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LOUISVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

IT'S MEMBER NOVEMBER!

Thank you for your continued support of the LBA! Are you taking advantage of all the benefits of membership? From professional services to travel discounts and more, your LBA membership offers perks you won't want to miss. Turn to pages 10–12 to explore them all.



Find Your Connection



One of the benefits of belonging to a professional association is the opportunity to connect with people outside our usual circles. Whether it's meeting a colleague at a luncheon, finding support from someone who understands the pressures of practicing law or discovering a new resource for your practice, those connections can make a difference.

The Louisville Bar Association has several opportunities this month to get involved, meet colleagues and celebrate our legal community.

Celebrating Our Members

Join us Wednesday, November 18, at the Ice House for the LBA's Annual Awards Luncheon. The program begins at 11 a.m. and will recognize this year's award recipients and Leadership Academy inductees.

The luncheon is an opportunity to recognize the people who contribute to our profession and community, while catching up with colleagues from across the Louisville legal community.

I'm especially excited about this year's award winners, and I hope you'll join us.

Making Well-Being a Priority

The LBA Health & Wellness Committee is offering two opportunities this month to connect with colleagues around an important subject: well-being in the legal profession.

On Thursday, November 5, the committee will host the first meeting of *Same Bar, Different Wiring*, a new Member Resource Group for neurodivergent legal professionals. The informal gathering will take place at the Bar Center from noon to 1 p.m. Members with ADHD, autism, dyslexia or other neurodivergent experiences are welcome, regardless of whether they have a formal diagnosis.

Then, on Saturday, November 7, the committee will participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Community Walk at Waterfront Park. Lawyers, judges, legal staff, law students, family and friends are welcome to join the LBA team. Those who cannot attend can support the team's fundraising efforts online.

These initiatives reflect the many ways our association can support its members—not just in their professional development, but in their well-being and sense of community.

Members interested in helping develop future wellness programs are also welcome to participate in the Health & Wellness Committee, which meets monthly via Zoom. Please contact Lisa Murray, *lmurray@loubar.org*, if you would like to be involved.

Getting to Know One Another

I'm pleased to see Brianna Coleman expanding the LBA's social media presence with engaging content on LinkedIn. I encourage you to follow the LBA there, interact with the posts and help us reach more members of the Louisville legal community.

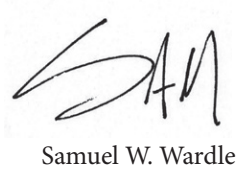
Brianna is also launching LBA Member Spotlights to introduce the people behind our profession. Members can share their practice areas, explain what brought them to the LBA, identify the membership resources they value and offer advice to lawyers who are just getting started. If you'd like to be featured, please reach out to Brianna at *bcoleman@loubar.org*, and she will send you a short Member Spotlight questionnaire.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As we approach the new year, I encourage each of you to find one new way to engage with the LBA. Attend a program, volunteer for a committee, introduce yourself to a colleague you haven't met or share your experience through a Member Spotlight.

You don't have to make a major commitment to get more out of your membership. Sometimes it starts with showing up, making a connection or lending a hand.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming LBA event—and to continuing to build our professional community together in 2027.



Samuel W. Wardle
LBA President

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Behind the Scenes: The Work of the Master Commissioner's Office

Chief Circuit Judge Eric Haner

The Master Commissioner's Office plays an important role in the work of Jefferson Circuit Court, but its responsibilities may not be familiar to lawyers who do not regularly practice in foreclosure or other matters referred to the office. The office handles much more than judicial sales and is the largest such office in Kentucky. Carole C. Schneider, who was recently reappointed by the Jefferson Circuit Court, has served in this position and was sworn in for another term this year. I spoke with Commissioner Schneider about the work of the office, its role in foreclosure proceedings, its interaction with attorneys and the public, and what she would like lawyers to know about working with the office.



Q: What is the Master Commissioner's Office, and how is the office structured?

A: The Jefferson Circuit Court Master Commissioner (MC) is the only full-time MC in Kentucky, with a dedicated office and support staff, and currently, one full-time and three part-time Deputy MCs. The MC also serves as Receiver, which involves the paying in and holding of funds pending additional court orders.

The MC's office is self-funding through fees generated from reports, special proceedings and hearings and judicial sales. The MC must file an Annual Report with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which oversees the MC's office. The Annual Report sets forth all collected fees exceeding AOC-authorized salaries and expenses; such excess funds generated by the MC's office are remitted to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

Q: What does the Master Commissioner's Office do?

