

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

KBA Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EST via Zoom

I. Call to Order

Ms. Combs called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. EST. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Executive Committee Members present included: Elizabeth Combs; Don Combs; Kyle Bunnell; Lee Metzger; Christine Stanley; Carlin Conway; Blake Johnson; Lindsay Porter; Kelsey Bryant; Calesia Henson; Jonas Bastien; Sebastian Torres; Franklin Milam; Brittany Riley; Whitney Rowe; Chris Barber; Lincoln Caudill; Al'Lisha Hanserd; and Dayana Perez.

Executive Committee members absent were: Amanda Johnson; Ryan Mosley; Jennifer Dominici; Kristen Cody; Elivia Rabe; Sam Reinhardt; Janet Luo; Alex Stewart; Janet Luo; Lexy Holland; Linda Dixon; Alexis Ecarma; Kara Legg; and Ashely Sexton.

II. Officer Reports

1. Chair: Elizabeth A. Combs

Ms. Combs provided her report. Ms. Combs advised that an artificial intelligence ("AI") task force had been created by the KBA to address emerging issues in the use of AI as it relates to the practice of law in the Commonwealth. Ms. Combs additionally advised about the KBA's offering of Decisis, which will replace FastCase, a platform that is offered to Kentucky lawyers for free that provides citations to case law, statutes, etc. All Kentucky lawyers have access to Decisis for free. Finally, Ms. Combs advised that an opinion by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit was rendered recently may impact the Kentucky Bar Association (including its sections and divisions) and how information is disseminated to its membership. Conversations are occurring with KBA and Board of Governors' leadership regarding the extent of the impact of the Fifth Circuit Opinion, particularly how it effects the YLD's Wellness Wednesday social media posts. For now, the Kentucky Bar Association has asked that we do not make any wellness/mental health related posts in light of the Fifth Circuit decision (which specifically examined such posts and held they were not germane to the practice of law).

2. Chair-Elect: Don Combs

Mr. Combs provided his report in which he stated that the accounts were now over \$16,000 to the good because of the payment of section dues for the YLD by newly admitted lawyers. Additionally, Mr. Combs reported that LMICK had provided its sponsorship check. While the accounts are in good shape now, Mr. Combs reminded the EC that most of the budget was spent in the second half of the fiscal year.

3. Vice-Chair: Kyle Bunnell

Mr. Bunnell provided his report. Mr. Bunnell asked for a Motion to approve the November 21, 2023 General Business meeting minutes. Mrs. Stanley made the Motion and Ms. Combs second. The Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Bunnell also provided a report from the Kentucky Bar Foundation and mentioned he has recently joined the Development subcommittee of the KBF. Mr. Bunnell also reminded the EC about the Life Fellow Program and payment plan that was specifically designed for young lawyers – and encouraged others to take advantage of the opportunity to support the KBF’s missions.

III. District Representative Reports

1. First – Mr. Johnson reported that the YLD Happy Hour at the Piano Boar was well attended. will host a happy hour at the Piano Bar in Paducah on 10/26 following the KLU.
2. Second – Ms. Porter reported that the YLD will host a happy hour at Montana Grille in conjunction with the 11/30 KLU in Bowling Green.
3. Third – Ms. Bryant reported that a Holiday Happy Hour will be held at Local Honey in London for the Third District in December and plans were being finalized for that event.
4. Fourth – Ms. Henson reported that a Happy Hour was not held in conjunction with the KLU, but that a Holiday Event in partnership with the Louisville Bar Association was being planned for December.
5. Fifth – Mr. Bastien advised that the Happy Hour after the 10/12 KLU was well-attended.
6. Sixth – Mr. Torres provided that the Sixth District Halloween Happy Hour with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association was held October 20 at the Wooden Castle Brewery. The event was well attended. Mr. Torres also provided that the NKBA also planned to host its Annual Holiday Party in December.
7. Seventh – A happy hour is scheduled to follow the KLU in Pikeville on 11/16.

IV. Committee Reports

1. CLE: Ryan D. Mosley and Amanda Johnson

The Committee is still working to coordinate plans for the Solo/Small Firm CLE help in conjunction. The tentative plan is to hold the event in Spring 2024 at UK Law.

2. Communications: Alex Stewart and Blake Johnson

Given the recent discussions regarding the Fifth Circuit Opinion, the Communications Committee will continue to evaluate its options and get direction from the Board of Governors/KBA Executive Staff regarding posts/engagement moving forward.

3. Community Outreach: Elivia Rabe and Kristen Cody

No report.

4. Convention: Christine Stanley and Janet Luo

Mrs. Stanley provided that the Feature Speakers for the 2024 Annual Convention were being finalized and that there would be a two-day in person and 1-day virtual option.

