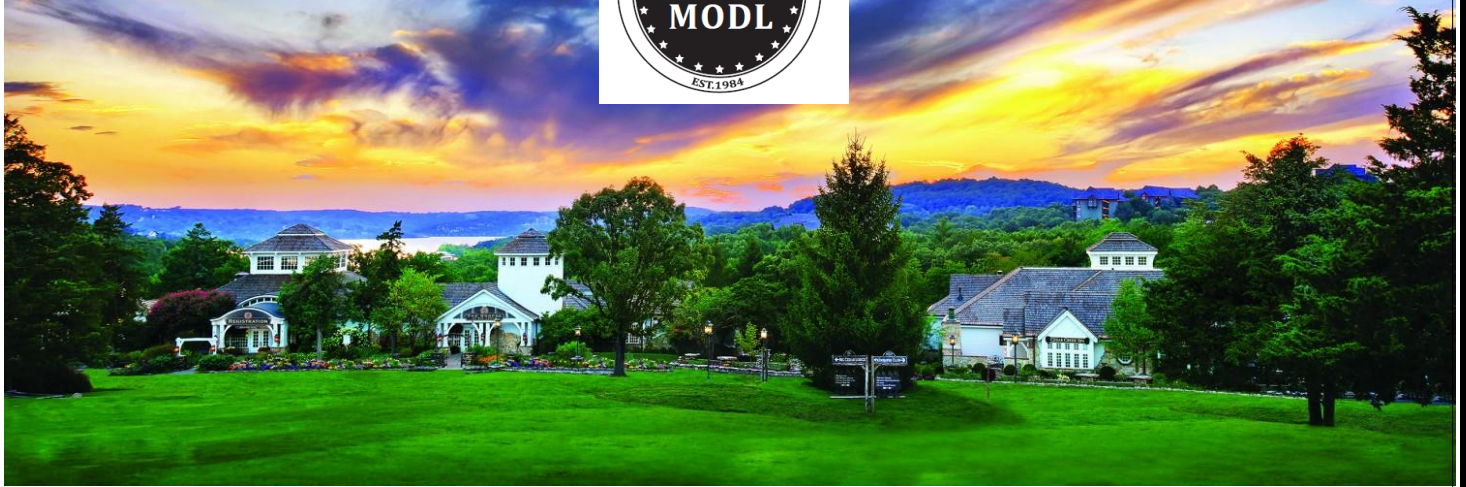
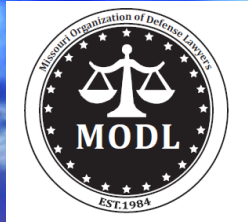


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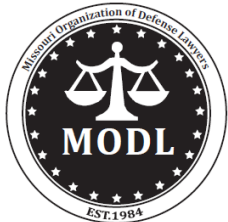
35th Annual Meeting

May 28-30, 2020



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Dear MODL Member:

The 35th Annual Meeting will be held on May 28 through May 30, 2020. This great event returns to the rustic venue of Big Cedar Lodge, described as America's Premier Wilderness Resort set within the landscape of the Ozark Mountains on Table Rock Lake.

As always, MODL's Annual Meeting is a family-friendly event. Bring your crew to experience one of the nation's best vacation spots. MODL, through its sponsors, will once again offer a great Kids Program during the conference. On Friday night during the cocktail party and Awards Dinner, kids will enjoy playing The World's Largest Pac-Man arcade game, 9 holes of mini golf, and oversized games of Connect Four, Jenga, and Kerplunk. Younger ones are sure to enjoy stations featuring Spin Art, DIY slap bracelets, balloon artists and face painting. Vouchers will be provided to explore Fun Mountain, an amusement complex with bowling alleys, go-carts, a four-story ropes course, laser tag, bumper cars, arcade and more. Of course, Big Cedar always offers families adventures in hiking, biking, horseback riding, boating, and swimming.

The meeting kicks off on Thursday evening with the President's Welcome Reception at the Wine Cellar located at Top of the Rock. This expansive space opens to a breathtaking view of an infinity pool overlooking Table Rock Lake. Wake up Friday to CLE programming, starting with Jack Bangert of Kutak Rock, LLP, preparing you to ethically and successfully mediate disputes. The Keynote Speaker will follow and MODL is pleased to welcome James Kane from Philadelphia. His presentation, "The Loyalty Switch," will help you re-evaluate your relationships and develop ways to make others loyal to you, your practice, and your cause. Thereafter, try your hand at forcing that little, white-dimpled ball to be loyal to your team's scoring needs at the MODL Golf Tournament, played on Friday afternoon nearby at the Buffalo Ridge Golf Course.

