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March 2022 – Kimberly Benjamin



KCMBF's Military Matters is proud to shine the March #ProBonoSpotlight on Kimberly Benjamin of the Missouri DWI & Criminal Law Center at Benjamin Law Firm, LLC!

Kim joined the Military Matters program as a volunteer years ago after learning about it through another attorney. Kim's father served in the Air Force for 21 years and is a Vietnam War veteran. She identifies as an "air force brat" who moved often while her father served. While working with veterans through Military Matters, she has found many individuals who have served often have additional concerns they are working through beyond a particular legal matter, such as PTSD. "Being able to help them has been very gratifying," says Kim.

Kim was the first in her family to attend college, and she obtained her law degree from The George Washington University located in D.C. Practicing law looked interesting on tv, and she decided to pursue that career (which she now laughingly admits is nothing like it is portrayed on tv!). She worked as a public defender in the Kansas City area for six years then opened her own law firm in Harrisonville, MO. In 2017, she began expanding Benjamin Law Firm to include an additional



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location and team by creating the Missouri DWI & Criminal Law Center, and in 2021 she opened the Missouri Accident & Injury Law Center.

When the need for legal assistance arises around a particular area Kim's firm and team is passionate about, they step in to assist those who need help. They enjoy helping veterans by volunteering with the Military Matters program, and when protestors were arrested during Black Lives Matter movements in the past, her firm stepped in where possible to assist with representation.



Kim's parents still live in Harrisonville where she originally opened her law firm. Her brother also graduated from law school and practices at his own law firm. Her favorite family member, however, may be her black lab mix, Royal! In her free time, Kim loves to travel, attend concerts, see performing arts in the theater, and to cheer for the Chiefs at Arrowhead. While traveling, one of her favorite activities is to go hiking. Besides these fun activities, Kim says she also loves being an entrepreneur.



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Kim still finds time to give back through Military Matters, but also by serving as a faculty and committee member for a plethora of organizations. She is very involved with the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL) and serves on multiple committees. She is a faculty member of Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College, serves with the National College of DUI Defense, and teaches trial skills to young attorneys. She has served on the Missouri Supreme Court Criminal Justice Task Force and the Missouri Governor's Ethics Commission.

Thank you, Kim, for your dedication to KCMBF's #MilitaryMatters and to giving back!

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