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Craig L. McCloud
FCBA President

The FCBA welcomes its 2023 President, Craig L. McCloud. Craig is the founding and managing member at McCloud Law Group where he practices health care and construction law; subrogation; and employment and labor law. Craig is a lifetime learner earning degrees or completing courses and/or programs at Western Kentucky University; University of Kentucky; Western Michigan University; National Union of Cuban Jurists; University of Toronto; Yale School of Management and Harvard Medical School.

He recently shared some information about himself, his career, and his thoughts as the FCBA President.

Where did you grow up?

Columbia, Ky.

Why law school?

My mother is a registered nurse and my father is a retired Kentucky State police officer. Law School was the natural avenue to utilize my skills to benefit both the legal and medical fields.



President's Message: Craig L. McCloud

Who is "we"?

Married to Dr. Karen Santos McCloud, born and raised in Toronto, Ontario; she is an optometrist and owns her own practice, Hamburg Vision Center. We have two minor children together: Magdalyn Carenah: sixteen years old; a senior at Henry Clay High School; JROTC and a member of the back-to-back State Champion "Devils" Dance Team. Collyn Lewis: thirteen years old; eighth grader in the GTAP at Tates Creek Middle School and member of the "Creek" Archery team.

What has been the best and hardest part of practicing law for you?

The most rewarding part of practicing law is assisting individuals, who would have no other access to the legal system. I am a staunch advocate for our profession to donate a significant amount of pro bono hours to those people who would normally be shut out from the legal system.

The most difficult part of practicing the law has been the physical stresses the profession and clients place on you. Stress is the silent killer in our profession. I can speak from personal experience that unchecked stress and lack of sleep will have a severely detrimental physical, mental and psychological effect upon yourself, your family, colleagues, practice and friends, as well as increased depression.

After practicing 10 years, what advice would you give Craig the first-year attorney?

The advice I would give myself (which is the wisdom I attempt to impart upon newly minted attorneys) is threefold: First, take the time to learn the courtroom procedures and expectations of each Judge in the venues and jurisdictions in which the new attorney has reason to believe (s)



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he will practice. Judges have their individual “quirks”, expectations and rules of procedure.

Second, socialize and “get involved”. Get yourself out to social events and mingle with your colleagues. You will be surprised at the amount of intelligence and wisdom obtained from other professionals. These social events will also allow you to make friendships with colleagues that you normally do not practice or interact with.

Third, the importance of befriending a “seasoned” mentor. I have been unbelievably lucky to have had GREAT attorneys that have helped me along the way. These mentors are ready, willing and able to assist young attorneys—you just need to ask for it. You will be surprised how quickly and selflessly they will donate their time to expand your knowledge and competence in a particular area.



What are your goals for the Fayette County Bar Association for the remainder of your term?

My goal for the upcoming FCBA year will be the creation of “First Wednesday”. This will be a monthly, informal social event that will promote active participation in local non-profit organizations, pro bono opportunities and an opportunity to increase in-person, social interaction of our membership.



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LFUCG “Clean Slate” Expungement Fair and Job Clinic

The Fayette County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section joined with the City of Lexington, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, and Legal Aid of the Bluegrass to host the “Clean Slate” Expungement Clinic at Central Bank Center on April 28, 2023.

Well over 330 people who were seeking expungement were in attendance.

We would like to thank the FCBA attorneys that volunteered their time to assist the community and make the clinic a huge success!

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FCBA LAW DAY 2023

No Law Day Celebration is complete without the presentation of awards.



Craig McCloud takes over as President of the Fayette County Bar Association from Steve Stadler.

The 2023 Annual Law Day Celebration and Luncheon was held at the Hilton Downtown Lexington on May 1, 2023.

It was a fantastic opportunity to see our colleagues, enjoy lunch and enjoy the company of others. There is a beautiful feeling that although we all have different roles and sometimes adversarial roles toward each other, this is a time of unity and reflection that what we do matters. Moreover, it inspires us to strive to do our best in our various legal professions.



Legal Aid of the Bluegrass presented the **Trinia Clemons' Friend of Pro Bono Award** to **Steve Sanders**. Steve has accepted over 471 cases during his volunteer career with LABG!



Judge Lindsay Hughes Thurston presented the **Justice James E. Keller Law Day Award** to **Carey Howard**, Fayette District Court Administrator.



