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Letter from the Firm

Graves Garrett is excited to share with you several updates from our family to yours. We have watched our own Todd Graves be nominated and elected with unanimous support to serve as Chair of the Missouri Republican Party. We were also pleased to see Lucinda Luetkemeyer be tapped to work alongside Gov. Eric Greitens as his new General Counsel.

Additionally, Nathan Garrett and Kathleen Fisher celebrated another False Claims Act victory in defense of a major healthcare provider in a multi-state litigation out of Texas, and we welcomed new team members to our ranks, including Andrew Alexander, who joins our firm as an Associate in the business litigation practice.

We are grateful to be in a position to share such positive news with our colleagues, clients and friends, and we hope you have an even more prosperous New Year. ■

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LUETKEMEYER TAPPED AS GENERAL COUNSEL TO GOV.

Graves Garrett is pleased to announce that attorney Lucinda Luetkemeyer has been tapped by Governor Eric Greitens to serve as the General Counsel of the Office of the Missouri Governor.

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TODD GRAVES SELECTED TO CHAIR MISSOURI REPUBLICAN PARTY

Graves Garrett is pleased to announce Partner Todd Graves has been elected Chairman of Missouri's Republican Party, following a unanimous vote during the Missouri Republican State Committee meeting on Saturday, Jan. 7.

"I am humbled by the overwhelming support I received from the party to lead the organization under the new administration," Graves said. "I look forward to working with our colleagues to engage communities across the state – both urban and rural."

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100 MILES, 12 DAYS, COUNTLESS MEMORIES – GRAVES HIKES PHILMONT WITH 3 SONS



Partner Todd Graves recently trekked more than 100 miles across the Rocky Mountains with his three sons as part of their Boy Scouts of America trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Todd and his sons Hank, Joe and Ben spent 12 days trekking through the wilderness and more than 6,000 feet of varying elevation in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. The Graves men rock climbed, mountain biked, logged timber, and prospected gold while in bear and mountain lion territory.

The Graves family has a deep history with the scouts. Todd is an Eagle Scout, along with his two oldest boys, Hank and Joe. Todd's youngest son, Ben, is a Life Scout. Additionally, Todd currently serves as President of the Pony Express Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is also involved in many other professional organizations. In addition to being recently named the Chairman of the Missouri Republican Party, Todd serves on the Board of Directors for multiple organizations including the American Royal Association, Herzog Contracting Corp. and Ballotpedia. He is also a founding board member of the Kansas City Missouri Police Foundation. ■

GRAVES GARRETT ASSOCIATE DANE MARTIN COMPLETES KCMBA'S BAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Dane Martin, an Associate at Graves Garrett, recently graduated from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association's Bar Leadership Academy.

The Bar Leadership Academy (BLA) is a unique program designed to help new lawyers develop skills, knowledge and experience to become leaders, both in their professions and in the Kansas City legal community.

The eight-month program included six interactive leadership training sessions that featured prominent speakers and instructors. The participants also attended various networking events in Kansas City throughout the program, working in teams to organize service projects that benefit the greater Kansas City community.

Dane is a skilled litigator with experience in a wide range of business litigation matters, including navigating complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

Through Dane's efforts, the law firm of Graves Garrett has scored numerous victories, including receiving national attention for playing a key role in achieving class certification for hundreds of entities in a lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service. ■



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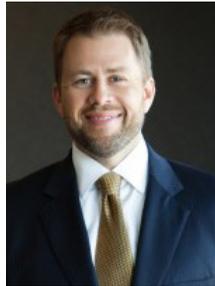
TODD GRAVES SELECTED TO CHAIR MISSOURI REPUBLICAN PARTY, cont'd.

"I also want to congratulate Governor Eric Greitens and all the republicans who have been elected or re-elected to roles throughout the state," Graves said. "The party is strong, anchored by quality leaders who are committed to championing the best interest of all Missourians and leading the state to a prosperous new era."

As a former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri and twice-elected Platte County, Mo., Prosecutor, Graves brings an entire career of public service to bear in his new role. Graves succeeds John Hancock, who stepped down from the position.

"John achieved many successes throughout his tenure, which were capped by unifying our party behind a new group of leaders who received historic support from Missourians statewide," Graves said. ■

NATHAN GARRETT NAMED TO KC BUSINESS JOURNAL BEST OF THE BAR 2016



Graves Garrett is pleased to announce that Partner Nathan Garrett has been named to the *Kansas City Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar." The list recognizes top attorneys in private practice in Kansas City, as nominated and voted upon by their peers. Nominees are recommended and approved on the basis of skill, experience and ethics.

