## **BY-LAWS**

OF THE

# YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

#### OF THE

## KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

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# ARTICLE I NAME & PURPOSE

## Section 1. Name.

The name of the organization shall be Young Lawyers Division of the Kentucky Bar Association (the "Division").

## Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of the Division shall be to promote the objectives of the Kentucky Bar Association (the "Association"), to be of assistance to the Association, to assist young lawyers in the practice of law, to conduct programs of interest and value to young lawyers, and to enhance the image of the legal profession.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

## Section 1. Age or Tenure.

Membership shall be open to those members of the Association who are not over forty years of age or who have been admitted to the practice of law for not more than ten years, whichever is later. (For example, a member may be over the age of forty if they have not been admitted to the practice of law for ten (10) years.) A member who meets the qualifications under this Section on the first day of the Membership Year shall be deemed to meet these qualifications for the entire Membership Year.

Should a member run to be an Officer, as outlined in Article IV, Section 1 & 2, and be elected, but during their term of office, as outlined in Article IV, Section 3, that person may no longer meet the age and tenure provisions of this Section. In that situation, that member may serve the remainder of their Officer Term regardless of whether or not they meet the age or tenure provisions of this section. Provided that no member or officer may serve more than thirteen (13) years under this exception, and they may serve as immediate past chair regardless of their age or tenure.

## Section 2. Limited License Members.

Individuals holding a Limited License to practice law under the Association, pending admission and full membership to the Association, may join the Division, by either election as a District Representation, appointment as an At-Large Representative, or Selection as an Organizational Representative. Provided that they are otherwise incompliance with all other Membership requirements.

## <u>Section 3. Membership Fee.</u>

A membership fee of \$20.00 shall be assessed annually to those members of the Association who wish to be members of the Division. This fee amount may be reviewed from time to time by the membership of the Division and may be changed by a two-thirds vote of those members present at any Annual Meeting without the need to alter or amend these by-laws. Said fees shall be due and payable on the same date as the dues of the Association each year. However, if such fee is paid after that date by any otherwise qualified member, membership in the Division shall be valid from the date of said payment through the end of that membership year, when such dues are again payable. Membership shall terminate automatically upon failure of any member to pay the membership fee when due.

## Section 4. Membership Year.

The membership year shall run from July 1 until June 30.

## ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE DIVISION

## Section 1. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Division shall be held each June as part of the Association's annual convention.

## Section 2. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Division may be called by the Chair, by majority vote of the Executive Committee, or by the Vice-Chair, upon written request of not less than 50 members of the Division. The time and place of the special meetings shall be announced at least 10 days in advance, either by publication in the Kentucky Bench and Bar, by notice to the membership via first class mail, or by notice to the membership via electronic mail. The notice may state the nature of the business to be discussed.

## Section 3. Executive Committee Meetings.

The Executive Committee shall meet not less than three times a year at times and places designated by the Chair. Additional meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Chair upon written request of not less than 10 members of the Division. The time and place of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall

be announced in advance by notice, via first class mail, electronic mail, or via posting to the Division's website. The notice may state the nature of the business to be discussed.

## Section 4. Quorum & Order.

At all meetings of the Division or of the Executive Committee, the members present shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings.

## ARTICLE IV GOVERNANCE

## Section 1. Officers.

The Officers of the Division shall be the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Vice-Chair.

## Section 2. Duties of the Officers.

#### A. Chair

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Division, and all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties assigned to him or her by the membership or by the Executive Committee. The Chair shall prepare a report of the activities for the past year for presentation at the annual meeting of the Division and Association. The Chair shall be the Division's representation on the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors, unless the privilege is revoked by the Division, and if the Chair is unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors, the Chair-Elect shall attend. The Chair shall also be responsible for establishing liaison with any other appropriate sections and committees of the Association, or delegate such duty to another officer. The Chair is solely responsible for selecting the Executive Committee Awards.

