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**Kansas City, Missouri**

**October 27-30, 2016**



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# Welcome from the CBA Interim President

Friends,

Today marks a historic day in the history of the Catholic Church. Today attorneys, judges, politicians from all across the United States of America come together, united in a common goal to build a community founded on our Catholic faith, a community that will support and encourage legal professionals throughout the world to grow in this faith, in our love of Jesus Christ and in our conviction to live out our faith in the way that we practice the law.

Over the course of this weekend we will hear from speakers on a variety of topics but we will also spend time discussing the CBA initiative, the vision and mission of the organization and work on a strategy for moving the organization forward. We are blessed to have you here with us as we unite already existing Catholic lawyers' organizations and lay the groundwork for establishing chapters throughout the world. We need leaders and we hope that after this weekend you will join with us to take the CBA into the next phase of its growth.

This gathering would not have occurred but for the generosity of our sponsors, sponsors who see the value of the CBA and recognize its need within the Church, the world and our profession. We cannot express our thanks enough for their generosity and partnership. We are truly blessed.

Let our hearts and minds be united this weekend as we engage in this work to grow the Catholic Bar Association!

May the Holy Spirit Guide Us!

Joshua McCaig



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## CBA Mission Statement

Adopted 7/6/2015 on the 480<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Martyrdom of St. Thomas More

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COMMUNITY OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS  
THAT EDUCATES, ORGANIZES AND  
INSPIRES ITS MEMBERS TO FAITHFULLY  
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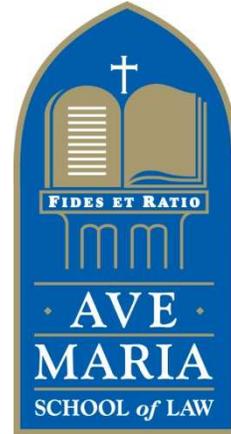


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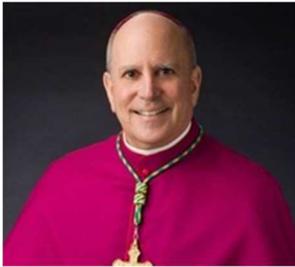


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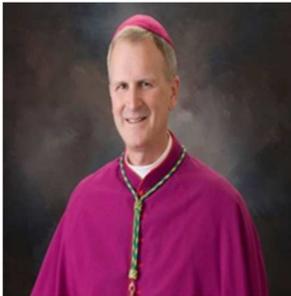
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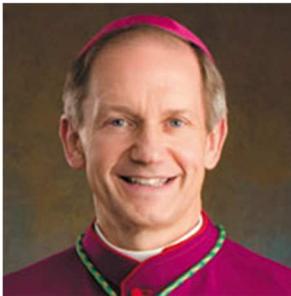
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## Conference Schedule

### Thursday October 27, 2016

6:30 – 9:00 pm      Registration table open and CBA opening social at the Westin Crown Center – Washington Room

### Friday October 28, 2016

8:00 – 2:00 pm      Registration table open

8:30 – 9:20 am      Clay Rossi – Gerth & Rossi

*Why America Needs More Catholic Lawyers:  
Thomas More, Church-State Relations, and  
the Great Henrican Heresy*

9:30 - 10:20 am      Patricia Dugan – Canon Law Society of America

*Canon Law 101: The First Two Thousand  
Years! The Intersection of Civil Law and  
Canon Law*

10:20 – 10:40 am      Morning Break

Book Signing in the Foyer of the  
Washington Room with Clay Rossi and  
Patricia Dugan

10:40 -11:30 am      Thomas Brandt – Thomas More Society of Dallas

*They Know Not What They Do: Current  
Issues In Religious Liberty*

11:30 – 12:20 pm      Former Michigan District Court Judge Thomas  
Brennan, Jr. and Missouri Circuit Court Judge  
Brent Powell



*Law and Religion: Perspectives from the Bench*

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Lunch Leadership Meeting with the CBA Board

All delegates by invitation only.

All other attendees lunch on own. There are various restaurants in Crown Center (see the back of this program for more information).

