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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by

Nichola Engle, PP, PLS

How Does Our Garden Grow?

Let me first say that it is a wonderful honor to be serving all of you fine members. I feel very anxious as the New Year gets underway; however, I realize that this organization is filled with wonderful people and we will have a wonderful journey together.

I picked as my theme for the upcoming year “How does our Garden Grow?” I feel this is very fitting for our organization because just as a flower garden has many different contributors so does KCLSA. There are the different types of flowers, the water, the plant food, the dirt; and it all works to make the garden a better place just as we all are different and have different characteristics that make KCLSA a better place. Take a minute and reflect on what part of the garden/organization you are. Contemplate where and how you do your best work and then fill that spot.

It takes all of us as a cohesive group to make KCLSA a success. I am excited to see the awesome accomplishments we will continue to do.

Being your president is a huge responsibility that I do not take lightly. There have been many wonderful colleagues within the organization that have helped me get ready for this task and to them I say a BIG “Thank you!!!” I also know that I can count on all of you to be there with me to complete our goals as individuals and as a group. And in conclusion I say, “Let the Garden Begin to Grow!”

Nicci



From the Executive Director

NALS appreciates all our members and your continued dedication to the association. Just as you show us your overwhelming dedication, we also want to show you our support and dedication in your time of need. If you are a *continuing* member of NALS and are unemployed at the time of renewal and payment of your dues creates a hardship for you, NALS will waive your dues for one year. [You only need to fill out this form](#) and submit it to [Saundra Bates](#) at the NALS Resource Center. Be sure to utilize your NALS network and resources during your job search, and together we can create a brighter tomorrow.

Tammy L. Hailey, CAE
NALS Executive Director

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Code of Ethics

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession. Every member shall:

- Encourage respect for the law and the administration of justice;
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information;
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation and courtesy;
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence; and
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment.



Mission Statement

NALS is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal service profession. It accomplishes its mission and supports the public interest through:

- Continuing legal education and resource materials;
- Networking opportunities at the local, state, regional and national levels;
- Commitment to a Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility; and
- Professional certification programs and designations.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Marcia L. Gathright, Service Director



As your new Service Director, I would like to take a poll... I have listed a few of my personal favorite organizations/charities that I think KCLSA may be interested in. However, I would like to get some idea as to what types of organizations and/or charities you, the members, may currently be involved or interested in.

Please email me at mgathright@session.com with your s organization or charity ideas. I don't want this to be all one-sided ... I would like everyone's input so that KCLSA can have as close to 100% participation as we possibly can when we give our support.



My current thought is that we pick at least 2 organizations/charities to collect and donate to all year and at least 1 where we take a Saturday and volunteer, e.g. feed the homeless, read stories to children in the hospital, etc. Please forward me your feedback on this idea as well.

I have not yet contacted any of the following organizations, but these are the ones I have in mind:

Autism Speaks: I support my niece's walk annually in St. Louis, but I found that KCK has a walk coming up in September; we could "walk" 🤔 ourselves or support a team.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society: I have a friend here who has this and a coupled of nieces in St. Louis who have MS as well. Any marathon bikers out there? KC's walk was April 9, but they have a Bike MS happening in September where we could possibly volunteer.



Literacy Kansas City: I think it might be neat to offer some computer instruction to their students or just donate to the program.

reStart, Inc.: This is a homeless shelter which has many opportunities for donations and volunteering.

Please give me your feedback so that I can begin to line a couple of things up for us. Thanks!



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Dee Champ**

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PLEASE JOIN THE
KANSAS CITY
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(KCLSA)
FOR ITS MAY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Time: Social 5:30 p.m.; dinner 6:00 p.m.
Place: Manny's on the Boulevard, 207 Southwest Blvd.
Dinner: Your Choice—See list following - you will choose upon arrival
Cost: \$23
Speaker: Kip Kieso, Kieso Polygraph Services
RSVP: Peggy Sullivan, PP, PLS, psullivan@shb.com by Friday, May 6, 2011 that you are attending

Manny's Burrito

Pork chile & beans tucked inside a flour tortilla and topped with longhorn cheese. Served with Rice.