#### B. Chair-Elect

The Chair-Elect shall serve as assistant to the Chair and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Chair or Executive Committee. The Chair-Elect shall serve ex-officio on all standing committees and shall serve as the Chair's liaison to those committees. The Chair-Elect shall assist the Chair in implementing the policies and programs of the Division and shall regularly report to the Division concerning those efforts. The Chair-Elect shall prepare to assume the duties of the Chair. The Chair-Elect shall further maintain accurate records of all the Division's bank accounts and all internal "accounts" or balances within the Association itself, and be prepared to report on the same at the annual meeting of the Division, as well as the regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee.

#### C. Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair and Chair-Elect in implementing the policies and programs of the Division. The Vice-Chair shall serve as chair of the Standing Committee on Membership authorized by Article 6, Section 1 of these bylaws, and shall make diligent efforts, along with other members of the Standing Committee on Membership, to recruit, retain, and serve the members of the Division. Further, the Vice-Chair shall issue notices, keep the minutes, take and retain custody of the records of the Division and Executive Committee, and be responsible for all incoming and outgoing correspondence of the Division and Executive Committee.

## Section 3. Term of Office.

Officers shall serve for a term of one year, beginning and ending with the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Division, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and assumed office. The Chair-Elect shall, upon expiration of his/her term as Chair-Elect, succeed to the office of Chair for a term of one year. The Vice-Chair shall, upon expiration of his/her term as Vice-Chair, succeed to the office of Chair-Elect for a term of one year.

## Section 4. Vacancies.

Any vacancy in the office of an officer shall be filled as follows:

- (a) Chair: Any vacancy in this office shall be filled by the Chair-Elect, who shall serve out the unexpired term and the regular term that the Chair-Elect would have served in the absence of a vacancy in the office of Chair.
- (b) Chair-Elect: Except for a vacancy caused by the vacancy in the office of Chair, any vacancy in the office of the Chair-Elect shall be filled by the Vice-Chair, who shall serve out the unexpired term and shall succeed to the office of Chair.
- (c) Vice-Chair: Except for a vacancy caused by the vacancy in the office of Chair or Chair-Elect, any vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair shall be filled by interim appointment by the majority vote of the Executive Committee members, present and voting, at any duly called meeting of the Executive Committee. The appointed officer shall serve for the unexpired term, and thereafter succeed to the office of Chair-Elect.

## Section 5. Executive Committee.

## A. Membership

The Executive Committee will be comprised of the Officers of the Division, One Member from each Supreme Court District, called a "District Representative," fourteen (14) "at large" members, called "At-Large Representatives," and one member from the Young Lawyers Section, Division, or Committee of the Fayette County Bar Association, the Louisville Bar Association, the Northern Kentucky Bar Association, and the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association, called "Organizational Representative." (This position shall be reserved for the Chair or the designated representative of said organization.)

## **B. Voting Rights**

The Officers of the Division, District Representatives, At-Large Representatives, and Organizational Representative(s) shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

## C. District Representative

Each Supreme Court district shall be entitled to place one voting member (known as a "District Representative") on the Executive Committee. District Representatives shall be nominated, elected or appointed as set out in Article V. District Representatives shall serve a term of one year, beginning and ending with the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Division, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and assumed office. If a district representative has been appointed to fill a vacancy, said district representative shall serve the remainder of his/her predecessor's term.

## D. At-Large Representative

The Chair, with approval and consent of the Division, may appoint the fourteen (14) At-Large member of the Executive Committee. In making such appointments, the Chair should consider all unrepresented and underrepresented individuals and groups within, as well as the overall demographics of, the YLD membership, so as to encourage the full participation, inclusion, and representation of all eligible and qualified members of the YLD on its Executive Committee, which should include, but is not limited to: women, minorities, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, members of ethnic, racial, cultural, and religious minorities, as well as those people from rural areas of the Commonwealth. At-Large Representatives shall serve a term of one year, beginning with the date of the approval of their appointment by the Executive Committee, and ending with the adjournment of the next annual meeting of the Division thereafter, or until their successors shall have been duly appointed and assumed office.

## E. Organizational Representative

In addition to the named organizations above, any duly organized Young Lawyers Section, Division, or Committee formed and existing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be entitled to petition the Executive Committee for one voting member to represent the organization on the Executive Committee of the Division. Upon receipt of the petition by the Chair, the Executive Committee shall vote upon the same at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If the majority of the Executive Committee present at the meeting vote in favor of the petition, it shall be approved.

