

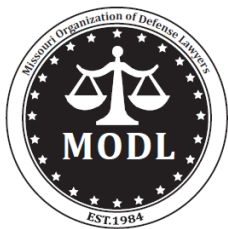
MISSOURI ORGANIZATION OF DEFENSE LAWYERS



MAY 30 - JUNE 1, 2019

34TH ANNUAL MEETING

**HILTON BRANSON CONVENTION CENTER
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Dear MODL Member:

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers will be held May 30 – June 1, 2019, at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel, a 12-story AAA Four Diamond hotel in Branson, Missouri. The event continues to feature MODL favorites like the President's Welcome Reception at Cantina Laredo on the Branson Landing, the golf tournament at beautiful Buffalo Ridge, the awards dinner and banquet, Randy Scherr's Legislative Update, as well as, for the first time ever, an all-female blended judicial panel moderated by Supreme Court Justice Patricia Breckenridge.

In addition to these great traditions, we have a great slate of high profile and insightful speakers lined up to address our group. We are very excited to announce Dean Strang, from the hit Netflix series Making a Murderer, will serve as our keynote speaker and provide an in-depth examination of the ethical hurdles that arose during the famed Steven Avery trial. We are also thrilled that Michael Brown with Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough has agreed to speak to our group about defending lawsuits in tough jurisdictions with which our members are all too familiar. Our presentations will also include an "Ask the Expert Panel" discussion that will consist of a diverse panel of experts from multiple disciplines addressing the latest technology and issues they have encountered in their respective fields. All told, attendees will be able to pick up 8.3 hours CLE credit, which includes 2.9 hours ethics.

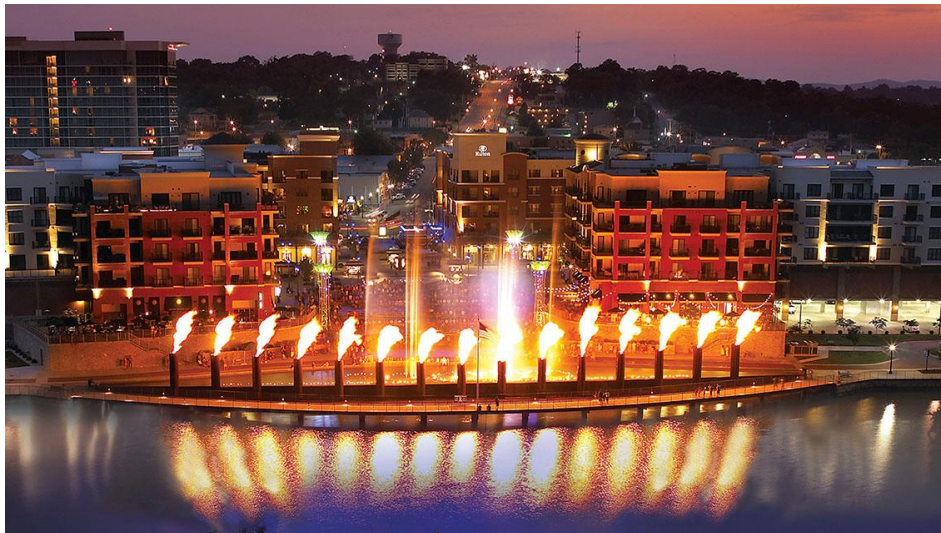
We encourage all MODL Members to join us at this year's Annual Meeting. Whether a partner or associate, the event has something for all. The meeting continues to have a family focus and will again include fun activities for kids. Space is limited for this event and the cut-off date for rooms is **May 10, 2019**, so please send in your registration or register online to reserve your spot as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you.

Best Regards,

Matt

Matthew Noce, Annual Meeting Chair





AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPTION**.....Cantina Laredo
(All Attendees)
- 7:00 p.m. **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST**.....Taneycomo Ballroom A

CLE AGENDA

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION/EXHIBITS**.....Short Creek
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. **WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**.....Short Creek
**DANA FRESE, HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO**
- 8:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. **“ASK THE EXPERTS”**.....Short Creek
PANEL:
CLIFF BIGELOW, PE, ESI, ST. LOUIS, MO
ROBERT P. JUERGENS, PE, IAAI-CFI, CFEI, S-E-A, ST. LOUIS, MO
SUNIL D. LAKHIANI, PHD, PE, CSP, EXPONENT, WARRENVILLE, IL
JACK NEVINS, CCE, ENCE, PI, SEMKE FORENSIC, ST. CHARLES, MO
- 9:20 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. **BREAK/EXHIBITS/SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS**.....Short Creek

9:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

“A CASE STUDY FROM MAKING A MURDERER - ETHICAL ISSUES UNDER PRESSURE”.....Short Creek
DEAN A STRANG, STRANGBRADLEY, LLC, MADISON, WI

In addition to offering a fascinating look at the criminal justice system, Netflix's Making A Murderer covers two cases that raised a number of thorny ethical issues that any trial lawyer can confront. Dean Strang, who was counsel in one of the two murder trials that the Netflix series chronicles, joins us to discuss those ethical issues against the backdrop of this widely-watched docuseries.