On Saturday, Randy and Brian walk us through the "Legislative Update" followed by our blended panel of appellate and trial judges who will provide their perspectives and insights from the bench. Finally, a group of Springfield high-school students will perform the play, "The Milly Project." The students reveal how Milly Sawyers overcame slavery and won her freedom in a Greene County courtroom in 1834. This presentation comes highly recommended. This CLE provides credit for the new MOBar requirement of training in the area of cultural awareness, diversity, inclusion and bias.

Rooms are limited and our block normally sells out at Big Cedar. See the end of this brochure for room reservations and rates. Register for the meeting on-line at www.modllaw.com, or email the registration form to info@modllaw.com, or you may mail it to the MODL Office. We look forward to seeing you and your family.

Best Regards,

Josh

Joshua Engelbart,
MODL Annual Meeting Chair

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020



5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPTION

Wine Cellar Event Room Top of the Rock

A stone-lined stairwell leads from Buffalo Bar to the expansive End of the Trail All-American Wine Cellar below. The banquet room, complete with Amish hand-hewn beams and glass doors that open to an infinity pool, is the perfect space for the President's Welcome Reception.

7:00 p.m.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST.....Grandview Ballroom C&D

CLE AGENDA

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION/EXHIBITS.....Grandview Ballroom A&B

8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

WELCOME/OPENING.....Grandview Ballroom A&B

**MIMI DOHERTY, MODL PRESIDENT,
DEACY & DEACY, L.L.P., KANSAS CITY, MO**

8:10 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

“Cutting Edge Practices in Mediation: How to Employ the Latest Goals, Strategies and Ethical Considerations in Conducting a Successful Mediation”.....Grandview Ballroom A&B

JACK T. BANGERT, KUTAK ROCK, LLP, KANSAS CITY, MO

This presentation will cover some of the cutting-edge theories on how to conduct a successful mediation. He will discuss some of the best of the old and some of the best of the new. He will also discuss ethical trends in mediation.

9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

BREAK/EXHIBITS.....Grandview Ballroom A&B

9:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

KEYNOTE: “THE LOYALTY SWITCH: How to Make Anyone Loyal to You, Your Organization or Your Cause”.....Grandview Ballroom A&B

JAMES KANE, PHILADELPHIA, PA

This program offers participants an opportunity to briefly step away from their daily responsibilities and re-evaluate those relationships that are critical to their own success and the success of their organization.

11:30 a.m. **FAMILY BUFFET LUNCH**.....Grandview Ballroom C&D
(*golfers pick up box lunch at Buffalo Ridge Golf Course*)

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **MODL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**
MODL attendees and families are invited to participate in a community service project to benefit a local charity. Something the entire family can do together.



12:45 p.m.
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Buffalo Ridge Golf Course
1001 Branson Creek Blvd., Hollister, MO
REFRESHMENTS SPONSORED BY RINGLER

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
FAMILY/KIDS' TIME
The New Fun Mountain - Kids will have a voucher for their use at Fun Mountain.

MODL'S CELEBRATION

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **COCKTAIL PARTY**.....Grandview Ballroom BCD

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **KID'S PROGRAM**.....Hallway Grandview Ballrooms
SPONSORED BY SHELTER INSURANCE COMPANIES

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **AWARDS DINNER**.....Grandview Ballroom BCD

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST**.....Grandview Ballroom C&D

CLE AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **"LEGISLATIVE UPDATE"**.....Grandview Ballroom A&B
RANDY J. SCHERR, MODL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO
A review of legislation considered during the 2020 Legislative Session.

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **BLENDED JUDICIAL PANEL**.....Grandview Ballroom A&B
MODERATOR:
THE HONORABLE ZEL FISCHER, MISSOURI SUPREME COURT
PANEL:
THE HONORABLE ROBIN RANSOM, MISSOURI EASTERN DISTRICT
THE HONORABLE KAREN KING MITCHELL, MISSOURI WESTERN DISTRICT
THE HONORABLE TED HOUSE, 11TH CIRCUIT, ST. CHARLES COUNTY
THE HONORABLE CORY ATKINS, 16TH CIRCUIT, JACKSON COUNTY
THE HONORABLE MATT HAMNER, 26TH CIRCUIT, MILLER COUNTY
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **BREAK/EXHIBITS**.....Grandview Ballroom A&B
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. **“THE MILLY PROJECT”**.....Grandview Ballroom A&B
A GROUP OF STUDENTS ARE BRINGING GREENE COUNTY HISTORY TO THE STAGE. IT’S THE STORY OF MILLY SAWYERS, A BLACK WOMAN WHO LIVED IN SPRINGFIELD TWO CENTURIES AGO. IN 1834, SHE FILED SUIT IN GREENE COUNTY FOR HER FREEDOM AND WON.
A play about history and our cultures and diversity followed by discussion.
(1.6 hours CLE in Cultural Competency, Diversity, Inclusion and Implicit Bias)
- 11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS**.....Grandview Ballroom A&B
MIMI DOHERTY, MODL PRESIDENT,
DEACY & DEACY, L.L.P., KANSAS CITY, MO
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