Failure of an organization to appoint or name an individual to serve on the Executive Committee will not void that organizations participation on the Executive Committee of the Division.

#### F. Non-Voting Members

The following individuals shall be entitled to serve as ex-officio, non-voting, members of the Executive Committee:

- (a) Immediate Past Chair of the Executive Committee;
- (b) The ABA YLD District Representative, elected from Kentucky or any state with which Kentucky is "paired" in its ABA YLD District, provided that if such person is already a voting member of the Executive Committee he/she shall retain his/her right to vote;
- (c) The President or designated representative of the Student Bar Association from every American Bar Association accredited law school in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and
- (d) The designated representative of any National Bar Association chapter in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

#### G. Power of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, by majority vote of the members in attendance and voting at any regularly scheduled or called meeting of the Executive Committee, may exercise the power of the Division during any period the Division is not meeting, subject to such limitations as may be imposed by the Division.

## H. Attendance and Voting

Members who are unable to be present in person at any regularly scheduled or called meeting of the Executive committee shall be deemed present for the purposes of voting on any motion so long as the member is available by teleconference or videoconference during the entire discussion regarding the motion and for the vote. In the event of a tie the Immediate Past Chair will issue the deciding vote.

#### Section 6. District Council.

In addition to other duties as delineated in the by-laws and as may be required under other governing articles of the Division or the Association, the District Representatives chosen from each Supreme Court district, along with any At-Large Representative residing therein, shall also be responsible for the formation of a District Council within their Supreme Court District. The District Council shall be comprised of young lawyer volunteers within the Supreme Court District, identified, where possible, with the assistance of that district's representatives to the Board of Governors of the Association, and may be comprised of as many or as few young lawyer volunteers as may be deemed appropriate under their particular circumstances. Provided, however, that if the Executive Committee feels the District Council is inactive or contains too small a number of volunteers at any time, they may require the District Representative for that Supreme Court District to increase the membership on said District Council. The members of the District Council shall act as volunteer young lawyers in order to help pursue and further the goals of the Division and the Association in all respects.

## Section 7. ABA YLD Representative.

In addition to the above officers and the Executive Committee, as set out below, during any year in which Kentucky is permitted to fill the District Representative position within the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the election for that position shall be in accordance with the election plan jointly adopted by the Kentucky state and local affiliates of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. If the joint election plan has not been adopted, the election for that District Representative position shall be open to any young lawyer within this Commonwealth who is a member of this Association, subject to the same requirements, rules and guidelines as set out in these by-laws for the officers

of this Division. No officer of this Division or any member of the Executive Committee shall, solely by reason thereof, be disqualified from serving as ABA YLD District Representative. During the years when that ABA YLD District Representative seat is held by a member of the Young Lawyers Section or Division of the state with which Kentucky is paired, no such election or appointment process shall take place within this Division. The ABA YLD District Representative's duties shall include all duties assigned to that position by ABA YLD. In addition, the ABA YLD District Representative shall act as a liaison and contact person between this Division and the ABA YLD. Other than the requirements as set out above, nothing in this document shall be construed to state that the ABA YLD District Representative is, in fact, an officer of this Division. Any vacancy in the office of ABA YLD District Representative shall be filled pursuant to the joint election plan referenced above or in the absence of any joint election plan, by interim appointment by the majority vote of the Executive Committee members, present and voting, at any duly held and/or called meeting of the Executive Committee. The appointed ABA YLD District Representative shall serve for the unexpired term.

# ARTICLE V ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

## Section 1. Elected Offices.

Only the positions of District Representative(s) and the Vice-Chair of the Division shall be elected by the members of the Division annually.

## Section 2. Eligibility.

## A. District Representative

Any active dues-paying member of the Division shall be eligible for election or appointment as a District Representative. District Representatives must reside in the Supreme Court District for which they seek election or appointment.

#### B. Vice-Chair

In order to be eligible to run for Vice-Chair of the Division, the Member of the Division must have served on the Executive Committee for at least oneyear prior to their election.