2:30 – 3:20 pm

Joshua McCaig – National Lawyers Association

*Conscience Rights for Professionals: The Ethical and Legal Implications of Current Trends*

3:20 – 5:30 pm

Free time, exhibit hall and networking

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Red Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows

A van will begin transporting attendees at 4:45 pm. The last van will leave at 5:20 pm. The Church is a short walk from the Westin for those interested in walking.

*Bishop James Johnston (homilist)*

*Archbishop Joseph Naumann*

*Bishop Thomas Paprocki*

*Music by Billboard Award Winning Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles.*

7:15 – 9:00 pm

Dinner and Keynote address at Westin Crown Center



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*Archbishop Joseph Naumann*

*Governor Sam Brownback (keynote)*

9:00 – 9:30 pm Entertainment by Performance Artist and Auction

*Michael Debus*

9:30 – 11:00 pm Social

**Saturday October 29, 2016**

8:00 am – 2:00 pm Registration table open

8:30 – 9:20 am Hillary Byrnes – Lead Staff, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty of the USCCB

*Current Threats to Religious Freedom in the United States*

9:30 – 10:20 am John Manos – VP/General Counsel EWTN

*Catholic Media, Government Restriction and Free Speech*

10:20 – 10:40 am Morning break

10:40 - 11:30 am Lester Ruppertsberger, D.O. – Catholic Medical Association

*Law and Medicine: The Impact of Faith and Works*

11:30 – 12:20 pm Ruth Nordstrom – Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers

*International Law and Conscientious Objection for Health Care Providers*



12:30 – 2:30 pm	CBA General Assembly Meeting and Luncheon <i>Led by William Kirk &amp; Ellen Dorn</i>
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Louis Karlin and David Oakley – Thomas More Scholars <i>Ethical Considerations from the Trial of St. Thomas More: Lessons in Advocacy (50 minutes followed by Q&amp;A)</i>
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Free time for attendees
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Law Student Social and Information Session <i>Led by Thomas Brandt and David DeWolf</i>
5:30 – 6:00 pm	Cocktails
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner and Charles E. Rice Memorial Lecture <i>Hadley Arkes (keynote speaker)</i>
8:00 – 11:00 pm	Social time
8:30 – 9:30 pm	Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Social

**Sunday October 30**

9:00 – 10:00 am	Mass at Westin Crown Center (Fr. Ken Riley)
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Brunch and closing session <i>Led by Joshua McCaig</i>

## Speakers



**GOVERNOR SAM BROWNBACK.** Growing up on a pig farm near Parker, Kansas, Sam Brownback learned first-hand about the hard-work, responsibility, and teamwork that farming requires. Today his parents, Robert and Nancy still live on and work the farm near Parker. Sam goes to help his family with the harvest and every day chores, which helps his parents and family farm persevere through the hot Kansas summers and cold winters.

Sam's passion for public service began when he attended Prairie View High School and was elected state president of the Future Farmers of America and later the national FFA vice-president. His participation in FFA taught him about the value of leadership.

After graduating from Prairie View in 1974, Sam attended Kansas State University in Manhattan where he served as KSU student body president his senior year. Sam also belonged to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He received his degree in Agricultural Economics in 1978.

After working for a year hosting a radio show, Sam attended the University of Kansas, School of Law where he served as class president before completing his law degree in 1982.

Sam met his wife Mary while they were both attending the University of Kansas, School of Law. They have been married for over 30 years.

Sam calls Mary "the glue that holds our family together." The Brownbacks live in Topeka and have five children – Abby, Andy, Liz, Mark, and Jenna. After their own adoption experience, the Brownbacks have helped establish the Building Families Fund to assist Kansas families with adoption expenses.

After law school, Sam and Mary moved to Manhattan where Sam went to work for a local law firm and Mary commuted to Lawrence to finish her law degree. While in Manhattan, Sam also taught agricultural law at Kansas State University and co-authored two books on the subject.

In 1986, two major milestones took place for Sam and Mary. Their first child, Abby, was born and Sam became Secretary of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, the youngest in state history.



The farming industry was struggling in the late 80s. Sam worked to renew the rural heartland by actively engaging in re-opening U.S. beef trade in Asia, expanding market opportunities for agriculture products, and promoting new uses of farm commodities.

During his time as Ag Secretary, Sam served as a White House Fellow in the George H.W. Bush Administration.