The **Deputy Clerk of the Year Award** was presented to **Mary Moore** by Circuit Court Clerk Vince Riggs.

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Lindsay Burke was presented with the **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award** by Leah Wedl.



Jillian House presented her father, **Ed Dove**, with the **Outstanding Citizen-Lawyer Award**.



Larry Deener presented the **Henry T. Duncan Award** to **Pierce Hamblin**.



Lt. W. Hoagland, Sgt. R. Abbott, Sgt. C. Hundley, Dep. R. Broadnax, Dep. T. Richards, Dep. P. Yezzo, Tele T. Nichols, and CCSO T. Majumder of the Fayette Sheriff's Office were presented with the **Law Enforcement Award**.

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Henry T. Duncan Award Winner: Pierce Hamblin

Pierce Hamblin graciously accepted the Henry T. Duncan award on Law Day, May 1, 2023. The Fayette County Bar awarded Pierce with their highest honor, which is awarded to an attorney whose integrity and leadership exemplify the high ethical standards of the legal profession.

Elvis once said, “Ambition is a dream with a V8 engine.” Whether you know him as the Mayor of Waffle House, The Big Guy, Captain, Teacher or Pierce, you can feel the power of a V8 in his presence. Pierce’s ambition was to be an attorney. He insists, “I’m one of those boring fellows who knew what they wanted to do from an early age and never wavered from that path.” Pierce earned his law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1977, the year Elvis died. Elvis’s untimely death meant Pierce would miss the concert he had looked forward to at Rupp Arena. Of course, Pierce will tell you that Elvis lives, and while I am not sure of that, I am sure the spirit of Elvis lives in Pierce’s Elvis room, a shrine built

next to his office that houses an assortment of Elvis memorabilia. The room has come to be known as a “come to Jesus” room for Pierce and his mediation clients.

On March 15, Pierce celebrated his 45th anniversary with Landrum & Shouse LLP, where he is a partner. Pierce was a defense attorney known primarily for his work on insurance cases, until 2006, when he took a chance and began focusing on the growing field of mediation and arbitration. It was a chance that paid off, as Pierce has gained recognition as one of Kentucky’s most respected mediators. He has been a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals since 2010. Pierce has relied on his experience as a defense attorney, as he notes, “I think having been a defense attorney makes you a better mediator. Because you really have to evaluate your cases as a defense attorney. You’ve got to look at both sides, at the strengths and weaknesses; you just can’t take for granted everything you’re told. It’s helped me learn to listen to both sides.”

Aside from his experience as a defense attorney, his wit, charm and overall love of people have contributed to his successes. Most every morning Pierce can be found eating breakfast at the Hamburg Waffle House and has earned the title Mayor of Waffle House. Members of the staff consider him family and enjoy his jolly humor daily. If you do decide to check out the place, Pierce stresses that if you say he sent you, “You all better learn how to properly order your hashbrowns. As mayor of Waffle House, I don’t want to be embarrassed.”

In addition to serving Kentucky as an attorney, Pierce was an adjunct professor of law at the University of Kentucky College of Law. For over 40 years, he taught a course in trial work and trial tactics known as Litigation Skills and a course known as Negotiations to senior law students. Never short on humor, Pierce described his litigation skills class, “like watching a combination of Duck Dynasty and the Real Housewives of Las Vegas.” In all seriousness, Pierce cherished his time working with the students, as he emphasized, “One of my greatest passions in life has been teaching at the UK College of Law. I think it’s important to teach my students to be good lawyers, but it’s more important to teach them to be good people.” As demonstrated by the number of hands raised when Pierce asked the audience at Law Day who had attended his classes, it is easy to see the impact he has made. A former student once said, “It’s impossible to imagine where all of us would be today if we hadn’t had Pierce there teaching us, helping us, cheering us on and guiding us in our lives and careers. We are all better for having known Pierce.”

Pierce proudly served his country as a Captain in the United States Army and Army Reserves. He specialized as a tactical intelligence officer, analyzing and predicting Soviet military moves in the final days of the Cold War. He was The Distinguished Graduate of the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course provided by the Army for 1977, and he is certified both as a Tactical Intelligence Officer and a Counter-Intelligence Officer. He earned a degree in Military Law from the University of Virginia College of Law. Thereafter, he served as the Judge Advocate for an Army Training Brigade.

