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Dear Fayette County Bar Association Members,

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding our fee structure at FCBA.

After careful consideration and analysis of our operational costs, we have determined that a rate increase is necessary to maintain the high standards of service and support that our members have come to expect from us.

Effective immediately, there will be an increase in our membership dues. This adjustment is essential to ensure that we can continue to provide valuable resources, professional development opportunities, networking events, and advocacy efforts on behalf of our members.

We understand that any change in pricing may raise questions, and we want to assure you that we have made every effort to keep the increase as reasonable as possible and in line with industry standards. Additionally, we remain committed to delivering exceptional value and support to our members. This adjustment will enable us to continue providing the opportunities our members already enjoy while further enhancing some of our initiatives. Below, you will find a link to the offerings of the Fayette County Bar Association, including the Lawyer Referral Service, Attorney Wellness Program, group health insurance, and so much more.

Exclusive FCBA Member Benefits

We greatly appreciate your continued support and understanding as we navigate these changes together. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the rate increase or any other matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us or any of our board members or staff.

Your membership in the FCBA allows us to provide events and activities to enhance our local bar. We are grateful for your support, and we look forward to continuing to serve you and the legal community with excellence.

Warm regards,



Craig L. McCloud President Fayette County Bar Association



Elizabeth A. Combs President-Elect Fayette County Bar Association



In preparation for our Annual Law Day Celebration, the FCBA would like your assistance with award nominations. After reviewing the award descriptions, please nominate a deserving candidate for the most befitting award and submit information by email to: info@fcba.com

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** serve 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.





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- The FCBA eNews is sent to all members of FCBA 26. times per year.
- Easily add Gold Level Social Event Sponsorship to your sustaining membership.
- All attorneys at the firm must be members of FCBA to be eligible for sustaining membership status.

Annual Pricing: May 1- April 30

1-5 Attorney Firm: \$500 6-10 Attorney Firm: \$750 10+ Attorney Firm: \$1000

Add Gold Level Sponsorship recognition at one

Social Event of your choice: \$500.00

Law Day Summer Picnic Holiday Party



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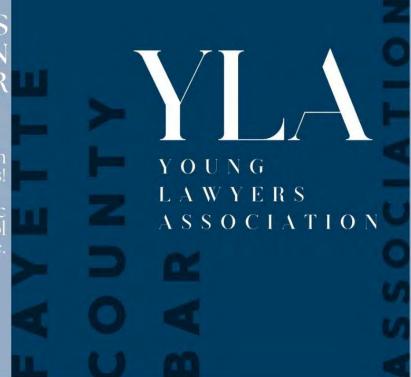
Membership Includes:

- Monthly luncheons with speakers on topics of interest to women lawyers
- Networking events allowing women lawyers to connect and share knowledge and experiences
- Social events assisting in professional and personal development
- Community service opportunities

THE YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY BAR

Get to know other young Attorneys in Lexington with social events like Happy Hours!

Reach out to your community through public service events such as the Annual School Supply Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Drive.