Monterey Burrito

Chicken & beans inside a flour tortilla with "spicy" Monterey Jack cheese spread. Served with Rice.

El Sabor A Mexico

A crunchy beef taco with a homemade pork tamale served with a side of chile. Served with Rice.

Plato de Pollo

A crunchy chicken taco & a chicken enchilada topped with longhorn cheese. Served with Rice.

Plato Sin Carne

A bean tostada & a cheese enchilada topped with longhorn cheese. Served with Rice.



NALS LIAISON
Michelle A. Haughey, PP, PLS

Here is a quick glimpse of what is happening on the Regional and National levels of your Association:

NALS REGION 6: The 2011 Region 6 Annual Meeting & Educational Conference will be held July 15-17, 2011 in Amarillo, Texas. The registration form is in this issue of the *Brief*.

NALS Online Learning Center

May 18, 2011	Divorce – Military Style (Estate Planning/ Family Law)
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NALS WebEd – \$35 for members

May 5, 2011	Succession Planning: Family Businesses
May 12, 2011	The Bartender’s Guide to eDiscovery: Did you hear the one about the two lawyers who walked into a bar...
May 17, 2011	Thinking of Running for National Office?? Get the scoop on what it takes to enter the national leadership arena. <i>(free to members!)</i>
May 19, 2011	Communication: Future Leaders Development <i>(free to members!)</i>
May 26, 2011	Reasonable Care – The Anatomy of Medical Malpractice Suit <i>(free to members!)</i>

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A major change to the NALS Conference schedule is that sessions will focus on 4 main areas of law as follows: litigation/civil law; corporate law; estate planning/family law & general practice.

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Early bird registration is due by **7/1/2011** (\$269); regular registration is due by **8/1/2011** (\$299), after 8/1, registration is \$325.

Visit NALS.ORG for more information and registration forms and to register for the Online Learning Center and WebEd seminars.

KCLSA DINNER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Michelle Haughey, PP, PLS

Below are photographs from the April 13, 2011, installation of KCLSA Officers for the year 2011-2012 which was held at Manny's Restaurant. Congratulations and best of luck for a successful and productive new year.



President - Nicci Engle, PP, PLS; Vice President - Jaime Munoz;
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Legal Ed Director - Micki Warnecker, PP, PLS; Service Director -
Marcia Gathright.



Diane Kennedy, PP, PLS introducing new member Maria Mejia,
ALS. Welcome Maria!



Linda Kirby, Peggy Sullivan, PP, PLS & Carol Barlow, Shook,
Hardy & Bacon.



Honorable Thomas E. Sims, Beverly Sims and Margaret Clark.
Judge Sims is one of KCLSA's Honorary Members and Mrs.
Clark was representing her husband, Honorable Thomas C.
Clark who is an Honorary Member of KCLSA.



PRACTICAL ISSUES IN CONDUCTING INTERNAL CORPORATE INVESTIGATIONS

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SITUATION:

In this post-Enron/post-Sarbanes-Oxley Act era, shareholders, corporate management, auditors and government agencies have increased their scrutiny of corporate conduct. New financial reporting and corporate governance rules have dramatically altered the corporate landscape and heightened directors' responsibilities. Companies must now be prepared to conduct internal investigations in response to allegations of corporate misconduct and financial irregularities made by employees, auditors, customers and regulators.

CHALLENGES:

But there are a host of sensitive issues and challenges that arise when the company decides whether to voluntarily conduct an investigation. For example, corporations are expected to cooperate fully when government agencies investigate them and may be rewarded with leniency by the investigating agency for doing so. In-house counsel must be cognizant, however, that "cooperating" with the government often means the company must waive attorney-client and work product protected information, such as the results of an internal investigation. How does corporate counsel begin to weigh the benefits and address the risks of conducting internal investigations? What follows is a summary of issues that might be helpful to consider.

