

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings from KADC headquarters! I hope you all had a safe Fourth of July holiday with family and friends!

The most exciting news from HQ is definitely the ongoing planning of the 2017 Annual Conference. Your planning committee is hard at work and the agenda is going to be fantastic! There will, once again, be an amazing slate of speakers and topics. Couple that with the networking opportunities, the great services to learn about from our vendors, and the best bang-for-the-buck CLE value in Kansas, and it's a can't miss opportunity. I hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to register and attend!

Your KADC President, Sarah Warner, has also continued our efforts to create more and more focus groups to ensure we are providing the best possible value and service to our members. This also means there are more and more ways to get involved in KADC and benefit from your membership. Here are just a handful of the opportunities available:

- Amicus committee
- Young lawyers committee
- Government affairs committee
- Annual Conference planning
- Trial skill workshop

If you'd like to be involved in these areas, or any others, please contact myself or any of your KADC board members at any time to let us know. The networking that takes place as part of these initiatives in and of itself will provide more than enough value for the time you would commit.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't put in a plug to reach out to your legislators while they are not in session. It's the best time to build relationships and political capital. You don't need to advocate for any specific KADC issues, just introduce yourself, let them know what you do, and tell them you'd love to be a resource to them on legislation. This will make you infinitely more effective as a grassroots advocate when the time comes.

Enjoy your summer, and don't forget to mark your calendars for December 1-2 and attend the Annual Conference! ▲



KADC AMICUS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The KADC *Amicus* Committee welcomes Eric Turner (Foulston Siefkin, LLP) as co-chair of the committee. Eric brings substantial appellate expertise to the committee, having clerked for Judge Steve Leben on the Kansas Court of Appeals and Judge Nancy Moritz on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Please consider requesting an *amicus curiae* brief from KADC if you have an appellate issue which affects the defense bar as a whole. Please submit your request in sufficient time for the Committee to evaluate it and for a brief-writer to do the issue justice. We recommend identifying potential KADC participation as soon as the issues on appeal are outlined.

The Kansas appellate courts have received KADC briefs favorably in many cases, and we would like to continue that tradition. You can find the *amicus* policy and request form on the KADC website. ▲

