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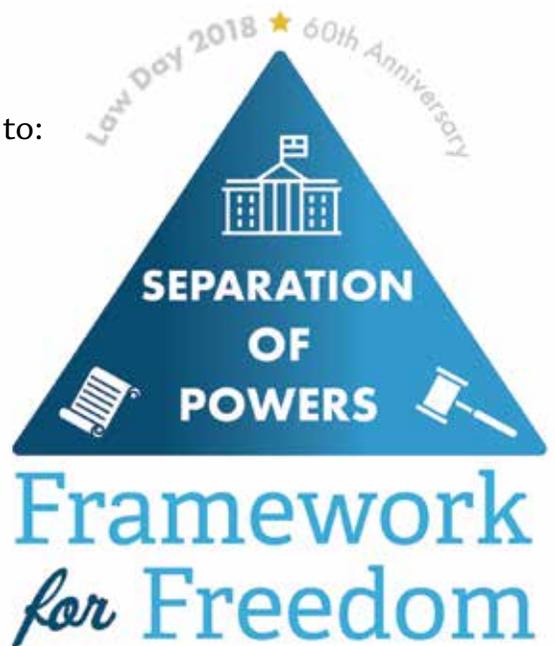


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Outstanding Young
Lawyer Award

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Lucy Anne VanMeter

Sisyphus pushing the boulder up the hill.

For many lawyers, winter is the time of year when we commute to and from the office in the cold and the dark, spending the precious few hours of daylight behind a desk. Like Sisyphus pushing the boulder up the hill, we are starting from zero, whether that be “hours on the sheet” or “money in the door.” But fret not, because Spring is around the corner and there are two upcoming Fayette County Bar Association events in March that will see you through until opening day of the Keeneland Spring meet.

Party at the “Old Courthouse” – March 13

On March 13, the FCBA is hosting the justices of the Kentucky Supreme Court for the annual judicial reception. The event will take place at the new Limestone Hall, otherwise known as the “old Courthouse.” The beautiful dome, covered up for decades to make room for HVAC equipment, has been expertly renovated and we are fortunate to be one of the first groups booked to enjoy a reception in the Rotunda.

Required Reading and a Distilled Reception - March 21

Please join us at Distilled on Wednesday, March 21 at 5:30 for an Evening with Professor Robert G. Lawson. Enjoy a lovely dinner followed by remarks about Professor Lawson’s recently released book entitled *Who Killed Betty Gail Brown? Murder, Mistrial and Mystery*. Seating will be limited, so purchase tickets early.

The book tells the story of the 1961 murder of a Transylvania University student, Betty Gail Brown. I received the book as a Christmas gift and finished it within a couple of days. It is a page turner. The facts are laid out in detail as the story unfolds, taking the reader through each step of the investigation and subsequent trial. Professor Lawson has a unique perspective on the case, having been the young lawyer retained to defend the person charged with the crime. Does he reveal the identity of the true killer? You will have to read the book or come to the dinner to find out!

After I finished *Betty Gail Brown*, I ordered Professor Lawson’s 1984 book, *Beverly Hills: Anatomy of a Nightclub Fire*. Growing up, I had always heard that my grandfather was on his way to the club on the night of the fire, but was delayed, thereby perhaps sparing himself and his companions from the fate met by 165 people on the evening of May 28, 1977. The book begins several years before the fire, detailing the construction and renovation of the club and the many opportunities along the way to correct serious safety deficiencies that resulted in mass casualties. Did you know there was a fire at the club during initial construction? Did you know that a grand jury was convened to, as the Judge said, prevent a ‘holocaust’ from occurring at the club? Me neither, until I read this book! This and many, many other shocking details revealed in this meticulously sourced account of a Kentucky tragedy.

Here’s to longer days and more sunlight in the coming months and a prosperous 2018.