## Section 3. Election Procedure.

#### A. Nominations

- (a) Nominations for any elected position shall be made by written petition, specifying the name of the candidate, the position sought, and must be signed by the candidate. Nomination forms shall be filed with and received by the Vice-Chair no later than February 15 of the membership year in which the election is to be held. The Vice-Chair may devise and make available a simple nomination form.
- (b) If a member nominated for an elected position is unopposed after the deadline for filing nominating petitions (February 15), and the candidate nominated otherwise qualifies for the position, the candidate nominated shall be deemed elected.
- (c) If, after February 15, there is no member nominated for an elected position, the current Officers shall nominate a member of the Division for the position. The Officers shall complete its work and report its nominations to the Executive Director no later than April 1. The member nominated by the Officers shall be deemed elected.

#### **B. Elections**

- (a) The Vice-Chair, or its designee, shall create a ballot containing the names of the nominees for offices for which there are two or more nominees.
- (b) No later than March 15, the Vice-Chair, or its designee, shall cause the ballot to be transmitted, by U.S. mail or electronic mail, to all members eligible to vote in the election. The Vice-Chair may post the ballot in locations calculated to give notice to members eligible to vote in the election, such as on the Division's website.

- (c) All members of the Division in good standing are eligible to vote for the offices of Vice Chair. Only members of the Division, who are in good standing, and who reside in the Supreme Court District represented by that District Representative position, which is contested in the election, shall be eligible to vote in that race.
- (d) Completed ballots must be received by the Executive Director of the Association or his/her designee no later than April 1. Completed ballots may be transmitted in any manner directed by the Executive Committee. The acceptable means of transmitting a completed ballot shall be clearly stated on the ballot. Completed ballots must be transmitted in such a manner to enable the Executive Director or his/her designee to verify that the ballot was cast by a member eligible to vote in the election. The then current Chair of the division shall appoint a Canvassing Committee made of three members, none of whom are nominees for a contested election. The Executive Director or his/her designee shall provide all verified ballots to the Canvassing Committee, which shall meet as soon as possible after May 15 for the purpose of counting the votes.
- (e) The nominee for each office who receives the plurality of the votes cast for that office shall be elected. Write-in nominations are not allowed and any votes for a written-in nominee will not be counted. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the Executive Committee shall hold a special meeting and elect one of the members nominated for the position, who were the subject of the tie.

## Section 4. Ineligibility.

No member who has served the Division as an officer shall be eligible for reappointment or re-election to the office he has previously held, except that such member shall remain eligible for appointment or election as a District Representative or At-Large Representative.

## Section 5. Resignation.

In the event that any District Representative or At-Large Representative shall find it necessary to resign from that position during his or her term, said representative shall notify the Chair of the Division, in writing, and the Chair may then appoint any qualified member of the Division to fill that position for the remainder of the term.

## ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

## Section 1. Standing Committee on Membership.

There is created hereby a Standing Committee on Membership, which committee shall be chaired by the Vice-Chair and comprised of not less than three additional members including, when possible, one or more of the ex-officio members of the Executive Committee described in section Article 4, Section 5, Sub-Section F of these by-laws. The Standing Committee on Membership shall be charged with recruiting, retaining, and serving the members of the Division, with particular emphasis on enlarging the number of Division members. The Standing Committee on Membership shall report its activities to the Executive Committee, as that committee may meet from time to time, and shall in the interim report to the Chair.

## Section 2. Other Committees.

The Chair, with concurrence of the majority of the Executive Committee present, shall designate other appropriate and necessary committees and shall define the committees' duties, appoint the committee chairperson, and appoint members of the Division to work with said committees.

## ARTICLE VII REIMBURSEMENTS

Each officer, member, and ex-officio member of the Executive Committee shall receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses to attend Division and Executive Committee meetings, to attend meetings or events that his or her position may require, or to attend meetings or conferences sponsored by the

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division as designated by the Chair. Additionally, officers and members of the Executive Committee may receive such reimbursement for attendance at other meetings or functions if approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Division by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Division in attendance and voting, provided that notice of the substance of the proposed amendments shall either have been published with notice of the meeting in the Kentucky Bench and Bar, or sent to all members of the Division with notice of the meeting.

