



## Press Release

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### Law Week 2009 Schedule of Events

Throughout the week of April 6-10, 2009, the Young Lawyers Section (YLS) of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) will host activities around the Kansas City metropolitan area in celebration of Law Week. In 2009 we will mark the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as our nation's greatest and most eloquent president. Lincoln, who devoted much of his adult life to the practice of law, was the quintessential American lawyer-president. His background in the law informed both his actions and his oratory.

In his Gettysburg Address of 1863, Lincoln articulated his vision of American constitutional union, to be forged in the crucible of a "great civil war" and tested by the shared anguish of national sacrifice. For Lincoln, this vision begins— fourscore and seven years before—with the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration marks the origins of "a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

All of the KCMBA Law Week 2009 events are open to the media, including the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Courthouse on April 10. Interviews or photographs with school children involved in the events must be cleared with the appropriate school districts.

The following schedule is subject to change:

**Ask-A-Lawyer Telethon:**

**Monday – Thursday, April 6 – 9**

Fox4 News

5 – 7 p.m. and 8 – 10 p.m. each evening

**Radio Disney:**

**Thursday, April 2 – Friday, May 1**

Radio Disney, AM 1190

Public Service Announcements to promote law education and the 2009 theme, *A Legacy of Liberty: Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial*.

**Thursday, April 23**

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Activities in conjunction with a Radio Disney “Take Your Child to Work Day” event at City Center Square.

**Dates Yet To Be Determined**

45-minute events at select middle schools to focus on President Lincoln's impact on the law, with presentations by Radio Disney's *Rockin' Road Crew* and KCMBA lawyers.

**Gold E. Locks Trial: -**

Wednesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. – St. Peter's Elementary School (6400 Charlotte, Kansas City, Missouri)

Wednesday, April 8 at 2 p.m. – Swinney Elementary School (1106 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri)

*Note: Please contact Jennifer McAdam of the KCMBA YLS upon arrival.*

**Naturalization Ceremony:**

Friday, April 10, 1 p.m. Charles Evans Whittaker Courthouse (400 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO)

*Note: Please contact Bob Thomas at (816) 474-4322 for additional details.*

The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association serves approximately 5,000 members in the nine-county Kansas City metro area: Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri. The mission of this Association is to serve our members and our community by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.