1. Consider the Benefits of Conducting
2. Internal Investigations

Once the company becomes aware of a potential regulatory or criminal problem, corporate and outside counsel should act quickly to determine the seriousness and marshal the facts. Internal investigations can accomplish numerous corporate objectives because the investigation can:

- Determine whether there is merit, and potential liability, to pending or imminent litigation;
- Demonstrate good faith on the part of the company and may limit civil and criminal liability;
- Assist the company with public relations;
- Potentially reduce the company's exposure in a government investigation. For example:
 - The SEC has promised to "credit self-policing, self-reporting, remediation and cooperation" in deciding whether to pursue sanctions.
 - The Department of Justice guidelines "encourage corporations, as part of their compliance programs, to conduct internal investigations and to disclose their findings to the appropriate authorities."

3. Document The Purpose of the Investigation

Once the decision to conduct an investigation has been made, the company should clearly establish that purpose of the investigation is to allow for the provision of legal advice. Documentation should include board resolutions that, at a minimum, authorizes the investigation and designates the parties authorized to conduct the investigation. Additionally, send a written memo to the employees advising them of their obligation to cooperate in the investigation.

4. Who Should Conduct the Investigation?

There are advantages and disadvantages to having in-house counsel conduct investigation. On the plus side, in-house counsel is more familiar with the company, management and employees and [s]he is less likely to cause a disruption in the company's operations. On the other hand, experienced outside counsel may bring a fresh, unbiased view of the facts, have greater credibility with the government, and facilitate assertion of privileges since [s]he has clearly been engaged to provide legal advice. As a general rule, however, if the allegations could involve civil or criminal conduct, consider engaging outside counsel to direct the investigation.

ARE WITNESS INTERVIEWS "PRIVILEGED" COMMUNICATIONS?

Understand that Applicable Law Varies: The law covering attorney-client privilege and work product protection varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. For example, if the law of Illinois controls, the attorney-client privilege will cover only communications with persons who are within the company's "control group" that have been made for the purpose of providing legal advice to the corporation. Other states expand the protections of the privilege to communications with all corporate employees involved in the subject matter of the particular events. Therefore, counsel conducting the investigation should familiarize themselves with the applicable privilege and work product law as well as Rules 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4 of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct before starting an internal investigation. **But remember, the underlying facts will be subject to discovery**

5. Protect and Preserve Evidence

From the first moment an investigation is even contemplated, counsel must take steps to protect all potentially relevant data, including documents and electronic media. Instruct employees to collect and preserve all relevant documents. Suspend normal document destruction procedures. Back-up all network servers and preserve the back-up.

6. Responsibility for Fairness to Non-clients

Counsel must ensure that those interviewed by, or at the direction of, counsel are fully aware of their client or non-client status. In-house and outside counsel must inform employees that [s]he does not represent them individually and that any information provided by those employees may ultimately be revealed to third parties without their consent.

7. Waiver Issues & Defensive Strategies

Cooperating with Government Agencies: If a company discloses information gathered by counsel in the course of an internal investigation to the government, the company could later be deemed to have waived the privilege in civil litigation or other government investigations. Courts are split over whether waiver in one government investigation also constitutes waiver in another government investigation or subsequent private actions.

Disclosures During Government Audits: Corporations in regulated industries, such as health care organizations, must also be aware of the risk that information disclosed to a regulatory agency during the agency's periodic audit may also risk a general waiver of privileges respecting that information.

Cooperating With External Auditors: As external auditors are requesting an increasing amount of privileged materials, the potential for waiver of the privilege is increasing. In most states, there is no black letter answer to whether these disclosures are protected by attorney-client or work product protections. This is because some courts have found that disclosure to external auditors constitutes a waiver. Thus, attorney-client privilege and work product protections cannot be assumed or expected.

But, Don't lay down on your sword too quickly. While every circumstance is different, don't dismiss the possibility of vigorously opposing an unreasonable demand for early waiver, even in the face of a prosecutor asserting the corporation will not be seen as "cooperating" if it does so. Remember that there is no guarantee that the government will refrain from bringing charges even if the company waives privilege.