In 1994, Sam was elected to Congress in the Republican Revolution that brought the first Republican-controlled House of Representatives to Washington since Dwight D. Eisenhower was President. Sam was selected by other freshman Congressmen to be the head of the New Federalists, a group focused on producing a smaller federal government and a balanced budget.

Two years later Kansans elected Sam to the U.S. Senate seat once held by Bob Dole. In the Senate, Sam was an effective advocate for Kansas interests.

He served as the top-ranking Republican on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees U.S. Department of Agriculture programs as well as agencies responsible for food safety and protection of public health such as the Food and Drug Administration.

As a member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee, Sam's top priority was to ensure full support for the National Bio and Agro-Defense facility in Kansas. As part of the team that won this competition for Kansas, Sam worked hard to see that Kansas reaped the full benefits of this exciting development.

He believed deeply then as he does now that we must defend traditional marriage, confirm judges who will interpret the law and not legislate from the bench, protect and renew our American culture and defend innocent human life at every stage of development.

He pledged he would serve only two full elected terms in the U.S. Senate. In 2010, he honored his pledge and did not seek reelection. Instead, he returned to Kansas and ran for Governor.

As the 46th governor of Kansas, Sam is focused on getting the state's economy growing again and creating jobs through streamlined regulations, controlled spending, and lower taxes.



**HADLEY ARKES** is an American political scientist and the Edward N. Ney Professor of Jurisprudence and American Institutions emeritus at Amherst College, where he has taught since 1966. He is currently the founder and director of the James Wilson Institute on Natural Rights & the American Founding in Washington, D.C.

Arkes received a B.A. degree at the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago where he was a student of Leo Strauss.

In a series of books and articles dating from the mid-1980s, Arkes has written on a priori moral principles and advocated for their impact on constitutional interpretation. He has also dealt with their relation to constitutional jurisprudence and natural law, and their challenge to moral relativism. His works draw on political philosophers from Aristotle through the U.S. Founding Fathers, Lincoln, and contemporary authors and jurists.

John O. McGinnis, reviewing Arkes' *Constitutional Illusions & Anchoring Truths* in *The Wall Street Journal*, writes that it tries to find a path between the extremes of originalism, where the meaning of the U. S. Constitution is fixed by its original text, and the idea of the living constitution, where its meaning is updated by evolving moral principles.

Arkes is founder and a member of the Committee for the American Founding, a group of Amherst alumni and students seeking to preserve the doctrines of "natural rights" expounded by some American Founders and Lincoln through the Colloquium on the American Founding at Amherst and in Washington, D.C.

In 2010 Arkes, born and raised a Jew, converted to Catholicism, which he described as a fulfillment of his Jewish faith.

Arkes serves on the advisory board and writes for *First Things*, an ecumenical journal that focuses on encouraging a "religiously informed public philosophy for the ordering of society."



**HILLARY BYRNES** is Assistant General Counsel for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, DC. Hillary serves as lead staff to the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, which the U.S. bishops established in 2011 to address growing concerns over the erosion of freedom of religion in America. Hillary also focuses on legal issues affecting Catholic education in the U.S. Before joining the USCCB, Hillary worked as an associate at the law firm of Hunton & Williams in Washington, DC for four years. Before that, she served as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights

Division.

Hillary graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School, cum laude, where she was an Article Editor of the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy. She also served on Notre Dame Law School's Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, which competed in Aberdeen, Scotland. Before law school, Hillary earned her B.S. in Foreign Service, magna cum laude, from Georgetown University.

Hillary has discussed religious liberty topics in speeches, on radio and television, and in print media. She is a member of the bars of New York and the District of Columbia and has been admitted to practice before several federal trial and appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court.



**JOHN MANOS** is Vice President and General Counsel of EWTN. John B. Manos has been advising EWTN on legal matters since 2007. He also serves as Corporate Secretary for the Network.

A Cincinnati native with a degree in chemical engineering, Manos first worked for EWTN in the late 90s as Corporate Director of Safety before leaving to attend the inaugural class at Ave Maria School of Law. He was admitted to the practice of law in the state of Michigan after graduation in 2003. Since then, Manos has distinguished himself by clerking for Justice

Donald C. Wintersheimer of the Kentucky Supreme Court, and then later as Michigan's Assistant Attorney General before finally returning to EWTN in 2007.