12:00 p.m.

FAMILY BUFFET LUNCH.....Taneycomo Ballroom A
(golfers pick up box lunch at Buffalo Ridge Springs Golf Course)

12:30 p.m.

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Buffalo Ridge Springs Golf Course
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MODL'S CELEBRATION

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

COCKTAIL PARTY.....Ballroom Lobby
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7:00 p.m.Taneycomo Ballroom

- ◆ Service and Amicus Awards
- ◆ Retiring Board Member Recognition
- ◆ Karl Blanchard, Jr. Award of Excellence
- ◆ President's Award
- ◆ Ben Ely, Jr. Award

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

KIDS PROGRAM.....Taneycomo Ballroom
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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST.....Taneycomo Ballroom A

CLE AGENDA

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

“LEGISLATIVE UPDATE”.....Short Creek
RANDY J. SCHERR, MODL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO
A review of legislation considered during the 2019 Legislative Session.

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	“TRIALS IN MISSOURI AND BEYOND: JUDGES, JURIES, AND LAWYERS”Short Creek This presentation will cover differences in trials in Missouri as compared to other tough jurisdictions, as well. MICHAEL A. BROWN, NELSON MULLINS RILEY AND SCARBOROUGH, LLP, BALTIMORE, MD
10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	BREAK/EXHIBITS/SPONSOR PRESENTATIONSShort Creek
10:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	BLENDED JUDICIAL PANELShort Creek MODERATOR: THE HONORABLE PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE, SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI PANEL: THE HONORABLE LAURA DENVIR STITH, SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI THE HONORABLE MARY SHEFFIELD, MO COURT OF APPEALS, SOUTHERN DISTRICT THE HONORABLE COLLEEN DOLAN, MO COURT OF APPEALS, EASTERN DISTRICT THE HONORABLE KATHERINE M. FOWLER, 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CITY OF ST. LOUIS THE HONORABLE LAURA JOHNSON, 38TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CHRISTIAN COUNTY
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	CLOSING REMARKSShort Creek
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	MEMBERSHIP MEETINGShort Creek

8.3 hours Missouri CLE which includes 2.9 hours Ethics
8 hour Kansas CLE which includes 2.5 hours Ethics & Professionalism

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HOTEL INFORMATION



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to be guaranteed the group rate

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ACTIVITIES

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The Hiltons of Branson offer guests immediate access all of the activities at Branson Landing, a premier shopping destination. Delve into shopping, shows, and more in the area when you aren't resting in your charmingly decorated room or suite. Our conveniently located hotels can provide you with all of the home amenities you need during your trip.



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There are a variety of bustling shops located in Branson Landing that are sure to keep you busy when you stay with The Hiltons of Branson. The many specialty stores meet a broad range of interests to keep everyone satisfied, from the fine jewelry that can be found at Majestic Gems to the delicate needlework of Branson Quilts. Many popular stores are located here as well, such as Aeropostale and even Auntie Anne's. This shopping center appeals to a broad range of ages, which is great for keeping your family entertained. Enjoy your time browsing over 100 shops for the perfect find.

Superb Dining at Branson Landing

Branson Landing offers a variety of casual restaurants like Old Chicago, where you'll find delicious pizza and pasta dishes, and fine dining experiences, such as delicious steak dinners and extravagant desserts like the ones that you'll find at Level 2 Steakhouse. If you would like a restaurant suggestion in the Branson Landing area, speak to our concierge for recommendations. Our team will be happy to point you in the right direction based on your schedule and personal taste.



Spectacular Fountain Shows

The state-of-the-art water fountains perform multiple stunning shows guaranteed to capture your attention and leave you feeling amazed. By combining water, fire, music, and light, these displays are proof that opposites can be united for a brilliant display. This Vegas-style performance works to enhance the area for a family-friendly entertainment experience that can be witnessed from Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing.

The fountains at Branson Landing are also a live music and event venue. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience the "Live Music Capital of the World."



Entertainment and Family Fun

Branson Landing offers ample entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Fly over Lake Taneycomo on the sensational Parakeet Pete's Waterfront Zipline, then take aim at Fast Shot Shooting Gallery. When you're ready for a break, take a rest while the little ones enjoy the large play area, or sign up the whole family on a relaxing cruise of Lake Taneycomo featuring brilliant views of the Branson Landing fountain shows.