A: The MC, who is appointed by the circuit court judges to a term not to exceed four (4) years without reappointment, serves at the pleasure of the court and performs functions as directed by court order. The primary function of the MC's office is to review actions to foreclose real property, issue reports recommending or denying Judgments and Orders of Sale and conduct judicial sales. The MC's office also handles actions for sale and division/partition and conducts: (1) evidentiary hearings in mechanic's lien actions; (2) all wage/non-wage garnishment challenge hearings; and (3) all post-judgment bill of discovery dockets.

Q: How does the Master Commissioner's Office work with judges and attorneys?

A: The MC's office will review matters on automatic referrals or direct referral orders from the judges and issue reports for the court. The MC's office is responsive to inquiries from the judges, and the MC generally does not appear at motion hours or hearings unless requested by the court.

The MC's office works with attorneys concerning MC reports, the scheduling of necessary hearings, the coordination of sale docketing, the distribution of sale proceeds and the scheduling of bill of discovery dockets and appearances on those matters.

Q: Can you take us through a typical foreclosure case, from filing through the judicial sale?

A: While most foreclosure actions concern mortgage liens, actions are also filed to adjudicate delinquent taxes, civil penalty liens and contracts for deed. A foreclosure action commences with the filing of the complaint with the Circuit Court Clerk and the recording of a Lis Pendens with the County Clerk's office. The MC does not examine nor warranty title to real property and, therefore, the MC is relying on the attorney to have conducted a title examination to identify all necessary parties to the action.

After proper completion of service of process on all necessary parties, a party may file a Motion for Judgment and Order of Sale (JOS), together with an Order Referring Case to Master Commissioner for Judicial Sale (AOC 141S) and a $200 fee to the Circuit Court Clerk. The JOS filing must include all evidence in support of the underlying debt, a copy of the recorded mortgage and assignments (if applicable), and the legal description for the real property with the derivation clause and commonly known street address. Local rules govern the filing of necessary documentation and the appropriate JOS format. Local rules also require the automatic referral of the JOS to the MC.

The MC maintains court files in order by filing date and typically reviews them within four to six weeks of receipt. If the JOS is not ready for recommendation, the MC will issue a Remand Report setting forth the deficiencies with the judgment and/or any additional action required. Otherwise, the MC will file a Lien Enforcement Report recommending the court's entry of the JOS and AOC 141S. Upon such entry, the MC has 90 days to conduct the sale.

The MC's office dockets sales for the next available sale date. After filing the notice of sale, the following must occur: (1) the attorney's payment of the advanced sale deposit; (2) advertisement of the sale; and (3) an appraisal of the property by two court-appointed appraisers (KRS 389A.030 actions excluded).

A sale report must be filed within three business days of the sale, with 10 days permitted for the filing of exceptions. The purchaser should have the title examined as there is no warranty of title. The terms of sale are to be completed within 30 days of sale.

Motions for confirmation of report of sale and delivery of deed are automatically referred to the MC's office. Following the purchaser's review of the MC's Deed, the MC signs the deed and sends it to the court for execution and entry. The Circuit Court Clerk then issues a certified copy of the deed acceptable for recording with the Jefferson County Clerk.

Motions for distribution of sale proceeds are also automatically referred to the MC. Funds must be paid in full and the sale must be confirmed before sale proceeds are available for distribution.

Q: What are some aspects of the office's work that lawyers may not be familiar with?

A: The MC is occasionally ordered by the family court to prepare a MC Deed, execute a quitclaim deed or sign a vehicle title due to an uncooperative party. The order must be specific, and applicable fees must be paid.

The MC cannot execute settlement agreements, purchase contracts or real estate closing documents.

Q: How does the office work with the public?

A: The MC's office answers questions from the public regarding the status of actions, judicial sales, garnishment challenges and discovery dockets. The MC's office also maintains a website to assist the public with questions concerning judicial sales. Additionally, the MC's office has regular in-person contact with the public at its judicial sales.

Q: What advice would you give to lawyers who work with the Master Commissioner's Office?

A: The MC's office asks attorneys to be mindful that the Jefferson Circuit Court MC's Office has the largest volume of matters for review and judicial sales to conduct in Kentucky.

Attorneys filing matters should submit their best work. Failure to pay attention to details and requirements leads to increased review time and remand report filings by the MC's office. The goal for the attorney and the MC's office is to move matters from filing to completion as quickly as possible, and quality pleadings are what is needed to accomplish that goal.



