The Man, The Myth, The Legend………

It’s so rare to find someone whose reputation proceeds himself. To have the fear of God rattle your every nerve. Someone who is confident, secure, ready to face whatever challenges come their way. One who is looking forward and never looks back.

Last week, we stood in the light emanating from one of the best in his field. Yet a person humbled by core family values and a proclivity to gain strength from his experience from life as a whole. That person who challenges himself every day is none other than Chris Pickering of The Pickering Law Firm.

Along with his daughter Margot Pickering and a team of associates that support them, they reach out on a daily basis to help, comfort, and defend.

Like a huge oak tree, the strength of his roots reverts to his younger days in Iowa (farmer’s country). He did not realize his learning abilities being cultivated by just learning to swim and care for their local swimming facility, from cleaning it to managing it – he was true to what his heart was telling him.

His earliest life lesson came from his swimming coach who taught him - if you worked hard during the week and practiced hard, this work would pay off with a win at the swim meet. 3 words helped describe his success – “Preparation, preparation, preparation.”

In his younger high school and college years, he held numerous jobs, from pool manager to pizza maker, clothing sales, a weekend cook all resulting in his more adult life, landing a job as a law clerk in law school, and a move to Kansas City as a clerk for a top judge here.

We learned a lot about what he loves and cherishes in life. He loves dogs – ALL dogs – whether they are his or someone else’s. And when he talks of family, he shows his pride in seeing how his children have grown into young independent women with 3 very different skill sets. He looks forward to sharing time together with his family in Georgia whenever he can.

And you couldn’t go without the mention of his lifelong love of music and rhythm. He has succeeded in playing last week with his mentor that taught him about music. Came full circle to another life accomplishment.

He could have not been blessed with all these wonderful moments without the hard work and grit it took to study and earn his Juris Doctor degree and now serves Lady Justice in his law practice he shares with his daughter. What a proud father to share and mentor her in learning the profession he loves so much.

This all comes full circle to learning about Chris the Lawyer. As mentioned earlier, Chris served as a law clerk under a judge in Kansas City that brought him here, seeing what judges were like from their perspective. He learned quickly what served him later in his practice when you present your case, to “tell both sides but to always explain why I am right”. You do that because your reputation as a lawyer means everything.

He started in Intellectual Property Law, and grew to handle Product Liability cases, and Insurance Defense challenges.

As he became more learned in his own skill set, Professional Negligence (doctors / hospitals), this led him into splitting from a partnership and opening up his own practice. Along with all of the above mentioned areas of expertise, he now loves helping businesses handle work-related disputes, from non-completes, shareholder disputes, principal employee disputes, breach of contracts, and what is needed when forming a business model. Chris really feels at home with the journey he has traveled and is now in a position to share his experience with those that need it most.

So, in conclusion, (as attorneys say), you never know how valuable a person serving the law is until you need one. Whether you’re the Plaintiff or the Defense. Be sure you take time to have a conversation with Chris and learn what you can do now to prevent what life may throw your way. Thanks Chris for all you do for Prospectors, the Club, and us as individuals.
UPCOMING
SPEAKERS
SCHEDULE

Here is a list of our upcoming speakers. Please note some events are evenings or away from Deer Creek CC.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING PROSPECTORS?
Give Sean Felton, our Membership Chairman a call at 816-258-3774 or email at DrSean.Felton@gmail.com before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members.

Feb. 8th – Dan Holk of Motivation through Incentives at Deer Creek CC.

Feb. 15th – TBA

Feb. 22nd – Jay Alexander of Darkhorse Applicants LLC at Deer Creek CC.

March 1 – TBA

March 8 – Jennifer Shelton of Jennifer Shelton Balance at Deer Creek CC.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – ESPECIALLY FOR NEW MEMBERS:-

WINTER STORM POLICY

If the Blue Valley School District cancels classes on the Thursday of our meeting, there will be NO MEETING THAT DAY.

Please check late the night before or early the morning of our meeting date for school cancellations.
**Trivia Question:**

What sport has you herringboning to get uphill?

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**Quotes of the Week**

“All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence, and then success is sure.”

Mark Twain

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The most common initials of Superman’s friends and enemies are “L.L.” — Lois Lane, Lex Luthor, Lana Lang, Lori Lemaris, Lyla Lerrol, Linda Lee. These are just a small selection of characters from within the Superman universe who share the LL initials.

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None this week…..

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**BE A PART OF THE BEST NETWORKING GROUP IN JOHNSON COUNTY – COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW PROSPECTORS THIS THURSDAY**

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**Congratulations** to Lexie and Kyle Douglas and sweet welcome to baby Kaden Fred born last week; Lexie and baby both are healthy!
If you have any causes you are supporting this spring, please pass them along to the newsletter editor.

Leigh Wagner of KU Integrative Medicine is looking for a highly organized, conscientious, personable, hard-working, and detail-oriented patient service representative. (I hear those are super easy to find!) I appreciate any leads. Thank you! 913-945-6809.

Board Meeting TONIGHT - Tuesday Feb. 6th at Coach’s Bar & Grill – 5:30pm. Please let those in charge know if you do not plan on being there.

Welcome our newest member, Scott Swim of Legacy Mergers & Acquisitions to Prospectors. Great to have you aboard. Please make sure you go up and welcome Scott this Thursday.

From Erin Brown – Dolce - Hi Prospectors,
I’m looking for a referral to clean our exhaust system and inspect our kitchen hood + fire extinguishers.
Thanks for your help!

Chris Pickering Jamming at Callahan’s in Lenexa last Tuesday evening…..
Prospector's Breakfast Club

Attendance and Thank You's

Meeting Date: Feb 1, 2018

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Bohringer, Kevin
Bovard, Zach
Brosseit, Mike
Brown, Erin
Brown, Rich
Bryan, Rick
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Holik, Dan
Holland, Ed
Hutchison, Ed
Kopplin, Mike
Mortko, Sheri
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