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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Nashville Bar Foundation Leadership Forum Selects Local Attorneys for its 2019 Class

Nashville, TN – The Nashville Bar Foundation (“NBF”) is pleased to announce that 25 local attorneys have been selected for the 2019 [Leadership Forum](#) program. The nine-month professional development program begins on Thursday, September 27, and will meet monthly through next May. The graduation will take place on May 3, 2019, the same day the [Nashville Bar Association](#) celebrates the American Bar Association’s annual Law Day event.

This leadership program from the NBF is kicking off its fifth 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.

### 2019 Class Participants

- [Katie Atkins](#), naviHealth, Inc.
- [Jaz Boon](#), Waller
- [Meredith Bowen](#), TN Attorney General’s Office
- [Kelly Donley Dessey](#), Eventbrite, Inc.
- [Adam Dietrich](#), Frost Brown Todd
- [Flynn Dowdy](#), GSRM Law
- [Colin Ferguson](#), Dickinson Wright
- [Mollie Gass](#), Rudy Winstead Turner
- [Shellie Handelsman](#), Shuttleworth PLLC
- [Laura Heiman](#), Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein
- [Callie Hinson](#), Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan
- [Joseph Hubbard](#), Kay Griffin
- [Caroline Hudson](#), Law Offices of John Day
- [Dave Kieley](#), Metro Public Defender’s Office
- [April Knox](#), Asurion
- [Mark Lenihan](#), Sims|Funk
- [Casey Miller](#), Bradley
- [Amy Mohan](#), Sherrard Roe Voigt Harbison
- [Quan Poole](#), Metro Legal
- [Byron Pugh](#), District Attorney General’s Office
- [William Scales](#), Lewis Thomason
- [Marie Scott](#), Neal & Harwell
- [Deadrick Thaxton](#), Best American Hospitality Corp.
- [Joshua Thomas](#), Legal Aid Society
- [David Watkins](#), TN Office of Post-Conviction Defender

*The NBF Leadership Forum is now entering its fifth year and we are so proud of the positive impact the alumnae of the Leadership Forum have already made in the profession and our community. We look forward to welcoming these new and diverse leaders to this class with their NBF Fellow mentors to continue the tradition of providing a unique view of leadership opportunities and developments in Nashville and strengthening professional relationships. —[Gail Ashworth](#), NBF President*

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### 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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