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May 28-30, 2020

Big Cedar Lodge ♦ Ridgedale, MO

ABOUT YOUR SPEAKERS



DEAN A. STRANG practices law in Madison, Wisconsin, with StrangBradley, LLC. He was Wisconsin's first Federal Defender and has argued in the United States Supreme Court, five federal circuits, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Mr. Strang has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, the University of Wisconsin Law School, and Marquette University Law School. He got his A.B. from Dartmouth College and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. Mr. Strang's second book, **KEEP THE WRETCHES IN ORDER: AMERICA'S BIGGEST MASS TRIAL, THE RISE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, AND**

THE FALL OF THE IWW, will be out in May 2019. His first book was **WORSE THAN THE DEVIL: ANARCHISTS, CLARENCE DARROW, AND JUSTICE IN A TIME OF TERROR** (U. Wisconsin Press 2013; rev. ed. 2016). He is the author of several law review articles, too.



MICHAEL A. BROWN handles complex cases in jurisdictions around the country. Mr. Brown has experience in the areas of products liability defense, mass tort litigation, employment law, medical malpractice, and insurance defense, as well as commercial and real estate litigation matters. In addition to his national clients, Mr. Brown also serves as general counsel to numerous local companies and corporations, advising on a variety of matters related to employment and business litigation, real estate issues, and concerns unique to the Baltimore-Washington region. He has tried more than 80 cases to verdict across 20 states and Mr. Brown usually tries five to eight cases per year. He is a fellow at the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the Litigation Counsel of America,

and has served on numerous governing boards for bar associations and healthcare entities. He is also a member of DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar. Mr. Brown was recognized by Savoy Magazine as one of their most influential black lawyers in 2018. He has also been recognized for his work by Maryland Super Lawyers (2013-2017), Best Lawyers in America (2011-2019), and Chambers USA (2018).



CLIFF BIGELOW, PE with ESi is a Senior Consultant and Regional Manager of Missouri and Kansas Operations, based in St. Louis. He has over 30 years of engineering and technical experience specializing in metallurgy, materials engineering and mechanical engineering, and is a Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (CFEI). He has expertise in areas such as failure analysis, accident analysis, fire and explosion investigation, product design and testing. His expertise includes in-field and laboratory investigations of a broad range of equipment and incidents that include industrial machinery, piping, boilers and pressure vessels, weldments, as

well as automobiles, heavy trucks, aircraft and railroad equipment. Mr. Bigelow has broad experience in investigation of materials and equipment in fire cause analysis.



ROBERT P. JUERGENS, PE, IAAI-CFI, CFEI is a Senior Electrical Engineer with S-E-A. Prior to becoming an engineer with S-E-A, Mr. Juergens graduated *Magna cum Laude* from the University of Missouri-Columbia, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1992. Mr. Juergens is a Registered Professional Engineer in several states, including Missouri and Illinois. Prior to joining S-E-A, Mr. Juergens had 11 years' experience as an electrical engineer and an electrical department manager. He specialized in industrial/commercial facility design, power systems, electrical installation, control systems and instrumentation, fractional horsepower motor design, and troubleshooting electrical equipment and control systems. Mr. Juergens is a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI-CFI®) and a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI) through the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI). Mr. Juergens has conducted investigations and analysis in areas including electrical fires, product/failure analysis, shock and electrocution, lighting, electrical code compliance, lightning damage evaluation, electrical construction issues and costs, and scope and cost-of-repair reviews.



SUNIL D. LAKHIANI, PhD, PE, CSP with Exponent uses his knowledge in human factors and risk perception to evaluate occupational and process safety concerns and in conducting proactive evaluations, such as facility and plant model reviews, safety culture assessments, standard operating procedure development, and reviews. In addition, he has experience investigating human error and accident causation associated with consumer products, heavy machinery, and industrial tools and operations. He has specialized knowledge and experience in the design and evaluation of warnings and instructions for a wide array of consumer and industrial products including sporting goods, household and industrial chemicals, industrial equipment, and consumer products. He has conducted safety assessments of worksites through inspections and injury-data analysis.



JACK NEVINS, CCC, ENCE, PI with Semke Forensic has been a senior consultant and Regional Director for the past 11 years. His areas of expertise include cellular and mobile device forensics, computer and data forensics, fire causation, and product liability evaluations. Jack received a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Physics with an Electrical Engineering minor from the University of Nevada – Las Vegas, and has over 20 years of diverse technical experience.



