

COAT QUARTERLY



PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Political News

Former Democratic Governor, Phil Bredesen, has entered the race for U.S. Senate with hopes to replace the retiring Republican Senator, Bob Corker.

US Senator Bob Corker has expressed his support for the tax reform legislation. He was quoted as stating, "...after great thought and consideration, I believe that this once-in-a-generation opportunity to make U.S. businesses domestically more productive and internationally more competitive is one we should not miss."

Regional Meetings

Please note the following dates/locations are tentative (more details to follow):

West: March 15-16 in Jackson

Middle: March 20-21 in Nashville

East: March 22-23 in Knoxville

Welcome & Congratulations!

2018 Board President

Lily Barnes

Hardeman County Register of Deeds
First elected in 1998, Lily has served as President of both the West Tennessee Registers and the Tennessee Registers Association.



2017 Outstanding County Official of the Year

Tim Shelton

Anderson County Register of Deeds
First elected in 2002, Tim has served as President of the Tennessee Registers Association, as well as President of the COAT Board.



49th Annual Convention

This year's Annual Convention was held at the Embassy Suites of Cool Springs in Franklin, TN on November 1-3, 2017. It featured appearances by Ralph Emery, Ray Stevens, Col. Littleton, and even hosted a 70's-themed President's Reception.





****Get Involved****

Want to get involved with COAT? Sign up for one of our 2018 committees. Email lori@tncountyofficials.com no later than December 31st! We would love to have your help!

Christmas Traditions

The Yule Log

- Yule is the name of Scandinavian winter solstice festivals. The Yule log is a large log or wooden block burned throughout the 12 days of Christmas. A portion is supposed to be saved to light the following year. The log was said to have the power to ward off evil and misfortune and to bring good luck. In many countries in Europe, the Yule log is sprinkled with wine to give it a pleasant aroma as it burns. The custom is believed to have started as early as the year 1200.

The Christmas Poinsettia

- The plant is native to Central Mexico. The ancient Aztecs used the red leaves to make dye for clothing and cosmetics. A man by the name of Joel Roberts Poinsett was the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico in 1825. He became fascinated with the plant that grew wildly in Mexico and had them sent back to his home in South Carolina. He began growing them and sending them as gifts. After the turn of the century, they started being sold as whole plants by the Ecke family in Southern California. They remain the largest producer of poinsettias in the United States.

1st Annual Board Retreat

The 2018 COAT Board had their First Annual Board Retreat at the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville on December 12-13. Day 1 consisted of a full day of breakout sessions to discuss some of Rodney's new initiatives and the future of the association. Day 2 began with a Christmas Brunch followed by the Board Meeting. It was a time of brainstorming, hard work, and lots of laughs. The feedback from the Board Members was positive and helpful and we are already looking forward to next year's retreat!

New COAT Lobbyist

Kim Adkins

The COAT Board approved our new temporary contract lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session. Kim Adkins is the co-owner of The Capitol Strategy Group LLC, a government affairs firm in Nashville. She has lobbied on capitol hill for the last decade and represents a broad range of clients. In 2014 she was named to Nashville Business Journal's Top Forty Under Forty and in 2016 she was the Women's Political Collaborative of Tennessee's Athena Young Professional Nominee. Kim and her husband Greg are part of the ownership group of Blue Moon Waterfront Grille in Nashville. She is also very active in the sports community.



New COAT Staff

Lori Long

Lori has lived her entire life in Tennessee. She grew up in Anderson County and graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1997 with a B.M. degree in Vocal Music Education. In 2012, she graduated at the top of her class with an MBA from Tennessee Technological University. She has experience in higher education, accounting and finance, and business management. Lori is working part-time with COAT while maintaining her other position as the Assistant Director of Admissions at Cumberland University. Lori lives in Lebanon with her husband, Charles, and their dog, Grace.

