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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Katie Marcum

I hope everyone has been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been receiving these last few days. I know I certainly have!



It was great to see so many faces at the OJA conference this spring! There were 36 new clerks at orientation and 135 total clerks at conference. Thank you to Denise Kilwein, Van Printy and everyone at the Office of Judicial Administration for all they do to help our clerks be successful. We started the day with Paul Long who hopefully put some "FUNdamism" in your lives! I know he moved me to try to be a better person and be more positive on a daily basis. Judge Jason Maxwell answered all of our questions on the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations and explained why it is so important for our courts. The Nuts and Bolts sessions, taught by the Education Committee, is always a great place to pose questions that might not have an easy answer. As always we love having the ladies from Driver Services give us an update on what to expect from them in the next 6 months.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fall Conference in Salina on September 26th and 27th. Sara Javier has been working very hard to make it successful and informative. We love networking with everyone and hope to see you there!

Katie Marcum

**Legislative Update  
by Nicole Armstrong**

The legislature convened on January 14, 2019. Below are some bills that could impact Municipal Courts.



HB2088- Would create the offense of negligent driving. This bill has been stricken from the calendar.

HB2125- Would change the statute to require the driver to ‘deliver’ rather than ‘display’ their driver’s license upon demand. This bill was requested because of incidents involving sovereign citizen encounters. This bill passed the House and Senate and has been sent to the Governor.

**Waived Reinstatement Fee:** HB2211- Would allow judges to waive the driver’s license reinstatement fee upon finding that payment imposes a hardship on the defendant. This bill passed the House and Senate and has been sent to the Governor.



HB2316- Would remove the option for cash bonds in municipal court. There has been no action on this bill.

HB2276- Would prohibit the use of wireless communication devices in a construction or school zone. This bill has been stricken from the calendar.

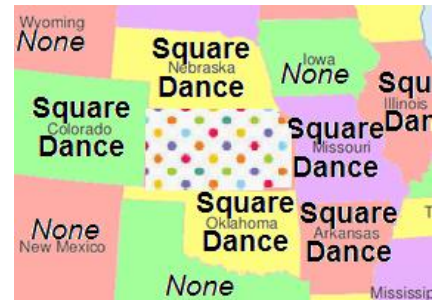


SB113- Would provide for the legal use of medical cannabis.



**Pseudo-Legislative Update  
Polka Kansas?!?**

Thirty-two of our states have an official “State Dance” and Kansas has introduced Senate bill to join the ranks. Clearly a top legislative priority, the Senate has proposed adopting **the Polka**. We would join two other polka-dancing states: Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. We would also be one of the few states not taken in by the apparent square dance craze – nearly all others have made this their choice. A few exceptions include North Carolina and Kentucky (clogging), Delaware (maypole dancing) and Hawaii (the hula).



Perhaps the newest UPOC listing will include an entry for violation of the state dance? We shall wait eagerly. For those interested (you know you are...), the full text of SB 158 reads as follows:

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- 1 AN ACT designating the polka as the state dance.
  - 2
  - 3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*
  - 4 Section 1. The polka, a dance originating in the middle of the 19th
  - 5 century that exemplifies the spirit of the residents of Kansas, is hereby
  - 6 designated as the official dance of the state of Kansas.

[http://kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb158/](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb158/)

## Kansas Officials Urge Drivers to Avoid Distracted Driving

Texting, other distractions have led to thousands of crashes in Kansas  
(reprinted with permission)

TOPEKA, Kan. — In 2017, 28 percent of all traffic crashes in Kansas were attributed to driver inattention or distractions. April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and law enforcement agencies across the state are working to educate drivers of the dangers of driving while distracted. Kansans will see a multi-media campaign running to support these efforts.



While distracted driving is most often associated with cell phone use, many other situations can cause distractions in the car. Interacting with children, eating food, using other electronic devices, and even things happening outside the vehicle contributed to more than 16,000 distracted driving crashes in Kansas in 2017.

**“Taking your eyes off the road to send a text is like driving blindfolded”**

“Taking your eyes off the road to send a text is like driving blindfolded down a football field,” said Chris Bortz, Traffic Safety Program Manager for KDOT. “You wouldn’t risk driving blindfolded, yet we see people on their phones or eating or putting on makeup every day on our roads.”

