

## Press Release

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### **Arkansas Bar Association welcomes Shannon Miller as Keynote Speaker at its Annual Meeting Next Week**

The state's largest legal gathering of the year begins on June 12 in Hot Springs with "Game Changers" as the theme.

The Arkansas Bar Association's 121<sup>st</sup> annual meeting begins next week in Hot Springs, and the association is pleased to announce the keynote speaker at this year's conference. Shannon Miller, the most decorated Olympic gymnast in U.S. history, cancer survivor and lawyer, will headline the event. The three-day event begins on June 12 at the Hot Springs Convention Center located at 134 Convention Blvd., Hot Springs, AR. Around 800 attorneys and judges from across the state are expected to attend the joint meeting with the Arkansas Judicial Council.

Shannon Miller remains the most decorated Olympic gymnast in American history with seven Olympic medals. She is the only female athlete to be inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame—twice. After retiring from Olympic competition, Miller received her undergraduate degrees in marketing and entrepreneurship from the University of Houston and her law degree from Boston College. Now retired from competition, Miller has moved from Olympic athlete to advocate for the health and wellness of women and children. Miller has taken the lessons she learned through the obstacles she faced as an elite athlete, as a young adult and from her journey with cancer to publish an inspirational new book: *It's Not About Perfect: Competing for my Country, Fighting for my Life*.

Miller will speak from 12:45-1:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 in Horner Hall, Hot Springs Convention Center. She will host a 30-minute meet-and-greet following the presentation. Press is invited to attend and should check in at the registration desk located in Halls A & B of the Convention Center.

During the meeting, members attend continuing legal education seminars, listen to local and national speakers and network with lawyers from across the state at various social events. In addition, the association is hosting its first annual community service "Feed the Funnel" on Wednesday afternoon in partnership with [The Pack Shack](#). In just an hour, 50 volunteers can pack over 10,000 meals to feed our neighbors in need in Hot Springs. The meals will be delivered to the Project Hope Food Bank in Hot Springs.

For a complete agenda of the three-day conference, please go to [www.arkbar.com/annualmeeting](http://www.arkbar.com/annualmeeting).

#### **About Arkansas Bar Association**

The Arkansas Bar Association, established in 1898, is a voluntary, statewide organization with more than 5,500 members. Among its purposes are the advancement of the administration of justice and the fostering among its member of high ideals of integrity, learning and public service.

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