

KWAA 36th Annual Conference 2025: “Pioneering Progress”

(accredited for CLE in KS and MO as indicated)

Thursday, July 17, 2025

TIME	PROGRAM		
Thursday A.M.	Trip to Connie Achterberg Wildlife-Friendly Demonstration Farm Leave from and Return to Bethany College		
11:30 a.m.	Solo Practice/Small Firm Luncheon Board Conference Room in the Welcome Center at Bethany College		
12:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION OPENS at PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Wellness and Mental Health in Lawyers: Considerations Unique to the Female Bar Danielle Hall, KWAA 2024-25 President, and Panel <i>Burnett Center</i> 1.5 hrs Ethics CLE KS and MO		
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	BREAK at PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	Legal Realities of AI in the Workplace Madeline Rogers, J.D., M.B.A., Benedictine College <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO	Lawyers, Stress, and Suicide Risk Emily Hartz, Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr Ethics CLE KS/MO	Sunrise to Sunset I: Special Needs Planning from Birth Through Age of Majority and Beyond Emily Donaldson, CELA, LL.M., Arcare Inc. <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO
4:00 - 4:50 p.m.	Emerging Ethical Challenges in AI, DEI, and Cybersecurity Teresa Shulda, Foulston Siefkin <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO Ethics	The Next Chapter: Preparing Future Lawyers for the Practice of Law Laurel Klein Searles, OJA; Glenn Jewell, KU School of Law; Paige Harding, Kennedy Berkley P.A. <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE LPM KS 1 hr CLE MO	Sunrise to Sunset II: Long-Term Care Planning in the Twilight and Sunset Years Niki Piskuric, Shepherd Elder Law Group, LLC <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Law School Receptions!	KU Law School Connected Fair Trade	Washburn Law School OL’ STUGA
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	DINNER at the PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		
7:00 p.m.	KEYNOTE SPEECH by Gov. Laura Kelly <i>Burnett Center</i> Following the keynote, please join KWAA for a reception at the <i>Sandzen Gallery</i>		

Friday, July 18, 2025

TIME	PROGRAM		
6:30 a.m.	CORONADO HEIGHTS FUN RUN and LINDSBORG CITY WALK		
7:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST at PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		
8:10 – 9:00 a.m.	Generative AI in Legal Practice: Opportunities and Ethical Challenges Amanda Voth and Julia Hart, Office of the Disciplinary Admin. <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr Ethics CLE KS/MO	It's K.S.A. 60-460 Somewhere (Hearsay? You Be The Judge!) Hon. Amy Hanley, 7th Judicial District; Kate Duncan Butler, Office of the Disciplinary Admin.; and joined by cast of presenters <i>Burnett Center</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO	
9:10 – 10:00 a.m.	Media/Bar Relations: How Not to Panic When Your Case Goes Public Max Kautsch, Kautsch Law LLC <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO	Planning Your Legacy: How to Help Your Clients Make a Difference (You, Too!) Dell Marie Shanahan Swearer <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO	Combating Voter Suppression: Constitutional Challenges to Kansas' Signature Matching and Ballot Receipt Deadline Laws Marisa O'Gara, Elias Law Group <i>Social Science</i> 1 hr CLE KS/MO
10 – 10:20 a.m.	BREAK at the PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		
10:20 - 11:35 a.m.	Policy is for Lovers: Practical Tools for Navigating a Complex Political Landscape Caitie Whalen, Civic Strategist Natalie Haag JD, moderator <i>Burnett Center</i> 1.5 hrs CLE KS/MO		
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH at the PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION ANNUAL MEETING beginning at 12:15 p.m.		
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Appellate Court All-Star Update Kansas Supreme Court and Kansas Court of Appeals Justice Wall, Judge Cline, Judge Coble and research attorneys <i>Burnett Center</i> 1.5 hrs CLE KS/MO		
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	BREAK at the PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		

3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	<p>Continuity of Operations Planning: How prepared are you?</p> <p>James Castioni, Director of Security & Emergency Management; and Lisa Taylor, Public Information Director, Kansas Judicial Branch</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr LPM CLE KS 1 hr CLE MO</p>	<p>Stress Reduction through Mindfulness and Meditation</p> <p>Emily Hartz, Kansas Lawyer Assistance Program</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr Ethics CLE KS/MO</p>	<p>2025 Kansas Legislative Review</p> <p>Joseph N. Molina, III, Kansas Bar Association</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr LPM CLE KS/ MO</p>
4:00 - 4:50 p.m.	<p>Building the Bench: Reflections of Federal, State, and Municipal Judges</p> <p>Hon. Gwynne Birzer, District of Kansas; Hon. Jaci Kelly, 18th Judicial District; Hon. Kellie Hogan, 18th Judicial District; Hon. Jennifer Jones, City of Wichita</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr LPM CLE KS 1 hr CLE MO</p>	<p>When Your Client is a Branch of Government: What it's Like to be an Attorney for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches in Kansas</p> <p>Meryl Carver-Allmond, General Counsel to Chief Justice Luckert; Jessie Pringle, Assistant Revisor of Statutes; Marisa Bayless, Special Counsel for C.J. Luckert; Ashley Stites-Hubbard, Deputy Chief Counsel for Governor Laura Kelly</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr CLE KS/MO</p>	<p>Client Validation: How to Better Connect with Challenging Clients</p> <p>Sam Allison-Natale, Executive Director of Litigation, Kansas Holistic Defenders</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr LPM CLE KS 1 hr CLE MO</p>
Before Dinner	Shopping in Downtown Lindsborg		
6:00 p.m.	<p>BAR Opens at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. followed by AWARDS and ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p><i>Sundstrom Conference Center</i></p>		

Saturday, July 19, 2025

TIME	PROGRAM		
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST at the PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		
8:10 – 9:00 a.m.	<p>Self Awareness and Reflection: How Available Tools can be Used to Enhance Your Workplace Morale and Operations</p> <p>Amanda Stanley, City Attorney, City of Topeka</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr LPM CLE KS 1 hr CLE MO</p>	<p>Challenges and Opportunities in Rural Law</p> <p>Roger McEowen, Professor of Agricultural Law and Taxation, Washburn University School of Law</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr CLE KS/MO</p>	<p>Navigating Ethical Issues In Treatment Courts</p> <p>Karen Ebmeier, Ebmeier Law</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr Ethics CLE KS/MO</p>
9:10 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Finding Your Third Thing: The Value of Pursuits Outside the Practice of Law</p> <p>Kate Duncan Butler, Office of Disciplinary Administrator</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr Ethics CLE KS/MO</p>	<p>Asking the Right Questions: Strategies for Jury Selection</p> <p>Hailey Drescher, PhD, Senior Litigation Consultant, Trask Consulting</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr CLE KS/MO</p>	<p>Selecting our Courts: An Overview of What's on the Ballot and How to Talk About it With Others</p> <p>Ashley Billam, JD and Kristin Hammer, MSW, Policy Advocate, and Board Member, League League of Women Voters of Topeka and SNCO</p> <p><i>Social Science</i></p> <p>1 hr CLE MO (not accredited CLE in KS)</p>
10:00 - 10:20 a.m.	BREAK at the PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION		
10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Tiera Farrow: An Extraordinary Lawyer and An Extraordinary Case</p> <p>Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger, Kansas Court of Appeals; joined by cast of presenters</p> <p><i>Burnett Center</i></p> <p>2 hrs Ethics CLE KS 2 hrs CLE MO (not ethics accredited in MO)</p>		
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH at the PIHLBLAD MEMORIAL UNION – KWAA COUNCIL ONLY		