Many people may not know that distracted driving can be a ticketable offense in Kansas. For example, any texting, social media or internet activity on your phone can lead to a minimum \$60 ticket plus court costs. However, the worst result of distracted driving would be to cause an injury or death.

“We are facing an epidemic. Too many people are injured or killed due to inattention on our roads. Distracted driving crashes are 100 percent preventable,” said KDOT Secretary Julie Lorenz. “Protecting yourself, your passengers and other Kansans is as simple as putting the phone down and avoiding all other distractions in the car.”

**Distracted driving crashes are 100% preventable**

Law enforcement officers also encourage Kansans to “just drive” when they are behind the wheel. If your attention is anywhere other than the road, you’re driving distracted, and you’re driving dangerous. Drivers can minimize distractions by turning off electronic devices and keeping both eyes on the road ahead at all times. They also encourage passengers to hold their driver accountable and to not be a distraction themselves.



**DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH 2019**

## KACM Facebook Page

Candy has done a great job posting to our Facebook page. It is a private group so to join, you will have to send her a request to become a "friend" on Facebook and then she can add you. She says that "you can 'unfriend' me after I add you and you'll still be a member of the KACM Facebook page."



## Spotlight on Legal Terminology



### PRIMA FACIE /prī-mə-'fā-shə/

At first sight. "Sufficient to establish a fact or raise a presumption unless disproved or rebutted." Prima Facie Evidence is "evidence that will establish a fact or sustain a judgment unless contradictory evidence is produced." (Quoted from *Black's Law Dictionary – 7th ed.*)

For prosecuting DUI's, a breath test of .08 or greater is *prima facie* evidence that the person was under the influence to the degree that renders a person incapable of safely driving.

(source: <https://ncdd.com/state-delegates/usa/kansas/>)

## Driver Services Update

Driver Services has 6 Driver License Mobile Units that will be utilized in correctional facilities and bigger schools around Kansas for inmates to obtain IDs and for students to obtain their permits so they don't have to visit their local examination office. These mobile units are transported in giant suitcases and set up inside the facilities as a pilot program.

They will begin to test these units with the Sedgwick County Correctional facility later this Spring. They will then test them with a school as well. Once the units have been tested and the program is fully laid out, the full program will begin later this year.



**AAMVA Conference:** Kansas's Driver Services was invited to present at the national conference of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). They gave a presentation "Building Relationships: Creating a Partnership with the Courts." Those of you who have been attending KACM conferences for several years know that the people in Drivers Solutions have revolutionized the relationship with the courts. It turns out that most states don't have a good relationship with their courts and were impressed by what Kansas is doing. The AAMVA's CEO, Anne Ferro, sat in on the session and noted that what Kansas is doing is "absolutely phenomenal" and may invite them to give another presentation at next year's conference!



# K.A.C.M Blackboard

**Looking for Personal News.** The only way we know what is happening is if you let us know! If you or a clerk from your city has news to share with the rest of us. We want to know. This can be **news of retirement, new babies, marriage, medical concerns...** Anything.

**Jane Clark** will be retiring from the Olathe Municipal Court on May 31, 2019. Jane began her court career in 1974 with the Johnson County District Attorney's office. In 1980 she became the Court Clerk for the City of Spring Hill where she remained until 2007. Jane was hired in 1991 by the City of Olathe where she has worked her way up to her current position of Court Clerk Supervisor. Jane has had an impressive career of 43 years serving court customers – 28 of those years with the Olathe Municipal Court. She is also a longtime KACM member. Jane's experience and expertise will be greatly missed by all of us here in the Olathe Municipal Court. We wish you the best and enjoy the next chapter!



**Bettina Jamerson (Shawnee)**'s daughter, Sedona, graduated a second time from Duke University with her Bachelor's in Nursing. She passed her nursing board in 75 questions, the minimum required to pass. She has been hired by Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and will work in the heart failure unit. Mom is happy to have her back in the Midwest after 5½ years in NC.



**NEWS WANTED:**  
Remember, we rely on you to let us know what is happening in your lives. If you – or a fellow KACM person – has something to share, please send an email to ...



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Christina Lucas (Pittsburg)** was awarded on Friday, April 5th, with an "Outstanding Service Award" by their Chief of Police, Brent Narges.  
The plaque reads: "For having an Outstanding vision, dedication and leadership serving as the Court Administrator for the City of Pittsburg, KS".  
Great job Christina!



