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Law Day 2017

The 2017 Law Day Celebration and awards ceremony was held May 1, 2017 at the Hilton Downtown Lexington. This year's event was sponsored by Judge Glenn Acree, Judge Robert Johnson, Kentucky Court Reporters Gess, Mattingly & Atchison.

Lucy Pett was inducted as the 2017-201 Fayette County Bar Association President by past President Kif Skidmore, along with 6 new board members.

Also attending this event were State Judges of the Circuit and District Courts, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. The Fayette Circuit Clerk and deputy Circuit Clerks were in attendance as well as tables of Police Officers and members of the Sheriff's department.

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President's Message: *Lucy Ferguson*



Lucy Ferguson

I am thrilled to embark on a year of serving the Fayette County Bar Association. We have a lot of exciting things planned for the summer. We will be taking care of your CLE requirements by presenting the annual Bench & Bar on June 27 and 28. Plenty of fun social activities are also on the agenda, including the annual summer picnic. Stay tuned for details.

A quick report on the business of the bar.

The FCBA is in great shape. We have a robust membership of over 1200 attorneys, a dedicated staff, a new roster of officers and board members, and are financially sound. Executive Director Judge Sheila Isaac (ret.) has done a great job promoting our 100% Club for firms who have committed to have every member join our association. Is your firm a member of the 100% Club?

A request of our members.

If I could make one “ask” to our members this year, it would be to help us increase participation at bar events. Think of a friend who you do not typically see at bar events and invite them to join you at a section luncheon, CLE presentation, or social gathering.

Summer road trip suggestions.

Now on to some non-legal matters. For those of you traveling for summer vacations, I have a couple of suggestions to pass the time on the way to your destination. The podcast *S-Town* is a seven-part series from the makers of *Serial* and *This American Life*. It starts out as a whodunit murder mystery and morphs into a deep dive into the life of a man living in small town Alabama. You will learn about plants, astrolabes and antique clock repair along the way. It contains some language and adult themes, so it is not appropriate for small children. Each episode is about an hour, so there's plenty here to get to you a beach destination.

Another option is *Missing Richard Simmons*. As you might guess from the title, this podcast explores the life of fitness guru Richard Simmons and his sudden disappearance from public life. Richard Simmons likely conjures up notions of a loud, wild man in short shorts leading a group of ladies to “Sweatin’ to the Oldies”. Or maybe you remember the Deal-a-Meal diet. The podcast will explore the business of being Richard Simmons as well as the untold stories of how he personally touched the lives of so many people across the country in ways you cannot imagine. The story will unexpectedly tug at your heartstrings and leave you with a totally different impression of the man behind fitness videos. This is a six-part series and each episode is about 30 minutes.



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Law Day 2017, contiued

Other activities at the Luncheon included the presentation of awards **Access to Justice Award – Jesse Crenshaw, Outstanding Young Lawyer Award – Matt Parsons, Law Enforcement Award – Captain Ronald E. Watson, Outstanding Citizen-Lawyer Award- John M. Williams, Fayette County Bar Association Service Award – Kevin Johns, Fayette County Deputy Clerk of the Year – Angela Garland** and the **Henry T. Duncan Award – Justice Mary C. Noble.**

Our law day celebration brings together one day a year all the different entities in our county whose work involves some aspect of the law. There is a wonderful feeling in the room that although we all have different roles and sometimes adversarial roles to each other, this is a time of unity and reflection that what we do matters and it inspires us to strive to do our best in our various legal professions.



Gene Vance presents Matt Parsons with the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.



Law Enforcement Award presented to Captain Ronald E. Watson by Fayette County Sheriff Kathy Witt.



The Outstanding Citizen-Lawyer Award was presented to John M. Williams by Noelle Holladay True.



The Fayette County Bar Association Special Service Award was presented to Kevin Johns by Kif Skidmore.



Access to Justice Award Presented by Josh Crabtree of Legal Aid of the Bluegrass to Rep. Jesse Crenshaw.



The Duncan Award was presented to Justice Mary Noble by Elizabeth Thompson.