2017 HOLIDAY



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New UK Law School Set for Completion in Fall of 2019



Highlights of the new law building include:

- The footprint of the college will expand by 26 percent to 122,513 square feet.
- A new main entrance with a porch facing Memorial Hall, improving the gateway to the university.
- A modernized 185-seat moot courtroom designed for oral argument training, live appellate court proceedings, large lectures and conferences.
- A new small moot courtroom for litigation training that can also be used as a classroom.
- 11 new classrooms, including four 25-seat classrooms; four 80-seat classrooms; and three 50-seat classrooms.
- More than 20 collaborative study or breakout rooms.
- An outdoor gathering space which will serve as a gathering

place for students, faculty and staff to engage on nice weather days.

- A new third floor with three classrooms convertible into one large multipurpose room, able to accommodate from 150 - 400 people. The space will also open onto a roof terrace offering spectacular views of Memorial Hall and campus.

The architects for the building project are Sherman Carter Barnhart of Lexington and Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates of NYC. The construction manager for the project is Congleton-Hacker Company of Lexington. Construction on the law building began in mid-July. The timetable calls for completion of the project by fall 2019.

“I would like to thank those individuals and law firms who have made generous gifts towards the building initiative, helping us reach this important milestone,” said Brennen. “I look forward to our future as we continue raising the bar, together.”

Administrative space for faculty and staff has been relocated to a portion of the former Lexington Seminary Building (across the street from the current Law Building). Two classrooms exist in that space and other classes are being held in close proximity to the former Seminary building, in Gatton College of Business & Economics and Memorial Hall. UK students, faculty and staff went through a similar process during the two-year renovation and expansion of the Gatton College of Business and Economics.

To stay informed about the latest news or to watch building video updates, visit www.law.uky.edu/raisingthebar.

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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Pro Bono Program

New Traditions



Josh Fain,
Pro Bono Coordinator for
Legal Aid of the Bluegrass

The American Bar Association annually recognizes one week every October as the National Celebration of Pro Bono. As part of that celebration, the Fayette County Bar Association Pro Bono Program Inc. and Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, have traditionally hosted a volunteer recognition luncheon in Fayette County. This annual luncheon has served as a small token of our appreciation for all the good work that our volunteers have performed

throughout the year and their careers. It has also served as an opportunity for us to present our awards: Access to Justice, Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, Outstanding Lay Volunteer and the Trinia Clemons Friend of Pro Bono Award. This past year, we started a new tradition by presenting the Access to Justice Award at the Fayette County Bar Association Law Day luncheon and presenting all other awards at a recognition cocktail event on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Big Blue Martini bar. We had an incredible turnout and a wonderful time was had by all.

The Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award was presented to Martha A. Rosenberg as 2017 marked her twenty year anniversary of accepting pro bono cases. Martha's dedication to the pro bono program and to providing the highest quality representation to clients regardless of their ability to pay serves as an example to all in the legal profession. The Outstanding Lay Volunteer Award was presented to Dana Arnold, the Assistant Executive Director of the FCBA. Although most of her work is behind the scenes, there are few if any people that support and further the mission of pro bono more than Dana does. The Trinia Clemons Friend of Pro Bono Award was presented to Professor Allison Connelly of the University of Kentucky College of Law. Professor Connelly's work as the Director of the Legal Clinic has helped provide invaluable legal assistance to countless needy individuals and has instilled a devotion to public service in her students that has created a legacy of giving back. The Access to Justice Award was presented to former State Representative Jesse Crenshaw at the annual FCBA Law Day Luncheon. Mr. Crenshaw has dedicated his life and his career to ensure that everyone is treated with dignity, respect and fairness and that no one lacks the basic necessities of life.

We are incredibly thankful for these award recipients and the work that they do. They serve as role models to us all and show us that the work that we do truly has the ability to change people's lives for the better. The demand for services for Legal Aid attorneys far exceeds our capacity. There are approximately 10,000 low-income individuals per Legal Aid

attorney in our service area. We rely heavily on the volunteer efforts of the private bar to help us meet the need and close the justice gap. If you are currently volunteering-- thank you again. If you are not currently volunteering, I encourage you to start a new tradition this year and get involved. Legal Aid of the Bluegrass welcomes all volunteers regardless of experience. We provide extensive trainings throughout the year to get you comfortable. We would love to have you at our volunteer recognition cocktail party next year. If you are interested in volunteering with our program or just want to know more, please contact me at either (859) 254-1141 or jfain@lablaw.org.