### Strange News: Little Debbie Truck Stolen!

An entire Little Debbie truck was stolen in New York on March 28<sup>th</sup>. This is definitely in the category of things NOT to do - those trucks aren't had to spot and police found him quickly!

None of the treats were missing – the perp claimed he was simply using the truck to visit friends and relatives. Maybe he thought that showing up with a truckload of Little Debbie's to share would make himself loved?

Points for originality...



## KACM Ambassadors

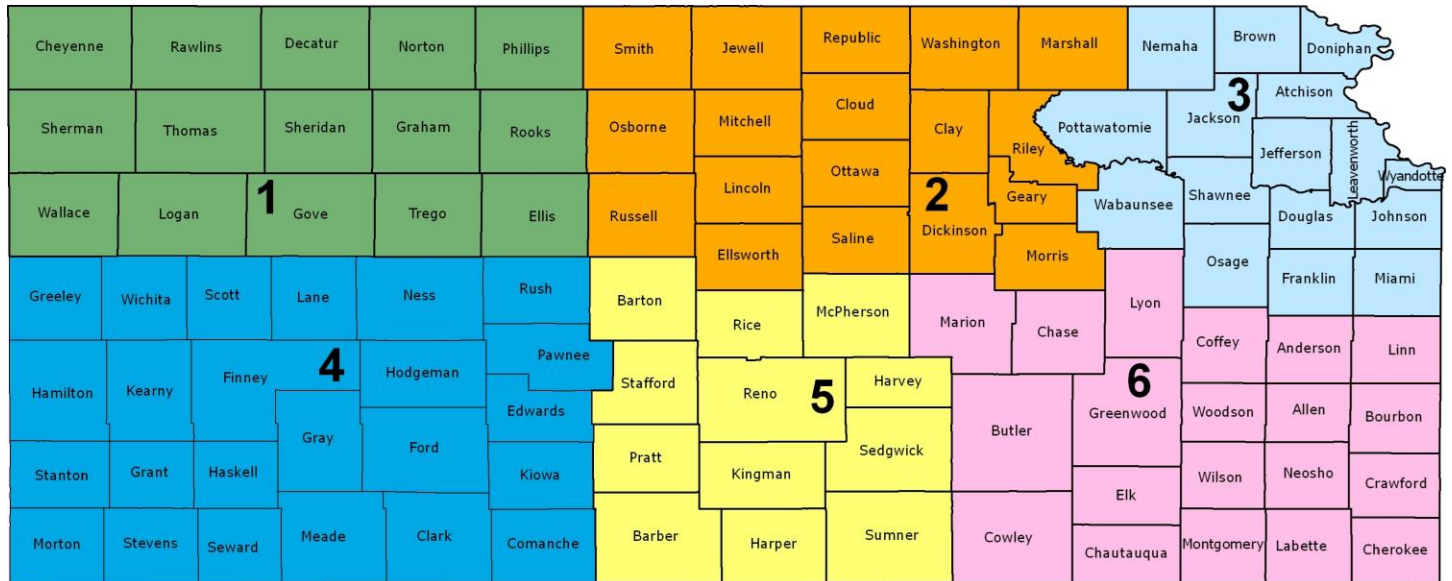
Traci Dockery, Chair

### Region Ambassadors:

1. Linda Engel, Oakley, [oakleyap@st-tel.net](mailto:oakleyap@st-tel.net)
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### Kansas Association of Court Management

#### Board of Directors Meeting

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019- 5:00pm.

Wichita Marriott, Sedgwick Room

Wichita, KS

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The K.A.C.M. Board of Directors Meeting was held on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Wichita Marriott, Wichita, KS.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by President Katie Marcum, South Hutchinson.

**Roll Call:** Voting members present: President Katie Marcum, South Hutchinson; Vice President Sara Javier, Maize; Secretary Christina Lucas, Pittsburg; Treasurer Deana Scott, Prairie Village; Amy Spittler, Hutchinson; Trustee/Past Pres. Greg Nickel, Newton; Sargent at Arms Linda Engel; Bettina Jamerson, Shawnee; Diane Clay, Fort Scott; Candy Westhoff, Girard Nicole Armstrong, Lenexa; Traci Dockery, Basehor; Hanna Vestering, Maize. **Absent:** Gwen Lewis-Jones, Lenexa; Jessica Chilcote, Haysville; Brenda Kilby, Olathe. Kim Everly, McLouth.