Vince Riggs presents with the Deputy Clerk of the Year Award to Angela Garland.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

FCBA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS IN FULL SWING!

You have received an email inviting you to renew your membership to the FCBA. We have switched to an online cloud based membership system and this enables you to update your membership, pay your dues, RSVP for events and much more online.

When you renew your membership, from our website, you may upload or change the photo that is used in our online directory. The online directory can only be seen by other FCBA members. This allows you to have the most up-to-date contact information for your colleagues.

If you need any help in the renewal process please contact our office at 225.9897 or info@fcba.com.

We are confident that you will be as delighted as we are with the functionality provided by our new system.

As always, if you have problems accessing your account or have any other concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.



100% CLUB

The FCBA has established the 100% Club, to designate those firms who have made a commitment to have every member join our association. Call or email our office to make sure your firm is recognized. The following firms have joined and shown their commitment to improve our profession by supporting the Fayette County Bar Association.

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Judge Thomas Travis Sworn-in as 8th Division Circuit Judge

Thomas L. Travis, previously with Ward, Hocker & Thornton, PLLC, was selected by Governor Matt Bevin to fill the vacant Fayette Circuit judgeship in the Court's 8th Division on March 7, 2016. That seat was vacated when Judge Thomas Clark retired from the bench. He had a formal investiture and reception on April 24, 2017 at the Fayette Circuit Courthouse. "I am honored by Governor Bevin's selection of me to serve as the next Judge in the Fayette Circuit Court," said Travis. "I look forward to getting to work for the citizens of Fayette County."

In order to get to know Judge Travis better, the FCBA conducted the following Q & A:

Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Glasgow, Kentucky. Glasgow is in Barren County. (Just ask Judge Bunnell) I often get nostalgic about my upbringing. To me it was all good, kind of like "Mayberry". My Dad is 85 and still practicing law. My Mom, who is now deceased, was a mountain girl from Pike County that Dad meet at UK. She was a nurse, and Mom to 5 kids. I have 4 sisters, and thankfully I was the oldest. My connections remain close to Glasgow where my wife Lisa is also from.

How did you end up in Lexington?

Like a lot of current Lexingtonians I came here for school initially. I first went to college at Western, but my girlfriend (now wife) convinced me to transfer to UK where I later attended law school. After graduating from law school (Class of 1987) I got a job here in Lexington for the firm I had been clerking for. The firm (Clark, Ward, Stuart & Hopgood) was the predecessor of what is now Ward, Hocker & Thornton. So, but for a 3 year period of time I went back to Glasgow, I have spent most of my 29 years in private practice with the same firm.

Tell us about your family.

I am married. My wife is Lisa. She is the CEO of the family. I am blessed to have 2 wonderful children, both of whom are young adults. My son is an attorney and my daughter is a student very soon to become a Physician's Assistant. Last but not least is our dog Riley, a German shepherd mix we got from the Humane Society.

Why did you want to become a lawyer?

It must have been a genetic thing, since both my Dad and son are lawyers. I can't say I was inspired by a single life event or a movie. I do have an avid interest in American History, government, political science and current events. The legal profession is mixture of many of these same subjects.

Why did you want to become a judge?

During my years of practice I have been in circuit courts

before many judges in many jurisdictions. I often thought it would be an interesting and rewarding job. It is a unique public service opportunity which, at this particular stage of my legal career, it was now or never to undertake. The Governor's appointment was a great honor, particularly when I think of all the enormously talented members of the local bar association.

What has been the biggest surprise to you about being a judge?

For starters, probably just being referred to by everyone as "Judge." Secondly, most of my experience has been from the perspective of a civil litigator, so there has been an adjustment to handling the criminal case work. That's been exciting. To that end I have really enjoyed getting to meet many of the prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers. They all do a remarkable job and I have a renewed appreciation for their roles in our legal system. The transition from private practice to Judge has gone well. The entire courthouse staff has been so courteous and helpful. My fellow judges on the bench have likewise been generous of their time to help. I am not surprised, but I am certainly very appreciative of everyone's assistance.

Do you have any interesting hobbies?

