuable advice regarding consistent goal-setting and mapping out a plan to achieve those goals. Kathryn Barnett encouraged LAW members to think beyond the traditional legal career paths to forge their own paths and build the careers that they want. Mary Dohner Smith also provided a great perspective on how to overcome different types of adversity in the law firm setting and earn a seat at the table with the decision-makers of the firm.

During the second hour, LAW members split up into four mentoring circles: 1) Plaintiff’s Attorneys; 2) Defense/Transactional Attorneys; 3) Government/Public Interest Attorneys; and 4) In-House Counsel. The members in each mentoring circle got to know each other, and discussed the themes that were raised during the panel.

The mentoring circles meet at least once between formal Lean-In Mentoring Circle events. Anyone is welcome to attend future Lean-In Mentoring Circle events, even if you did not attend the August 27, 2019 event. The next Lean-In Mentoring Circle event will take place on October 29, 2019, at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

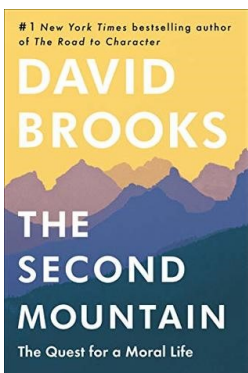
Health & Wellness Book Club

By Raquel Bellamy



On September 10, 2019, LAW members attended the Book Club event at Doreen Farthing’s home in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, and discussed Kamala Harris’s book, “The Truths We Hold.” At the event, members discussed Kamala Harris’s background and impressive qualifications. They also discussed the battles she faces in the present election and the qualifications of the other candidates.

The committee chairs and members were grateful for their generous hostess, Doreen Farthing. The committee chairs look forward to the next event and encourage LAW members to attend!



The next Health & Wellness Book Club event will be on **Tuesday, November 12, 2019**, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., at 203 Hearthstone Circle, Franklin, Tennessee 37069. This month’s book is “The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life” by David Brooks. Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage! Thank you to Emily Plotkin for hosting!

Oustanding Community Service Award



Chancellor
Ellen Hobbs Lyle

The Davidson County Chancery Court Part III has been awarded the 2019 Outstanding Community Service Award by the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging for a court program which in the first year has delivered dental, transportation, housing, and legal services to over 17,174 elderly Tennesseans, and has over 1,000,000 viewers of its Nashville Public Television program. Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle administers the court program with a team consisting of Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability Executive Director Jim Shulman, General Counsel Charles Ferguson, Attorneys for the Receiver Paul Davidson and Tera Rica Murdock, Receiver William C. Matheney, and representatives of five nonprofit agencies across the State: West End Home Foundation, HCA Foundation, Assisi Foundation, United Way of Greater Knoxville, and the Memorial Foundation.

To learn more about the program, visit <https://tn.gov/aging/administration/seniortrust-eldertrust.html>.



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Jennifer Moreno, formerly with Metro Legal and the 2017 Rising Star Award Recipient, recently started working with Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP in Jacksonville, FLA.

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