As a great community service ambassador, Pierce acts as a mentor for every law school in the Commonwealth for students participating in the Kentucky Legal Education Opportunities (KLEO) Programs. He has served in this program since its inception. This program

provides guidance for entering law students from under-represented and diverse areas of the state.

The spirit of the Henry T. Duncan Award has been demonstrated in all aspects of Pierce Hamblin’s life. The award will join a prestigious list of recognitions that include:

- *The University of Kentucky College of Law Hall of Fame, inducted 2006*
- *The Service to Young Lawyers Award – KBA Young Lawyers Division, 2013*
- *National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (Charter Member from Kentucky), inducted 2010*
- *The Army ROTC Half of Fame, inducted 2015*
- *Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award for the Commonwealth of Kentucky by the KBA, 2017*
- *Recognized as a Top 50 Kentucky Super Lawyers, 2007-2022*
- *Recognized as a Top 10 Kentucky Super Lawyers, 2012-20*
- *Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year – Mediation, Lexington, KY. - 2014 & 2016 & 2020 & 2022*

Pierce served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Bar Foundation of the Kentucky Bar Association and was the president of the Fayette County Bar Association for the year 2014. Additionally, he served as an auditor for the Fayette County Bar Association and an officer, serving as secretary and vice president.

Pierce’s most vital roles are husband and father. He coached soccer, baseball and basketball in the youth leagues of Lexington. His love for his family is on display in his office, where you will find an abundance of photos. It is not recommended to ask him why he has so many photos, as he asserts, “People say to me, ‘Pierce, why do you have so many pictures of your kids on your wall?’ You know what I tell them? I tell them, you can kiss my ass!”

If you are wondering if Pierce Hamblin has any intention of slowing down, the answer is no. He reminds us, “A lot of people work hard-I don’t want to be seen as a martyr. I’m never going to retire. My work is my hobby-I think when you retire, you sign your death warrant. My dad didn’t retire; I’m not going to retire.”



In Lexington, Ky., eleven women proudly serve as Judges. They are strong, intelligent and dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to uphold the law and ensure justice for all. Each of these women brings their unique perspective and expertise to the bench, strengthening our justice system and making it more equitable. It is an honor to have such talented individuals serving our community in this vital role.

Pictured from left to right: Judge Diane Minnifield - Circuit Court, Division 2; Judge Melissa Moore Murphy - District Court, Division 4; Judge Lindsay Hughes Thurston - District Court, Division 3; Judge Traci Brislin - Family Court, Division 2; Chief Judge Kimberly Nell Bunnell - Circuit Court, Division 9; Chief Judge Pro Tem Pamela R. Goodwine - 5th Appellate District, Division 1; Judge Julie Muth Goodman - Circuit Court, Division 4; Judge Libby G. Messer Family Court, Division 1; Judge Lucy A. VanMeter - Circuit Court, Division 3; Judge Denotra Ann Spruill Gunther - District Court, Division 1; Judge Tiffany Yahr - Family Court, Division 6.



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Don't forget - the deadline for grant applications is SEPTEMBER 15, 2023. For more information, including an application or a link to donate to the Bar Foundation, please visit fcbf.net.

The FCBA has partnered with the Louisville Bar Association and Shepherd Insurance (formerly Logan Lavelle Hunt) to offer group health insurance as a member benefit. Shepherd will be the agent for the insurance plan underwritten by Anthem.



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WHY WAS THIS PROGRAM CREATED?

Being an attorney isn't easy. Difficulties with the current legal and learning delivery systems, maintaining a healthy work/life/family balance, and dealing with the normal stresses of everyday life can take their toll.

We serve many times as counselors to our clients who turn to us for guidance. Who do we turn to when we need to talk through an issue or get some coaching for how to handle stress in our life? Too often the answer is "no one," and that is regrettable because it is imperative that we be as healthy as possible in our role as advocates.

We deserve to function at our best in all areas of our life. By addressing areas of difficulty, we can decrease our stress levels and increase our levels of resilience.

Some examples of those difficulties include:

- Family issues
- Relationship problems
- Grief
- Work-related difficulties
- Alcohol/drug abuse
- Depression and anxiety
- Difficulty managing stress
- Mood swings
- Suicidal thoughts

HOW AWP WORKS

We have contracted our program with The Woodland Group. The Woodland Group will provide counseling to active attorney members of the Fayette County Bar Association.

Non-emergency sessions will be scheduled during regular business hours. Emergency sessions can be scheduled on a 24-hour, 7 day-a-week basis.