I do not think so. I find walking the dog, taking a drive through the countryside, and yard work to be relaxing. I like to read related to current events and history. I occasionally play some golf and shoot jump shots in the driveway. If UK is playing football or basketball, you are likely to find me in front of the TV.



Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court John Minton administers the oath of office to Judge Thomas Travis.



Judge Travis with wife, Lisa and his children, Tom and Lauren.

Judge Robert Johnson Sworn-in as Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals

Judge Robert G. Johnson of Georgetown was formally sworn in as a Kentucky Court of Appeals judge on Monday, May 8, 2017 at an investiture ceremony in the Fayette Circuit Courthouse on May 8, 2017. Many of the Court of Appeals Judges were present with Chief Judge Joy A. Kramer, who presided over the investiture. Justice Laurance B. VanMeter, who Judge Johnson succeeds on the Court of Appeals, performed the ceremonial swearing-in.

Judge Johnson officially took the oath of office in March after being appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin to fill the vacancy in Division 1 of the 5th Appellate District that resulted from Justice VanMeter being elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky. The 5th Appellate District is made up of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, Scott and Woodford counties.



Justice VanMeter swears in Judge Johnson.



Judge Johnson and family at his swearing-in .

Crime Victims' Rights Luncheon

On April 11, 2017 the First Lexington Crime Victims' Rights Luncheon was held at the multipurpose room at the Fayette Circuit Court as part of the National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Fayette County Prosecutors, Advocates, Law Enforcement, Community Partners and Crime Victims and Survivors observed Crime Victims' Rights Week with a resource fair and luncheon at the Fayette Circuit Courthouse. The program was a collaboration between the Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney, the Fayette County Attorney, the United States Attorney, the Fayette County Sheriff, and the Lexington Police. Five individuals were honored: Catie Embry, David Marye, Kelly Wells, Diana Ross and Leticia Hagerman. Advocates from all of the agencies were recognized and April Ballantine, a crime survivor, shared her inspirational story. There was also a resource fair for crime victims.

Fayette County Attorney Larry Roberts then presented the 1st Annual Brian Mattone award to Kelly Wells, a victim's advocate with the County Attorney's Office. Brian Mattone was the First Assistant Fayette County Attorney until his tragic death in a car crash in 2012. Brian's parents, Frank and Mina Mattone, were on hand to see the presentation of the award. As Larry explained, Kelly is an incredible resource for our office. She currently serves as the Chair of the Domestic Violence Prevention Board and tirelessly advocates for victims in domestic violence cases. Personally, I have had

the great pleasure to work with Kelly on a number of difficult cases. From domestic assaults to stalking to harassment, Kelly has always been willing to meet victims wherever they may be found and help them through the trauma they may be experiencing. As an advocate for a felony strangulation bill, Kelly has sought to not just accept the state of the law, but rather reach for a higher ideal, which is very reminiscent of Brian Mattone. In many ways Brian and Kelly share the same spirit to help others through difficult situations. I cannot think of a better recipient and Larry Roberts has set an extremely high standard and made an excellent choice in choosing Kelly Wells to receive the 1st Annual Brian Mattone Award. - *Steve Stadler, Assistant Fayette County Attorney*



Frank and Mina Mattone present the Brian Mattone Award to Kelly Wells.



Pro Bono Program

Honoring Excellence At Law Day

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass (LABG) believes that everyone deserves access to justice regardless of income level, race, gender, age, sexual preference or disability. There is no legal standard, civil or criminal, that states that an individual's ability to hire an attorney should be the sole determining factor in the outcome of their court case, but we know that far too often this is the reality. At LABG, it is our mission to ensure fairness for those that cannot afford it. As Judge Learned Hand stated, "If we are to keep democracy, there must be a commandment: Thou shall not ration justice." We strive to achieve this by providing high quality legal assistance through direct representation, education, advice, advocacy and coordination with other community resources to vulnerable populations in civil legal matters free of charge. As there generally is no constitutional right to counsel in civil matters, the demand for our services far exceeds the capacity that our funding allows for. There are approximately 10,000 low-income people per Legal Aid attorney in our service area so we rely heavily on the private bar to help us meet the demand for needed services. There are many outstanding private attorneys that donate their time and talents freely but, far more volunteers are needed. These unsung heroes assist people that cannot afford to retain private counsel and would otherwise proceed without counsel or would be denied access to the court system altogether. We as attorneys are fortunate enough to be able to give back to the less fortunate in our communities in a unique way. The work we do truly does change lives.