## ARTICLE IX AWARDS

## Section 1. Awards of the Division.

There is hereby established four (4) awards of the division as listed below. These awards are awarded each year at the Annual Meeting of the Division. All of the Awards, except for the Outstanding Young Lawyers Award, shall be selected by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The Outstanding Young Lawyers award shall selected by a three-judge panel. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice-Chair to solicit nominations, recruit the three-judge panel for the Outstanding Young Lawyers award, and otherwise facilitate the selection and awarding process for the Division. The Awards are:

## A. Young Lawyers Service to Community Award

This award commends a member of the Division for exemplary service to his or her community through volunteerism, service to non-profit organizations, and/or pro bono legal representation.

## B. Service to Young Lawyers Award

This award acknowledges a lawyer, non-lawyer, or organization for exceptional contributions to the professional and personal advancement and mentorship of young lawyers in Kentucky.

## <u>C. Nathanial R. Harper Award</u>

This award recognizes a person or organization that has demonstrated a commitment to changing the face of the Kentucky Bar by encouraging the inclusion of women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and LGBT individuals, as well as promoting full and equal participation in the legal profession by all unrepresented or underrepresented groups.

## D. Outstanding Young Lawyers Award

This award honors a Kentucky lawyer who has excelled in the practice of law and community service. Any Kentucky attorney who, as of July 1, in the year preceding the awarding year, engaged in the practice of law for 10 years or fewer, or who is forty years of age or younger, is eligible for nomination.

#### Section 2. Executive Committee Awards.

There is hereby established three (3) Executive Committee awards of the division as listed below. The Chair of the division is responsible for selecting the recipient of these awards which are presented each year at the Annual Meeting of the Division.

- A. Outstanding Executive Committee Member
- **B.** Outstanding District Representative
- C. Outstanding Coordinator

## Section 3. Legal Food Frenzy Award.

The following shall be the awards presented for the Legal Food Frenzy.

- A. Attorney General's Cup
- B. Bar President Award Winner
- C. Large Law Firm Winner
- D. Mid-Sized Law Firm Winner
- E. Small Law Firm Winner
- F. Solo Law Firm Winner
- G. Corporate Legal Department Winner
- H. Government and Public Service Legal Department Winner

## **APPENDIX**

The information in the Appendix is only for historical context. To keep this information updated on a regular basis the Kentucky Board of Governors approved that this information could be updated from year-to-year without having to be approved by them each year.

## **PAST YLD CHAIRS**

2025-2026	Kyle R. Bunnell, Lexington	2001-2002	Stephen S. Burchett, Ashland
2024-2025	Donald H. Combs III, Pikeville	2000-2001	Carroll M. "Trip" Redford, III, Lexington
2023-2024	Elizabeth A. Combs, Lexington	1999-2000	William H. Wilhoit, Grayson
2022-2023	Edward Lee Metzger III, Edgewood	1998-1999	Lewis D. Kuhl, Louisville
2021-2022	Megan P. Keane, Louisville	1997-1998	Mary Jane Phelps, Versailles
2020-2021	Miranda D. Click, Pikeville	1996-1997	Palmer Gene Vance II, Lexington
2019-2020	Zachary A. Horn, Frankfort	1995-1996	John L. Dotson, Louisville
2018-2019	Jennifer S. Overmann, Edgewood	1994-1995	Stephen G. Frye, Louisville
2017-2018	Eric M. Weihe, Louisville	1993-1994	Kimberly Lemmons, Lexington
2016-2017	Rebecca R. Schafer, Louisville	1992-1993	David L. Hargrove, Mayfield
2015-2016	J. Tanner Watkins, Louisville	1991-1992	Mark Metcalf, Lancaster
2014-2015	Bradly J. Sayles, Nashville	1990-1991	Charles E. "Buzz" English, Jr., Bowling Green
2013-2014	Carl N. Frazier, Lexington	1989-1990	Douglas L. McSwain, Lexington
2012-2013	Jacqueline S. Wright, Maysville	1988-1989	D. Craig Dance, Covington
2011-2012	Rebekkah Bravo Rechter, Louisville	1987-1988	R. Kent Westberry, Louisville
2010-2011	John N. "Nathan" Billings, Lexington	1986-1987	M. Gail Wilson, Jamestown
2009-2010	Jennifer Howard Moore, Lexington	1985-1986	Daniel P. Stratton, Pikeville
2008-2009	Scott D. Laufenberg, Bowling Green	1984-1985	Robert W. Kellerman, Frankfort
2007-2008	Ryan C. Reed, Bowling Green	1983-1984	Henry L. Stephens, Highland Heights
2006-2007	Andrew J. Schaeffer, Covington	1982-1983	Darryl M. Durham, Louisville
2005-2006	Katherine J. Hornback, Lexington	1981-1982	Alfred J. Welsh, Louisville
2004-2005	David B. Barber, Louisville	1980-1981	L. Daniel Key, Paducah
2003-2004	Sheila P. Hiestand, Lexington	1979-1980	Paul C. Gaines III, Frankfort
2002-2003	Michael J. Cox, Lexington	1978-1979	Bruce K. Davis, Frankfort

