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## ADRIENNE L. ANDERSON: 2018 RECIPIENT OF THE KBA GOVERNORS' AWARD



The Governors' Award is designated as the Knoxville Bar Association's highest award. The award recognizes those attorneys who are considered by the members of the association to be role models for the profession.

At the KBA annual meeting on December 14, 2018, the award was presented to Adrienne Anderson. As in past years, the award was given with no prior notice to the recipient so that it came as a surprise. Adrienne was certainly surprised,

not only by the award, but the fact that her husband, Jeff, was secreted into the meeting to stand with her.

Adrienne is very deserving. She has served the KBA in many capacities including treasurer, secretary, co-chair of the CLE Committee, co-chair of the Legal Placement Committee, and President (2008). For the last five years Adrienne has served the Knoxville Bar Association as its General Counsel. She is the lawyer's lawyer! Further, she has selflessly given her time and was the 2006 recipient of the Legal Aid of East Tennessee's Pro Bono Partner award.

Adrienne graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1985 with highest honors and received her J. D. from the University of Virginia in 1988. She practiced with an Atlanta firm in the field of construction law for five years and returned to her home in Knoxville in 1993. There she practiced with Kramer Rayson, LLP until she founded the firm of Anderson Busby PLLC in 2009. She has a commercial practice that handles business disputes, property issues and construction law. She is a litigator before courts and administrative agencies. Further, she is a certified arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association on the Construction Industry and Commercial Panels and is a general civil listed Rule 31 mediator in Tennessee. She is a founding member of the Tennessee Association of Construction Council (TACC) and will be serving as its ADR Committee Chair. She is often asked to participate as a speaker at legal seminars relating to her chosen field.

Now about Adrienne: She races kayaks! In fact, she is a champion lawyer and champion paddler! Put her in a little skinny wobbly boat and she turns into a racing machine! For the last 3 years in a row, Adrienne has competed in the Chattajack paddleboard/kayak race in Chattanooga which is a 31-mile race through the Tennessee River Gorge. Generally, Adrienne is an "outdoor" person. She loves to hike with family and friends and enjoys spending time with her husband and adult twin sons, Jake and Trent. She is a life-long member of Church Street United Methodist Church and has taught Sunday School. She is also very active in the Knoxville Executive Women's Association.

The Governors' Award is so named as it is the elected Board of Governors who choose the recipient. The vote for Adrienne was unanimous. Adrienne is a role model attorney and a deserving recipient.



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