Chief Judge Eric Haner presides in Division One of the Jefferson Circuit Court, and is the Chief Regional Judge. ■

2026 Santa's Court Toy Drive

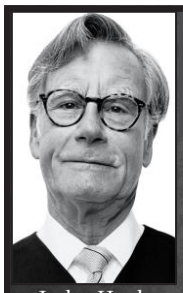
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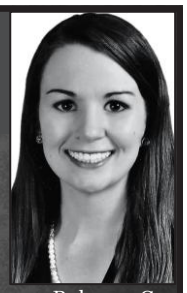
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Health & Wellness Committee Corner

November 2026

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ALL MONTH

Movember

Movember raises awareness for men's mental health, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. In the legal profession, the mental health piece is especially relevant: men in law have some of the highest rates of depression and substance use in any profession, and some of the lowest rates of help-seeking. This month, create a genuine opening for the men in your office to talk about what they are carrying. A direct check-in from a colleague is worth more than a wellness email.

THIS MONTH
Schedule any overdue health screenings for the men in your life. Movember is the nudge.

National Family Caregivers Month

Many attorneys are also caregivers for aging parents, children with special needs or ill spouses. Caregiver burnout is real and largely invisible in professional settings. This month, ask whether your firm's leave policies, flexible scheduling and workload expectations account for the fact that many of your attorneys are carrying responsibilities that never show up on a timesheet.

FOR CAREGIVERS
Naming your caregiving role to your supervisor is not a sign of weakness. It is how workplaces begin to accommodate real life.

BY THE NUMBERS -- ATTORNEY SUICIDE RISK

2x Lawyers are twice as likely as the general population to contemplate suicide.

22x Lawyers under high stress are 22 times more likely to contemplate suicide than those with low stress.

#3 Suicide is the third leading cause of death among attorneys, after cancer and heart disease.

Source: Krill & Anker, Healthcare journal; ABA research

November 7 - AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk

The H&W Committee is walking in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Out of the Darkness Walk on November 7 in Louisville. The walk raises funds and awareness for suicide prevention. If you have been following this column since September, this is what those conversations have been building toward. Join us.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Join the LBA team for the AFSP Walk on November 7. Register at www.loubar.org.
2. Have a direct, private check-in with a male colleague this month. Not a mass email — a real conversation.
3. If you are a caregiver, name it. To your supervisor, your team or just yourself. Invisible caregiving leads to invisible burnout.

GET INVOLVED

JOIN THE HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE!

Active LBA members who want to help promote wellness across the legal profession are welcome.

Contact Lisa M. Murray at lmurray@loubar.org to learn more.

LOUISVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

CALL FOR Nominations

Justice William E. McAnulty Jr. Trailblazer Award

The Louisville Bar Association invites nominations for the 2026 Justice William E. McAnulty Jr. Trailblazer Award. This annual honor recognizes individuals who have made a lasting impact on racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession. The award was created in 2003 to celebrate leaders who drive legal and social progress and is named for the first African American to serve on the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Nominees should reflect the spirit of the Trailblazer Award by meeting several or all of the following qualities:

- Advocates for racial equity and justice through the courts or legislation
- Promotes diversity, inclusion and cultural competency within the profession and the community
- Builds partnerships that strengthen diversity
- Advances diversity, equity and inclusion
- Shows dedication to raising awareness about the value of diversity
- Demonstrates a measurable impact on racial and ethnic diversity in the legal field
- Leads or participates in community outreach that supports the LBA mission on diversity



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

For more information and to submit a nomination visit www.loubar.org

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LISA M. MURRAY AT LMURRAY@LOUBAR.ORG

Congrats



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You passed the bar — now let's raise the bar together!

Congratulations to everyone who recently passed the bar exam! All your hard work has paid off, and we're excited to welcome you to the legal profession.

As you begin this next chapter, remember that building connections is just as important as building your practice. The LBA is here to help you connect with fellow attorneys, build relationships, discover professional development opportunities and find valuable resources to support you throughout your career.

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Kentucky General Assembly Overrides Veto on Psychedelic Drug Research Bill

Virginia Leigh Schell

Ibogaine is a psychoactive compound derived from the Tabernanthe iboga, an African shrub. Traditionally, it was used in West African cultures for initiation rites and spiritual discovery.