Pro Bono Awardees

Left to Right: Dana Arnold, Martha Rosenberg and Allison Connelly



Pro Bono Board Left to Right: Josh Crabtree, Eileen O'Brien, Sheila Isaac, Doug Logsdon, Lucy VanMeter



Pro Bono Ladies Left to Right: Glenda Harrison, Erica Stacy-Stegman, Brenda Combs, Melinda Jennings, Karen Ginn and Patricia Smith.

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2018 Law Day Awards



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Henry T. Duncan Award

In 1960, the Henry T. Duncan award was created to honor a member of the association who had made an outstanding contribution to the community. This award is presented to an attorney whose integrity, leadership and professional conduct serves to exemplify the high ethical and professional standards that benefit the community.

Citizen Lawyer Award

This award honors one member of the Fayette County Bar Association who has:

- practiced at least 10 years in Fayette County;
- is involved in governmental, civic, charitable or community activities;
- and has demonstrated a sincere desire to maintain and improve the administration of justice, the quality of legal practice and the quality of life for all residents of Fayette County

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

This award honors one member of the Fayette County Bar Association who has:

- practiced in Fayette County less than 10 years;
- admirably fulfilled the duties owed by an attorney to the Court, clients and the community the attorney serves;
- and shown dedication to the justice system through their involvement and enhancement of community life.

Please include the following:

- Letter of nomination explaining your desire to nominate this person and why;
- Any supporting documentation you wish to include.

Nomination deadline is Friday, March 16, 2018

If you have any questions, please contact the FCBA at 225-9897.

Judge Timothy Philpot retires from Family Court



On January 4, 2018, the FCBA hosted a retirement reception for Fayette Family Court Judge Tim Philpot who retired on December 31, 2017.

Philpot, 66, a former state senator and civil law practitioner, has been a family court judge for 13 years. He was appointed to the family court seat in 2004 by Governor Ernie Fletcher.



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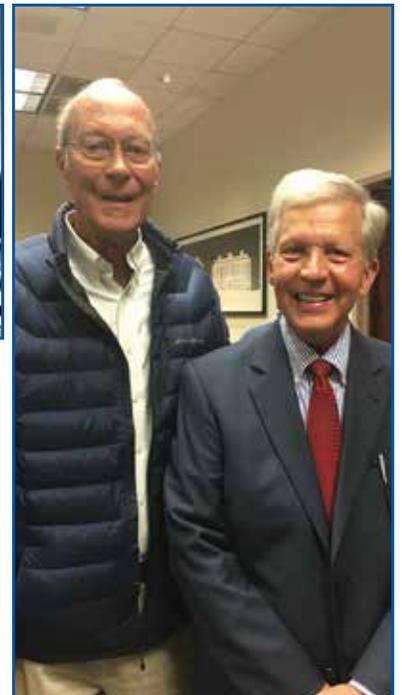
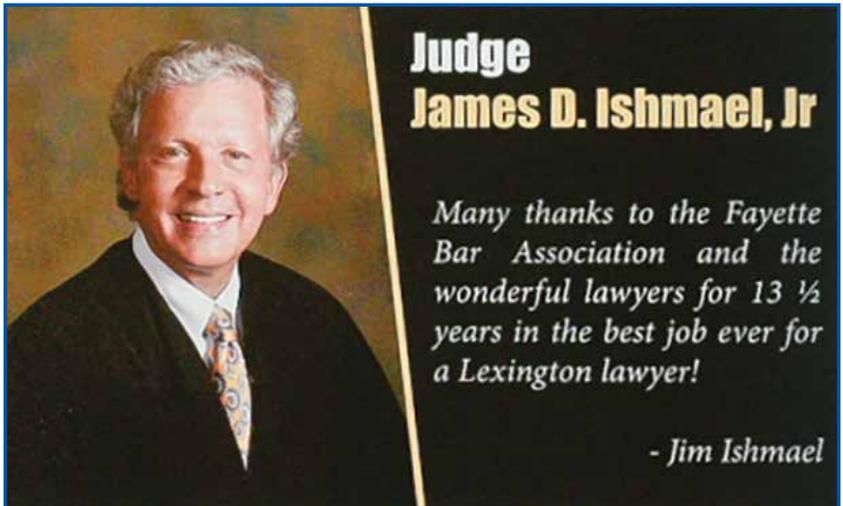
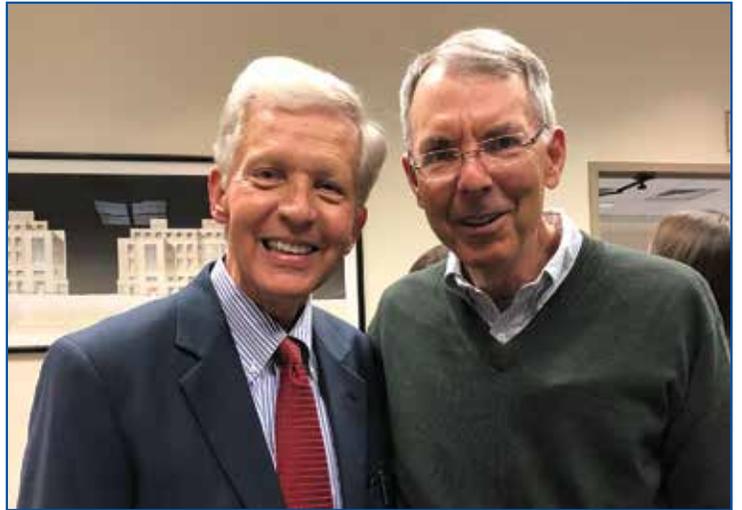
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Circuit Judge James Ishmael Retires