No one understands and exemplifies this more than former State Representative Jesse Crenshaw. LABG honored Mr. Crenshaw with our Access to Justice Award at the recent 2017 FCBA Law Day Luncheon. This award is given annually to an individual that has dedicated his or her life to ensuring justice for all. Mr. Crenshaw shares our vision for a community where all are treated with dignity, respect and fairness and do not lack the basic necessities of life. Although Former Governor Steve Beshear was unable to attend the luncheon, he provided the following remarks, "Jesse Crenshaw is a true gentleman who never forgot the people he was elected to represent. For 22 years, he served with dignity in the often-contentious environment of the Kentucky legislature, fighting hard for the people of his district and giving voice to disenfranchised populations around the state. I will never forget his tireless efforts to secure voting rights for felons wanting to reengage in society. And I'm sure that his work in the classrooms of Kentucky State University will be reflected in the many

achievements of his students for generations to come." Each of us has the ability to change the lives of our clients and future generations to come.

The Access to Justice Award is one of four awards that LABG gives annually to our outstanding pro bono attorneys and other volunteers. We also present the Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award, Outstanding Lay Volunteer Award and the Trinia Clemons Friend of Pro Bono Award. Traditionally, all four have been given at our volunteer recognition luncheon during the month of October. The American Bar Association officially recognizes one week every October as Celebrate Pro Bono Week. In addition to moving the presentation of the Access to Justice Award to the FCBA Law Day Luncheon, the volunteer recognition luncheon will be changed to a cocktail reception in which the remaining awards will be presented. The cocktail reception will serve as a small token of our appreciation for all of our amazing volunteers and one that we could not put on without the sponsorship and support of the Fayette County Bar Association Pro Bono Program, Inc., the Fayette County Bar Association, the Kentucky IOLTA fund and Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company of Kentucky. We encourage all of our volunteers to attend and those that are not currently volunteering to get involved and join us in the celebration. Attorneys of all levels of experience are welcomed and substantive trainings will be provided as necessary. Currently, the future of funding for civil legal aid is unknown and the need for pro bono attorneys is greater than ever. If you would like to volunteer or get more information, please contact Josh Fain at either (859) 254-1141 or jfain@lablaw.org.

- Josh Fain





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2017 ANNUAL BENCH & BAR

June 27-28, 2017

12.0 Total Credit Hours (2 hours of Ethics)

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Registration Begins at 8:00

8:35-9:35 a.m.	Faith Healing of Bad Faith
9:45-10:45 a.m.	There Ought to be a Law: Parenting Outside of Marriage
10:45-11:45 a.m.	Legislative Update
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Collateral Consequences of Plea Deals
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Supreme Court Update
3:15-4:15 p.m.	Interviewing Witnesses and Related Topics (ETHICS)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Registration Begins at 8:15

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Landlord Tenant Matters
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Federal Court Update
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Current Issues from Circuit and District Prosecutors
11:15-11:45 a.m.	Court of Appeals Update
1:00-1:30 p.m.	eFiling
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Social Media
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Expungement
3:15-4:15 p.m.	Maintaining Proper Discipline (Ethics)

A Doggone Bandit

FCBA member Tom Bullock is the proud owner of a beautiful female German Shepherd named Bandit. Little did he know when he named the dog, that a bandit would one day attempt to take her. Bandit has a great life. On pretty days, she stays in the yard behind Bullock & Coffman where clients and Sayre students stop to say hi.