During its 2026 Regular Session, the Kentucky General Assembly passed multiple bills and several resolutions related to healthcare issues. Notably, it passed SB 77, "An Act relating to ibogaine research in the Commonwealth," on April 1, 2026. After Governor Beshear's subsequent veto, the General Assembly overrode the veto the next day. Four days later, President Trump signed Executive Order 14401 titled "Accelerating Medical Treatments For Serious Mental Illness" to facilitate access to psychedelic drugs like ibogaine through clinical trials.

What is Ibogaine?

Ibogaine is a psychoactive compound derived from the Tabernanthe iboga, an African shrub. Traditionally, it was used in West African cultures for initiation rites and spiritual discovery. It is classified by the DEA as Schedule I controlled substance, meaning it has no accepted medical use, has a high potential for abuse and is not safe for use even under medical supervision. Ibogaine is legal in Canada and Mexico where clinics offer treatments. The drug has been touted by podcasters, veterans suffering from PTSD and people struggling with substance use disorder as a miracle drug with little to no adverse side effects. Proponents of the drug claim that it requires only one treatment to see significant improvement in symptoms of PTSD and substance use disorder. Opponents point to the significant risks associated with its use including sudden cardiac death.

Ibogaine, like other psychedelic drugs, has hallucinogenic and oneirogenic effects that can last anywhere from 18 to 36 hours. Sudden cardiac death, suicidal ideation and mania are some of the more severe adverse reactions associated with ibogaine use. It also can cause ataxia, arrhythmias, respiratory insufficiency, seizures and paralysis. There is an increased risk of sudden cardiac death in individuals using ibogaine who have epilepsy, depression, PTSD, cardiovascular disease and schizophrenia.

A study by Stanford Medical researchers where ibogaine was administered to veterans with traumatic brain injuries found that it "reduces PTSD, anxiety and depression and improves functioning." *https://med.stanford.edu/news/all-news/2024/01/ibogaine-ptsd.html*. In the study, the drug was given with magnesium to reduce the risk of cardiovascular complications. *Id*. Other medical literature shows some efficacy in using ibogaine for treatment of substance use disorder, but significant risks of cardiotoxicity and mortality remain. *See https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10556383/*. Cardiotoxicity and mortality have been barriers to research into ibogaine.

The Purpose of SB 77

SB 77 establishes the ibogaine research and intellectual property fund. Oddly, the fund is to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture is authorized "to enter into a public-private partnership with a drug developer to conduct a clinical drug development trial or trials related to the use of ibogaine for the treatment of opioid use disorder, co-occurring substance use disorder, or any other neurological or mental health condition for which ibogaine demonstrates efficacy." KRS 218A (Acts Ch. 158, 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 158). The drug developer must be engaged in drug development and manufacturing and have at least one agreement with another state for ibogaine research to conduct clinical trials for the purpose of obtaining FDA approval for ibogaine use. *Id*. SB 77 also sets forth specific requirements for the Department of Agriculture's contractual dealings with drug developers and requires quarterly reports from the drug developer to the Department of Agriculture and annual reports from the Department of Agriculture to the LRC on the progress and financial status of the ibogaine clinical trials. *Id*.

With the passage of SB 77, Kentucky joins Texas, California, Arizona, Indiana, Oklahoma, Colorado, Tennessee and Mississippi in passing legislation authorizing clinical research into ibogaine and other psychedelic drugs. This legislation creates frameworks for research into ibogaine but does not approve or authorize its use for any condition because it is still illegal under federal law. Some of this legislation appropriated significant funding for ibogaine research, such as Texas' bill that appropriated $50 million.

SB 77 originally contained a $21 million appropriation for each fiscal year from the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to be taken from the opioid abatement trust fund established by KRS 15.293. However, this appropriation was removed from the final version of the bill, and no appropriation of funds was made for the research. It is unclear at this time how the ibogaine research will be funded, but SB 77 allows for "state appropriations, gifts, grants, federal funds, and any other funds, both public and private." KRS 218A (Acts Ch. 158, 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 158).

Governor Beshear vetoed SB 77 on April 13, 2026, expressing his concerns that taxpayer funds would be sent to private companies conducting research on ibogaine; that the Department of Agriculture, and not the Office of Drug Control Policy, was in charge of the funds; and that the Kentucky Constitution prohibits the direct investment in private companies that the bill allows. The General Assembly overrode Governor Beshear's veto the following day, and SB 77 became law.

