



The Arkansas Bar Association Announces Joe F. Kolb as President-Elect Designee

The Arkansas Bar Association (ArkBar) is excited to announce that Joe F. Kolb is the new Arkansas Bar Association President-Elect Designee. Joe was elected without opposition at the close of nominations on January 31, 2021. He is the principal member of the law firm, [j.kolb](#), in Little Rock. He obtained his undergraduate degree in economics and business from Hendrix College and his Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. He practices in the areas of bankruptcy, business, and corporate law.

“Joe has been a dedicated association leader for several years,” said Karen K. Hutchins, ArkBar Executive Director. “During these years he has been a visionary for the Association, focusing on planning for future success and sustainability.”

Joe is currently serving as treasurer of the Association, a position he has held since 2017. He is also serving on the Arkansas Bar Association Commission on Diversity and Inclusion and the By-Laws Drafting Sub-Committee. The Association honored him with the Presidential Award of Excellence last year for his work as both co-chair of the 2020 Annual Meeting and as Association Treasurer. He was also awarded a Golden Gavel Award for his work as co-chair of the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting. He chaired both meetings with his wife Cindy. He has led ArkBar as Chair of the Finance Committee and as Chair of the Audit Committee, served on the Hall of Fame Sponsorship Committee, Engagement Task Force, Committee for a Modern Judiciary, CLE Committee, Strategic Governance Task Force, and the Governance Committee.

Joe joins the Association’s leadership track composed of President Paul W. Keith, President-Elect Bob Estes and Immediate Past President Brian Rosenthal. He will assume the office of President-Elect at the June 2021 Annual Meeting.

About Arkansas Bar Association

Founded in 1898, the Arkansas Bar Association is the premier legal association in the state. As a voluntary organization of more than 5,300 members, the Association’s primary mission is to support attorneys; advance the practice of law; advocate for the legal profession; foster professionalism, civility, and integrity; and protect the rule of law.