**Changes to Agenda:** Katie Marcum, South Hutchinson – nothing to add.

**Minutes:** No changes were suggested with the minutes, Greg Nickel, Newton, made a motion to approve the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Board Minutes. Diane Clay, Ft. Scott seconded the motion. All voted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deana Scott, Prairie Village stated that our Balance is \$9,962.11, General fund is \$5,500.46 and Scholarship fund is \$4,461.65. The hospitality expense will still need to be taken out for this weekend. (\$300-\$500) Memberships are still coming in. A scholarship breakdown will also be accompanying the Treasures report for now on. Candy Westhoff, Girard, made a motion to approve the Treasure report, Linda Engle, Oakley, seconded the motion. All voted unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Nothing new.

## **Committee Reports**

**Ambassador – Traci Dockery (Basehor):** Several memberships in without having to mail anything out. If at the end of March there are people missing, Traci will personally email them. There are currently a 104 members at this point and 11 associates. Monitor access for associate and student memberships. Table “Ambassador” definition and look into at next meeting. (possibly define as mentorship program). Katie Marcum, President to look at previous minutes.

**Courtesy – Kim Everley (McLouth):** Flowers were sent to Wanda Gable for the passing of her mother. She also purchased a stack of cards for KACM.

**Education – Sara Javier (Maize):** Sara is “ready to go” for the conference in Salina. She does need 1 more speaker. Sara reviewed who some of the speakers are and what they will be covering. Waiting for verbals from Deena Scott, Greg Nickel and Amy Spittle on individuals to confirm. Everything is booked and going very well.

**Historian – Candy Westhoff (Girard):** Still working on pictures.

**Hospitality – Bettina Jamerson (Shawnee) and Hanna Bestring (Maize):** Hospitality Room is in Suite 205 @ 8pm tonight. Bettina spoke to Denise about the agenda and she is to remind her to include in the agenda about the hospitality room.

**Legislative – Nicole Armstong (Lenexa):** Few new bills that have come up. There are 2 that are definitely ones that will be the most impactful. The first about allowing a judge to have the ability to waive the reinstatement fees on a drivers license. (example: military) The second is a bill to eliminate cash bonds. (allegedly this bill is dead)

**Manual – OJA Education Committee Member:** Always just a work in progress. Still working on it, it is a BIG Overhaul!!

**Membership Traci Dockery (Basehor):** Nothing to add.

**Newsletter – Greg Nickel (Newton):** The blackboard section is sometimes thin, so if you have things going on in your lives or other peoples, please forward to Greg. Next newsletter is April 2019.

**Past President – Greg Nickel (Newton):** Put together a slate of officers and recruit new people. (example: nominating committee)

**Promotion/Sales – Amy Spitler (Hutchinson):** Taking new orders and brought a few things. If you would like to order anything, please get orders in by noon as we will be breaking things down shortly after.

**Scholarship – Brenda Kilby (Olathe):** Nothing to report at this time.

## **Old Business**

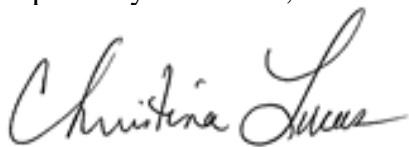
- Online registration: Greg has made an online registration form that should work out very well and has been tested. Still requires that you mail in the payment. Will save on postage and mailing. Also will be able to post it on the website.
- Discussion of locking the website with a password for members only. Consensus will be to have Rebecca, Candy Westhoff's daughter, do the lock.
  - How often will the password be changed?
  - Will it be the same password for everyone?
  - Can we just put a password on the google doc?
- Update on the bank account and scholarship fund. This is what should happen: All profits from promotions should go to General Funds. The silent auction and 50/50 should go to scholarships. Deena Scott, Prairie Village made a motion to approve that we remove promotion funds from the scholarship fund and start putting them to the general fund. Sara Javier, Maize seconded the motion. All voted unanimously.
  - Consensus back in 2003 that there should be a separate line item.
  - Profit or Promotion
  - How many scholarships do we award
- Nicole Armstrong asks for us as leaders of KACM to consider becoming a mentor for the Mentorship Program. There is someone very interested in educating theirself and would like to become a mentee from the Wichita area. They are interested in growing professionally and personally to really become a better "me."