Executive Order 14401 and the Right to Try Act

Executive Order 14401 titled "Accelerating Medical Treatments For Serious Mental Illness" was signed on April 18, 2026. The Executive Order expedites research into psychedelic drugs, including ibogaine, because they have shown potential in clinical studies as effective treatment for PTSD, substance use disorder and other mental health conditions. Exec. Order No. 14401, 91 Fed. Reg. 21709 (April 18, 2026). It requires the FDA to "facilitate and establish a pathway for eligible patients to access psychedelic drugs, including ibogaine compounds, under the Right to Try Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb-0a), including any necessary Schedule I handling authorizations for treating physicians and researchers, consistent with 21 U.S.C. 823, and any applicable waiver authority under the Controlled Substances Act." *Id*. HHS is directed to allocate "at least $50 million"

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from existing funds to "support and partner" with state governments that have enacted or are developing psychedelic drug research programs for mental illnesses. *Id*.

The Right to Try Act gives patients with life-threatening illnesses access to unapproved, investigational treatments if they meet certain criteria. The Right to Try Act of 2017, Pub. L. No. 115-176, 132 Stat. 1372 (2018) (codified at 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb). To qualify, patients with life-threatening illnesses must have exhausted all approved treatment options, be unable to participate in a clinical trial and provide informed consent for participation. *See https://www.fda.gov/patients/learn-about-expanded-access-and-other-treatment-options/right-try*. Further, the investigational treatment must have completed an FDA-approved phase 1 clinical trial, be currently investigated in an ongoing clinical trial, not discontinued or put on hold by the manufacturer and "not been approved or licensed by the FDA *for any use*." *Id*. (emphasis added). The FDA's Expanded Access program has almost identical qualification criteria to the Right to Try Act, except it also requires that the benefits justify the risks to the patient and the patient's use of the investigational product must not interfere with any investigational trials of the product. *See https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/expanded-access*. The difference between the two is governmental oversight: the FDA authorizes and oversees the use of the investigational treatment under its Expanded Access program, while no such governmental oversight is required under the Right to Try Act.

The Kentucky General Assembly passed The Kentucky Right to Try Act in March of 2017, which allows a manufacturer to make an investigational treatment available to a terminally ill patient upon recommendation of the patient's healthcare provider. *See* KRS 217.5401-217.5408. While Kentucky's statute is similar to its federal counterpart, it is not as comprehensive. One of the most notable differences is that the federal statute, unlike the Kentucky statute, eliminates liability for a swath of individuals and entities, including a sponsor, manufacturer, prescriber, dispenser "or other individual entity." *See* The Right to Try Act of 2017, *supra*, § 3, *cf*. KRS 217.5401-217.5408.

FDA Seeks Public Input on Clinical Trials of Ibogaine

On October 6, 2026, the FDA published a request for information seeking public comment on the development of ibogaine clinical trials. According to the RFI, HHS "is funding clinical development of ibogaine, and the first federally supported trials are expected to study ibogaine in adults with opioid use disorder (OUD) and adults with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)." As a result, the FDA is compiling guidance for clinical trials of ibogaine. The 40-day public comment period closes on November 20, 2026.

Conclusion

The reason behind the state legislation on ibogaine research and Executive Order 14401 is the need to complete an FDA-approved phase 1 clinical trial of ibogaine. Once a phase 1 clinical trial is completed, then ibogaine can be made available under the federal Right to Try Act to individuals suffering from PTSD, substance use disorder and other mental health illnesses, all of which are arguably life-threatening illnesses because they can result in suicide and overdose. It is unlikely ibogaine will be available under Kentucky's Right to Try Act because it requires that the individual be terminally ill. Given its hallucinogenic effects and high risk for cardiovascular complications and mortality, it is likely the only legalized use of ibogaine, if phase 1 clinical trials are completed, will be in a clinical setting with monitoring during treatment and for a very limited patient population, i.e., those who have failed conventional treatments for PTSD, substance use disorder and other mental health conditions.