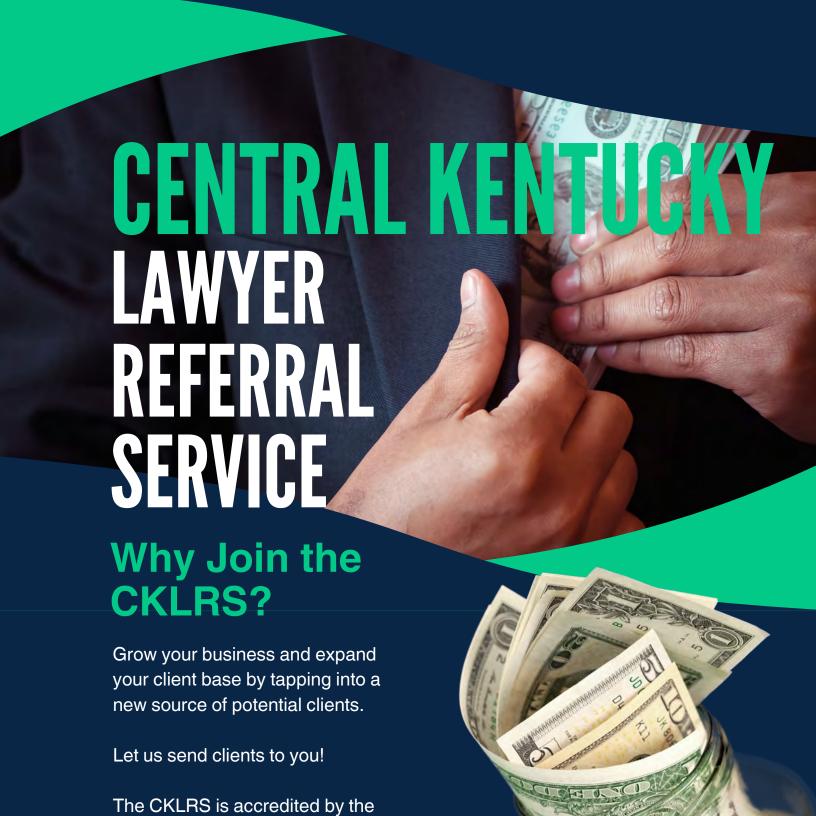




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Available Now from FCBA





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.



Group Health insurance

- Firm membership in the FCBA with at least one attorney member
- Minimum of 2 eligible employees and/or owners (only one would need to participate)
- Qualified Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code related to the legal field
- Domiciled in Kentucky
- Pay at least 25% of the employees' single premium
- All employers in the FCBA health plan renew 1/1 each year

For more information or to see if the program is right for you and your employees, please get in touch with Kater Riddle at kriddle@shepherdins.com or call (502) 499-6880.

Take Care of Your Clients by Taking Care of Yourself



The Attorney Wellness Program (AWP)

The Attorney Wellness Program (AWP) was designed as a safe harbor for attorneys to address normal life difficulties in a confidential and professional environment.

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

ATTENTION!

All Fayette County Attorneys and Self-Represented Litigants

The Fayette County Law Library, located in the basement of the Fayette Circuit Courthouse at 120 North Limestone, has two computers that offer UNLIMITED FREE ACCESS TO WESTLAW! Easy instructions are posted, and the platform is very userfriendly so that everyone can take advantage of this powerful legal research tool to find all the resources they need. No appointment is necessary, and the Law Library is open M-F 8 am-4 pm.



Name in the News

McBrayer PLLC

The new year at McBrayer PLLC brings with it a new Equity Member, attorney **Anne-Tyler Morgan**. She takes her place among the firm ownership at a time when the firm continues to expand, both in the increasing number of attorneys and through its newly-opened Frankfort office.

Morgan has been a fixture at McBrayer throughout two stints in practice beginning in 2013. From 2017 through 2018, she was appointed to a series of leadership roles throughout state government before returning to McBrayer. Morgan practices in the areas of healthcare; politics, elections, and campaign finance; and has most recently been heavily focused in economic development, chairing the firm's practice groups for the latter two areas. She serves on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Economic Development Investment Board and is Chairperson of its Industrial Authority, as well as on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Chamber Foundation and Century Bank of Kentucky in her hometown of Lawrenceburg. Morgan is a statewide Executive Committee member of the Republican Party of Kentucky and volunteers her time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for CASA of Lexington.

"Anne-Tyler Morgan continues a proud tradition of giving everything her all, from client work to her service to her community," said James H. Frazier, III, Managing Member. "She is a natural fit for firm ownership, as she embodies the McBrayer ethos in all that she does."

Morgan practices in both the Lexington and Louisville offices of McBrayer PLLC. More information on her and her practice is available at https://www.mcbrayerfirm.com/professionals-Anne-Tyler-Morgan.html.

With another new year on the horizon, there's another record number of McBrayer attorneys named to lists of Kentucky Super Lawyers and Kentucky Rising Stars in the 2024 edition of Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers. 33 McBrayer attorneys are included in this year's lists. The 2024 Kentucky Super Lawyers list includes **Stephen G. Amato**; **Jaron P. Blandford**; **Keeana Sajadi Boarman**; **James H. Frazier, III**; **David J. Guarnieri**; **Douglas T. Logsdon**; **Robert E. Maclin, III**; **Luke A. Wingfield**; and **Jon A. Woodall** from the firm's Lexington office. Stephen G. Amato is listed in the Top 50 2024 Kentucky Super

Lawyers list.

The Super Lawyers publication also recognizes Rising Stars who are under the age of 40 or have practiced for 10 years or fewer. 12 McBrayer attorneys received the Rising Star distinction this year, the most in the firm's history of recognition in the publication. Jonas S. Bastien, Brittany Deskins, Chris Eller, Jason Hollon, Anne-Tyler Morgan, T. Neal Morris, Scott Schuette, Cassidy Sorrells, and Preston Clark Worley were recognized as the Rising Stars from Lexington.

