

MACA eNews

Fall 2024

Message from the President

Happy Fall y'all!

I welcome the bright autumn leaves falling onto the lawns, crisp air, coffee, football, wrapped in a warm blanket while reading a book, bonfires, s'mores, campfires, the cinnamon aroma when baking pumpkin and apple pies. These are clearly signs that "FALL" has quietly whispered its way into our lives and reasons why I LOVE FALL! There is a certain presence that the fall season brings thereby proving that change can be beautiful!

As we prepare for our Fall Conference on October 9th -October 11th at Hampton Inn and Suites at the University of Columbia in Columbia, Missouri, there are some key details which are very important to know for next week's gathering: a) the hotel provides a morning breakfast, as well as coffee all day; b) lunch will be provided onsite again this year, less travel and time to get back to your training sessions. I hope that everyone has made their reservation and booked their hotel stay. If not, please be sure to contact Belinda. A couple reminders for a smooth check-in... Remember to bring your tax-exempt letter and authorization for your city's credit card usage (Only if the credit card is not in your name).

Please bring your donated raffle baskets to support Region 4 Civic Project-Missouri Law Enforcement Funeral Team.

The Professional Development Director, Heather Smith, and the entire Education Committee has worked diligently to present a training agenda that will help you through your day-to-day processing. They will also provide some take home golden nuggets for free! There will be a Clerk Educational Networking Event hosted by Shantel, Jena, and their committee, so please find time to stop by and join the networking event. You will earn 2 credit-units. It's an educational experience you won't forget! Collectively, the education committee goes above and beyond to provide the best educational training to enhance your professional careers. I promise this training seminar will be worth the hayride.

As a final note, please remember the hard work and dedication that goes in planning a conference, and let us be attentive, mindful, and respectful to our speakers and everyone involved.

This Fall Conference is a bittersweet moment for me as this will be my last “Fall Conference” as President!

I would like to leave this with you:

Sometimes we forget to motivate ourselves. As clerks, we continue to navigate through all of life’s challenges no matter the hand we are dealt. I would like to leave you with a quote that I hope will prick your spirit and remind you of how VALUABLE YOU ARE as CLERKS of the Court.

“Fall is a symphony of change; each leaf is a note in a melody that speaks to the soul. It is a time to listen, reflect, and to understand that every season has its own rhythm, its own purpose, and its own beauty!”

Author Unknown~

Wishing everyone and their family, friends and loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holiday!!

I am excited about our Fall Conference, and I hope that you are too!

See you in Columbia!

Thank you in advance for your participation in our annual Fall Conference!

Your MACA President, LaJohna R. Wooldridge



Board Member Spotlight

After 18 years in banking, I was hired to be the court clerk for the La Grange Municipal Court in April 2020 just in time for Covid to hit. There was no Annual Conference and no new clerk training, so I had to jump in with both feet and hit the ground running navigating SMC and JIF.

I was asked, almost immediately, to be Region 3 Director of MACA and MM..MACA Treasurer. I was a little nervous to get involved with all this so soon after being hired but I am glad that I did. It has opened a lot of doors and lines of communication to help me with my job and to meet tons of new people and make some great friends.

While serving as the Region 3 Director on the State MACA Board, I have served as the Historian, the chairman of the Social and Civic Project committee and am currently the head of the Legislative Committee.

I have had a great time working with the MACA Board to help plan the annual conferences and the fall conferences every year. I have learned a lot and I encourage others to get involved more. No one is ever alone. We all work together to ensure that the organization is getting the best information and training they can.

In May 2024, at the Annual Conference, I received my CCA.

I am married and have 1 stepson and 2 sons. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, relaxing by my pool, camping, traveling and going on side by side rides.

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*Welcome the new members of
MACA*

Tiffany Young – Mountain View

Grace Burke – Wentzville

Rochelle Kolle – Sugar Creek

Amber Sutherland – Springfield

Julie Badders – Excelsior Springs

Holly Phillips – Riverside

Shelby Wood - Springfield

Keena Kendrick - Springfield

Amanda Johnson - Excelsior Springs

Tenia Hermann - Madison Co Circuit
Court

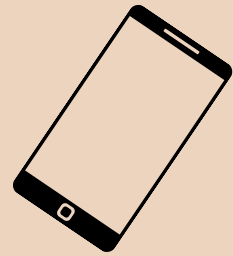
*Fall Conference Scholarship
recipients*

Congratulations!

Viva James PA Clerk from Ferguson

Rochelle Kolle of Sugar Creek Municipal Court

Fall Conference Reminders



Make sure you have downloaded the new app or saved the website on your laptop.



Don't forget a sweater or jacket in case you get cold during the sessions.



Don't forget your cash for the Civic Project raffle baskets

2024 MACA CIVIC PROJECT

**MISSOURI LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNERAL
ASSISTANCE TEAM**



**Help us make this
year's civic project a
success!**



2025 MACA Membership

2025 MACA membership dues can be paid either online or by mail.

If you are paying with a credit card, debit card, or e-check click the link below.

<https://www.macamember.com/copy-of-maca-membership-1>

If you are paying with a check or money order, the 2025 renewal form is below.

Please Note: Only COMPLETED membership renewal forms will be accepted. If your form is incomplete, it will be returned to you. Also please make sure you are sending your check and application at the same time. If one is received without the other, it will be returned.

Only use the online form if you are paying with a credit card, debit card, or e-check.

2025 MACA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$75.00 IS DUE BY JANUARY 31st OF EACH YEAR

Checks are to be made payable to: **MACA** and mailed along with your application to:
Deb Freise, MACA Treasurer, 995 Main Street, Moscow Mills, MO 63362

Date: _____

Individual's Membership Information:

Member ID, if known: _____

First Time Member Previous Member Years of Service: _____

Muni Court Clerk Prosecutor Clerk Circuit Clerk Other: _____

CCAMACCA/ACCA CPC

Date certification was received: _____

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate name(s) that you may be listed under: _____

If new, name of clerk you are replacing: _____

They: Retired Transferred Other: _____

Name of Division: _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ ext. _____ Fax # _____

Division Type:

Municipal Associate / Circuit Prosecutor

Other: _____

County: _____ Circuit # _____ MACA Region # _____ (1-9)

Judge: _____

Prosecutor: _____

Effective 5/26/2009: Where the dues are paid by the Clerk's city, the membership shall stay with the City and not the Clerk, as long as the City notifies the Board w/ 30 days of the new hire. Effective 8/3/2002: Membership Dues received after October 31 will not be accepted for the current year

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Pmt. Rec'd On: _____ Amount Received: _____ CK #: _____

CCA, MACCA, ACCA, CPC Certifications

The association currently offers its members three levels of certification for court clerks; Certified Court Administrator (CCA), MACA Advanced Certified Court Administrator (MACCA) and Advanced Certified Court Administrator (ACCA).

The association offers one level of certification for prosecutor clerks; Certified Prosecutor Clerk (CPC).

To see the requirements for each certification level, go to our Policies & Procedures on the website.

All applications are available to fill out on the website:

<https://www.macamember.com/>

Certification deadline is March 1, 2025
Members are encouraged to turn in applications throughout the year.

Save the date



2025 MACA Spring Conference

May 19, 2025 - May 23, 2025

Margaritaville Lake of the Ozarks

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