



DECATUR BAR ASSOCIATION President's Page

April 2015

DBA SECURITY PROPOSAL

The Executive Committee is submitting a proposal to Chief Judge Webber and Sheriff Schneider for DBA members to bypass security at the courthouse.

WEBSITE

The Web Page Committee has selected a web development company and is working with the company to redesign and update the DBA website. Many thanks to Frank Byers II, Regan Lewis, Katie Anderson and Bill McNutt, who have been working on this project. Tentatively, they hope to have the new website up and running this summer.

COMPOSITE PICTURES

The Executive Committee is having a new DBA composite board made for the Lawyer's Lounge at the Courthouse. DBA Members had their pictures taken in March for the composite board, and we are hoping to have one make-up picture day coming up soon. Many thanks to Drew Jacobus for working on this project.

LAW WEEK

Thank you to President- Elect, Regan Lewis, who is planning many activities for Law Week, which is coming up on May 1st through May 8th. **The Law Week events are as follows:**

- **Blood Drive, May 1st, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the Court House (Room #315). Appointments are not required, but suggested. You can contact Regan Lewis at reganlewis@hsbattys.com or 217-424-4599 to schedule an appointment. Non-attorneys are welcome and encouraged to donate. **Please provide the Blood Drive information to your office and encourage all attorneys and staff to donate!**
- **Mock Trial, May 6th, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** in Courtroom 3A. **Volunteers are needed for this event. Please reach out to Regan Lewis at reganlewis@hsbattys.com or 217-424-4599, if interested. 132 students will be attending this popular

presentation, in which both community lawyers and a number of students themselves participate.

- **Abe Lincoln's Hat Presentation for 2nd grade students by the Honorable Judge R.C. Bollinger is scheduled for May 6th from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** An overwhelming response from the community has been received to this new Law Week event.
- **Law Week Social at Doherty's on Friday, May 8th at 5:00 p.m.** in the smaller back room.

ANNUAL MEETING AND GOLF OUTING

Thank you to David Reimer and Jack Kiley for planning the upcoming Annual Meeting and Golf Outing, which will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015, at South Side Country Club. The DBA Honoree will be Evan Johnson and the Pro Bono Award will go to Jim Jankowicz. Please see the attached reservation form for the golf outing and return the forms to David Reimer ASAP.

When: May 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Shotgun start.

Where: South Side Country Club

Format: 4-person scramble

Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00 for golfers. Dinner is free for members and significant others.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

President: Regan Lewis

President Elect: Kim Rhykus

Secretary: Drew Jacobus

Treasurer: Katie Anderson

Past President: Lindsey Wise

New Directors: Amy Waks, Bret Coale, Frank Byers II

Remaining Directors: Carol Craig, Darrel Parish, Judge R.C. Bollinger

ALL DAY CLE PROGRAM

Carol Craig is planning an all day CLE Program on June 5, 2015 at the Decatur Club. More details to come. Thank you to Carol for putting a lot of work into this CLE program. Please contact her at ccraig@midlandsb.com with any questions.

MEMORIALS

Memorials will be planned for Donald Venturelli and Robert W. McCarthy. We need volunteers for the Memorials Committee. If you would like to help, please contact Lindsey Wise at lwise@kehart.com.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a great honor to act as the DBA President this past year. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this year's Annual Meeting, as I am due with my third child on May 6th. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee for all of their hard work this past year. Without the help of the DBA officers, directors, and members, we would have been unable to host so many activities and accomplish all our goals in the past year. Special thanks to:

- Carol Craig for planning all of the CLE programs, including the all day CLE coming up in June;
- Bill McNutt, Katie Anderson, Regan Lewis and Frank Byers II (incoming director) for their work on the DBA website;
- Drew Weatherford for planning the young lawyer activities;
- Darrel Parish for preparing the security bypass proposal to be presented to Chief Judge Webber and Sheriff Schneider;
- Phil Tibbs for planning our social events, including the Peoria Chiefs baseball outing and the Corn Roast;
- Regan Lewis for planning all of the Law Week activities and Judge Bollinger for also planning and participating in the Law Week Activities;
- Drew Jacobus for organizing the pictures and managing the composite board project in the Lawyer's Lounge;
- David Reimer and Jack Kiley for planning the annual meeting and golf outing;
- Kim Rhykus for her participation in the Executive Committee and providing a valuable link between the DBA and the ADM attorneys who don't have as much day to day involvement in our legal community; and
- Bill McNutt for his guidance and answering my questions as they came up this past year.

I have enjoyed working with the Executive Committee this past year and getting to know more of the DBA members. The Executive Committee has accomplished many goals and provided our members with numerous benefits. I hope that all of our members have enjoyed the DBA activities this past year as much as I have! Thank you for allowing me to serve as DBA President.

Sincerely,
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