Seven licensed psychologists make up the Woodland Group and have been vetted by the FCBA. Steven Smith, Ph.D. and Sandra Hough, Ph.D. are our program coordinators and will serve as points of contact to access AWP.

The Woodland Group will maintain a confidential file for each attorney, but no insurance will be billed and FCBA will not be given any information about those who utilize the program. As such, this program is completely confidential which is crucial to its success. FCBA will pay The Woodland Group a monthly bill based on the number of sessions provided. The Woodland Group will verify FCBA membership from the directory on the FCBA webpage.

TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT

- 1) Call the confidential hotline at 1-800-350-6438 and leave a message in either Dr. Smith's or Dr. Hough's voice mailbox.
- 2) They will call you back to schedule an appointment. It's that simple!

AWP Benefits

- 5 free sessions each calendar year
- Complete confidentiality
- Easy access
- Convenient location (535 W. 2nd Street, Suite 207) 24/7 availability

Legal Help Center in Fayette County offers legal information, forms and guided interviews

The Fayette County Legal Help Center, which opened to the public in March 2022, has now assisted more than 1000 self-represented litigants. The Center offers information on a variety of legal topics, including divorce, expungement, child support and simple probate matters.

The Legal Help Center is the result of a collaboration between the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission (KAJC), the Fayette County Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, the Fayette County Family Court Judges, the Fayette County Law Library Trustees, the Administrative Office of the Courts and Legal Aid of the Bluegrass. The Center is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and is located in the Law Library, Room CB02A of the Robert F. Stephens Circuit Courthouse, 120 N. Limestone, Lexington. There is no charge for the information and assistance provided.

How Legal Help Center Works

The first of its kind in Kentucky, and modeled after those already established in other states, the Center is staffed with KAJC staff, volunteer lawyers and trained volunteers. Patrons walk in and are assisted on a first-come, first-serve basis. They are asked to briefly describe their legal issue and are then assisted by a volunteer.

While volunteers do not provide legal advice, they do offer legal information, which includes helping patrons locate and complete the legal forms appropriate to their legal issue. Many of the forms that patrons need can be completed through guided interviews. The guided interviews are user-friendly, with the patron simply answering a series of questions. Once the interview is complete, the program generates the required court documents.

Some of the guided interviews available to patrons are:

- Petition for dissolution of marriage (no minor children)
- Petition for name change
- Small Claims Petition and Counterclaim
- Petition for Expungement (For Misdemeanor, Violation, or Traffic Infraction Conviction)
- Petition/Order to Dispense with Administration (Surviving Spouse/Children/Preferred Creditor)
- Petition for Probate of Will; and/or Appointment of Executor/Administrator

- Petition/Motion for Order of Protection
- Motion to Modify Child Support
- Financial Statement, Affidavit of Indigency, Request for Counsel and Order (Criminal Case)
- Motion for Waiver of Costs and Fees and to Proceed In Forma Pauperis; Affidavit; Financial Statement

The complete list of guided interviews can be found at: <https://kycourts.gov/Legal-elp/Pages/default.aspx>

“We are pleased to have brought this Center to the community in Fayette and surrounding counties,” KAJC Executive Director Glenda Harrison said. “And we are so appreciative of the support we have received from attorneys in Fayette County and the Fayette County Bar Association.”

Want to Volunteer?

The Legal Help Center is seeking attorneys and law students to volunteer during the Center’s hours of operation. Volunteers will be given an orientation on how the center operates and the scope of services provided. For more information, contact Glenda Harrison at glenda.harrison@kyaccesstojusticecommission.org.

Another Legal Resource: kyjustice.org

KAJC and Kentucky’s four civil legal aid programs launched another self-help legal resource in March 2022 when the updated website, kyjustice.org, went live. The site provides information on various civil legal topics, including family law matters, criminal expungement, housing and consumer issues. It also offers answers to common legal questions, a tool that screens for legal aid eligibility and an interactive county-by-county resource map.



