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Jamila Carter

It is a genuine privilege to nominate Jamila Carter for the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. While Jamila is widely recognized as an exceptionally versatile and capable attorney, what truly sets her apart is her wholehearted dedication to both our profession and the Lexington community.

Jamila possesses a rare and impressive adaptability in her practice. She has successfully managed a complex federal caseload in employment-based immigration matters while simultaneously holding her own in transportation and trucking tort litigation. Recently, she has seamlessly expanded her practice into employment law. No matter the subject area, Jamila approaches her cases with a meticulously sharp eye and brilliant strategic foresight.

Of course, her practical success is no surprise given her academic pedigree. She has always set a high bar, graduating *Order of the Coif* from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, serving as Production Editor for the *Kentucky Law Journal*, and earning the CALI Award in Civil Procedure II.

What I find most inspiring about Jamila is her willingness to give back. She stepped up incredibly early in her career to serve on the Fayette County Bar Association Board of Directors from 2021 to 2023, and she continues to lead as Secretary for the National Bar Association's John Rowe Chapter. Her active presence in the Central Kentucky American Inns of Court highlights her deep respect for the ethics and collegiality of our practice.

Beyond the legal community, Jamila is deeply invested in Lexington's future. Her selection for and completion of both Leadership Lexington in 2024 and the Emerging Leaders of the Bluegrass program underscore her drive to make a tangible impact on our city.

Simply put, Jamila embodies the absolute best of what it means to be a young lawyer in Kentucky today. I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition, and it is my honor to offer my highest recommendation for her nomination

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Jamila Carter. Please let me know if you have follow-up questions or would like a more formal paragraph for the nomination process.

Thanks!

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