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# Missouri Paralegal Association Seminar Friday, April 5, 2019

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2019 Venue:

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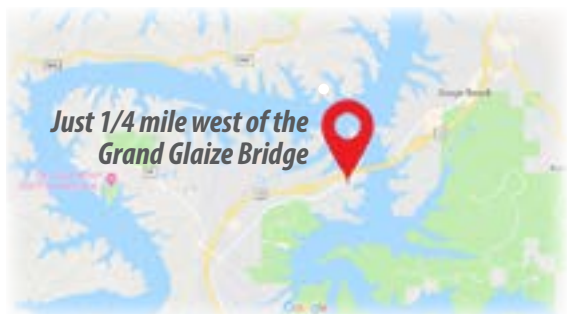
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## 2019 Annual Seminar Agenda:

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8:00 a.m. **Registration**

8:30 a.m. **Ethics Update**

Speaker: **Dori DeCook**

10:00 a.m. **15 minute break**

10:15 a.m. **Legal Project Management Panel**

Panelists: **Dave Clark, Mark Craig, Steve Gilliland, Lann Wasson**

11:45 a.m. **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **Police Forensics**

Speaker: - **Detective Jeremy Peters**

2:45 p.m. **15 minute break**

3:00 p.m. **Medical Marijuana Panel**

Panelists: **Kelly Christensen, Det. Sgt. Jason Grellner, Dr. Jennifer A. Lowry, Dan Viets**

4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks - Door prizes/certificates of attendance**

**Adjournment**

*This seminar is designed for paralegals, attorneys and other legal professionals.*

**Presentation | 8:30 a.m.**



**Ethics  
Update**

**Dori DeCook**

*Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel  
Jefferson City, MO*

*Dori graduated from William Woods University in 1994 with a B.S. degree in Legal Studies and a minor in Sociology. She did her internship with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) in 1993. Upon graduation, Dori was hired as a Paralegal by the PSC. She has been employed as a Paralegal Investigator at the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel since March of 1997. The Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel is an agency of the Missouri Supreme Court and is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct by lawyers, prosecuting cases where a lawyer's misconduct poses a threat to the public or the integrity of the legal profession, and maintaining current records of disciplinary information for lawyers licensed to practice in Missouri.*

*In the past, she has served as the President of the Mid Missouri Paralegal Association (MMPA). Dori has proudly served on the Board for the Missouri Paralegal Association (MPA) and is also a past president.*

*Dori occasionally works as an adjunct professor for William Woods University's paralegal program. She is also a volunteer with HALO Worldwide.*

**Panel discussion | 10:15 a.m.**



**Panel:  
Legal Project Management**

**Dave Clark**

*LPM Partner  
Lathrop Gage, LLP  
Kansas City, Missouri*

*Mr. Clark has over 33 years of experience as a business and intellectual property litigator. He currently serves as the LPM Partner at Lathrop Gage LLP.*

*Mr. Clark is a Certified Legal Project Manager® as well as a Certified LPM Coach. He recently received a Legal Lean Sigma® and Legal Project Management White Belt Certification.*

*As LPM Partner at Lathrop Gage, Mr. Clark is responsible for designing, implementing, maintaining and growing the firm's LPM program. He also provides in-house LPM coaching to numerous lawyers in the firm.*

***The morning sessions begin at 8:30, then a panel discussion from 10:15 to 11:45 ... followed by lunch from 11:45 to 1:00.***



**Panel:**  
**Legal Project Management**

**Mark Craig**  
Associate Director of Pricing  
Stinson Leonard Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

*Mark is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt, and has been involved with numerous process improvement projects. His previous experience includes the role of legal project manager at another Kansas City law firm, and various finance roles at a large engineering and construction company.*

*Mark's current duties include creating pre-engagement budgets and scope of work statements based on client goals - developing and implementing custom matter plans and schedules-monitoring tasks and timelines and delivering project status and budget reports - reviewing and analyzing matter outcomes post-engagement - leading process improvement projects to document and streamline legal work and delivering project management training and coaching attorneys on ways to apply project management tools and tactics in their practice. Craig has a BS in Finance from Kansas State University.*



**Panel:**  
**Legal Project Management**

**Steve Gilliland**  
Senior Paralegal  
Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C.  
Saint Louis, Missouri

*Serving as Paralegal Coordinator, Steve has been with Sandberg Phoenix for 20 years. He has a B.A. in Political Science from Ohio University, a Legal Assistant Certificate from St. Louis Community College and completion of Kroll Ontrack's E-Discovery Certification Course.*

*Steve works in the areas of products liability and medical malpractice litigation. He has served as Chair of the St. Louis Chapter of the International Paralegal Management Association and as the Association of Legal Administrators' Education Coordinator. Currently, Steve serves on the Legal Studies Advisory Board for Maryville University, and has recently been invited to speak at the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis on the subject of ethics. He has also been published in BAMSL's Law Journal, writing on the topic of Ethics for Paralegals and Their Attorneys.*

*Steve has also given presentations locally and regionally on the topic of paralegal management. Additionally, Steve is a Commercial Pilot with an instrument rating and has passed his Flight Instructor written exam.*

***The panel discussion from continues until 11:45 ... followed by lunch from 11:45 to 1:00.***

**Panel discussion | 10:15 a.m.**



**Panel:  
Legal Project Management**

**Lann Wasson**

*Associate Director of Legal Project Management  
Husch Blackwell, LLP  
Kansas City, Missouri*

*Lann works directly with the firm's partners and clients to deliver value through project management, process improvement and technology solutions.*