In addition to his duties at the Network, Manos serves on the parish council of St. George-Melkite Greek-Catholic Church in Birmingham, and is a board member of his Homeowners Association, and for the nonprofit, Bellarmine Forum.



**LESTER RUPPERSBERGER, D.O.**, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (both located in Philadelphia, PA). He did his post graduate training at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital (Allentown, PA) and Parkview Hospital (Philadelphia, PA). He has been with the Center for Women's Health, since its formation in 1995. Dr. Ruppertsberger is an attending physician at Lower Bucks Hospital in Bristol, PA and at Saint Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, PA. Dr. Ruppertsberger is also a family life medical advisor and a certified instructor of natural family planning for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He has been married to his wife, Betty, for 38 years, and has two sons and six grandchildren. Dr. Ruppertsberger is a member of the Catholic Medical Association and currently serves as its President.



**PATRICIA DUGAN** has a JCL or License degree in Catholic Canon Law, earned at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. Her work in Canon Law is as diverse as the Church itself. It includes advocacy, marriage annulments, education, health care issues and religious life. She is a published author and editor through Canon Law Books, Inc. and the renowned Gratianus Series of canon law publications of Wilson Lafleur of Montreal, Canada. She is a board member of the Canon Law Society of America.



**RUTH NORDSTROM, LL.M.** gained her Master's degree from Uppsala University, Sweden having specialized in criminal law and human rights. She is the President and Senior Legal Counsel of Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers (SHRL), a non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights and human dignity in Scandinavia and Europe. SHRL have provided legal assistance in several cases regarding human rights and arrange lectures and conferences on topics regarding human rights, human trafficking, religious liberty, freedom of conscience and parental rights.

Ruth Nordström has studied media- and communications, leadership and organizational development at Mittuniversitet in Sweden. She has former work experience from the Administrative Court of Uppsala Sweden and the Swedish Ministry of Justice.



**THE HONORABLE W. BRENT POWELL.** Circuit Judge W. Brent Powell was appointed by Governor Matt Blunt to the 16th Judicial Circuit in Jackson County, Missouri, and took the oath of office on February 15, 2008.

Judge Powell is a native of Springfield, Missouri. He completed his undergraduate degree at William Jewell College, and received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1996. While in Law School, he was an editor for the Missouri Law Review and served as President of the Student Bar Association and a student law clerk for Missouri Supreme court Judge Elwood Thomas.

Following law school, Judge Powell began his legal career at Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Missouri. In the fall of 1997, he took a position as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Platte County Prosecutor's office. In 2001, he began working as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Kansas City office. During his tenure at the US Attorney's Office, he served as the Chief of the General Crimes Unit and Executive Assistant United States Attorney.



**JOSHUA MCCAIG** is a shareholder at Polsinelli, P.C., one of the 100 largest law firms in the United States and is the President and CEO of the National Lawyers Association. He is an international advocate of religious liberty, having organized the Religious Liberty Summit to discuss religious freedom in the United States and led an effort by the National Lawyers Association to file an amicus brief in the Hobby Lobby case. He recently established under the NLA the Commission for the Protection of Constitutional Rights, an advocacy initiative charged with defending the inherent and God given rights of all men and women. Joshua is currently serving as the inaugural president of the Catholic Bar Association, a professional organization for Catholic attorneys, judges and politicians. Joshua is also the chair of the Twelve Rivers Foundation, an organization that operates the Language & Catechetical Institute in Austria which is an evangelization outreach through teaching English and Church teaching in Eastern Europe. Joshua has served on the Public Policy Committee of the Missouri Catholic Conference, is the founder and past president of the Catholic Lawyers

Guild of Kansas City, is a co-founder of the Junior Board of Catholic Charities in Kansas City-St. Joseph and sits on the boards of local, national and international organizations. Joshua's legal practice focuses on the areas of health care and intellectual property and he serves as outside general counsel for a number of Catholic entities. He is recognized in his profession by his peers with an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell, selection as a SuperLawyer in Missouri & Kansas from 2011 through 2016 and he achieved the Up and Coming Lawyer award in 2013 from the Missouri Lawyers Weekly. Joshua is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville (B.A.), Ithaca College (M.S.) and Ave Maria School of Law (J.D.). He is a parishioner of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish and is a member of the Heart of the Redeemer Catholic Covenant Community with his wife, Cathy, and their five children.