On February 1, 2018, the FCBA hosted a retirement reception for Judge James Ishmael, Jr., who is leaving the Fayette Circuit bench after serving for almost 13 years.

Ishmael, 71, formerly a trial attorney, had been a circuit judge since 2004. Former Gov. Ernie Fletcher appointed him to fill the unexpired term of Rebecca Overstreet, who retired that year.



Bar Foundation News



The Fayette County Bar Foundation held a reception on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Shakespeare & Co. to celebrate its tenth anniversary, with over one million dollars in total funding and nearly \$300,000 in grants awarded.

The event was attended by lawyers, circuit and district judges from Fayette County, and several current and former members of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller introduced Glenda Harrison and Nan Hanley from the newly formed Kentucky Access to Justice Commission, one of this year's Foundation grant recipients.

The Access to Justice Commission was formed to expand access to civil legal representation for people of low and modest means throughout Kentucky, and will consist of members from the three branches of government, as well as local civil legal aid organizations, law schools, clergy, and Kentucky law school and business leaders, all by appointment of the Supreme Court. Justice Keller will serve on the Commission, and is very excited that Kentucky has joined the thirty-four other states that have created similar Commissions committed to ensuring equal access to legal services.

Also on hand Thursday night were Leah Engle and Nathalie Dietrich of another of this year's grant recipients, the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic, a program of the Kentucky Equal Justice Center that provides low cost legal assistance to the immigrant and refugee communities of Kentucky. The Fayette County Bar Foundation grants to the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic and the Access to Justice Commission are two of nearly \$300,000 in total grants awarded by the Fayette County Bar Foundation in its ten year history, thanks to an initial gift from the Fayette County Bar Association and ten years of generous donations from Fayette County attorneys and law firms.

The board of the Fayette County Bar Foundation consists of members of the Fayette County Bar Association who are committed to the Foundation's mission to improve the judiciary, the administration of justice, law-related education and the legal profession, and to ensure equal access to our justice system for the poor and indigent.

For more information about the Fayette County Bar Foundation, including how to apply for a grant or become a fellow, please visit the Foundation's website at www.fcbf.net.

For more information about the Access to Justice Commission, please contact Glenda Harrison or Nan Hanley at 502-564-5493.