**Next K.A.C.M. Board Meeting:** Next Board meeting will be in Salina, KS on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. More than likely the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019. (no place mentioned as of yet)

## **Adjournment:**

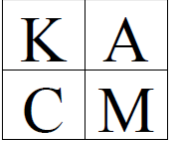
Deena Scott, Prairie Village makes a motion to adjourn meeting Sara Javier, Maize, seconded motion. All voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:02p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Lucas, K.A.C.M. Secretary  
Pittsburg





## KACM Mentoring Program

The purpose of the KACM Mentoring Program is to pair experienced court staff with other court professionals to enhance the Mentee's professional and personal development. The Mentor will guide, support, answer questions, and share experience with the Mentee through a one-on-one relationship. The official program lasts one year, with the requirement of four in-person contacts. The hope is that the relationship will last a lifetime.

### Benefits to Mentee

- Guidance from another court professional
- Feedback on skills
- Increased career satisfaction
- Increased career growth and professional development
- Have a sounding-board and confidante

### Benefits to Mentor

- Personal satisfaction
- Learn from Mentee
- Review strengths and weakness
- Increased career satisfaction

### Role of the Mentee

Foster a positive and honest relationship

Actively participate in the program and meetings

Be open to learning new ideas, hearing new perspectives, and receiving feedback

Perform a self-assessment: What skills do you want to acquire? Where do you want to go with your career?

Commit time to work on goals and reflect on conversations

### Role of Mentor

Provide confidential assistance to Mentee

Allow Mentee to discuss work-related issues

Provide Mentee assistance outside of their chain of command

Facilitate Mentee's growth by sharing resources, experiences, and feedback

Challenge the Mentee to move out of his or her comfort zone

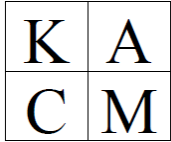
Coach in particular skills or areas

Focus on the Mentee's professional development

Foster a positive and honest relationship

Actively participate in the program and meetings

**Who can be a mentor? Anyone** who has a sincere desire to mentor and can commit to a one-year mentoring relationship. Have you solved problems? Have you had experiences? Do you have a point of view or a perspective? Have you had conflict with co-workers or a boss, wanted to make changes in your department or city, or worked toward a promotion?



## KACM Mentoring Program Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City & department \_\_\_\_\_

Job title \_\_\_\_\_

Years working in municipal court \_\_\_\_\_

Years in court management or administration \_\_\_\_\_

Years working in the government sector \_\_\_\_\_

# of employees in your department \_\_\_\_\_

# of employees under your supervision \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being a  Mentee  Mentor  Both

### For Mentees

Areas of enhancement- Please list any specific areas or skills you are seeking to enhance through the mentoring program.

### For Mentors

Abilities and experiences- Please list relevant abilities and experiences such as problem solving, project management, budget, HR, performance coaching & motivation, performance reviews, training, change management, policy & procedure revision, time management, organization, leadership, teamwork & collaboration, supervisory, and communication.

**Our Goals** Find out more about KACM on our website at [www.ksmunicipalcourts.com](http://www.ksmunicipalcourts.com), which includes a listing of our goals as follows:

- Continuing education for Court Managers, Clerks, Administrators, and Assistants
- Interaction between members with problem-solving ideas
- Organization input into Legislation that will affect Municipal Courts
- An organized voice to State agencies
- Consistency within the Municipal Courts
- Promoting public trust and confidence

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Front Row: Christina Lucas (Secretary), Jessica Chilcote (Alt Trustee), Candy Westhoff (Trustee), Nicole Armstrong (Alt Trustee), Deana Scott (Treasurer), Greg Nickel (Trustee/Past President) Not Pictured: Ellen Harper (Trustee)

### Committee Chairs:

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Scholarship.....	Brenda Kilbey (Olathe)

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## Upcoming Dates:



### **Fall Conference**

Salina Hilton Garden Inn  
Sept 26-27, 2019

### **Spring Conference**

Wichita  
March 5, 2020 (new clerks)  
March 6, 2020 (conference)