**THOMAS BRANDT.** Named an “Impact Player of the Year” by Texas Lawyer for his en banc victory in *Morgan v. Swanson*, 659 F.3d 359 (5th Cir. 2011) (the “Candy Cane Case”), Tom Brandt has consistently been recognized as one of Texas’ top lawyers. Tom has earned the distinction of being ranked as AV Preeminent – the highest rating awarded by Martindale Hubbell. Tom has also frequently been listed by Texas Monthly magazine on their Texas Super Lawyers list.

Tom serves as head of the local government and employment law section at Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin, P.C. Tom’s practice includes representation of cities, counties, school districts, public officials and private sector clients in the areas of civil rights and employment law and has included significant cases at every level of the state and federal courts, including numerous cases before the appellate courts, the Texas Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to his active litigation practice, Tom has performed general counsel services for several local government entities and private businesses and has been chosen to conduct high-profile public integrity investigations. On two separate occasions, Tom was hired by a major city in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex to investigate allegations of wrongdoing by that city’s police chief.

His legal career started as a Dallas prosecutor handling hundreds of cases. Quickly promoted to the federal litigation section of the Dallas City Attorney’s office, Tom handled numerous trials and appeals in federal court involving a wide variety of civil rights cases, including excessive force, false arrest, race discrimination, class actions and constitutional challenges to the City’s sexually-oriented business ordinance. He assisted in the preparation of briefs

and the presentation of oral argument before the United States Supreme Court in the landmark case of *FW/PBS, Inc. v. City of Dallas*, 493 U.S. 215 (1990).

Tom has been a leader in the legal profession for many years. He has served in every leadership post in the Dallas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, including that of president from 1997-1998. Under his guidance, the Dallas Chapter received national recognition for its outstanding programs and activities. An active leader in the St. Thomas More Society, Tom has served as a board member since the late 1990s and as president from 1999-2001. A 1985 graduate with a joint degree (J.D./M.P.A.) from the University of Texas Law School and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, Tom was awarded a prestigious Rotary Foundation Scholarship in 1988 to study international and comparative law in New Zealand.



**CLAY ROSSI** is partner with the law firm of Gerth & Rossi, LLC in Mobile, Alabama, where he practices civil litigation in the state and federal courts of Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. He has been published in the Alabama State Bar's *The Alabama Lawyer* magazine as well as being a contributing author to the fourth edition of the American Association for Justice's *Anatomy of a Personal Injury Lawsuit*.

Rossi holds degrees in philosophy, journalism, and law graduating cum laude from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two precious daughters. They are members of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Mobile, the oldest religious congregation of any denomination in Alabama and the Mississippi River Valley. He is also a member of the local chapters of the Thomas More Society and the Men of St. Joseph.



**DAVID R. OAKLEY** is a partner at Anderl & Oakley, P.C., in Princeton, NJ where he practices exclusively in area of criminal defense. He is a Certified New Jersey Criminal Trial Attorney and a member of the C.J.A. Panel for the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey. Prior to starting Anderl & Oakley, David was an associate at Collier, Jacob & Mills and served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Samuel D. Lenox, Jr., A.J.S.C.

In addition to representing clients in the State and Federal courts, David is a member of a number of legal and charitable organizations. He is a trustee of the Association of Criminal

Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, legal consultant to El Centro de Recursos para Familias of Catholic Charities of Trenton, trustee and litigator for the Legal Center in Defense of Life, a research fellow at the Center for Thomas More Studies (University of Dallas), and a visiting lecturer in the Department of Politics at Princeton University.

David is a graduate of Columbia University and received his law degree from Georgetown University.



**LOUIS W. KARLIN** is a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice, and a fellow of the Center for Thomas More Studies, University of Dallas. He received his B.A. in English Literature from Columbia University (1985) and his J.D. from U.C.L.A School of Law (1988), where he served as an editor of the Law Review. He practiced commercial litigation for Kindel & Anderson and then clerked for the Hon. Ferdinand F. Fernandez on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1992-1993). After that, he was an associate of Frye &

Hsieh in Los Angeles before joining the California Department of Justice in 1996, where he worked in the Criminal Law Section and received the 2003 Attorney General's award for excellence. From 2005-2011, he served on the California Court of Appeal as a research attorney for the Hon. Sandy Kriegler. In 2012, he rejoined the Attorney General's Office. He successfully argued *Fernandez v. California*, 134 S. Ct. 1126 (2014), in the U.S. Supreme Court, and received the 2013 Attorney General's award for excellence.

