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Nashville Bar Association Awards the Prestigious John C. Tune Award to Abby Rubinfeld and Bill Harbison

Nashville, TN – The **John C. Tune Public Service Award** recognizes members who make outstanding contributions to the greater Nashville area community while distinguishing themselves as practicing attorneys. The award is the highest award presented at the NBA Annual Banquet. Due to the nature of the award, it is not necessarily given annually, but only when there is someone deserving of the award. The 2016 Tune Award was presented to both Abby Rubinfeld and Bill Harbison recognizing their outstanding contributions to the community.

Additionally, the NBA recognized several other members with the following awards and accolades:

The **CLE Excellence Award** was given to Judge Philip Smith and Judge Phillip Robinson in recognition of exceptional service to the NBA's Continuing Legal Education Program. It recognizes NBA members who have demonstrated dedication and commitment to the NBA's mission to provide cutting edge, quality continuing legal education to improve the knowledge and practice skills of lawyers.

The **Nashville Bar Journal Award for Contributor of the Year** went to Kimberly Faye and Caroline Hudson, recognizing them as NBA Editorial Committee members who continually make the Nashville Bar Journal a source of pride for the NBA. The *Author of the Year* award was presented to Jim Thomas for his excellent write-up on the 2016 Law Day theme, *Reflections on Miranda's 50th Anniversary*.

The **YLD President's Award** was given to Kelly Donley and Lauren Spahn, whose dedication and efforts for the NBA Young Lawyer's Division have raised the overall profile of the Nashville Bar Association.

The **YLD Enterprise Award** was presented to Mollie Gass and Peter Malanchuk who have both advanced the charitable purposes of the NBA Young Lawyer's Division through a new initiative, program, or activity.

The **Emeritus Award**—recognizing those who have reached 50 years of law practice and of honored service as a member of the Bar—was presented to eight members: Hon. Robert S. Brandt, David M. Bullock, Hon. Ben H. Cantrell, H. Fred Ford, Sr., Hon. Bill E. Higgins, David Young Parker, Earl J. Porter, Jr., and Hon. J. Randall Wyatt.

The **NBA President's Awards** were given to the following members for their outstanding contributions to the NBA: Andrea Perry, Hon. Joe Binkley, Edward D. Lanquist, Jr., Tom Lawless, and the 14 Producers of the Blanton CLE Program.

Finally, The Legal Aid Society recognized James A. Beaks with their **Pro Bono Volunteer Award** and Waller, LLP with the **Pro Bono Leadership Award**.

The Nashville Bar Association is grateful to all of our volunteers and is honored to recognize these award recipients.
—**Monica Mackie**, Executive Director

About the Nashville Bar Association

The Nashville Bar Association, established in 1831, is a professional organization serving the legal community of Nashville, Tennessee. The NBA—with almost 3,000 members—is the largest metropolitan bar association in Tennessee.

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