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**Arkansas Bar Association and Clinton School of Public Service  
Announce Inaugural Class of the Public Service Academy**

The Arkansas Bar Association and the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service are proud to announce the inaugural class of the Public Service Academy. The selected individuals will participate in two sessions: one in Little Rock (November 15-16, 2019) and one in Fayetteville (January 17-18, 2020). For more information about the inaugural class, please visit <https://www.arkbar.com/events/public-service-academy>.

The Public Service Academy was established to provide service minded lawyers the tools they need for service in both elected office and as volunteers. The academy is believed to be the third program sponsored by a bar association in the United States following North Carolina (2017) and Tennessee (2018).

Westley Ashley, Little Rock  
Kelsey Bardwell, Harrison  
Caleb Baumgardner, El Dorado  
Kandice Bell, White Hall  
Kelly Brown, Dumas  
S. Taylor Chaney, Arkadelphia  
Cara Boyd Connors, Little Rock  
Tyler R. Farrar, Springdale  
Amy Freedman, Texarkana  
Pam Percefull Hathaway, Little Rock  
Jera Houghtaling, Fayetteville  
Alexander Jones, Little Rock  
Tabitha Lee, Little Rock  
Lauren Manatt, Sheridan  
Skye Martin, North Little Rock  
Joey H. McCutchen, II, Fort Smith  
Mary “Molly” McGowan McNulty, Little Rock  
Jeffrey H. Moore, Little Rock  
Meredith Moore, Little Rock  
Dequeshia Prude, Fayetteville  
Brenda Simpson, Hot Springs  
Dusti Standridge, Fort Smith  
Judge Sam Terry, Fort Smith  
Wendy Scholtens Wood, Little Rock

Students from the University of Arkansas School of Law, University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law and the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service:

Nate Arrington  
Jennifer Browne

Kara Butler  
Caleb Conrad  
Derick Dillard  
Justin Gunderman  
Elizabeth Hall  
Wesley Manus  
Dana McGee  
Trent Minner  
Madhav Shroff  
Connor Thompson

The Public Service Academy is chaired by Maggie Benson and Nate Looney, lawyer member volunteers and graduates of the Clinton School of Public Service. Nate & Maggie also serve on the steering committee, which includes former Chief Justice Howard Brill, Vincent Foster Professor of Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility at the University of Arkansas School of Law; Circuit Judge Earnest Brown; and House Speaker Matthew Shepherd.

The Public Service Academy is sponsored by the University of Arkansas School of Law, University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, Rose Law Firm, Brian Rosenthal, as well as the Civil Practice and the Government Practice Sections of the Arkansas Bar Association.

The Arkansas Bar Association is a voluntary, statewide organization with 5,000 members. Among its purposes are the advancement of the administration of justice and fostering high ideals of integrity, learning and public service among its members.

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