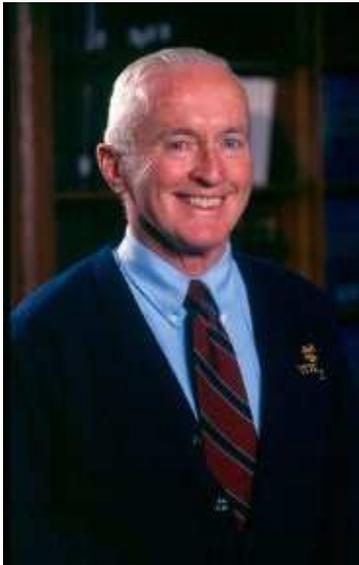
He is co-editor with H.A. Kelly and G.B. Wegemer of *Thomas More's Trial by Jury: A Procedural & Legal Review with a Collection of Documents* (Boydell Press, Sept. 2011), and has written numerous articles on Thomas More, including "What Bolt Got Right and Mantel Got Wrong," in *Thomas More: Why Patron of Statesmen?* (Lexington Books, 2015).



**THE HONORABLE THOMAS E. BRENNAN, JR.** served as a judge on the 55th District Court in Mason from January 1981 through December 2004 and retired after 26 years of public service. He served as Chief Judge of the Court from 1987 through 1990 and again from 1995 through 2004. He handled small claims, landlord-tenant matters, civil matters under \$25,000, traffic citations, drunk driving, other misdemeanors and felony preliminary examinations among other duties both jurisdictional and administrative.

In 2002, he was a candidate for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Prior to his judicial duties, Brennan practiced law as a partner in the firm of Klug & Brennan, P.C. Brennan received his undergrad degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University, and his J.D. from Cooley Law School in Lansing. He is currently conducting facilitations, mediations and arbitrations on a freelance basis. In addition, he selectively represents individuals and businesses in need of legal services.

# The Charles E. Rice Memorial Lecture



Charles E. Rice (“Charlie”) was a founding advisor of the Catholic Bar Association and passed away on February 25, 2015. Prior to his passing, Professor Rice played an integral role in laying the foundation for the establishment of the Catholic Bar Association.

Charlie Rice was, above all other things, a man of God, devoted to the teachings of the Church and his love of the Lord, Jesus Christ. His faith formed his character, a man known as a faithful husband, a loving father, an inspiring teacher and a devoted friend. Charlie’s door was always open to those in need, regardless of views and differences, with compassion and kindness, as well as a bit of humor. Charlie Rice was a modern

day example of St. Thomas More, standing firm in his convictions and lived his life as a great defender of the faith.

Professor Rice wrote prolifically on the topic of the natural law, applying natural law principles within various topics implicating faith and morals.

The Charles E. Rice Memorial Lecture is held annually in honor of Professor Rice. The Lecture focuses generally on the natural law from a Catholic perspective and its role within the legal system. Each year, the Catholic Bar Association holds this lecture in conjunction with its General Assembly meeting of its members across the world. The Charles E. Rice Memorial Lecture is funded by a special trust supported entirely by donations.



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## History of the CBA Initiative

On March 6, 2015, a national meeting of Catholic attorneys took place at the Polsinelli, PC office in Kansas City, Missouri to discuss the formation of the Catholic Bar Association. The meeting was convened by Joshua McCaig, who introduced Archbishop Joseph Naumann to lead the group in the opening prayers. Archbishop Naumann's opening prayer is reproduced below in its entirety.

We stand before you Holy Spirit,  
Conscious of our sinfulness,  
But aware that we gather in your name.  
Come to us, remain with us,  
And enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength  
To know your will,  
To make it our own,  
And to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,  
Support us by your power,  
For you are God,  
Sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all:  
Enable us to uphold the rights of others;  
Do not allow us to be misled by ignorance  
Or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love  
And keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name  
To form this national association of Catholic lawyers  
May we temper justice with love,  
So that all our decisions  
May be pleasing to you,  
And earn the reward  
Promised to good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and Son,  
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Joshua McCaig began with opening remarks on the history of this initiative, going back to his founding of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City in 2007 and his desire to see a national or even international association of Catholic attorneys. While there were many independent Catholic lawyers groups, like the one in Kansas City, there was not a national or international organization linking all the Catholic lawyers together.