"It is further vindication of the talent involved to see so many of our attorneys arriving on these lists year after year," said Managing Member **James H. Frazier, III**. "This year saw an enormous increase as well, as a great many of our newest additions are perennial fixtures on lists of great lawyers."

Morgan Pottinger McGarvey

Ben Crittenden has been named a shareholder at Morgan Pottinger McGarvey. Crittenden's practice focuses on banking and administrative law, representing banks and businesses in litigation matters. He was recently recognized by Super Lawyers® for excellence in administrative law.

Stites & Harbison PLLC

Stites & Harbison, PLLC is pleased to announce that attorney **Taylor J. Stuckey** has been appointed Chair of the firm's Trusts & Estates Service Group. Stuckey succeeds **Richard M. Wehrle**, who has served as the group chair for 10 years. Both Wehrle and Stuckey will continue their diverse legal practices in trusts and estates.

"We are grateful for Richard's steady leadership of the trusts and estates practice for the past 10 years," stated Marjorie A. Farris, Chair of Stites & Harbison. "We celebrate Richard's accomplishments and look forward to Taylor leading the group. We know he will do an excellent job managing the team while still running his legal practice."

Stuckey is a Member (Partner) of Stites & Harbison based in the Lexington and Louisville, Ky., offices. His practice focuses on estate planning, estate and trust administration, estate and gift tax planning, business succession planning

Name in the News, continued

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and elder law. Stuckey also represents clients in charitable and nonprofit organization matters, business income tax planning and business formation. He is a certified public accountant.

Within Stites & Harbison, Stuckey also serves on the Lexington Office Recruiting Committee and the Retirement Plan Committee.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC is pleased to announce that attorney **Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson** has returned to the firm's Lexington, Ky., office. She is a Member (Partner) in the Health Care Service Group.

Johnson concentrates her practice on all aspects of health care law, focusing on regulatory matters impacting both providers and payors. She has had a diverse career serving in both legal and policy roles in state government and the private sector. She has testified before numerous committees of the Kentucky General Assembly, most notably the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services, House and Senate Committees on Health Services, Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue, Budget Subcommittee on Health and Family Services, and Medicaid Oversight & Advisory Committee, in addition to various legislative task forces.

Prior to rejoining Stites & Harbison, Johnson served as the President/Executive Director of Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities/Kentucky Center for Assisted Living. In this role she grew the association membership by 30%, created the first assisted living community chapter and successfully advocated for increased Medicaid funding and regulatory reform.

Outside of the firm, Johnson stays active in a variety of professional organizations. She is a member of the American, Kentucky, Louisville and Fayette County Bar Associations. She also serves on the American Health Care Association Legal Committee and is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Stites & Harbison, PLLC welcomes back attorney **Ken Gish** to the firm's Lexington, Ky., office. He rejoins the firm as a Member (Partner) in the Environmental, Natural Resources and Energy Service Group and the Business & Finance Service Group. Gish most recently practiced in the

Charlotte, N.C., and Seattle, Wash., offices of K&L Gates, LLP.

Gish's practice focuses on assisting corporate and institutional clients in meeting sustainability goals through renewable energy purchases. He also advises clients in the energy industry, routinely representing the firm's utility clients in matters before the Kentucky Public Service Commission, as well as assisting renewable energy developers in all aspects of project development including negotiating offtake agreements, permitting and financing transactions. He counsels the firm's clients in all stages of the permitting process from application to appeals before administrative bodies and in state and federal court. He also assists clients in managing regulatory compliance matters arising from federal, state and local laws.

THE KBA MILITARY LAW COMMITTEE ASKS:

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Do you know how to help the veterans in your community?

The Military Law Committee provides education for lawyers and judges on programs available for Kentucky veterans.





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ON-LINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

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COMMUNICATION

The Lexington Lawyer Magazine is published three times a year. Bi-weekly eNews updates with the ability to RSVP and pay securely online for our events and CLE's. You can find us online through our webpage, Facebook and Twitter.





BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Attorneys on our public service Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) received over 3000 calls and on-line referrals as of fiscal year (May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023). Our LRS is accredited by the ABA for Information and Referral Services.



PERKS

We offer group rate health insurance for our members through a partnership with the LBA and Logan Lavelle Hunt. Our Attorney members receive deep discounts on CLE, and member benefits from Expedia, Office Depotand Best Buy just to name a few.