For more information about the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic, please visit their website at www.maxlegalaid.kyequaljustice.org.

2017 Grant Recipients:

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Lexington Children's Museum- Kids' Court
Fayette County Bar Association Summer Law Camp
Institute for Compassion in Justice, Inc.
Grandparents as Parents Conference
Legal Aid of the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program
Maxwell Street Legal Clinic
The Nest*

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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
The Children's Law Center
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Fayette County Bar Association Pro Bono
and Legal Aid of the Bluegrass
Fayette County Bar Association Summer Law Camp
Grandparents as Parents Conference
Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship
Institute for Compassion in Justice, Inc.
John Rowe Chapter, National Bar Assoc. Eat Well, Test Well program
Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity (KLEO) program
Lexington Children's Museum- Kids' Court
Lexington Habitat for Humanity
Maxwell Street Legal Clinic
The Nest
Nursing Home Ombudsman
Sunflower Kids*



Justice Michelle Keller



Leah Engle and Nathalie Dietrich from Maxwell Street Legal Clinic



President Mindy Barfield and FCBF Co-Founder Steve Ruschell.



President Mindy Barfield, Justice Keller, Nan Hanley and Glenda Harrison.



Women Lawyers Association

In December, the FCBA Women Lawyers' Association held its annual Holiday Luncheon and charity auction to benefit the New Opportunity School for Women. The New Opportunity School is an organization that works to equip low-income Appalachian women with the knowledge and support they need to build a fulfilling life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

The Women Lawyers' Association takes great pride in supporting this organization, and with the help of its "elves" (Judge Sheila Isaac and Barbara Edelman), was able to raise over \$6,000 at this year's event! The group also enjoyed hearing from the New Opportunity School's Director, Robbie Pentecost, who shared information about the organization's mission and work. For more information about the New Opportunity School for Women, visit www.NOSW.org. The next Women Lawyers' Association Luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 12:00-1:00pm at Portofino's.



Sheila Isaac



Barbara Edelman

Update on Women Build with Habitat for Humanity



Bingham Greenebaum made strong showing at the Habitat Women's Build.

Left to right: Kim O'Donnell, Lauren Nichols, Kelly Bartley, Sheila Isaac, Young-Eun Park and Anne Chestnut.



Sayre Students Studying the Law

Sayre School has a Supreme Court and Constitution class for seniors taught by Bettina Morrish. One of the class requirements is to do legal research and a paper on a specific legal topic assigned to them. In the past, they make a field trip to the UK College of Law library and do their research there. But because of the total renovation of the Law School, they needed somewhere else to go.

The FCBA staff was happy to step in and assist the students. The Judges gave their approval for the class of 30 students to use the Courthouse library on 2 different days in October. Circuit Clerk Vince Riggs, who is the official in charge of the Library area, also gave the class permission to occupy the space.

The judges also allowed their staff attorneys to come to the library and assist these students in how to do online legal research and how best to approach their topics.

The staff attorneys who participated were:

Rafael Rodriguez and intern Gentry Collins (Judge Masterton)
Whitney Grider Ellis (Judge Brislin)

Peter Rosene
Catie Coldiron (Judge Bunnell)
Amanda Connors (Judge Goodwine)

Our thanks to all who assisted with this learning experience for high school seniors.



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PRHBTN

This time of year, when it's still cold and dreary, I'll find myself looking forward to the Fall and working on my "list." Not a list of New Year's resolutions, or a Christmas list for next year, but a list of blank walls around Lexington. A list of street artists from around the world. My husband John Winters and I work on this list over the course of several months, and by Fall it has developed into a roster of visiting artists and locations around town at which large-scale public murals will be installed as part of our annual street art festival PRHBTN.

I graduated from UK law school in 2003, and have always been active in this community that I adopted as my own after growing up in Virginia and relocating here in 1999. In 2011, I was looking for inspiration when I watched a movie called "Exit Through The Gift Shop" that opened my eyes to the impact of "outside-the-box" public art. I learned that other, larger cities were already recognizing the vibrancy that this type of art brings to public spaces and were embracing the conversations it sparks. And personally, I liked the concept of democratizing art by bringing it into a public setting that becomes a part of our everyday lives.

