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Attorney Courthouse Security Pass Announced for Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court

Kansas City, MO. – As the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court prepares to reopen, the court, in conjunction with the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (“KCMBA”), will offer a new Courthouse Security Pass to allow attorney Pass holders to bypass security screening lines, subject to random searches.

All attorneys in good standing are invited to apply for a Security Pass. The Passes are issued through a special partnership between KCMBA and the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court. KCMBA administers the program, but KCMBA membership is not required to obtain the Pass. “It has been a pleasure partnering with the City to provide this additional benefit to all lawyers,” said Athena Dickson, KCMBA President.

Applicants must annually agree to the use terms of the security pass agreement, including being subject to random security screenings. Attorney Pass holders will use the new security Pass by scanning it at the automatic entry turnstile that is located to the left of security station at the court. Attorneys who do not have the new security Pass will be subject to the same security screening as the public.

To apply, go to kcmba.org and submit the Courthouse Security Pass Application (including completion of the certifications, conditions and requirements) and submit an application fee. KCMBA staff will then complete the application process with a short video call in which the applicant will show their bar card and valid picture ID, and have their picture taken for the Pass card. Passes should be received and activated within a week of this video call.

The Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court is currently closed, except for a limited number of witnesses and attorneys for in-custody trials and individuals with scheduled specialty court screening and probation appointments. Municipal Court is holding virtual hearings for all other proceedings. Go to www.kcmo.gov/court for links to access virtual hearings and to visit the [Information for Attorneys](#) section for the latest Municipal Court [COVID-19 procedures for attorneys](#). All weapons, tools and aerosol sprays are strictly prohibited and no alcohol is allowed on the court premises. If such items are discovered, holders will be given an opportunity to exit the court with the items. Otherwise, the prohibited items will be discarded.

The Courthouse Security Pass program currently provides electronic security bypass, subject to random security screenings, at the 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, MO (Downtown Kansas City); 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, MO (Eastern Jackson County – Independence); and Kansas City, MO, Municipal Court. All program access, rules & privileges are subject to change at any time. Visit kcmba.org for more information.

About KCMBA

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) is the largest and oldest bar association in the Kansas City area. Founded in 1884, KCMBA utilizes its rich tradition as a platform to provide current, innovative and relevant service to its 5,000 members in its nine-county service territory in Missouri and Kansas. The mission of this Association is to serve our members and our community by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.