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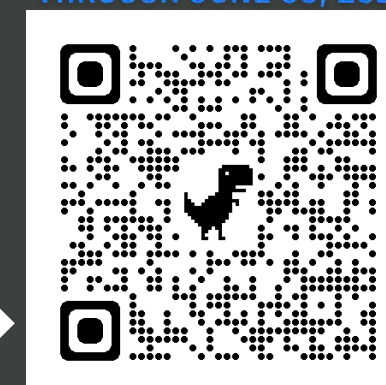
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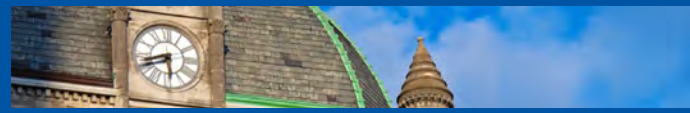
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McClelland and Associates, PLLC

McClelland and Associates, PLLC, known more commonly as **Elder Law Lexington**, has added **Derek Humfleet**, Esq. to its roster of attorneys. The addition is part of the firm's overall growth, having doubled in size since 2020. Humfleet completed his Bachelor of Arts at Eastern Kentucky University and graduated cum laude from Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He spent 15 years in litigation before moving to elder law.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC

Stites & Harbison, PLLC welcomes attorney **William B. Kilgore** to the firm's Lexington, Ky., office. He joins the Real Estate Service Group.

Kilgore's practice focuses on all aspects of commercial real estate, including acquisition, disposition, financing and leasing.

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Kilgore was an Associate in the Lexington office of a large law firm, where he focused his practice on mergers and acquisitions, general corporate law, and securities matters. He earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law, cum laude, in 2020.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC welcomes attorney **Molly Blake Katen** to the firm's Lexington, Ky., office. She is Counsel to the firm in the Construction Service Group. Katen's practice focuses on construction law, counseling clients on matters through all stages of project development and execution, including planning, contract drafting and negotiation, and project administration. Having clerked extensively at three levels of Kentucky's four-tier court system, Katen's unique perspective and understanding of Kentucky law and procedure allows her to offer clients an informed and practical approach in assessing and resolving their cases.

Before joining Stites & Harbison, Katen was a staff attorney with the Kentucky Supreme Court, Justice Laurance B. VanMeter, 5th Supreme Court District in Lexington. She also served as a staff attorney for Justice VanMeter at the Kentucky Court of Appeals, 5th Appellate District, Division 1. Prior to that, she was a staff attorney for the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Frankfort and a staff attorney for the Fayette Circuit Court, Judge James D. Ishmael, Jr., Third Division.

Katen earned her J.D. from Ohio Northern University Pettit

College of Law and her B.A. in French and International Economics from the University of Kentucky, summa cum laude.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC announces the addition of two attorneys to the firm. **Bailey Browning** and **Kyle Schroader**.

Bailey M. Browning is a member of the Business & Finance Service Group. She earned her J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, summa cum laude, and Order of the Coif, in 2022. In law school, Browning was one of the senior staff for the Kentucky Law Journal, Volume 110, and a staff editor for Volume 109. She published a Note in Volume 110, Book 4, and earned the Best Source & Cite – Leathers Article, Volume 109, Book 1; King Note, Book 4. She participated in Stites & Harbison's summer associate program in 2020 and 2021. She is admitted to practice in Kentucky.

Kyle S. Schroader is a member of the Torts & Insurance Practice Group. He earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, summa cum laude and Order of the Coif, in 2020. While in law school, Schroader was editor-in-chief of the Kentucky Law Journal, Volume 108, and earned the Stoll Keenon Ogden Best 2L Student Note Award. He also served as a board member of the LGBTQ+ Law Students Group. Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, he was a federal judicial law clerk for Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky from 2020-22. He also participated in Stites & Harbison's summer associate program in 2018 and 2019. He is admitted to practice in Kentucky.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC announced attorneys that have been promoted: The new Members (Partners) include: **Robin E. McGuffin** – Lexington, Ky., office – Torts & Insurance Practice Service Group and Employment Law Service Group. McGuffin's practice includes a wide variety of litigation matters, including but not limited to, complex business disputes, non-compete and trade secret claims, employment discrimination and retaliation claims, product liability, major accidents, and appellate advocacy. She also counsels employers on compliance issues and assists with drafting and implementing employment policies and procedures.

Bluegrass Tomorrow recently honored Stites & Harbison, PLLC attorney **W. Blaine Early, III** with the Robert N. Clay President's Award for most valuable board member. This is

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the second time Early has received the award.

Bluegrass Tomorrow is a non-profit organization committed to preserving, protecting, and promoting activities in Central Kentucky that positively affect quality of life and economic development.