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- A built-in community for newer attorneys to connect with peers at the same stage of their careers
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- Step into leadership early by planning and hosting YLS events
- Deeper CLE discounts for Young Lawyers Section members

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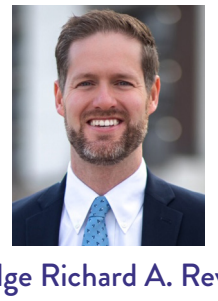
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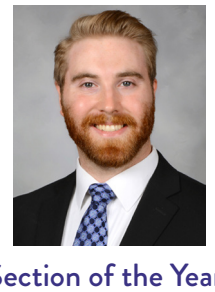


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–Bill Brammell, LBA Secretary

NEW LAWYER ACADEMY

SESSION THREE RECAP

Wednesday, October 14



Session three of the LBA New Lawyer Academy brought two very different conversations into one room, and both left our cohort with plenty to think about. We opened with Judge Erica Lee Williams (Ret.) for a candid conversation on career, courage and starting over. Judge Williams shared the turning points in her own path and spoke honestly about what it takes to make a change, whether that means stepping into a new role, leaving a familiar one or rebuilding after a setback. She also stressed the importance of finding both a mentor and an advocate. A mentor can guide you and help you grow, but an advocate is the person who speaks up for you when you are not in the room. Her message to our new lawyers was clear: your first job does not have to be your forever job, and the people you surround yourself with will shape the courage you need to start over.

In honor of Pro Bono Month, Rebekah Cotton of the Legal Aid Society followed with a spotlight on Louisville's legal aid services and the many ways attorneys can get involved. She walked the cohort through who Legal Aid serves, where the greatest needs are right now and how new lawyers can volunteer their time, even in the first years of practice. It was a good reminder that pro bono work is one of the best ways to sharpen your skills while making a real difference in our community.

Thank you to Judge Williams and Rebekah for their time and generosity, and to LMICK for their continued support as presenting sponsor of the New Lawyer Academy.





Those interested in proposing a topic or serving as a speaker for a future session may contact Lisa M. Murray, Director of Professional Development and Leadership, at lmurray@loubar.org.

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Contact Lisa Murray, *lmurray@loubar.org*

Health and Wellness
November 19 at noon via Zoom
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KLRS
November 3 at 10 a.m. at the Bar Center
Contact Debby Dye, *ddye@loubar.org*

Please contact the staff liaisons listed here for more information or to join a committee. ■

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The monthly chapter meeting of the Kentucky Association of Legal Administrators will be held in person on Thursday, November 12, beginning at 11:45 am at Claudia Sanders Dinner House (3202 Shelbyville Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065). Please RSVP by registering online at *www.ky-ala.org*. Any questions, please contact the Kentucky ALA Board at *board@ky-ala.org.* ■

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November holds some of the most serious observances on the D&I calendar. Native American Heritage Month, Transgender Day of Remembrance and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women all ask the same thing of the legal profession: show up with intention, not just acknowledgment.

ALL MONTH - NOVEMBER 2026

Native American Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month celebrates the cultures, traditions and histories of Native American peoples while drawing attention to ongoing issues of sovereignty, treaty rights and representation. For lawyers, the month carries particular professional weight. Federal Indian law is a complex and consequential area of practice, and the legal history of Indigenous peoples in the United States is inseparable from the broader history of American law itself. This month is a prompt to go deeper than a social post: to learn about the tribal nations with historical ties to Kentucky, to examine the legal frameworks that have shaped Indigenous rights and to consider what genuine inclusion of Native voices looks like in your own professional community.

ALSO THIS MONTH:

Nov 1: Native American Heritage Month begins
Nov 11: Veterans Day
Nov 16: International Day for Tolerance (UNESCO)
Nov 19: International Men's Day
Nov 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
Nov 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Three actions to bring November's focuses into your day-to-day practice.

1. **Learn about Kentucky's Indigenous History**
Native American Heritage Month is the prompt to go beyond the general. Which tribal nations have historical ties to this land? What legal history shaped those relationships? Start there and share what you learn with your team.

2. **Acknowledge Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20**
This is not a day for a generic inclusion statement. It marks real lives lost to anti-transgender violence. Acknowledge it with your team directly, thoughtfully and by name.

3. **Audit Your Firm's Gender-Based Violence Resources**
November 25 is the follow-through to October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If your firm still does not have a clear referral protocol and accessible resources for employees or clients experiencing abuse, build one before the end of the year.

The D&I Committee works year-round to bring meaningful programming and honest conversation to the LBA and the Louisville legal community. New members from any practice area and experience level are welcome. The only requirement is a genuine commitment to the work. If this month's focuses sparked something for you, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Lisa M. Murray at lmurray@loubar.org to learn more.

LBA Diversity & Inclusion Committee co-chaired by
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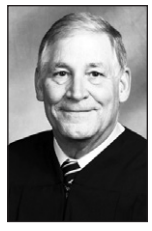
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