Nathan has been repeatedly recognized as a "Best of the Bar" attorney and is known both regionally and nationally for his work in white collar criminal defense and investigations, healthcare enforcement, False Claims Act and complex commercial litigation.

Nathan's depth of experience before entering private practice touched all levels and divisions of government enforcement and investigations, including his time as an FBI special agent, Missouri state trooper, and as a state and federal prosecutor.

A past recipient of the U.S. Department of Justice's Distinguished Service Award and repeatedly honored by *Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers in America*, Nathan brings seasoned problem-solving and judgment to companies and individuals facing critical civil and criminal controversy. ■

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THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY MEETS IN JEFFERSON CITY FOR MISSOURI CAPITOL FORUM



Graves Garrett Partner Eddie Greim and attorneys Justin Whitworth and Alan Simpson helped organize The Federalist Society Missouri

Capitol Forum in Jefferson City, Missouri on Monday, January 23.

The event marked Missouri's first-ever statewide Federalist Society meeting. The Kansas City and St. Louis Lawyers chapters, as well as various student chapters, have previously hosted similar events

separately. But for the first time, the Forum brought all groups together to discuss recent issues affecting the legal industry.

The morning included opening remarks by Governor Eric Greitens, followed by a tort reform panel discussion, which was offered as CLE credit. Panelists included: Mark Behrens (Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.); Rep. Kevin Corlew (Missouri House of Reps.); Molly Jones (Assistant General Counsel, Monsanto); and Michael Williams (plaintiffs' attorney and Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (MATA) board member).

Following the discussion panel, guests enjoyed lunch and networking in the Capitol Rotunda. To conclude the event, attendees toured the Supreme Court at the invitation of Missouri Supreme Court Judge Zel Fischer.

Founded in 1982, The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a non-partisan organization of 35,000 conservative and libertarian lawyers, law students, scholars, and other individuals.

The Lawyers Division has chapters nationwide in sixty cities, as well as 15 Practice Groups. ■

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CALLIE PIPPIN RAITINGER RE-ELECTED TO BOARD OF AWL OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



Callie Pippin Raitinger was recently re-elected to the Board of Directors for the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City.

This is Raitinger's second year of service on the Board. The Association is a non-profit

organization that promotes the equality of women and others within society, as well as within the legal profession. Raitinger served as a Member-at-Large in 2016 and takes the position of Vice Chair of Marketing and Communications in 2017.

As an Associate with Graves Garrett, Raitinger represents clients in a variety of litigation cases, with her background ranging from intellectual property and business disputes to contract law and employment related matters. ■

GRAVES GARRETT ADDS ANDREW ALEXANDER AS AN ASSOCIATE TO BUSINESS LITIGATION PRACTICE

Graves Garrett is pleased to announce that Andrew Alexander has joined its Kansas City office as an Associate, adding to the firm's business litigation practice as well as its bench of attorneys with public service experience.

Andrew joins the firm with previous private practice experience in litigation ranging from shareholder disputes and commercial litigation to commercial real estate litigation in Kansas City, as well as Raleigh, N.C.

In addition, Andrew served as a Judicial Clerk to the Hon. J. Thomas Marten, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas. During law school, he also interned for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri in the Fraud and Corruption Unit and for the Hon. Fernando J. Gaitan Jr., U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, where he served as Lead Literary Editor of the *UMKC Law Review* and was named to The Order of Barristers. ■

LUETKEMEYER TAPPED AS GENERAL COUNSEL TO GOV., cont'd.



"We are excited to have Lucinda join the Governor's executive team, and we are confident in her ability to offer him

valuable counsel as he leads the State of Missouri in a new direction," said Todd Graves, Partner at Graves Garrett. "The Governor has a strong strategic outlook and brings a perspective unique to Jefferson City – a view from outside the political establishment – that will position

him well to make a tremendous impact on our state."

Lucinda was selected to serve as the Governor's lead lawyer following Graves Garrett's involvement as outside general counsel to the Governor's transition team.

As an attorney with Graves Garrett, Lucinda gained extensive experience representing clients in a wide range of litigation, including complex commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense and government enforcement matters. She was also an active member of the firm's free speech

and election law practice, where she counseled and represented clients on a range of political law issues, including state and federal campaign finance regulations and government ethics matters.

Prior to joining private practice, Lucinda served as a law clerk to the Hon. Duane Benton in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

She is a graduate of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association's Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy and has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*. ■