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## OBA HAS LOST A FRIEND

Larry Tedder, Attorney at Law, passed away in his sleep on February 8th. He was a great friend and counselor to the OBA and its members. He served as General Counsel to the Oklahoma Bondsman Association since the mid-1980s.

Born in Fort Sill, OK, he graduated from Lawton High school in 1964. After attending OU and receiving his B.A. degree, Larry entered the Oklahoma City University Law School, and completed his J.D. degree in 1975. He started his law practice with the Cleveland County DA's office as a prosecutor and later opened his private law office as a criminal defense attorney.

Having been both a defender and prosecutor, Larry was extremely knowledgeable about the bail bond industry and laws in Oklahoma.



## ASSOCIATED BAIL AGENTS OF TULSA SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

An open invitation to join the Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa has been issued by the Board of Directors to interested and eligible individuals. Specifically they are encouraging all Professionals, Multi-County Agents, and Insurance Companies along with all bondspersons to join.

The association is entering its 17th year. It is said to be one of the oldest county associations to represent bondspersons in the U.S. The dues are \$120 annually and due in March. The dues go towards lunch provided for the A.B.A.T. sponsored jail tours, as well as the Annual Christmas Luncheon catered to the entire courthouse staff each December.

All association meetings are held in the David L. Moss Justice Center training room and begin at 11:00 am. This year meetings will be held April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, and November 27. The Christmas Luncheon will be held on a date to be determined in the jury room. Persons interested in joining should contact the ASSOCIATED BAIL AGENTS OF TULSA, 301 N. Denver, Tulsa, OK 74103.

## OBA CALENDAR

**Note:** While we will try to stay with these dates, they are tentative and subject to change. Please check the OBA website for updates.

Monday, April 24	11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
Thursday – Friday June 1 & 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Licensing Education #2 at OBA
Monday, June 5	2:00 p.m. OBA Board Meeting & Annual Membership Meeting @ OBA
Tuesday, June 6	CE #1–Reed Conference Center (MWC) @ 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 20	CE #2–Hard Rock Hotel & Casino (Catoosa) @ 8:00 a.m.
Monday, June 26	11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
July 16-19	Mid-Year PBUS Conference in Orlando, Florida
Monday, July 24	1:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room

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## NEW BONDSMAN LICENSES

Kristina Abbott .....Tulsa County  
Thomas Boswell .....Canadian County  
Austin Gallimore .....Oklahoma County  
Jaime Shaw .....Comanche County  
Lloyd Simmons .....Beckham County  
Ronald Squires .....Woodward County  
Colby Stroud .....Pontotoc County  
Danny Stubblefield .....Cotton County  
Christina Terry .....Garfield County  
Damon Wheeler .....Oklahoma County  
Russell Williams .....McIntosh County

*In Memoriam*

Larry Tedder (02/08/17)  
Robert Deso (02/28/17)

The OBA's newsletter, THE BONDSMAN, is going online this summer. As part of the Association's new public information program being coordinated by Koch Communications, the newsletter will be available every three months on the OBA web site.

Printed copies will continue to be mailed to any member not wishing to receive each issue electronically. In addition, printed copies will continue to be mailed to all County Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Court Clerks and District Judges.

The online publication will reduce the OBA printing and postage costs.

## REMINDER!!

With the two year license for bondsmen, grandfathered bondsmen are the ONLY bondsmen that are exempt from taking Continuing Education classes. In order to bank your credit hours for renewal, you MUST take continuing education every year!

## PRE-LICENSE SCHOOLS FOR 2017

June 1 & 2, 2017  
September 7 & 8, 2017  
December 7 & 8, 2017

## TWO DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION / TWO OFFICERS ELECTED BY DEFAULT

Two positions on the OBA Board of Directors will be up for election during the OBA's two June education conferences in Oklahoma City and Catoosa (Tulsa). Directors for Districts 1 (Northwest Region) and 3 (Southeast Region).

President Dudley Goolsby, Jr. and Secretary Tracey Halley-Terrill were elected to new terms on the OBA Board of Directors by default.

A formal nominations process was conducted according to the OBA By-laws. Nominations were received from two persons for each office, in addition to the incumbent in District 1.

The actual election will be conducted during the annual two education conferences. Voting will be conducted in the morning from the first break until 1:00 p.m., in Oklahoma City. At that time the polls will be closed and the ballot box will be sealed and stored in a secure location until the Tulsa conference.

A second ballot box will be used in Tulsa to conduct voting from the first break until 1:00 p.m. At that time the two ballot boxes will be given to an outside accounting firm and the ballots from both conferences will be tabulated. The winner for each District will be announced in Tulsa as soon as the count is documented. There is provision for resolving a tie vote by coin toss in the By-laws.

### DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

#### Anthony Lemos, Oklahoma City

I am running for N.W. District Director because I would like to bring fresh ideas to the board that would help our industry. As an active bondsman for 12 years, I am familiar with many of the problems we are having. We need someone in this position that will have an open door for EVERYONE in our region to voice concerns and share their opinions. If elected, I know I can be that person, and would be honored to be the voice for the N.W. Region.

#### Laurie Poole, Bethany

My name is Laurie Poole and I have owned a small debt collection business for 26 years. In 2011, I found an interesting second career in bail when I joined the team at Trep Bail Bonds. After learning from excellent teachers, I opened Asset Bail Bonds in 2014. Having a bachelor's degree from Smith College and a Masters degree from Oklahoma State University, I possess the organizational and management skills made for this position with our OBA board. My focus will be communicating information and enhancing the careers and public reputations of our membership. I respectfully ask for your vote in June.

#### Zig Ziegler, Oklahoma City

Hello, my name is Zig Ziegler. I have been in the bail bond business in OKC for 31 years, having first been licensed in October 1985. I was elected to the Oklahoma Bondsman Association Board in 1995 and have served continually since that time. I bring to the Board knowledge of what has happened in the past, and what worked for the betterment of the bail bond industry in Oklahoma. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board and I would like to continue serving my fellow bond agents.

### DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

#### Connie Allbritton, Norman

I started working in bail bonds in 1994 and became a Professional in 2009. Like many of you, I just kind of fell into this business. The more years I did it, the more I began to truly understand the issues we all face. I started attending the OBA meetings in 2010 because I wanted to keep up with the issues.

I am running for the board because I am concerned about the future of our business. I know I can serve you well and no one would work harder to protect the industry we all share. I would appreciate your vote.

#### Byron Self, Madill

Hello, my name is Byron Self. I live in Madill, Oklahoma. I am running for the Southeast Region Director of the Oklahoma Bondsman Association. I would like to help serve the industry that has been my livelihood for almost 25 years. I will work diligently to resolve issues that arise throughout our state. I will be caring, concerned and reasonable in the decisions that I will make. I have successfully worked with many of our State Legislators in the past. I would appreciate your vote and consider it an honor to serve my fellow bondsman.



### JEFF EULBERG NAMED NEW GENERAL COUNSEL

Oklahoma City attorney Jeff Eulberg has been named as the new General Counsel for the OBA. Jeff is a well respected

member of the Oklahoma Bar and has been an instructor for the OBA's Pre License School for many years. In addition, he has appeared on the annual OBA Education Conferences.

OBA President Dudley Goolsby said, "Jeff is very knowledgeable about Bail and is well regarded by his peers and the Department of Insurance in Oklahoma."

## 2017 CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### Tuesday, June 6, 2017

CE#1 -Midwest City Reed Conference Center and Sheraton Hotel  
5800 Will Rogers Road  
Midwest City, OK 73110  
405/455-1805  
OBA Room Rate \$99.00 + tax

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**Room Rate Cut-Off Date  
May 05, 2017**

### Tuesday, June 20, 2017

CE#1 – Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
I-44 & Exit 240-A  
Catoosa, Oklahoma  
1-800-760-6700  
OBA Room Rate \$109.00 + tax

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**Room Rate Cut-Off Date  
May 27, 2017**

### EDUCATION CONFERENCES TO FEATURE NATIONAL SPEAKER

The OBA's two annual education conferences for this year will feature a national speaker that is in great demand to speak to bail bond, law enforcement, bankers, and other organizations interested in skip tracing, internet investigating, security issues, financial crimes, and fraud.

Michele Stuart with JAG INVESTIGATIONS, INC., of Gilbert, Arizona, was one of the most popular speakers at recent meetings of PBUS. In Oklahoma, she will present "Internet Profiling and Intelligence Gathering."

Stuart describes her presentation this way: "This class will outline cellular platform security issues in addition to online personal security risks to help protect you and your family. Additionally it will provide step-by-step in-depth research techniques utilizing online and open-source databases located on the web. It will cover techniques in locating actionable intelligence and 'hidden' information on a subject's web presence to help identify relatives and associates. .... The class will further demonstrate how to utilize the internet as an effective investigative research tool (by manipulating search criteria) in locating and creating an entire profile on an individual."

Additional presentations will include an update on the activities of the 2017 Oklahoma Legislature and Insurance Department regulations as they affect bail bondsmen. Oklahoma City bondsman Ron Eden will discuss assessing the bond risk of a potential client, and OBA President Dudley Goolsby will give an update on what is happening nationwide that affects the bail bond industry. The final approved program will be mailed to all bondsmen in May.

### CHANGES IN BAIL BOND DIVISION LEADERSHIP

The Oklahoma Insurance Department has made some changes in the leadership of its' Bail Bond Division. With the retirement of Anna Denman as Manager of the Division after 30 years of service to the Department, Lewis Garrison has been named Director of the Division.

Anna will be missed by the OBA. She has worked closely with our staff on the annual educational conferences, the pre-licensure schools, and the computerized licensure records for bondsmen.