This drama began on a particularly busy Friday for Tom. He had been in back-to-back court hearings all day and into the early evening. Upon arriving home from the courthouse, Tom went to his backyard to bring Bandit inside and found he was not inside the fencing. Surmising that she had probably jumped the fence and was visiting the neighborhood, Tom spent a while walking around and calling for her to no avail. Tom then decided to call the Humane Society, who told them that they believed they had his dog. They had picked up a female German Shepherd a few hours before in Tom's neighborhood. They were having computer issues and could not confirm the chip data in the dog they'd picked up until the next morning. In addition, Bandit's vet's office wouldn't open until Saturday morning, so Tom couldn't access his dog's chip info either. With the hour being late, Tom told them he would be there first thing in the morning to pick up Bandit. As soon as Tom arrived at the Humane Society and discovered they were holding a different dog, not Bandit, he became quite distressed. Clearly, this had become a more serious matter than an AWOL dog.

Tom immediately went back home and accessed tapes from his security cameras. He first saw the footage of a man petting Bandit through the fence; after fast-forwarding, he then saw the same man feeding Bandit through the fencing and then later the same man using a leash or belt to lead her away from the yard. Tom now understood what had happened to Bandit and he knew the thief had a full day's head start on getting away. He immediately called the police who took a report but indicated there's not a lot they can do in this type of case and hoped he would find his dog.

The attorneys and staff at Bullock and Coffman were distraught. It was Friday and this was the start of a bad weekend. Despite attempts to contact friends and neighbors through emails and Facebook, there were no leads. They were beginning to accept the fact that they might never see Bandit again.

Tom's friend, Ross Stinetorf, was one of the first people to be told that Bandit was missing and it was in his mind as he headed out for a hunting trip with his son early Saturday morning. It was 4:45 A.M. and dark as he drove down Leestown Road, but coming into his view was a disheveled man walking on the side of the road alongside a German Shepherd. Immediately Ross recognized the dog as Bandit. He called Tom and then 911. The 911 operator did not appear to be a dog lover, however, she did agree to send a unit out.

Ross attempted to follow the man and dog, but by the time Tom arrived, the man and dog had disappeared into vegetation behind the Leestown Kroger store. Undaunted, Tom pursued the trail and through the use of a little technology (night vision goggles) he eventually caught up to the man and Bandit hiding in an overgrown fence line. Tom yelled for them to come out. The man didn't budge, but Bandit was trying very hard to get loose. Tom yelled, "I can see you in there, come out." Eventually they came out of hiding. Luckily, the police were still in the area and showed up. When questioned by the police, the man denied that he had taken Bandit and claimed that the dog was his. Now confronted with determining the true owner, Lexington's Finest devised a test. They had Tom open his truck door and as soon as Bandit was released, she ran and jumped in! Bandit was safe and sound and on her way home... a happy ending to a scary story.



Domestic Relations Update



Crystal Shepard

The 2017-2018 Co-Chairpersons for the Domestic Relations Section will be Crystal Shepard, of McVay Martin Shepard, P.S.C. and Anna Dominick, of Miller Griffin and Marks, P.S.C.

Crystal Shepard is a partner at McVay Martin Shepard, P.S.C. She received her B.A. from the University of Kentucky, her Masters of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University and is a graduate of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. She is married and lives in Lexington with her husband and two children. In addition to her regular practice, she volunteers for cases from Greenhouse 17, the domestic violence shelter; she has been an instructor for continuing education seminars; and serves as a Hearing Office for the Lexington Parking Authority, hearing cases that are disputed after a citation has been issued.



Anna Dominick

Anna Dominick graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May 2008 and began a clerkship with Honorable Lucinda Masterson after sitting for the Bar Exam. She began practicing Family Law at Miller, Griffin and Marks, P.S.C. in May 2009. Anna became a shareholder at Miller, Griffin and Marks, in January 2013.

The Co-Chairpersons duties will include planning the activities and programming for the upcoming 2017-2018 session.

The Domestic Relations Section meets once each month. In the past those meetings have been held on Wednesdays. However, after a vote at the most recent meeting going forward the meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30 – 1:00 in the Multipurpose room of the Circuit Courthouse.