Bottom Line: Always proceed with the understanding that disclosing privileged information to the government could waive privilege as to all parties, including other government agencies and private litigants. After weighing all of the risks and benefits, if the corporation elects to disclose privileged materials, there are several steps that should be taken to try to minimize the risk of waiver:

- Enter into a confidentiality agreement with the government or auditor before disclosing any privileged information. The confidentiality agreement should include protections for the company, such as:
 - Providing that the corporation is disclosing information in reliance on the confidentiality agreement;
 - Specifically prohibiting the government or auditor from disclosing the information to any third party without the express consent of the company; and
 - Expressly reserving the company's rights to assert all applicable privileges with respect to any third party.
- Carefully consider what to disclose. For example, rather than disclosing the actual internal report of an investigation, consider disclosing only the underlying, non-privileged information forming the basis for a privilege report, being particularly careful not to disclose attorney-client privileged communication whenever possible. Similarly, when faced with the choice of disclosing work product that analyzes a group of documents, consider disclosing the underlying document instead.

Avoid Inadvertent Disclosure: Because of the potentially devastating consequences that may arise from disclosure of privileged materials to the government or an auditor, it is important to take steps to make sure that such parties do not inadvertently produce the privileged documents to other third parties. To avoid an inadvertent disclosure, the company should clearly mark all privileged documents and instruct anyone involved in an internal investigation or audit that the privilege belongs to the company and, therefore, the government or the auditor must maintain the confidentiality of all privileged information.



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Our organization is open to anyone who is employed in work of a legal nature. Dues are \$135 (includes a \$10 one time processing fee).

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- May 1, 2011 May Day
- May 3, 2011 Law Day – Johnson County
- May 4, 2011 KCLSA Board of Directors Meeting (Shepherd Elder Law)
- May 8, 2011 Mother's Day
- May 11, 2011 KCLSA Monthly Meeting – Manny's on the Boulevard
- May 21, 2011 Armed Forces' Day
- May 30, 2011 Memorial Day



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Schedule of Events

<p align="center"><u>Friday, July 15, 2011</u></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00—9:15 Welcome by Region 6 Director <input type="checkbox"/> 9:15—10:45 Matt Hand – Topic TBA (1.5) 10:45—11:00 Break <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00—12:00 Jeff Baird – Health Reform (1.0) <input type="checkbox"/> 12:00—1:00 Lunch (provided) 1:00—1:15 Break <input type="checkbox"/> 1:15—2:45 Mark White – Ethics (1.5) 2:45—3:00 Break <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00—4:30 Mock Mediation (1.5) </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 5:30 Meet in Lobby to travel to dinner Dinner at River Breaks Ranch </p>	<p align="center"><u>Saturday, July 16, 2011</u></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00—10:30 Chris Stewart – Patent & Copyright Law (1.5) 10:30—10:45 Break <input type="checkbox"/> 10:45—11:45 Ed McConnell – Gun Law (1.0) <input type="checkbox"/> 12:00—1:30 Lunch (provided) <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30—2:30 Jeff Tormey – Social Security Disability (1.0) 2:30—2:45 Break <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00—4:30 Region Meeting/Townhall & Foundation Drawings </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00—?? Optional Event, Palo Duro Canyon Dinner & Outdoor Play “Texas” </p> <p align="center"><u>Sunday, July 17, 2011</u></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00—10:00 Professional Development/Motivational </p>
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Accommodations: Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 W, Exit 68-B, Amarillo, TX 79102; www.AmbassadorAmarillo.com. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Ambassador Hotel by calling (800-817-0521 or (806) 358-6161. Be sure to ask for the NALS Region 6 rate. Single or Double \$89/night and includes breakfast. Cut-off for the room block is July 1, 2011.

