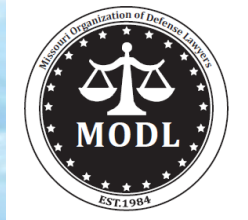


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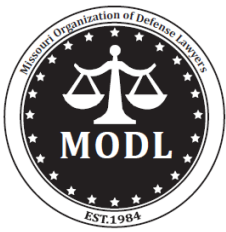


36th Annual Meeting

June 3-5, 2021



HILTON BRANSON CONVENTION CENTER
200 EAST MAIN STREET
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Dear MODL Member:

A pandemic halted the norm for a year plus, but things are slowly returning to normal. The 36th Annual Meeting is set to return as well with an in-person meeting to be held on June 3-5, 2021, at the Hilton Branson Convention Center in the heart of historic downtown Branson and adjacent to the Branson Landing. We hope you are ready for some great times as we meet to see old friends, welcome new members, and listen to some outstanding CLE presentations.

The meeting kicks off on Thursday evening with the President's Welcome Reception at the Hilton Branson Convention Center poolside. Wake up Friday to CLE programming, starting with Jack Bangert of Kutak Rock, LLP, preparing you to ethically and successfully mediate disputes. The conference's 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 professional 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 Branson Hills Golf Club.

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, we will have a presentation on Implicit Bias that will provide CLE credit to fulfill the new MOBar requirement for training in the area of cultural awareness, diversity, inclusion, and bias.

As always, MODL's Annual Meeting is a family-friendly event. 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 an oversized game of Connect Four, a basketball challenge, Strike Zone, and Frisbee Spin Art. Finally, a balloon artist and a face painting station will engage the younger crowd.

Rooms are limited and our block normally sells out at The Hilton. 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.

As part of easing back into holding this event and gathering as an organization, please know the MODL Board and the Annual Conference Committee are taking precautions. The decision has been made to require attendees to wear face coverings/masks during all of the CLE presentations at the Annual Conference. We will also implement and follow any other guidelines that the City of Branson and the Hilton may have in place.

We look forward to seeing you and your family.

Best Regards,

Josh

Joshua Engelbart,
MODL Annual Meeting Chair

AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPTION



Hilton Branson Convention Center

Convention Center Lobby/Adjoining Courtyard

Mingle and visit with your colleagues and family at the Welcome Reception. The refreshments will be cold and the appetizers delightful! Come join the fun!

7:00 p.m.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Enjoy your dinner at the hotel or on the Branson Landing which has many new and wonderful dining experiences for all ages and all within walking distance.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST.....Taneycomo B

CLE AGENDA

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION/EXHIBITS.....Taneycomo A

8:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.

WELCOME/OPENING.....Taneycomo A

**DEBBIE S. CHAMPION, MODL PRESIDENT,
RYNEARSON, SUESS, SCHNURBUSCH & CHAMPION, LLC, ST. LOUIS, 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”.....Taneycomo A

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.....Taneycomo A

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9:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

KEYNOTE: “THE LOYALTY SWITCH: HOW TO MAKE ANYONE LOYAL TO YOU, YOUR ORGANIZATION OR YOUR CAUSE”.....Taneycomo A

JAMES T. KANE, JAMES T. KANE, LLC, SHAVERTOWN, 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.....Taneycomo B



12:30 p.m.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Branson Hills Golf Club

100 North Payne Stewart Drive, Branson, MO

REFRESHMENTS SPONSORED BY RINGLER

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FAMILY/KIDS' TIME - ON YOUR OWN

MODL'S CELEBRATION

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

COCKTAIL PARTY.....

Taneycomo B

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

KID'S PROGRAM.....

Convention Center Lobby

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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

AWARDS DINNER.....

Taneycomo B

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

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

FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST.....

Taneycomo B

CLE AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

"LEGISLATIVE UPDATE".....

Taneycomo A

**RANDY J. SCHERR, MODL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO**

A review of legislation considered during the 2021 Legislative Session.

8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

BLENDED JUDICIAL PANEL.....