7.6 hours Missouri CLE which includes 1.2 hours Ethics and 1.6 hours Cultural Competency, Diversity, Inclusion and Implicit Bias
___ hours Kansas CLE which includes ___ hours Ethics & Professionalism and ___ hour Law Practice Management

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ABOUT YOUR SPEAKERS



JAMES KANE is considered the leading researcher and authority on what makes someone truly loyal - to another person, to an organization, or to a cause. As a behavioral scientist and consultant who has helped some of the largest and most well-known organizations in the world, including Apple, Amazon, the Mayo Clinic, Marriott International, and Major League Baseball build nearly unbreakable relationships with not only their clients and customers, but with members, fans, volunteers, vendors, sponsors and employees, as well, James reveals the science behind the real human emotion called loyalty, and what anyone can do to receive it's benefits. The author of an upcoming book - *The Loyalty Switch* - James has worked with every major industry, while advising and training

organizations around the world ranging from Global 10000 giants to small, regional companies. As one of the most quoted and profiled authorities on loyalty in the traditional mainstream media, James has been profiled in the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Business Week, the BBC, and numerous other global and industry publications. He has taught at both Harvard and Penn State University and is a frequent guest on CNN, CNBC and Bloomberg TV, which credits him as being "one of the best experts in the business". He has shared keynoting duties at global events with Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, Malcolm Gladwell, Senator Hillary Clinton, Jack Welch, Sheryl Sandberg, Thomas Friedman, Seth Godin, and Warren Buffet, among other leading business, political, and thought leaders.



JACK T. BANGERT is a Partner at Kutak Rock in Kansas City. He has more than 40 years of experience in commercial and civil litigation. Jack has successfully mediated hundreds of cases over the past 10 years. He has a growing practice in the sub-specialty of insurance law. This includes extracontractual liability, Bad Faith, Vexatious Refusal to Pay, UM and UIM coverage. He is a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. Only 32 attorneys in Missouri are recognized as having met the requirements for the NADN. Jack is one of only four NADN members in Missouri to have

achieved "Diplomate" status. Mr. Bangert is a past President of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers and a recipient of the Ben Ely, Jr. Outstanding Defense Lawyer for Missouri award.



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 42 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 ZEL M. FISCHER was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri October 2008 and retained by the voters in the November 2010 general election for a 12-year term expiring December 31, 2022. Prior to becoming a Judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri, Judge Fischer was a trial judge and trial lawyer in Northwest Missouri where he was born and raised and still resides today. He graduated from William Jewell College with majors in political science and philosophy, receiving the Harry S. Truman most outstanding Political Science Major, and was honored by William Jewell College with the Citation for Lifetime Achievement. He received his law degree with distinction from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Chief Justice Fischer is an ASTAR/NCSI Fellow, which is a select group of judges from around the country who have

special training and education to preside over complex cases involving difficult science and technology issues. Recently, Chief Justice Fischer has been elected to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Courts and Science Institute, which is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to training judges in Science. The NCSI Board of Directors selected him to be the President and chair of the Executive Committee. Chief Justice Fischer is a frequent lecturer to judges and lawyers regarding the intersection of science and the law as well as constitutional issues and professional ethics. Chief Justice Fischer is also actively involved in presenting Constitutional Forums at high schools, colleges, and universities, where he impresses upon the students the prominent importance of protecting the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.



THE HONORABLE ROBIN RANSOM is a graduate of Douglass College - Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey and the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. She served as an Assistant Public Defender in St. Louis County from 1992 – 1995, and also as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in St. Louis County from 1995 – 1996. She joined the legal department of the St. Louis County Family Court – Juvenile Division in 1996 and remained until December 2002 when appointed as Family Court Commissioner for the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit. On September 11, 2008, she was appointed to the position of Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit by Governor Matt Blunt. She served two years in the domestic division of Family Court and six years handling a general civil and criminal docket. Judge Ransom was assigned to the Family

Court – Juvenile Division in January of 2016. She served as both the Administrative Judge of the Family Court and as the Assistant Presiding Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit in 2017 and 2018. Effective January 1, 2019, she became the Presiding Judge. She had a short tenure however as she was appointed by Governor Michael Parson to the Missouri Court of Appeals – Eastern District, on January 9, 2019. Judge Ransom has been retained by the voters in both 2010 and 2016 elections.



