Meet **Karen Weber** from Overland Park KABC Board Vice President and board member since 2022.

Karen Weber is an elder law and special needs lawyer licensed in both Kansas and Missouri. She practices in the areas of estate and Medicaid planning, special needs trusts planning, guardianship and conservatorship administration, and probate. Karen has been practicing law in the Kansas City area for 28 years.

Ms. Weber is the past-president of the Johnson County, Kansas Commission on Aging, and she is the co-founder and past-president of the Kansas Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. The Weber Elder Law Firm was honored as the Woman-Owned Business of the Year through the Kansas Department of Commerce in 2001. In 2002, Ms. Weber was selected as a finalist for the Kansas City Business Ethics Award by the Society of Financial Service Professionals. In 2008, Ms. Weber was selected by her peers as a Kansas City "Super Lawyer Rising Star". She is a frequent speaker at professional and public events discussing the topics of elder law and special needs planning.

Ms. Weber received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with honors, and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She enjoys scuba diving, swimming and reading for pleasure when she is not serving her clients and her community.

When asked how she initially became engaged with KABC, she responded, "As an elder law attorney, I first become involved with KABC through the annual fund-raising event in October called Stand By Me. That's a fun event in a great venue with fabulous food. Recently, I joined the board at the request of the KABC executive director Dan Goodman. I enjoy working with the knowledgeable and diverse group that serves on the KABC board. Through the board and personnel, KABC has depth from many different perspectives."

Karen "look[s] forward to increasing awareness of KABC and invite everyone to come to our annual Stand By Me event on Saturday, October 14 at Maceli's in Lawrence. The food alone is worth attending and we really do have some fun sharing good information."

Karen "believe[s] investing in more home and community-based services is the best solution for long-term care in Kansas. That's because the cost of in-home care is far less than the cost of care in a facility. Moreover, the quality of care is usually better. And everyone wants to stay at home, right?! Home and community-based care is a win-win-win."