*Lann has almost 20 years of professional services experience. As the firm's Associate Director of Legal Project Management, he incorporates the techniques of design thinking into his project work to better understand the business problem from the client's point of view, evaluate multiple avenues to address the client's need, and test prototypes to discover the best fit for client teams. At the forefront of legal innovation, spearheaded the firm's artificial intelligence initiative to bring machine learning for contract review to the firm's transactional services.*

*Lann is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and a certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. He regularly co-hosts workshops.*

*Education: M.S., Georgia State University - Policy Studies*

*B.A., Emory University*

*Community Leadership: Urban Debate Leagues – Atlanta (1988-1999) and Kansas City (2000-2004)*

**Police Forensics | 1:15 p.m.**



**Police  
Forensics**

**Jeremy Peters**

*Detective - Electronic Crimes Unit  
St. Joseph Police Department  
St. Joseph, Missouri*

*Detective Peters has been with the St. Joseph Missouri Police Department since 2009*

*He promoted to the Detective Division in 2015 where he spent a year working general assignment cases. He spent another year working in the Financial Crimes Unit before transferring to the Electronic Crimes Unit, where he is currently assigned*

*Detective Peters has specialized training in computer and smartphone forensics. He has attending Cellebrite Training for Cellebrite Mobile Forensics Fundamentals (CMFF), Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO), and Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (CCPA). He has attended training with Open Text EnCase for Foundations of Digital Forensics. He has also attended Advanced Mobile Device Examiner (AMDE) with the United States Secret Service at the National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) in Hoover, Alabama.*

***The panel discussion from continues until 11:45 ... followed by lunch from 11:45 to 1:00 ... then Police Forensics from 1:15 to 2:45.***

Panel discussion | 3:00 p.m.



**Panel:**  
**Medical Marijuana**

**Kelly Christensen**  
Founder  
Canvas Boutique and Dispensary  
Sacred Circle Sales

A pioneer in the Natural Products and CBD/Hemp retail space, Kelly is the Founder Canvas Boutique and Dispensary and Sacred Circle Sales, a distribution company that serves Health Food Stores and Natural Wellness Centers.

A graduate of Washington University School of Art, Kelly has unparalleled experience in vision, design and implementation. She began her career 15 years ago as a Visual Merchandising Manager at The Natural Way in Webster Groves, MO under the direction of the founding owner, Karen Buckey. Kelly also lead and created the "Local Department" at The Natural Way where her passion for supporting local small businesses came alive.

Currently, Kelly is pursuing a role with an executive team for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary start-up. She hopes to provide leadership in marketing/branding, customer experience and patient education.

Panel discussion | 3:00 p.m.



**Panel:**  
**Medical Marijuana**

**Det. Sgt. Jason Grellner**  
Law enforcement / retired  
Mercy Hospital  
Washington, Missouri

Det. Sgt. Jason Grellner was a narcotics officer, Unit Commander and Lieutenant at the Franklin County Missouri Sheriff's Office from 1995-2017. He holds a BA in Sociology (Criminology), a minor in Administration of Justice and minor in Criminal Psychology.

Grellner was the President of the Missouri Narcotics Officers' in 2008, 2012 and 2016. He has been Vice-President of the National Narcotics Officers' Association Coalition from 2013 to present. He was named to the National Association of Model State Drug Laws, Precursor Tracking Advisory Committee by the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy. He is a graduate of the DEA's Drug Unit Commander Academy. He has testified as a drug expert in both federal and state courts. He is the founder of the "Foundations for Franklin County" a 501c3 community drug prevention and rehabilitation program.

Grellner has been decorated nine (9) times by the Eastern District of Missouri US Attorney's Office as Outstanding Investigator. The United States Senate also recognized him as an Outstanding Narcotics Investigator. Grellner currently serves as the Manager of Public Safety, Emergency Management and Communications at Mercy Hospital Washington.

**The afternoon panel discussion begins at 3:00... followed by closing remarks around 4:30, and prize giveaways!**

Panel discussion | 3:00 p.m.



**Panel:**  
**Medical Marijuana**

**Jennifer A. Lowry, M.D.**

*Director of Clinical Pharmacology  
Children's Mercy Hospital  
Kansas City, Missouri*

*Dr. Lowry is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. She is Director of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutic Innovations at Children's Mercy in Kansas City, where she also serves as Director of Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit.*

*Dr. Lowry completed her fellowship in pediatric pharmacology and medical toxicology as well as her residency in pediatrics at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City. She obtained her medical degree from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine in Vermillion.*

*Her areas of interest include developmental pediatric pharmacology and toxicology, environmental toxicology, adolescent substance use, spider envenomations and adverse drug reactions.*

Panel discussion | 3:00 p.m.



**Medical Marijuana  
Panel**

**Dan Viets**

*Criminal defense attorney  
Show Me Cannabis Regulation Group  
Columbia, Missouri*

*Mr. Dan Viets is an attorney in Columbia, MO, concentrating on the defense of marijuana cases. He has served as the Missouri State Coordinator for NORML. He is a former president of the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.*

*Mr. Viets was the recipient of the 1993 Martin Luther King Association's "Keeping the Dream Alive" award. Dan was named High Times Freedom Fighter of the Month in March, 2005 for his work helping to pass both a marijuana decriminalization initiative and a medical marijuana initiative in the November, 2004 election in Columbia. He received the 2005 Atticus Finch Outstanding Criminal Defense Lawyer award from the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.*

*Dan has also been recognized by Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers, America's Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorneys, Lawyers of Distinction and National Trial Lawyers for exhibiting excellence in the field of criminal law.*

*Dan was Chair of the Board of Show-Me Cannabis Regulation, the group which placed the initiative to tax and regulate marijuana like alcohol on the November 2018 ballot in Missouri. The initiative passed and is now Missouri Constitutional Amendment 2.*

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