Each meeting is comprised of lunch and a speaker. Most speakers will qualify for CLE credit. The programs are designed to give information to practitioners on topics relevant to the current state of the law. Those programs may include information on changing tax regulations or the tax implications of property distributions. Other programs may involve information on counseling for families going through a divorce including children in crisis. And yet still there may be programs on Dependency Neglect and Abuse Court and updates to the law and regulations. Each year there is always a Holiday time meeting where teams battle it out in “Family Law Jeopardy”. The winning team takes possession of the prize until the next calendar year when it is passed around. Lastly, each year is closed with the ever popular, Judge’s Panel. In this meeting the Family Court Judges participate in an open forum discussion of important issues surrounding the Court.

The monthly meetings are designed to be informative and garner comradery between the Domestic Relations Bar. The 2017-2018 year is shaping up to be no exception!

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Spotlight on Women: Mentoring Matters

The FCBA BarNews is pleased to feature a new recurring column, "Spotlight on Women," dedicated to highlighting the FCBA Women Lawyers Association and its accomplishments. This issue's column highlights the WLA's Mentoring Program with the UK College of Law.

Members of the WLA understand the importance of having a mentor during law school and the first years of law practice. That is why, for nearly a decade, the WLA has partnered with the UK College of Law's Women's Law Caucus to match practicing attorneys with law school students.

Through the WLA-WLC mentoring program, female students are matched with a local female attorney during their 1L year and meet throughout the year, both at WLA mentor-mentee happy hours and on their own. Through those relationships, law students become better prepared to begin careers in the legal profession and attorneys gain valuable insight into what the new generation of lawyers is facing. In 2017, The WLA matched 35 law students to practicing Lexington attorneys.

Mentor Allison Grogan Buckley, an attorney at Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs, LLP, has been involved with the program since 2013. "It gives the students the chance to meet people practicing in the Lexington area and a person to ask for advice on interviews, class choices, and beginning a legal career; it gives practicing attorneys a chance to meet new attorneys, network with colleagues and hopefully pass along some of the insight they've gained over their years of practice."

Mentee Ashley Stearns Hoover, who graduated from UK Law in 2016, met with her mentor every semester throughout all three years. Ashley found the mentoring program to be one of the best parts of UK Law's Women's Law Caucus. "The greatest benefit I received from the program was simply having someone to turn to with questions concerning the challenges of law school, the bar exam, and even finding a job. Also, I was able to gain a good friend in the process!"

Mentors and mentees will be matched in August. If you are interested in mentoring a UK student, e-mail WLA Mentor Chair, Langdon Worley, at lworley@sturgillturner.com.

Other WLA News: We've been busy!

- The WLA hosted two well-attended CLEs this spring: Electronic Filing in State Court (presented by Vincent Riggs, Fayette Circuit Clerk), and Immigration After the Inauguration (presented by Emily Jones of Kentucky Refugee Ministries).
- In May, former WKYT news anchor and reporter Jennifer Nime Palumbo shared her experiences and advice for working women at the annual WLA Staff Appreciation Luncheon.
- At our next WLA luncheon on July 19, Kentucky State Representatives Sannie Overly and Kelly Flood will discuss legislative updates. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- The WLA continues to support Habitat for Humanity's Women Build project. The fall build date is September 20 and a Habitat representative will speak at the WLA luncheon in August.
- Please visit our new website, created by Past President Amelia Adams, at: <https://fcbawla.wordpress.com>.

- Stephanie Wurdock, WLA Media Chair



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Fayette County CARE

Thanks to the 33 Attorneys and Judges Who Volunteered with Fayette County CARE!

The Fayette County legal community celebrated its tenth year providing financial literacy to high school students through the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program. The CARE Program is designed to inspire smart financial decision-making by teaching students about responsible credit use and the consequences of its abuse. The presenters share with students their unique knowledge and experiences and to provide them with lessons, tactics and techniques they need in order to help them lead a financially responsible, consumer debt-free life. This year was a tremendous success in Fayette County where 33 volunteer attorneys and judges presented to 2,250 high school students in 14 schools.

