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Nashville Bar Foundation Leadership Forum Selects Attorneys for its 2016-2017 Class

Nashville, TN – The Nashville Bar Foundation (“NBF”) is pleased to announce that 24 local attorneys have been selected for the 2016-2017 Leadership Forum program. The nine-month professional development program begins on Thursday, September 22, 2016, and will meet monthly through May 2017.

This leadership program from the NBF is kicking off its third year and offers an innovative opportunity to learn, collaborate, network, and serve the local community and the legal profession. The NBF Leadership Forum is intended for lawyers with three to eight years of experience, encourages diversity in the practice of law, and will aid in building relationships among attorneys with diverse backgrounds and practices.

2016-2017 Class Participants:

- Christopher Bellamy, *Assistant District Attorney*
- LaTonnsya Burney, *Dept of Labor & Workforce Development*
- Justin Campbell, *Thompson Burton, PLLC*
- Allison Cooley, *Legal Aid Society*
- Alex Dickerson, *Metro Legal Department*
- Mandy Floyd, *Bone McAllester Norton, PLLC*
- Stephanie Frey, *YMCA of Middle TN*
- Courtney Grande, *Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC*
- Jessica Hill, *Frost Brown Todd, LLC*
- Ryan Holt, *Sherrard Roe Voight & Harbison, PLC*
- Martesha Johnson, *Metro Public Defender’s Office*
- Kristin Kenney, *HCA*
- LaChina McKinney, *Dept of Healthcare & Finance*
- Sara Beth Myers, *TN Attorney General’s Office*
- Amanda Nichols, *Bradley, LLP*
- Sara Anne Quinn, *Butler Snow, LLP*
- Ben Raybin, *Raybin & Weissman, PC*
- Josiah Reid, *Lewis Thomason*
- Gil Schuette, *Sims Funk, PLC*
- Roger Scruggs, *Little Mendelson, PC*
- Alexis Soler, *Federal Public Defender’s Office*
- Lauren Spahn, *Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP*
- John Spragens, *Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP*
- Maia Woodhouse, *Baker Donelson, PC*

We are incredibly pleased to be starting the Leadership Forum program’s third year, and our goal is to provide participants with a unique view of leadership opportunities and developments in Nashville and ultimately produce a great group of new and diverse leaders in the profession and the community. — John Tarpley, NBF President

About the Nashville Bar Foundation

The mission of the Nashville Bar Foundation is to support and expand the provision of law-related educational and charitable programs and services that promote the knowledge, understanding, and respect for the law among students, the general public, and the legal community; to preserve the honor and integrity of the legal profession; to foster collegiality among members of the legal profession; and to improve the administration of justice throughout the greater Nashville area.

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