These ideas provided the inspiration for PRHBTN, which John and I founded later that year. PRHBTN features not only the installation of public murals, but also a gallery to showcase Lexington's local and regional talent. Each year, we develop a shoestring budget, and then raise the funds needed for the murals through a Kickstarter campaign, which is supported generously by the community. Since 2016, we have partnered with the Lexington Art League for the gallery component of the festival.

In the seven years since we started PRHBTN, much has changed for us. We got married, had a baby, and in 2017 I started a solo law practice. What hasn't changed, however, is our commitment to this growing project. Over the years, we have been fortunate enough to coordinate the installation of more than 20 large scale public murals by artists from Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, United Kingdom, Portugal, Italy, France, Belgium, Japan, and Germany, and of course the United States. The artists who have visited have unanimously loved Lexington, and have formed relationships here that will tie our community other parts of the world for years to come. PRHBTN has provided the platform for both local and world-renown artists to begin dialogues about art, politics, and community. It is true that a couple PRHBTN murals have sparked controversy and that none are well-liked by all. But to us, this is intrinsic to art.

If you've never noticed Lexington's murals, keep an eye out the next time you drive through downtown. The back of the Kentucky Theatre is home to Lincoln, created by Brazilian

artist Kobra. The rear wall of the 21C hotel boasts "Daughter of Immigrants," installed by Jessica Sabogal in 2017. At the corner of Main and Broadway a wild-turkey created by Italian artist Hitnes as part of a nationwide retrospective of John James Audubon's work peers down at passersby. A map with a full listing of PRHBTN murals can be found on our website- www.prhbtn.com.

This summer we will begin our Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for 2018's PRHBTN – scheduled to take place the first couple weeks of October. Once again we be installing several new murals at yet-to-be-determined locations around town and hosting another eye-opening show of local and regional talent at the Lexington Art League's Loudon House. We look forward to meeting the artists, and to speaking with fellow Lexingtonians that come out to watch the artists work. And, of course, I look forward to the treat of walking past new public art on my way to work each morning.

-- Jessica Winters



Messer, Reynolds appointed to Fayette Circuit Bench

Gov. Matt Bevin appointed two new judges to serve in Fayette County.

Elizabeth (Libby) Green Messer of Lexington, who worked in the Fayette County Attorney's Office, was appointed Family Court judge for Division 1 of Fayette Circuit Court, the position previously held by Judge Tim Philpot. She was informally sworn-in early February and is on the bench.

John Edward Reynolds of Lexington, an attorney in private practice in Nicholasville, was appointed circuit judge for Division 3 in Fayette Circuit Court, the post previously held by Judge James Ishmael Jr.



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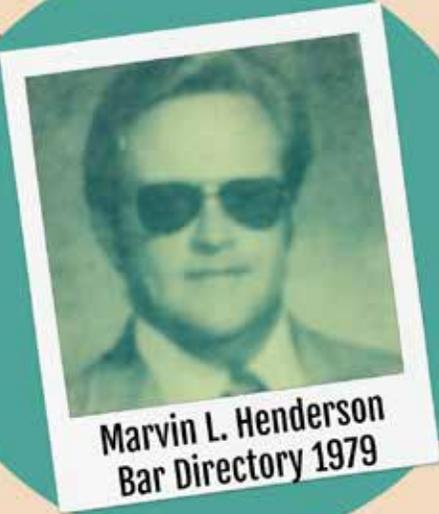
New Attorney Swearing In 2018

On November 7, 2017, Fayette Circuit Chief Judge Pamela Goodwine presided over the swearing-in of Fayette County's newest attorneys. This ceremony has gone on for decades and may be the only local presentation of new bar members in the state. In addition to the Chief Judge, Judges Philpot, Brislin, Ishmael, Masterton, Stein, Travis and Bunnell sat en banc to hear the motions of sponsoring attorneys who presented the new attorneys to the court. Justice Laurence VanMeter administered the constitutional oath of office to the new attorneys who had been formally sworn in at the Kentucky Supreme Court. Judge Masterton then presented the words of wisdom and encouragement to the new attorneys.

