

Will Moynahan for an FCBA Law Day Award (either Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, or Citizen Lawyer Award).

I write to nominate Will Moynahan for an FCBA Law Day Award (either Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, or Citizen Lawyer Award).

Will has been an attorney since May 1, 2013, when he joined the Kentucky Bar Association. Immediately after becoming an attorney, he clerked for Judge Eugene Siler on the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Following his clerkship, Will joined the Antitrust Division in Washington as part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Honors Program. While there, he prosecuted bid-rigging and price fixing conspiracies. In late 2016, while at Antitrust, Will was involuntarily mobilized to active duty in the U.S. Navy. He spent 2017 in Djibouti as the Executive Officer of Camp Lemonnier, the U.S.'s only permanent installation on the African continent. In 2018, upon his return to the U.S., Will accepted a position at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lexington. Since that time, he has represented the United States in multiple prosecutions as part of the office's fraud division. From 2020 until 2025, he also served as the office's primary Ethics Adviser -- providing guidance to more than 100 employees of the Eastern District of Kentucky regarding their ethical obligations.

As alluded to above, Will's service to the United States did not begin with the Department of Justice. Before becoming a lawyer, he joined the Navy after graduating from Harvard in 1999. He spent two years in flight school and earned his wings as a naval aviator in 2001. Selected to fly the F-18 Hornet, he completed two six-month deployments with Strike-Fighter Squadron 25 aboard the USS John C. Stennis (2004) and USS Ronald Reagan (2006), respectively. During the latter deployment, he flew 40 combat missions in the skies over Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He subsequently returned to the U.S. and became an instructor pilot in Kingsville, Texas, with Training Squadron 21, before transitioning to the Navy Reserve in 2009 to attend law school using the GI Bill.

Will has lived in Fayette County with his wife, Elizabeth, and two daughters -- Caitlin (11) and Madeline (8) -- since 2018. He is active in the community, having served for two years (2022-2024) as the treasurer of the Rosa Parks Elementary School PTA and he currently serves as a parent member on the Rosa Parks Elementary School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council.

In addition to prosecuting fraud cases in federal court, Will remains active on a part-time basis with the Navy Reserve. In 2020, he was promoted to his current rank of CAPTAIN (O-6), and in May 2024 was assigned to his current role as Commanding Officer of the reserve component of Carrier Strike Group Five. His unit supports the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed strike group, which operates from Yokosuka, Japan, aboard the USS George Washington. In December 2024, Will was selected to serve on the National Navy Reserve Policy Board, a group of senior Navy Reserve Officers who advise the Secretary of the Navy on policy matters.

Will's education and employment history are below. I have known him as a colleague since his arrival at the U.S. Attorney's office. You will not find an attorney in Fayette County with more devotion to our country and our community. His record of upholding the rule of law and defending our Constitution is worthy of a Law Day award.

Education:

Harvard University, BA in Economics, 1999 (magna cum laude)

George Washington University Law School, JD, 2013 (with high honors)

U.S. Army War College, Master's in Strategic Studies, 2024 (Distinguished Graduate)

Employment:

Navy (Active Duty: 1999-2009)

Navy Reserve 2010 -- present

Clerk to Judge Eugene Siler, Jr., U.S. Sixth Circuit

DOJ: 2014 -- present

Sincerely,

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