A special thanks to the following attorneys and judges who volunteered with the Fayette County through the CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) program:

Judge Glenn Acree*
Amelia Adams
JJ Alleman
Evan Buckley
Adele Burt-Brown
Brent Cox
Joe Dawahare
Sam Finley
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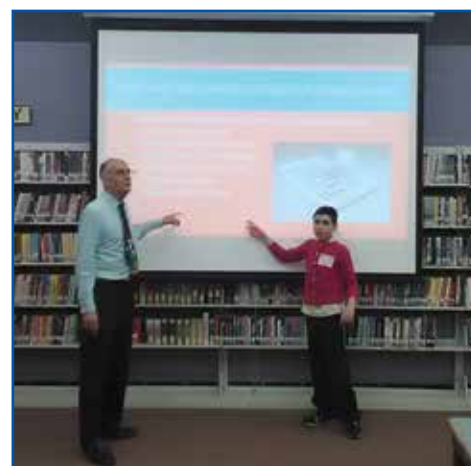
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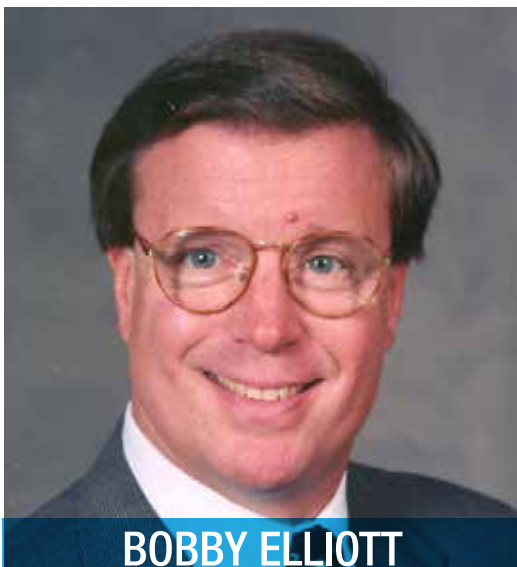
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Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP is proud to announce the election of **Brian Chellgren** to the firm's partnership. Brian W. Chellgren, Ph.D. (Corporate and Transactional - Lexington) concentrates his practice in all aspects of intellectual property law, including registration and enforcement of U.S. and international patents, trademark and copyright rights. Brian is a registered patent attorney, and has prepared and prosecuted patents in a wide range of fields, including surfactants, nanoparticles, medical devices, sports equipment and computer systems.

Bubalo Goode Sales & Cronen PLC

Bubalo Goode Sales & Cronen PLC has announced **Tyler Stewart** as the firm's newest attorney in its Lexington location. He will focus his work on a variety of product liability cases. Tyler grew up in Oldham County, Kentucky and attended Georgetown College on a full academic scholarship. During his time at Georgetown, Tyler spent two terms at the University of Oxford in England where he advanced his undergraduate studies. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Philosophy and a minor in Economics. Tyler graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2012.

Dickinson Wright PLLC

Dickinson Wright PLLC is pleased to announce that **Kerry B. Harvey**, former United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, has joined the firm's Lexington office as a Member.

Dickinson Wright PLLC is pleased to announce that **Andrew L. Sparks**, former Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, has joined the firm's Lexington office.

Dinsmore & Shohl

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's **Drew B. Millar** has received the Volunteer of the Year for his work with the Carol Martin Gatton Beaumont YMCA in Lexington.

Fowler Bell PLLC

Fowler Bell PLLC is excited to announce that attorney **Christopher G. Colson** has become a Member of the firm joining Members Guy R. Colson, John E. Hinkel, Jr., Matthew D. Ellison and Managing Member, Taft

A. McKinstry. Also, **Benjamin D. Willis** joins the firm as an Associate in the firm's Workers' Compensation, Litigation and Commercial & Business Law Groups.

Gess Mattingly & Atchison, PSC

Gess Mattingly & Atchison, PSC is pleased to announce that **Mary Katherine ("Katie") Bing** has joined the firm as an associate. She received her B.A. from the University of Kentucky in 2008 and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2013. Ms. Bing's primary areas of practice include insurance defense, probate, family law, and commercial litigation.

Gess Mattingly & Atchison PSC is also pleased to announce that **Benjamin D. Allen** has been named a partner in the firm effective January 1, 2016. He is a 1999 graduate of the University of Kentucky and a 2002 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. Mr. Allen focuses his practice on criminal defense, civil litigation and probate matters.

McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland PLLC

Five attorneys and two staff from the Fulkerson law firm have joined the McBrayer law firm in Lexington. Attorneys **Calvin Fulkerson, Amber Knouff, Kyle Virgin, Chad Thompson** and **Kathryn Eckert** together bring a breadth of knowledge and experience to McBrayer.

Since its founding in 1963, McBrayer has focused on delivering optimal outcomes to its clients. The Fulkerson group specializes in Medical Malpractice, which will enhance McBrayer's already thriving Healthcare practice, allowing us to support healthcare providers' needs from regulatory compliance to licensing and beyond. The added practice services of these new attorneys also encompass other professionals, including lawyers, architects, engineers, accountants and realtors who face malpractice claims.

Rose Grascam Camenisch Mains PLLC

The members of Rose Grascam Camenisch Mains PLLC are pleased to announce the addition of attorneys **Melissa A. Stewart**, of counsel, and **J. Wesley Harned**, associate.

Names in the News, continued

A graduate of the Ohio State University College of Law, Ms. Stewart concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning, estate tax, estate and trust administration, guardianships, estate litigation and elder law.

Mr. Harned will primarily provide litigation services for the firm. He has practiced in civil courts throughout central and eastern Kentucky and is experienced in bankruptcy litigation and debtor-creditor rights.

Stites & Harbison

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass recently elected Stites & Harbison, PLLC attorney **Adam Smith** to its Board of Directors.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC attorney **Emily Larish**

Startsman has been appointed to the Board of Directors of The Nest – Center for Women, Children, and Families. She will serve a three-year term.

Sturgill, Turner Barker & Moloney, PLLC

Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC is pleased to begin 2017 with several personnel announcements—three new attorneys and two status changes.

James W. Gardner, former Kentucky Public Service Commission Chairman, joined the firm in an expansion of the Utility & Energy Law Practice Group. Jim served 8 years on the PSC, in the roles of Vice-Chairman (2008-2015) and Chairman (2015-2016). Prior to his term on the PSC, Jim was a partner in a Lexington law firm with an emphasis in bankruptcy work. Jim's practice at Sturgill Turner will focus on utilities, clean energy, and bankruptcy law.

L. Scott Miller, who retired from the Kentucky State Police after reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, joined the firm in an expansion of the Public Entity Practice Group. Scott was with the KSP for 19 years, most recently serving in the role of Executive Advisor to the Commissioner. Scott's practice at Sturgill Turner will focus on police officer defense, employment law, and civil rights litigation.

Langdon Ryan Worley joined the firm's Torts & Insurance Practice Group, with extensive experience defending a litany of cases, ranging from motor vehicle accidents and premises liability matters to commercial

trucking, products liability, employment, and blasting cases.

Jamie Wilhite Dittert has been promoted to Member of the firm. Jamie's litigation practice focuses on medical malpractice and insurance defense. Jamie chairs the firm's Torts & Insurance Practice Group and has been recognized as a Kentucky Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Derrick T. Wright has been promoted to Member of the firm. Derrick's practice focuses on defending local governments and officials from Section 1983 claims involving constitutional law, as well as litigating and counseling employers on employment law and personnel issues.

Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC is pleased to announce that **Stephanie Wurdock** was appointed by the President of the Defense Research Institute, John E. Cuttino, to serve as the 2017 Co-Vice-Chair of the Public Service Subcommittee for the DRI Philanthropic Committee. The Philanthropic Committee works in conjunction with the DRI Second VP to plan and execute service projects and activities in various communities across the United States. Stephanie also serves as the Co-Chair of Activities for the DRI's Young Lawyers Steering Committee and was recently presented with the DRI Young Lawyers Outstanding Committee Vice-Chair award.

Sturgill Turner is pleased to announce that **Jamie Wilhite Dittert** and **Stephanie Wurdock Lindsey** have been appointed to serve as members of the Advisory Committee for The Plantory's Get On Board program. Additionally, **Langdon Ryan Worley** has been selected for the 2017 Get On Board class.



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