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Awards Committee

Fayette County Bar Association

Via email: info@fcba.com

RE: Henry T. Duncan Award - Kevin G. Henry

Dear Members of the Awards Committee,

It is my privilege to nominate Kevin G. Henry for the Henry T. Duncan Award. Kevin's 46 years of experience in civil litigation, his unwavering integrity, leadership, and professional conduct, his leadership in the Fayette County Bar Association, and his outstanding contributions to the community make him an exemplary candidate for this prestigious award.

Kevin's extensive legal career has concentrated on financial and fiduciary litigation. He has done precedent setting work on governmental immunity, successfully defending the City of Frankfort and its planning staff, as well as the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Airport Board, in important published cases that clarified the governmental immunity of municipal planning and sewer functions, and county boards and affiliated corporations.

He represented creditors in several prominent bankruptcy cases such as the Calumet Farm Trophy litigation, the Lew Perrin McGee Ponzi scheme bankruptcy, the Zayat Stables Chapter 11 case, the Pacer Health Management bankruptcy (Knox County Hospital), and many coal company cases, and obtained critical vendor settlements in major Chapter 11 cases in New York, Virginia, and Kentucky. He has represented beneficiaries of several of the largest trusts in Lexington for over 20 years through multiple rounds of litigation. He advised a Division I university athletics department on the largest multimedia-rights contract of its kind at the time and successfully defended antitrust litigation concerning Division I intercollegiate sports and simulcast wagering on horse racing.

Kevin's trial and appellate cases have spanned a wide range of issues, including banking, bankruptcy, will contests, trust mismanagement, contracts, director and officer liability, class action defense, shareholder disputes, equine disputes, securities fraud, lawyer and accountant malpractice, and insurance coverage disputes. His dedication to his clients and his thorough approach to each case have earned him a reputation as a trusted and effective advocate.

One notable example of Kevin's dedication is his work in a case against the FDIC, where he spent days in a freezing unheated warehouse searching for documents to prove dishonest conduct. His efforts helped recover millions of dollars for a small Kentucky bank. This level of commitment and thoroughness is characteristic of Kevin's approach to all his cases, whether for a family business, public corporation, nonprofit, or individual.

Kevin's journey in law began with a clerkship for Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John S. Palmore, who taught him the joy of research and analysis and the importance of precision in writing. This experience instilled in him a love for appellate practice and a commitment to excellence in his legal career.

His dedication to the profession of law includes serving as President of the Fayette County Bar Association, as Appellate Advocacy Section Officer for the Kentucky Bar Association for five years, and as a member of the 22nd Judicial Nominating Commission, Kentucky Court of Justice from 2012-20.

Kevin's professional achievements have been recognized with numerous accolades. He was named the Best Lawyers 2025 "Lexington Lawyer of the Year" in Banking and Finance litigation for the third time and has also been named "Lawyer of the Year" in Trusts & Estates and Bankruptcy litigation. He has been recognized as a Kentucky SuperLawyer since 2007. His clients trust his honest, fair work and loyalty, and he is known for his deep respect for the law and his duty of candor to the courts.

His commitment to the community extends beyond his legal practice. Kevin believes in supporting the next generations of both the legal community and his community at large. He has served as volunteer Coach for the University of Kentucky College of Law Bankruptcy Moot Court Team for 15 years, and more than six years on the YMCA Metropolitan Board of Directors, including as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. He received the Red Triangle Service Award from the YMCA of Central Kentucky. He was the organizing Counsel for the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League, Inc. and Green Forests Work, Inc., both successful nonprofit organizations making an impact in the region.

He is in regular communication with clients and their accountants about changes in the law and their business, always providing honest and valuable advice. His long-term relationships with clients, some spanning over 35 years, are a testament to his professional credibility and dedication to their success.

Kevin's integrity, leadership, and professional conduct serve to exemplify the highest ethical and professional standards that benefit the community. His contributions to the legal profession and the community make him an outstanding candidate for the Henry T. Duncan Award.

Thank you for considering Kevin G. Henry for the Henry T. Duncan Award. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Andrew DeSimone
Member