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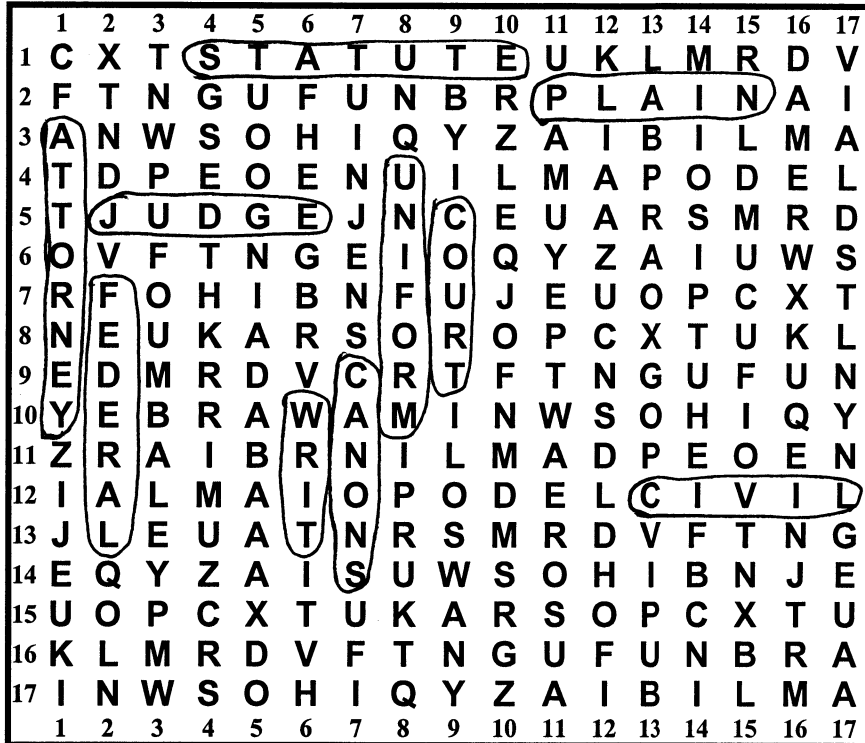
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JOHNSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION - LAW DAY 2011

TUESDAY -- MAY 3, 2011
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Johnson County Courthouse
100 N. Kansas Ave., Olathe, KS

President Eisenhower established Law Day in 1958 as "a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law." Celebrated annually, Law Day programs are conducted throughout the country by bar associations, courts, schools, and civic groups.

JCBA's Law Day celebration will focus on the Kansas court system, including discussion of infamous criminal cases, presentations from law enforcement officials and public interest attorneys, tours of the courthouse led by judges and an opportunity for the public to ask an attorney about a variety of common legal issues that arise in everyday life. Additionally, the Johnson County law library will be opening its doors to guide citizens through its valuable free resources, and public and non-profit exhibitors will be hosting booths on mental health, legal, domestic violence, and civic related issues. *Barbeque and refreshments will be available -- All donations will benefit Feed the Need*

<p>ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC Open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Area attorneys will be available to meet free of charge to field general legal questions about everyday legal matters, including those related to divorce, child custody, bankruptcy, debt collection, foreclosure and landlord/tenant issues, traffic tickets, criminal, wills, trusts, personal injury and worker's compensation law.</p>
<p>CRIMINAL CASE STUDIES Robinson Case: 6:00 p.m. Horton Case: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Local criminal cases of intense public interest -- including presentations by former District Attorney Paul Morrison on the John Robinson case starting at 6:00 p.m., and former First Assistant District Attorney Rick Guinn presenting on the John Horton case at 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>APPELLATE PROCESS Presentations at 6 p.m. & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Kansas Court of Appeals Judges will be presenting on how a lawsuit makes its way through the Kansas court system.</p>
<p>CSI - JOHNSON COUNTY Open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The Sheriff's Department CSI Unit will present its latest technology and crime kits. The Emergency Response Team will display tactical weapons and open a Mobile Response Command Post to the public.</p>
<p>PUBLIC INTEREST EXHIBITORS Open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Representatives from the Johnson County Law Library, Kansas Legal Services, SAFEHOME domestic violence shelter, Johnson County Mental Health, JCBA Diversity Committee, Johnson County League of Women Voters, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and the Tenth District Judicial Nominating Commission will present on their services and duties.</p>
<p>DISTRICT COURT JUDGE PRESENTATIONS AND TOURS Every 45 minutes starting at 5:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Johnson County District Court Judges will guide tours every 45 minutes at the courthouse and provide insight into how the court system operates. District Court Judges will also be conducting a special presentation on the family court process and related available resources, with an opportunity for the public to ask general questions. The Family Court program will start at 5:15 p.m. and also run every 45 minutes.</p>

Normal courthouse security procedures will apply.

The Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic is intended as a public service only and no attorney-client relationship will be formed.