## **PAST YLD AWARD RECIPIENTS**

## **Outstanding Young Lawyer**

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2025: Elizabeth A. Combs, Lexington	2012: Matthew Cook, Bowling Green
2024: Sarah M. McKenna, Louisville and	2011: Judge Jason Fleming, Hopkinsville
Megan P. Keane, Louisville	2010: Ben Carter, Louisville
2023: Ryan Biggerstaff, Lexington	2009: Angela Logan Edwards, Louisville
2022: Miranda D. Click, Betsey Lane	2008: La Toi D. Mayo, Lexington
2021: Christine L. Stanley, Lexington	2007: Chris A. McKinney, Bowling Green
2020: Eric Weihe, Louisville	2006: Kevin Weaver, Lexington
2019: Rebecca Schaefer, Louisville	2005: Jennifer Moore, Louisville
2018: Bradley D. Clark, Lexington	2004: Brett Reynolds, Bowling Green
2017: Tanner Watkins, Louisville	2003: Amy Hale Milliken, Bowling Green
2016: Carl N. Frazier, Lexington	2002: Mindy Barfield, Lexington
2015: Jennifer Brinkley, Bowling Green	2001: Judge Brandy O. Brown, Richmond
2014: Rebekkah Bravo Rechter, Louisville	2000: John D. Bertram, Campbellsville
2013: Kevin C. Burke, Louisville	-

## Nathaniel R. Harper Award

2022: Dinsmore & Shohl's Pre-Law Minority Program

2025: Chief Justice Debra H. Lambert and Justice Pamela R. Goodwine2024: Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity

Summer Institute (KLEO)

2023: English Lucas Priest & Owsley, LLP

2021: Joe Gutmann 2020: Patrick Carrington 2019: Daniel P. Murphy, Jr., Lexington 2018: Michelle Browning Coughlin, Louisville 2017: Roula Allouch, Cincinnati

 $2016: Not\ presented$ 

2015: Justice William McAnulty 2014: A. Holland Houston, Louisville 2013: Drusilla Baker, Lexington 2012: Benjamin F. Shobe, Louisville 2011: Joseph E. Lambert, Mount Vernon and Jesse Crenshaw, Lexington

2010: Robert F. Houlihan, Jr., Lexington

2009: Law & Government Magnet Program at Central High School, Louisville

## Service to Young Lawyers Award

2025: Yvette Hourigan2017: Bill Robinson, Covington2024: Melissa Blackwell2016: Margaret E. Keane, Louisville2023: Judge Shelley Santry2015: William H. Fortune, Lexington

2022: Judge Thomas B. Russell 2014: Robert G. Lawson, Lexington 2021: LMICK 2013: Pierce Hamblin, Lexington

2020: Judge Phillip Shephard, Frankfort 2012: Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company of Kentucky,