THE HONORABLE KAREN KING MITCHELL was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District in July 2009. Prior to the appointment, Mitchell was director of the Missouri Department of Revenue from January of 2009. Previous to that position, Judge Mitchell served as Chief Deputy Attorney General for 10 years. Judge Mitchell graduated from the University of Missouri in 1981 and received her J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1984. Judge Mitchell had the opportunity to sit as special judge with the Supreme Court of Missouri in October 2009. Judge Mitchell is active in both professional and civic organizations, serving on the Missouri Supreme Court Appellate Practice Committee, Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases,

as well as serving as the liaison to the Government Practice Committee of The Missouri Bar, to name a few.



THE HONORABLE TED HOUSE serves the people of St. Charles County as Circuit judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit. Judge House received the law degree from the University of Missouri - Kansas City in 1984. He served for 14 years in the Missouri Senate and Missouri House of Representatives. Judge House was elected to the bench in 2002 as Associate Circuit Judge. He was elected to the position of Circuit Judge in 2004 and re-elected in 2008 and 2014. Judge House was selected by the judges of the 11th Circuit to serve as Presiding Judge for the 2007-2008 term. He served as President of the Missouri Circuit Judges Association in 2011-2012. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Committee on Civic Education and as a member of the Trial Judges Education Committee. Ted and his wife Marsha and their three children live in St. Charles County. Martha holds the position as Specialist Engineer with the Boeing Company. The Houses are active members of the First United Methodist Church in St. Charles. In addition to his volunteer service with the First United Methodist Church, Judge House served on the Board of Directors for the St. Charles County Salvation Army and was President of the Board of Directors for the Crider Health Center. He served as President of the Francis Howell North High School Band Boosters Association. He currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Cuivre River Electric Cooperative.



THE HONORABLE CORY L. ATKINS was appointed as Circuit Judge on September 26, 2019, by Governor Michael L. Parson. Previously, Judge Atkins served as an Associate Circuit Judge. Judge Atkins began his career as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri, and later served as a law clerk to the Honorable Zel M. Fischer at the Supreme Court of Missouri. After clerking, Judge Atkins engaged in a nationwide trial practice that focused on cases involving negligence and products liability. In addition to his trial work, Judge Atkins handled and provided guidance on over 100 appeals, including cases in all three districts of the Missouri Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Missouri, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Kansas Court of Appeals, and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Atkins was born and raised in Independence, Missouri. He attended Independence Public Schools. He earned his bachelor's degree from Rockhurst University and his law degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Judge Atkins is an Eagle Scout.



THE HONORABLE MATT HAMNER is Circuit Judge in the 26th Circuit, which consists of five counties around the Lake of the Ozarks. Prior to being appointed Circuit Judge in 2017, Judge Hamner was an Associate Judge in Camden County. Judge Hamner earned a B.A. in speech communication and his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Hamner worked as a law clerk for Missouri Supreme Court Justice William Ray Price Jr. and worked in private practice in Kansas City and at the Lake of the Ozarks. Judge Hamner has served as the president of the 26th Circuit Bar Association, a member of the Missouri Supreme Court's Realignment Task Force, a Speaker Liaison for the Missouri Supreme Court's Civic Education Committee

and a board member for the Camdenton R-III Education Foundation. Judge Hamner and his wife Sherrie have two beautiful daughters, Izzy and Emmy, who are not at all embarrassed by their father on a regular basis. Judge Hamner spent four years as Truman the Tiger, mascot for the University of Missouri, has won more than a handful of feature races in the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series and spent several years as the frontman for an 80's cover band.

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<i>(Includes Member, Spouse/Guest and Member's Children under the age of 18)</i>		
Additional Guest Package (Meals and all Social Functions)	\$200.00	_____
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I _____ and my spouse/guest _____ will play golf Friday/\$130.00 per person		_____

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**Please make your hotel reservations directly with BIG CEDAR LODGE
RESERVATION DUE DATE: April 13, 2020**

KID'S BIG FUN

Friday, May 29, 2020

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.





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Big Cedar Lodge welcomes: MO Org of Defense Lawyers

Group #: 61M9C1

Group Arrival Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Group Departure Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020

Reservation Due Date: Monday, April 13, 2020

We are so excited for you to stay with us! Big Cedar Lodge is the wilderness resort of choice for guests who expect genuine hospitality, outstanding service, and a relaxing experience surrounded by nature and rustic elegance. In order to provide the best possible service I have listed the reservation options below.

Book Online at bigcedar.com

1. Select group arrival and departure dates
2. Select number of adults and children
3. Click 'Add Special Code'
4. Below 'Group' enter **61M9C1**
5. Click 'Apply'
6. Click 'Search'

Rooms available at a group rate will be listed in vibrant color, to inquire about extended dates or other room types please

Please use the phone reservations instructions below.

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4. Provide the reservationist with your group number: **61M9C1**

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