RANDY J. SCHERR is President and founder of R. J. Scherr and Associates and a principal in the lobbying firm of Scherr, Winter LLC. He holds both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science. Mr. Scherr has been actively involved in the political and legislative process in Missouri on a full-time basis for 41 years and represents over 30 clients before the Missouri Legislature. Mr. Scherr is the Executive Director for the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers.



THE HONORABLE PATRICIA BRECKENRIDGE has served as a judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri since 2007. As Chief Justice from July 2015 through June 2017, she led the Judiciary's reforms of Missouri's municipal divisions. Committed to improving the administration of justice, she was instrumental in establishing the Supreme Court's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, Task Force on Criminal Justice, Commission on Civil Justice Reform, the Partnership for Child Safety and Well-being, and adoption of Uniform Standards for Missouri Juvenile Officers. Judge Breckenridge serves on the National Center of State Courts Task Force on Fines, Fees and Bail Reform, the Missouri Justice Reinvestment Task Force, and the Missouri Crossover Youth Policy team.



THE HONORABLE LAURA DENVIR STITH was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. She earned B.A. *magna cum laude* from Tufts University and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center. Judge Stith clerked for Missouri Supreme Court Judge. Robert E. Seiler before joining Shook Hardy & Bacon, where she was elected partner in 1984. In 1994, Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Judge Stith to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. In 2001, she was appointed by Governor Bob Holden as the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court of Missouri and served as its Chief Justice from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. She is now the senior judge on the Court. Judge Stith has been an active member and speaker within the legal community throughout her career, and has authored a number of articles, CLE Publications and book chapters on issues such as appellate practice, the non-partisan court plan, contrasting state and federal habeas corpus law, and the ill-considered attempts of non-lawyers to use statistical means to "measure" and rate courts rather than considering their legal analysis. Judge Stith lives in Kansas City. She is married to fellow attorney Donald G. Scott. They have three grown daughters, none of whom are lawyers (though two sisters, a brother, two nieces, two nephews and a brother-in-law are).



THE HONORABLE MARY SHEFFIELD was appointed to the Court of Appeals, Southern District in December 2012 and retained at the November 2014 General Election. Judge Sheffield holds a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami, Miami, FL. Her membership and activities include Phelps County Bar Association, Southern Missouri Women's Bar Association, US Liaison Judge for the Hague Convention on Parental Child Abduction, Former Chairperson-Family Law Committee, Judicial Education Committee, Teen Court, Former President-National College of Probate Judges and Former President-Blue Ridge Institute for Family Court Judges. She was awarded the Lawyer of the Americas Law Review-Editor, University of Miami, Bramlett-Light Award, CASA HOPE Award and the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women's Justice Award. Judge Sheffield and her husband, Dr. W. Kent Wray have three children.



THE HONORABLE COLLEEN DOLAN was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, in 2016. She was previously a circuit judge and had served as an associate circuit judge and municipal judge for the City of Ellisville. Judge Dolan received a B.S. from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a J.D. from Saint Louis University School of Law. Judge Dolan chairs the board of certified court examiners and is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), the Women Lawyers' Association and the St. Louis County Bar Association. She speaks at various continuing legal education seminars and volunteers with Action for Autism. She also supports various charitable efforts for children.



THE HONORABLE KATHERINE M. FOWLER is a graduate of University of Dayton with a BA and from St. Louis University Law School. She was previously an Officer with Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. until her appointment as Circuit Court Judge in October 2017. She also served as Founder and Director of the Legal Clinic for Let's Start, a non-profit organization that aims to break the cycle of incarceration by working with formerly incarcerated women and their children. She is married with four children. She holds memberships in the American Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar, the Mound City Bar Association, the Lawyers Association of St. Louis, The Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis and St. Francis Xavier College Church.



THE HONORABLE LAURA JOHNSON graduated from Missouri University with a B.S., finance *magna cum laude* in 1985. Graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D. *cum laude* in 1988. Clerked from 1988-1990 for the Honorable Elmo B. Hunter, federal district judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Associate for the firm of Stinson, Mag & Fizzell in Kansas City 1990-1991. Attorney with the firm Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C. in Springfield 1991-2014. Past board member and officer of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Least of These Food Pantry, the Board of Education for the Ozark School District, and member of Rotary. Elected Presiding Judge of the 38th Judicial Circuit, which consists of Christian County, in 2014 and took the bench on January 1, 2015. Oversees the drug, DWI and Veterans treatment courts. Married in 1987 to Todd Johnson with two children, Alexandra (26) and Jacob (23).

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KID'S BIG FUN

Friday, May 31, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



- Adrenaline Rush
- Balloon Artist
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- Mini All Star Basketball
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