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A Letter from the President



Nick Pesina

Dear SCBA
Members,

Law Day
2025 was a great
success, and I
want to extend my
heartfelt thanks to
everyone who
helped make it

happen. We saw a strong
outpouring of support from across
our legal community as we came
together to recognize and celebrate
outstanding individuals in our
profession.

A special thank-you goes to our
Law Day sponsors for their
generosity and to the Law Day
Committee for their time, energy,
and leadership in planning and
organizing such a meaningful
event. Your efforts are what make
this annual tradition not only
possible, but memorable
("Jeopardy" anyone?).

As we head into the summer, just a
quick reminder—membership
renewals start July 1. Keep an eye
for reminder emails. Staying
current with your membership
ensures access to SCBA events,
CLE opportunities, and our broader
professional network. Also,
encourage others to join. We have
over 700 attorneys in Smith County
and would love to have all as
members.

CLE Reminder - The SCBA
welcomes Jerry Alexander who will
be presenting "The Story of
Passman & Jones" on Friday, June
13, 2025. Mr. Alexander will speak
on the JFK assassination, the
Zapruder film, and the remarkable
story of how two attorneys stayed
focused on their clients while
enduring extraordinary scrutiny and
pressure from federal agencies to
local media. It's a compelling look
at lawyering under fire, and we
look forward to hearing his
perspective. Please register to
attend!

Lastly, congratulations to all the
parents, grandparents, and families
celebrating graduates this season—
whether from high school, college,
or law school. These
accomplishments mark the end of
one journey and the beginning of
another, and we join you in
celebrating these proud moments.

Thank you for your continued
involvement in the Smith County
Bar Association. Here's to a strong
finish to the spring—and the start
of a promising summer.

Respectfully,



THE SCBA WELCOMES YOU TO OUR JUNE CLE AT WILLOW BROOK COUNTRY CLUB:

GREAT LAWYERING: The Story of Passman & Jones and the Zapruder Film



PRESENTED BY
JERRY ALEXANDER
Passman & Jones

JUNE 13, 2025

Willow Brook Country Club | 12 -1

Lunch included with registration fee.
[1.0 full hour of ethics]



CLE Registration

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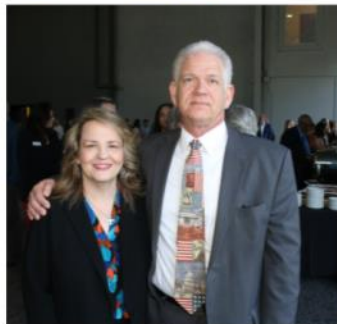
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 LAW DAY 2025



Law Day 2025 – Cascades Country Club



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8th Grade Federal Courthouse Tour & Trial



Ruth Yeager did another incredible job of organizing a tour – and trial – for local 8th grade students at the Federal Courthouse! Students were witness to a federal crime, when Sam Sleuth entered the building with a handgun in his briefcase. They learned about federal court procedures and system, culminating in the trial and sentencing of Mr. Sleuth.

Big thanks to “Judge” Lucas Machicek; defense attorney, Jim Noble; prosecutors, Ryan Locker & Frank Coan; retired US Marshall, John Garrison; US Probation Officer, Molly Bryson; US District Court staff, Suzanne Wimberly & Shea Sloan; US District Clerk staff, Gleath Mayfield; and Dustin Farahnak, for taking a turn on the other side of the law as Sam Sleuth!



More than 200 4th graders from schools across Smith County, converged on the Smith County Courthouse to hear cases against Jack Robinson and his alleged burglary of the Giant's Beanstalk home. Gaye Boynton, Patricia Coplan, and members of TAALP, organized a fun and educational day for students that showcased a variety of legal professions. Judge Ellis even invited everyone into his courtroom to discuss things in more detail!

Many thanks to all who lent a hand - especially Judges Ellis, Maynard, Russell & White, the SCSO deputies & bailiffs, and many, many others!



The Case of Jack Robinson and the Beanstalk Caper





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May 14, Genecov conference room, 12-1p

SCYLA Board Meeting

May 15, Genecov conference room, 12-1p

SCBA Board Meeting

May 22, Genecov conference room, 12-1p

June CLE

June 13, Willow Brook Country Club, 11:45-1:00p

Smith County Courthouse Closed

May 26, Memorial Day

New Membership Year starts July 1!!



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