5. Education Outreach: Jonas Bastien, Franklin Milam, and Al'lisha Hanserd

Ms. Bastien reported that the Committee was planning to start implanting the U@18 programs with those beginning in February 2024.

6. Health and Wellness: Jennifer Dominici and Brittany Riley

Like the Communications Committee, given the Fifth Circuit Opinion, the Health and Wellness Committee will continue to evaluate its options and get direction from the Board of Governors/KBA Executive Staff regarding its initiatives.

7. Inclusion and Diversity: Calesia Henson, Linda Dixon, and Ashley Sexton

Ms. Henson provided that NKU will host the Why Choose Law Program in the first or second week of June 2024. The panelists/speakers for the day-long program are being finalized.

8. Law Student Outreach: Kelsey Bryant and Lindsay Porter

Ms. Bryant reported that she planned on coordinating with LMCIK regarding tabling at UK Law on 11/28, before finals began. U of L and NKU Law Schools had also expressed interested in LMICK/YLD tabling before finals.

Ms. Porter provided that the U of L Road Less Travelled was scheduled for March and that U of L recently hosted an well-attended outreach/social event for its law schools and practicing attorneys.

9. Legal Food Frenzy: Lexy Holland, Lincoln Caudill, and Sebastian Torres

Ms. Holland provided that the main contact with Feeding Kentucky has transitioned out of her role, and Feeding Kentucky had new staff cording with the YLD. She also stated that Feeding Kentucky was planning on utilizing a new platform (shifting away from One Cause) for this year's campaign. Ms. Holland reported that she planned to have a planning meeting, which will be implemented monthly. The next meeting will be before the EC's December Business Meeting with plans to set goals and dates for this year's campaign.

10. Membership: Kyle Bunnell and Whitney Rowe

Mr. Bunnell reported that he was corresponding with the KBA concerning membership anniversaries and birthdays emails to its membership and hopes to have a response before the next meeting.

11. New Events: Carlin Conway, Sam Reinhardt, and Chris Barber

Mr. Conway reminded the EC to mark their calendars for the 2024 Barrister's Ball which will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at The Clerestory at Greyline (101 W. Loudon Ave, Lexington). Mr. Conway discussed that the line item on the budget for the YLD Gala was currently \$9,993.00. The hope with this year's event would be to cover most of the costs of this (and potentially) more with dues and sponsorships for the event. Mr. Conway also stated that he was planning to have a Silent Auction at this year's Gala and requested that each EC member committee to provide a donated item or help in soliciting the donation of times. It is Mr. Conway's hope that the money raised from the Silent Auction could be donated to an organization, potentially the KBF.

12. Ad-Hoc Committees

a. Investment Research Committee

No update.

b. Question 31 Research Committee

The Committee advised that Character and Fitness had adopted the compromised language and that it was their position to maintain that language without degrading Question 31. There was discussion bout potentially tabling any further action on this ad-hoc committee given the update, but no decision was determined to do so yet.

V. Affiliate Representative Reports

1. American Bar Association – Jonas Bastien

Mr. Bastien stated that he, Ms. Combs, Mr. Combs, Mr. Bunnell, and Ms. Keane had met with ABA representatives to discuss the service pogrom for the mid-year meeting in Louisville and discussed several local organizations as potential partners.

2. National Bar Association – Linda Dixon

No report.

3. Fayette County Bar Association – Chris Barber

Mr. Barber reminded the EC of the FCBA Holiday Party in December.

4. Louisville Bar Association – Allisha Hanserd

No report.

5. Northern Kentucky Bar Association – Ashley Sexton

Mr. Torres provided that he was rolling off as NKBA YLS Chair; and that Ms. Sexton would assume the role of Chair; and that Alexandra Torres would be the Chair-Elect.

6. Bowling Green Bar Association – TBD

Ms. Combs announced that Olivia Hester would be joining the EC as the Bowling Green Bar Association Young Lawyer Affiliate Representative.

7. NKU Chase College of Law – Dayana Perez

Ms. Perez discussed all the activities occurring at NKU and stated she looked forward to assisting with the Road Less Travelled and planning the social event in 2024.

8. UK Rosenberg College of Law – Kara Legg

No report.

9. UofL Brandeis School of Law – Alexis Ecarma

No report.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Adjournment

Before entertaining a motion to adjourn, Ms. Combs reminded the EC the next Business Meeting will be held on Zoom on **December 19, 2023**. Mr. Bunnell will send the link to the meeting as well as Agenda, November Minutes before the meeting.

Ms. Combs asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bastien made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Bryant. The Motion passed unanimously via voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kyle R. Bunnell

Kyle R. Bunnell, Vice-Chair