

THE ADVOCATE

January
2016



Wyandotte County
President's Gala
2014.

Upcoming events:

January President's Gala

When: January 30th
6:00 to 11:00 pm

Where: James P. Davis Hall
Wyandotte County
Lake

Cost: \$50 per person
(\$40 per person for
attorneys 35 and
under)

February Meeting/CLE

When: February 9th
(Fat Tuesday)
Juvenile law
CLE at 4:00
Meeting/Crawfish
Boil to follow at 6:00

Where: The Corkhouse 509
Armstrong Ave.

Cost: CLE is \$30
Dinner is \$25
Both for \$50

Speaker: Pat O'Neill from the
IrishFest

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PRESIDENT'S GALA

Join us for Wyandotte County Bar's annual President's Gala this Saturday, January 30th at James P. Davis Hall at Wyandotte County Lake. Put your dancing shoes on and relive the glory of the 80's with the live band, FastTimes. You can learn more about them at www.fasttimeskc.com.

Meet and mingle with Wyandotte County's finest, including colleagues, judges, and outgoing President, Mike Sexton, and new President Renee Henry-Gosserand. This year promises delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Brancato's and plenty to drink to keep the celebration rocking. There will be a number of gift baskets to bid on in the silent auction and, of course, a ton of great packages up for bid at the live auction—all to benefit the good work of the Wyandotte County Bar Foundation.

The party starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$40 per person for attorneys 35 and under. RSVP now to make everyone happy! For questions or to RSVP please contact Pearl King at Pearl.King@wycobar.com.

Wyandotte County
President's Gala 2015.
Ray Probst.





A final message from our President

The January 30th President's Gala will be my last event to preside over as president of the Wyandotte County Bar Association. This last year has been an honor, a challenge, and a very enjoyable experience. I have learned how much this organization thrives because of the ongoing commitment of time and talent by so many members of our association. I can also attest that good fellowship and congeniality continues to be a hallmark of the Wyandotte County Bar and a primary reason why our membership continues to grow each year.

As I wind up my term, I want to extend my special thanks and gratitude to the following individuals: Tim Alvarez and Lisa Garza for 13 years of

organizing and presenting our continuing legal education seminars. CLE is one of the most important and time consuming activities that is undertaken by our association. Consistently Tim and Lisa organized monthly programs that were excellent, relevant, and in-depth—presented by experts in their respective fields. As we move forward, we will endeavor to continue this commitment to high quality CLE programming at a low cost to our members.

Judge Dan Duncan and Karen Shelor for the entertaining programs and speakers for our monthly meetings. This year we made a concerted effort to present timely topics and individuals of interest that are part of the cutting edge of what is happening in not only Wyandotte County, but our Metropolitan area.

Ray Probst and Judge Dan Cahill for organizing our social events from TGIF's to the incredible T-Bones outing that was attended by over 100 members and their families.

John Bryant for organizing our service project at Harvesters. Our volunteers, including the remarkable youth church group that Mark Dupree brought with him to participate, packaged 450 boxes of food. All of us who participated felt very humbled by this experience. We agree that we personally gained more in the volunteer service than those in need who received the benefit of this service.

Ashlee Erickson and Katie Devlin for all of their considerable work in making the President's Gala a fun and successful event with great food and music.

Jane Sieve-Wilson, past president, for her advice and support. Having been there/done that last year—she was always on call to help solve problems and make suggestions when new projects or issues needed to be tackled.

Pearl King for her organization, time and commitment to the Bar. Without Pearl the Bar Association simply would not function as smoothly as it does.

Finally, I send my best wishes to our new President, Renee Henry-Gosserand, and President-elect Jenny Myers, knowing that our organization will enjoy great leadership over the next two years. Both are excellent lawyers who have served our bar and Board of Governors with distinction, hard work, and good humor. It is a pleasure knowing that I am leaving our organization in their excellent hands.

**Mike Sexton,
President**

Jury verdicts November and December**Civil****Division 6****11/2/15**

11CV1501 Rick Davenport vs. BNSF
 Type of case: Railroad FELA case.
 Plaintiff: Dan Cohen and Davy Walker
 Defense: Chad Knight and Sean Hamer
 Verdict: Defense verdict

Criminal**Division 4****11/2/15**

Case No. 15CR585
 State of Kansas vs. Jason Gilmore
 Prosecution: Susan Alig
 Defense: Cline Boone
 Charges: Count I—Battery
 Verdict: Guilty

11/9/15

Case No. 14CR373
 State of Kansas vs. Roy Brotherton III
 Prosecution: Ethan Zipf-Sigler
 Defense: Philip Sedgwick
 Charges: Count I—Possession of
 Methamphetamine with Intent to
 Distribute
 Count II—Possession of Drug
 Paraphernalia
 Count III—Unlawfully obtaining
 prescription only drug
 Verdict: Not guilty Counts I and II.
 Directed verdict Count III.

11/30/15

Case No. 15CR418
 State of Kansas vs. Milton Lee
 Prosecution: Jacob Fishman
 Defense: Mark Dupree
 Charges: Count I—Aggravated Battery
 Verdict: Not guilty.

12/7/2015

Case No. 14CR1168
 State of Kansas vs. Isiah Parker
 Prosecution: Mollie Hill
 Defense: Kiann Spradlin
 Charges: Count I—Kidnapping
 Count II— Aggravated Robbery
 Count III— Burglary
 Count IV— Theft
 Verdict: Hung jury on all counts

12/14/2015

Case No. 15CR231
 State of Kansas vs. Demarkus Campbell-Donnell
 Prosecution: Mollie Hill
 Defense: Kevin Wichman
 Charge: 2nd Degree Murder
 Verdict: Guilty

Division 9**12/7/15**

Case No. 15 CR 233 and 15CR250
 State of Kansas vs. Charles Bowser and Dyron
 King
 Prosecution: Kristiane Bryant
 Defense: Mike Sexton (Bowser)
 Defense: Debera Erickson (King)
 Charges: Count I—Aggravated Robbery
 Count II—Aggravated Burglary
 Verdict: Bowser guilty of both counts.
 King not guilty of both counts.

Division 15**11/30/15**

Case No. 15CR706
 State of Kansas vs. Jason Rucker
 Prosecution: Jennifer Tatum and Kristiane
 Bryant
 Defense: Kiann Spradlin
 Charge: 1st Degree Murder
 Verdict: Guilty

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