2019: Justice William Cunningham, Eddyville Louisville

2018: Christopher E. Schaefer, Louisville 2011: Allison Connelly, Lexington

## Young Lawyer Service to Community Award

2025: Seth T. Church, Lexington2018: Cassie Chambers, Louisville2024: Patrick Eavenson, Lexington2017: Acena Beck, Covington

2023: J. Tyler Ward II, Whitesburg 2016: Not Presented

2022: Chelsie & Tyler Greer, Prestonsburg2015: Christin De Briffault, Lexington2021: Rikel Lightner2014: Cara Stewart, Covington2020: Lindsey Burke, Lexington2013: Nanci House, Winchester

2020: Lindsey Burke, Lexington 2013: Nanci House, Winchester 2019: Bryce Rhoades 2012: Stacy Tapke, Covington

## **Outstanding Executive Committee Member**

2025: Sebastian Torres, Union2019: Kyle R. Bunnell, Lexington2024: Lexy Holland, Lexington2018: Megan P. Keane, Louisville2023: Sam Reinhardt, Lexington2017: Sarah M. McKenna, Louisville2022: Carlin Conway, Lexington2016: Miranda Click, Betsy Layne2021: Sarah M. McKenna, Louisville2015: Lesley Bilby, Frankfort2020: Elizabeth A. Combs, Lexington2014: No record beyond this date.

## **Outstanding District Representative**

2025: Kelsey Lee Bryant, London2019: Seth Fawn, Frankfort2024: Calesia Henson, Louisville2018: Kelly K. Ridings, London2023: Ryan Mosley, Hindman2017: Stephanie Wurdock, Lexington2022: Kristen N. Cody, Louisville2016: John Wathen, Owensboro2021: Kyle R. Bunnell, Lexington2015: Megan P. Keane, Louisville2020: Kelly K. Ridings, London2014: No record beyond this date.

## **Outstanding Coordinator**

2025: Whitney Rowe, Richmond 2019: Christopher Groeschen, Cincinnati, OH

2024: Christine L. Stanley, Lexington 2018: (Was Outstanding Committee Chair prior to

2023: Chapin Scheumann, Pawleys Island, SC this date.)

2022: Lexy G. Holland, Lexington 2021: Kelly K. Ridings, London 2020: John "Jack" Phillips, Louisville

## **Outstanding Committee Chair**

2018: Elizabeth A. Combs, Lexington 2017: Edward L. Metzger III, Covington

2016: David Noble, Lexington

2015: Zachary A. Horn, Frankfort, and Lauren E. Marley, Bowling Green 2014: No record beyond this date.

## **Attorney General's Cup**

2025: Frost Brown Todd - Louisville 2022: Frost Brown Todd - Louisville Office

2024: Frost Brown Todd - Louisville 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: Gordon & Ress, Scully, Mansukhani, LLP

#### Bar President's Award Winner

2025: Zieglar & Schneider 2022: Bowman Legal, Inc. (Louisville) 2024: Dunham Law 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: Andrea N. Vetter, PLLC

#### **Large Law Firm Winner**

2025: Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, PLLC - Louisville 2022: Stites & Harbison PLLC (Louisville) 2024: Frost Brown Todd - Louisville 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP-Louisville

## **Mid-Sized Law Firm Winner**

2025: Jackson Kelly, Lexington 2022: McMurry & Livingston (Paducah) 2024: Ziegler & Schneider 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: Casey, Bailey & Maines, PLLC

#### Small Law Firm Winner

2025: Dunham Law 2022: Dzenitis Newman (Louisville) 2024: Dunham Law 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: Baldani Law Group

#### Solo Law Firm Winner

2025: Torres Law PLLC 2022: Andrea N. Vetter, PLLC (Louisville) 2024: Lincoln H. Caudill, PLLC 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: Sexton Law, PSC

## Corporate Legal Department Winner

2025: Pikeville Medical Center, Inc. Legal Team 2022: The Glenview Trust Company (Louisville)

2024: CNA Insurance 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: Glenview Trust

## Government and Public Service Legal Department Winner

2025: LFUCG – Department of Law 2022: LFUCG – Department of Law 2024: LFUCG — Department of Law 2021: No record beyond this date.

2023: LFUCG - Department of Law