In September of 2013, Joshua in his capacity as a board member of the National Lawyers Association, held the Religious Liberty Summit in Kansas City. During this Summit, he gathered a group of attorneys from 6 different Catholic lawyers' organizations throughout the United States (including Kansas City, Dallas, Chicago, St. Louis, New York and Denver) to discuss the idea of a national organization. At this meeting, Joshua met Thomas Brandt of the St. Thomas More Society of Dallas, who agreed to propose the idea to the Board of the Society.

Following the Summit, Joshua reached out to various organizations, guilds and bishops to begin discussions on the initiative. Archbishop Joseph Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas enthusiastically supported the idea and Joshua and Archbishop Naumann met on multiple occasions to map out a strategy for bringing the organization to fruition, knowing that a much broader coalition was required. Early supporters of this initiative included Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver, Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, Thomas Brejcha of Chicago, the late Professor Charles Rice of Notre Dame and William Kirk, then General Counsel of Ave Maria University, who had previously undertaken steps to start a legal organization for Catholics attorneys involved in higher education.

In 2014, Ellen Dorn of the St. Thomas More Society of Dallas was introduced to Joshua. Ellen had already created a website to link the various independent Catholic lawyers organizations in the U.S. called [www.catholiclawyerguilds.org](http://www.catholiclawyerguilds.org). Ellen's efforts in this regards, through the St. Thomas More Society of Dallas, provided a valuable resource to connecting with already established Catholic lawyer organizations. Then, in late 2014, Thomas Brandt and Ellen Dorn introduced Joshua to Jake Vollebregt, a member of the St. Thomas More Society, Orange County, California.

Jake led an impressive group of national attorneys that broadly represented over 12 states in the Country. These individuals included the Honorable Thomas J. Brennan, Jr. of Michigan, Paul McNamara of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Boston and David DeWolf of Gonzaga University.

Jake's team of almost 20 attorney's nationwide had begun the steps of creating a national Catholic Bar Association, where Jake had worked on a website under the domain name [www.catholicbar.com](http://www.catholicbar.com). Jake, after speaking with Joshua, Thomas and Ellen by phone, set up a phone call with his group to introduce them to Joshua and share the ideas about this initiative.



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A joint call was held on November 6, 2014 between Joshua and the members of Jake's initiative, which included:

Joshua McCaig (Catholic Lawyers Guild, Kansas City / Ntl. Lawyers Assoc.)  
Carter L. Stout (St. Thomas More Society, Atlanta)  
Paul McNamara (Catholic Lawyers Guild, Boston)  
Thomas P. Brandt (St. Thomas More Society, Dallas)  
Ellen Dorn (St. Thomas More Society, Dallas)  
Hon. Thomas Brennan, Jr. (Catholic Lawyers Guild, Lansing)  
Thomas Quasarano (Catholic Lawyers Guild, Lansing)  
John J. Flynn, III (St. Thomas More Society, Orange County, CA)  
William E. Malecki (St. Thomas More Society, Orange County, CA)  
Michael Offenheiser (St. Thomas More Society, Orange County, CA)  
Jake Vollebregt (St. Thomas More Society, Orange County, CA)  
Gregory N. Weiler (St. Thomas More Society, Orange County, CA)  
David K. DeWolf (Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA)  
David Luke (Topeka)

Following this discussion, a decision was made to join efforts to bring this organization to reality.

Joshua offered to host a national steering committee meeting at his office in Kansas City, which occurred on March 6, 2015. Attendees gathered that day included over 30 attorneys from across the nation, including representatives from academia, corporate, law firms, non-profits, Catholic conferences and the Church, including representatives from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canon Law Society of America.

Following opening remarks by Joshua McCaig and Jake Vollebregt on the purpose and scope of this initiative, Joshua invited Jeremiah Morgan, the international chair of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society to speak to the group on the organizational structure of the Mormon legal society. Soon after, Mario Dickerson, the CEO of the Catholic Medical Association, presented the history and organizational structure of the Catholic Medical Association and expressed his support of this initiative.

