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Awards Committee
Fayette County Bar Association
Via email: info@fcba.com

RE: FCBA Citizen Lawyer Award - Jamie W. Dittert

Dear Members of the Awards Committee,

I am honored to nominate Jamie W. Dittert for the Citizen Lawyer Award. Jamie's skills, leadership experience, and commitment to Lexington and the Commonwealth make her an outstanding candidate for this award. Her dedication to outstanding legal work and her leadership in the American Red Cross Bluegrass Area Chapter demonstrate her commitment to the quality practice of law and to the greater Fayette County community and exemplify the qualities this award seeks to recognize.

Jamie is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Lexington and a 2022 graduate of Leadership Kentucky, which has equipped her with deep connections to the community and a comprehensive understanding of the business, political, and interpersonal dynamics of the Bluegrass region and the Commonwealth.

Jamie's community leadership is particularly evident in her work with the American Red Cross Bluegrass Chapter. She has served as an Executive Board Member since 2018, is a member of the philanthropy committee, and has also served as vice chair and secretary of the board. Jamie values the work she does with the Red Cross, which provides numerous critical services to the community. She helps to lead and coordinate their fire alarm installation initiative, which aims to increase fire safety and reduce fire-related injuries and fatalities, and the Wheels program, which offers transportation services to those in need. Her leadership and dedication to these initiatives highlight her commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents of Fayette County.

Although Jamie has only been in the workforce for 14 years, she has earned a reputation as an engaged and thoughtful leader both in the legal profession and in the Lexington community, and as an ethical and respected advocate for our region and the Commonwealth. She has served in professional leadership and educational roles for the Kentucky Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute (DRI), and the Fayette County Bar Association. Jamie has led and won defense cases across the Commonwealth, has been recognized as a four-time Kentucky SuperLawyers "Rising Star," and serves as her practice group manager and strategic planning

partner at Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney. She is also a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and a Member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC).

Jamie is a proactive and results-oriented leader who brings great ideas to the table and, more importantly, creates plans, leads and collaborates with teams, sets goals and priorities, and ensures her ideas come to fruition. She has led numerous seminars on legal issues, social media best practices, cybersecurity, the environment, and more, demonstrating both a breadth of knowledge and an ability to effectively share that knowledge with others. Jamie is also a calm, deliberative presence who keeps projects and team members on track, on time, and headed toward their goals.

I have witnessed Jamie taking on considerable responsibilities in our firm, the legal community, and the Bluegrass region. As her supervisor on numerous cases, I have worked closely with her as she has led and won defense cases across the Commonwealth. At Sturgill Turner, Jamie was the first associate ever to serve as practice group manager and as a member of the firm's executive committee, roles she continues today. She leads strategic efforts such as our diversity and inclusion task force, our Women Lawyers outreach and events, and the firm's strategic planning process.

Jamie's proactive approach, leadership qualities, and dedication to improving the quality of life for all residents of Fayette County make her an exemplary candidate for the Citizen Lawyer Award.

Thank you for considering Jamie W. Dittert for the Citizen Lawyer Award. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Andrew DeSimone
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