A long-time board member of Bluegrass Tomorrow, Early is currently Vice President of the Bluegrass Forever Green initiative and a member of the Executive Board. He previously served as Chair and Secretary of the board. Early is a passionate advocate for Bluegrass Tomorrow's objectives in the areas of promoting the use of local foods and agriculture, the Regional Land Use Partnership, trails initiatives and sustainability.

Early is a Senior Member (Partner) based in Stites & Harbison's Lexington, Ky., office. His practice focuses on environmental law, including environmental compliance, permitting, transactions, response to enforcement actions, regulatory development, and related administrative and civil litigation. Additionally, he advises on sustainability and energy matters, including development of renewable energy facilities.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC welcomes attorney **Caroline A. Augenstein** to the firm's Lexington, Ky., office. She joins the Construction Service Group.

Augenstein's practice focuses on all phases of construction projects including contract drafting, review, and disputes. She is also experienced in insurance defense litigation in both federal and state courts.

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Augenstein was an attorney with a law firm in Lexington. She earned her J.D. from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law in 2021.

Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC

Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC welcomed three new attorneys to the firm. **S. Patrick Riley** focuses on education and employment issues, as both general counsel and a litigation defense attorney. As a former public school teacher with nine years' experience in the Daviess County Public Schools and a Ph.D. in educational administration, Patrick is uniquely equipped to represent schools and colleges in legal matters. **Jay L. Phillips** practices with the Business Law Practice Group, focusing on entity formation and governance,

intellectual property, healthcare compliance, and estate planning. Throughout law school, he served as a Graduate Fellow in the University of Kentucky Office of Technology Commercialization where he conducted market assessments, evaluated the patentability of technologies, and researched licensing information for university researchers. **Savannah G. Baker** focuses on employment law and government and municipal law issues, as both general counsel and a litigation defense attorney. Before joining Sturgill Turner, she clerked for The Honorable Claria Horn Boom, U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky.

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP is pleased to welcome **Alexander S. Mulhall** to its Lexington office. Mulhall will be joining the Firm's Real Estate & Lending Service Team and in particular a group of the firm's lawyers who assist Fortune 500 clients with their real estate leasing work on a national basis. He will also assist other clients in all aspects of real estate transactions, general business, and corporate law.

Prior to joining Wyatt, he practiced with a large regional firm in the area of commercial mortgage-backed securities, where he represented lenders in negotiations with nationwide borrowers in regard to multi-million dollar loans. Mulhall was also a corporate law clerk with LG&E and KU Energy. Mulhall received his J.D. from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law where he graduated cum laude and was the class representative for the Student Bar Association. He earned his undergraduate degree from Centre College in Politics and English.

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP is pleased to announce that **Jonathon Nunley** has been named a Senior Associate. Jonathon Nunley is a member of the firm's Real Estate Service Team and concentrates his practice in real estate and corporate law. Prior to joining Wyatt, Nunley was a Judicial Law Clerk for Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr. of the Kentucky Supreme Court. He was recognized by his peers as a Kentucky Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2023 for Real Estate Law. Nunley received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law, where he was a Moot Court Board National Competitor and graduated cum laude.

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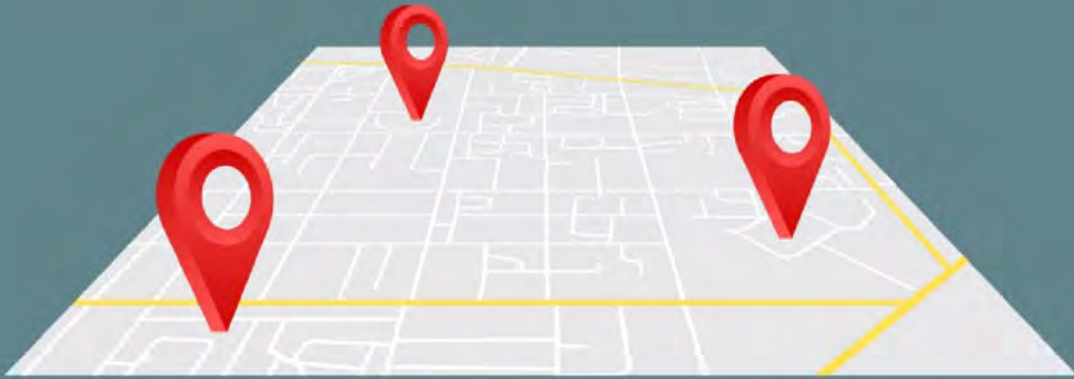
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