FCBA President Lucy VanMeter spoke on behalf of the FCBA to welcome the new attorneys to the Fayette County Bar. Following the program, the FCBA hosted a reception for the Court and all the attorneys attending.



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Preston Clark Worley appointed to Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

McBrayer attorney Preston Clark Worley was sworn in as Councilmember for the 7th District. With one year left in the term, Councilmember Jennifer Scutchfield resigned to become assistant director of the Kentucky Board of Elections, leaving the role to be appointed by Mayor Jim Gray.

Mr. Worley has practiced law at McBrayer's Lexington office since 2010, focusing his efforts in real estate, transactional, administrative law and litigation. His primary areas of concentration are property management, affordable and multifamily housing, corporate and non-profit governance, and alcoholic beverage control.



Judge Bunnell swears in Preston Worley

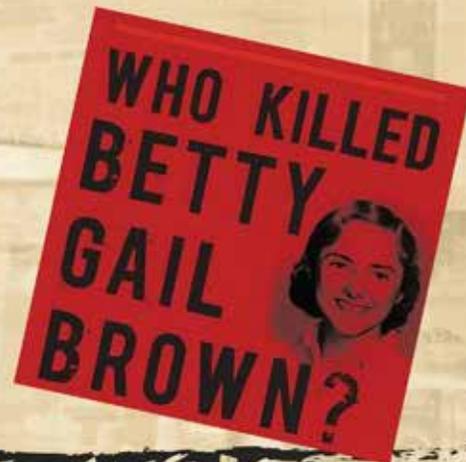
With a passion for community service, Mr. Worley is also a board member with the Ellerslie at Delong Homeowners Association and with Coaches for the Kids, Inc. He has participated in both the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital Executive Development Council and the Golden Matrix Fund Advisory Council since 2012, and he acts as General Counsel for the Lexington History Museum. Other previous activities include the board of the Downtown Lexington Corporation, and Mr. Worley is a graduate of Commerce Lexington's Leadership Lexington program.

In his remarks this morning, Mr. Worley cited crime, parks, and diversity as top areas of concern in the 7th District, and issues to which he'll direct his attention as Councilmember.

Preston Worley joins McBrayer's Angela Evans, Councilmember from the 6th District, on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council and looks forward to the opportunity to serve the public.



Required Reading at Distilled



Join us for a three course dinner with Professor Robert G. Lawson as he signs and discusses his newest book "Who Killed Betty Gail Brown? Murder, Mistrial and Mystery".

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
5:30 p.m. Cocktails | 6:00 p.m. Dinner
Distilled at Gratz Park Inn
\$100 per person

RSVP from the calendar at FCBA.com. Seating is limited to the first 50 registrants. Reserve now.

Names in the News



Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP

Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP is excited to announce that **P. Branden Gross** has been named the new Managing Partner of the Lexington office. Gross joined the firm in early 2017. He has extensive experience and is an established leader in a wide range of real estate, land use, and finance law. He is currently the Chair of Legislative Committee for the Kentucky Land Title Association, a member of the Financial Institutions Board, Chair of the Board of Adjustments for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Property Association of Lexington. Gross is a native Kentuckian and avid Wildcats fan, and he received both his undergraduate degree and J.D. from the University of Kentucky.

Dinsmore & Shohl

Megan E. Niespodziany joined the Lexington office and will practice out of the Litigation Department, focusing her practice on commercial litigation. Niespodziany previously served as a summer associate at Reinhardt & Associates, PLC, drafting motions for summary judgment and conducting research regarding insurance defense and criminal law. Niespodziany earned her J.D. from University of Kentucky College of Law.

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's Lexington office has announced plans to move operations from Lexington Financial Center to the Offices at CentrePointe, a mixed-use development currently under construction downtown. Dinsmore will be an anchor tenant, occupying nearly 20 percent of the 12-story office building near Main and Limestone Streets. Construction is slated for completion in late 2018, with Dinsmore personnel expected to move in in early 2019.