The remainder of the day was spent in discussion and dialogue, including additional comments by William Kirk of Ave Maria University, the Honorable Thomas J. Brennan and, Patricia Dugan of the Canon Law Society of America. Ellen Dorn of the St. Thomas More Society of Dallas led a discussion on development of the Mission Statement, which after much debate, was unanimously approved by the group in the following form:



*THE CATHOLIC BAR ASSOCIATION IS A COMMUNITY OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS THAT EDUCATES, ORGANIZES AND INSPIRES ITS MEMBERS TO FAITHFULLY UPHOLD AND BEAR WITNESS TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF THE LAW.*

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Joshua McCaig proposed three resolutions to the delegates for a vote, namely (1) that the Catholic Bar Association be formally established, (2) that the mission statement be formally adopted, and (3) that an interim board be established from the members present at the meeting to legally establish the organization. The resolutions were unanimously adopted (the resolution is included in this report).

Thomas Brandt, of the Thomas More Society of Dallas, closed the meeting with a prayer that he personally prepared for this historic meeting, the prayer is as follows:

*Heavenly Father, we ask you in the name of your son Our Lord Jesus Christ to send down the Holy Spirit to fill us with your grace, love, joy, peace, hope and courage so that we may imitate the examples of humility and obedience given to us by Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph. May we be instruments of your peace, love, and healing. May we live our lives as your faithful, humble and obedient sons and daughters. May we support each other in our pilgrimage to our heavenly home with you and may we answer your call individually and collectively to be a light to the world so that, with your grace, we may participate in doing your will now and forever. With your grace, may we be your faithful, humble and obedient ambassadors to a world so desperately in need of your love. May our efforts help all to come to know, love and serve you. Amen.*

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Joshua agreed to put together a strategic plan for moving the initiative forward that is contained within the remainder of this report.

Following the meeting, the interim board was selected which included:

Joshua McCaig, Ellen Dorn, Mark Haug, Thomas Brandt, Jake Vollebregt, William Kirk, Mary Pilcher Cook, Thomas Brejcha, Tyler McClay, Paul McNamara, Thomas Brennan Jr. and David Luke.

On July 6, 2015, the Catholic Bar Association, through the work of Ellen Dorn, was formally incorporated in the State of Texas.



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The first General Assembly was set for October 27-30, 2016 in Kansas City, Missouri, during which the formal election of the board and officers will occur and the general assembly will serve as a gathering of representatives from the Catholic lawyers organizations across the country to unite in this initiative to promote the faith and provide a community through which Catholic attorneys may find support in living their faith within their profession.



## Restaurants in Crown Center

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The American Restaurant  
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Potatoes and More  
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Sheridan's Lattés & Frozen Custard  
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Smallcakes Cupcakery and Creamery  
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SPIN! Neapolitan Pizza  
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Taste of Philly  
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Three Little Pigs BBQ  
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Topsy's Shoppes  
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## Tourist Attractions

### ARTS & CULTURE

- Kaleidoscope Children's Museum 0.1 km/0.1 miles
- Liberty Memorial War Museum 0.2 km/0.1 miles
- AMC Theaters 1.8 km/1.1 miles
- Art Institute 2.0 km/1.2 miles
- Negro League Baseball Museum 2.4 km/1.5 miles
- Arabia Steamboat Museum 3.4 km/2.1 miles
- Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art 4.7 km/2.9 miles
- Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art 6.4 km/4.0 miles

### RECREATION

- SEA LIFE Kansas City Aquarium 0.1 km/0.1 miles
- LEGOLAND® Discovery Center 0.1 km/0.1 miles
- Sprint Center 1.6 km/1.0 miles
- KCPL Entertainment District 1.6 km/1.0 miles
- Truman Sports Complex 12.9 km/8.0 miles
- Kauffman/Arrowhead Stadiums 12.9 km/8.0 miles
- Kansas City Zoo and Imax Theatre 12.9 km/8.0 miles
- Schlitterbahn Water Park 16.8 km/10.4 miles
- Oceans of Fun 16.8 km/10.4 miles
- Worlds of Fun 24.1 km/15.0 miles