Taneycomo A

MODERATOR:

THE HONORABLE PAUL WILSON, MISSOURI SUPREME COURT

PANEL:

THE HONORABLE ROBIN RANSOM, MISSOURI EASTERN DISTRICT

THE HONORABLE EDWARD R. ARDINI, JR., MISSOURI WESTERN DISTRICT

THE HONORABLE CORY ATKINS, 16TH CIRCUIT, JACKSON COUNTY

**THE HONORABLE RENEE HARDIN-TAMMONS, 21ST CIRCUIT, ST. LOUIS
COUNTY**

THE HONORABLE MATT HAMNER, 26TH CIRCUIT, MILLER COUNTY

10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	BREAK/EXHIBITSTaneycomo A
10:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	“IMPLICIT BIAS PRESENTATION”Taneycomo A TBD (1.6 hours CLE in Cultural Competency, Diversity, Inclusion and Implicit Bias).
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CLOSING REMARKSTaneycomo A DEBBIE S. CHAMPION, MODL PRESIDENT, RYNEARSON, SUESS, SCHNURBUSCH & CHAMPION, LLC, ST. LOUIS, MO
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	MEMBERSHIP MEETINGTaneycomo A

7.6 hours Missouri CLE which includes 1.2 hours Ethics and 1.6 hours Cultural Competency, Diversity, Inclusion and Implicit Bias

Kansas CLE applied for

MODL PAST PRESIDENTS

2019-2020	Mimi Doherty	2001-2002	Duane E. Schreimann
2018-2019	Dana Frese	2000-2001	Randa Rawlins
2017-2018	Kurt Hentz	1999-2000	Gerard T. Noce
2016-2017	Wm. Clayton (Clay) Crawford	1998-1999	Jeffrey O. Parshall
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2007-2008	Karl W. Blanchard, Jr.	1989-1990	Lawrence B. Grebel
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2002-2003	Clark H. Cole		

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ABOUT YOUR SPEAKERS



JAMES T. 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 PAUL WILSON was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 2012. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, Judge Wilson served as circuit judge in Cole County from January-December of 2010 and as Assistant Attorney General from 1996-2008. From 1994 to 1996 and again from 2011 to 2012, Judge Wilson was in private practice. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Drury College and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Judge Wilson is a member of The Missouri Bar and of the United States Supreme Court, and is a past member of the Cole County Bar Association and the Boone County Bar Association. He is also an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City. Judge Wilson received the Ray Marvin Award from the executive committee of the National Association of Attorneys General in 2002.



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 EDWARD R. ARDINI, JR. was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Wester District in 2016. Prior to his appointment, Judge Ardini served as Assistant Attorney General, Chief Counsel to the Attorney General and Counsel to Governor Nixon. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Merrimack College and his Juris Doctor from New England School of Law. Judge Ardini was raised in Hanover, Massachusetts and currently resides in Columbia, Missouri. He is married to Sheri Ardini and they have three children.



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 RENEE HARDIN-TAMMONS

was appointed Associate Circuit Judge in March 2017 by Governor Eric Greitens. In August 2019, she was appointed Circuit Judge by Governor Mike Parson. She received her Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1986 and 1989 respectively. Judge Hardin-Tammons has served as a trial attorney for the St. Louis County Public Defender and the St. Louis County Counselor. She served as a municipal and provisional judge for more than 17 years in various municipal courts including the City of Berkeley, St. Louis County, Moline Acres and Woodson Terrace. She was in private practice for nearly 19 years prior to her appointment to the bench. Judge Hardin-Tammons has served on the St. Louis County Municipal Court Improvement Committee, St. Louis County Municipal Court Steering Committee, Supreme Court Disciplinary Committee, Missouri Arts Council and the Missouri Cultural Trust board. She has been certified as a mediator and arbitrator. She is a member of the Missouri Bar, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Mound City Bar Association, St. Louis County Bar and Women Lawyers Association. She serves on the board of directors for the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Court Association. She serves on various committees including the Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure in Municipal Divisions and the Task Force on Criminal Justice. She lives in St. Louis County.



THE HONORABLE MATT HAMNER

is Presiding 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 front man for an 80's cover band.

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Registration Form

MODL Member/Client (Individual)	\$575.00	_____
MODL Member/Client (Spouse/Guest and Family) <i>(Includes Member, Spouse/Guest and Member's Children under the age of 18)</i>	\$625.00	_____
Additional Guest Package (Meals and all Social Functions) <i>(Married Children and Children over the age of 18 must sign up as an additional guest package)</i>	\$200.00	_____
MODL 1 st Time Attendees Discount <i>(Includes Member, Spouse/Guest and Member's Children under the age of 18)</i>	\$480.00	_____
I _____ and my spouse/guest _____ will play golf Friday/\$130.00 per person		_____

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Sorry, No Refunds After Noon, May 19, 2021. Refunds will be made if MODL office is notified prior to that time. 573-636-6100

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**Please make your hotel reservations directly with Hiltons of Branson
RESERVATION DUE DATE: May 14, 2021**

KID'S BIG FUN

Friday, June 4, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



HOTEL INFORMATION



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Room Rate: \$177

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ACTIVITIES

Branson Landing: The Premier Shopping & Entertainment Destination in Branson

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.



Shopping at Branson Landing

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. Many popular stores are located here as well. 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 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.