Dinsmore is pleased to announce attorney **Travers Manley** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Horse Council, a group dedicated to the protection and development of the Kentucky equine community. Manley, whose term expires in 2020, also serves on the horse council's Marketing and Development Committee. An associate in Dinsmore's labor and employment department, Manley focuses

his practice on representing both public and private employers in issues related to the workplace. Manley is also a member of Dinsmore's Equine Law Group. Greater Lexington Paralegal Association.

The list below includes the names of the newly elected and appointed 2018 board members of the Greater Lexington Paralegal Association (GLPA).

Elected Positions:

President: Brian Devinney

VP: Michelle Ralston

Secretary: David Hobson

Treasurer: Melanie Sennett

Board-at-Large: Wayla Todd – Stephanie Dewitt

CLE: Rachel Floyd

Job Bank: Jan Chapman

Philanthropy: Tammy Martinez

Special Events: Marianna Towle

Newsletter: Heather Holbrook

Student Relations: Mary Clark

Appointed Positions:

NFPA Primary: Tammy Smith

NFPA Secondary: Heather Purnell

Certification Ambassador: Heather Purnell

IT Administrator: Bev Rawlings

KPA Liaison: Mary Nichols

Board Advisor: Rebekah Walton

Littler Mendelson

Littler Mendelson's Lexington office is pleased to announce that **Sarah T. Laren** has joined the firm as an Associate. Sarah earned her J.D. from the University of Kentucky, as well as a B.A. in French and International Economics with a minor in Japan Studies. During law school, she was a staff member of the Kentucky Law Journal and a Moot Court Board member. Upon graduation, Sarah served as a law clerk for the Honorable David L. Bunning and the Honorable Joseph M. Hood, both U.S. District Court Judges in the Eastern District of Kentucky. Sarah first became interested in labor and employment law during her clerkships, where she had the opportunity to work on several discrimination and harassment cases. Other areas of interest include alternative dispute resolution and regulatory compliance.

Names in the News, continued

McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland PLLC

Kentucky native **Elizabeth Barrera** has joined the litigation team in McBrayer's Lexington office. A problem-solver by nature, Barrera strives to take a burden off her clients by looking at each case from all angles and presenting a way forward to satisfy her clients' best outcomes. Having recently returned from living in Germany, Barrera is pleased to be practicing back in her Lexington hometown with the McBrayer team.

Noble Tate Neutrals

Justice Mary C. Noble, Ret., and **Mary Lynn Tate** are pleased to announce the opening of Noble Tate Neutrals, a mediation, arbitration, and consultation practice located in the Bakhaus Building in Lexington. Please join them for an open house to tour the facilities, learn about their practice and enjoy refreshments: Thursday, February 8, 4:30 to 6:30p.m., 1500 Leestown Rd., Ste. 307. www.ntneutrals.com

Stites & Harbison

Alison Zeitlin joins the Business & Finance Service Group. She graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2017. During law school, she was a Productions Editor for the Kentucky Law Journal and was a legal intern for the UK Legal Clinic. Zeitlin previously participated in the firm's Summer Associate program in 2015 and 2016. She is admitted to practice in Kentucky.

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) recently elected Stites & Harbison, PLLC attorney **Walt Robertson** to its Board of Directors. His term begins in January 2018. Walt Robertson is a Member (Partner) of Stites & Harbison based in the Lexington office. He is a member of the Business & Corporate Services Group. He represents clients in all matters of business including commercial lending, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, securities regulation and equine law.



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Calendar of Events



February 2018

22 Judge Elizabeth (Libby) Messer Swearing-In Ceremony,
Fayette Circuit Courthouse, 3:30 p.m.

March 2018

13 Judicial Reception at Limestone Hall
16 Deadline for Law Day Award Nominations
21 WLA Luncheon - Portofino
21 Dinner and book signing event at Distilled

May 2018

1 Law Day Luncheon, Hilton Downtown Lexington