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Kevin Corkran Named Recipient of NACBA's Henry J. Sommer Legal Aid Scholarship

Washington, D.C. — The National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA) is proud to announce Kevin Corkran, Staff Attorney in the Consumer and Bankruptcy Units at the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association, as the recipient of the Henry J. Sommer Legal Aid Scholarship for NACBA's 34th Annual Convention in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Henry J. Sommer Legal Aid Scholarship is awarded to a legal aid attorney who is attending a NACBA educational program for the first time. The scholarship was established in recognition of the extraordinary contributions of President Emeritus Henry J. Sommer, who served on NACBA's Board of Directors from 1992 to 2011 and as President from 2005 to 2008. The scholarship supports legal aid attorneys seeking to deepen their expertise in consumer bankruptcy law.

Corkran serves as a Staff Attorney with the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP), where he represents indigent clients facing debt collection actions and works to connect individuals in need with pro bono attorneys for bankruptcy representation. During his first year with the organization, Corkran has taken more than 40 cases to trial through VLP's court clinics, helping secure over \$100,000 in debt relief for clients. He has also negotiated dozens of settlements to prevent interest from compounding on judgments and updated pro bono training materials to better prepare volunteer attorneys assisting low-income consumers.

"Attending the NACBA Convention will allow me to deepen my knowledge of bankruptcy law and build connections with practitioners dedicated to consumer advocacy," Corkran wrote in his application. "With the materials and training NACBA provides, I will be better equipped to serve our clients and mentor the interns and volunteers who support our work."

NACBA President Richard "Hal" Nemeth praised Corkran's dedication to legal aid and consumer protection.

"Kevin Corkran represents the very spirit of the Henry J. Sommer Scholarship—an attorney committed to expanding access to justice and strengthening the capacity of legal aid organizations to serve vulnerable consumers," said Nemeth. "His advocacy on

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behalf of low-income clients and his dedication to building deeper expertise in bankruptcy law will have a lasting impact on the individuals and families he serves. NACBA is proud to support his professional development and to welcome him to the Convention.”

One of the aspects of Corkran’s work he finds most rewarding is teaching and mentoring interns. By attending the NACBA Convention, he hopes to bring new knowledge and practical training back to his office so that both staff and volunteers are better equipped to assist consumers navigating financial hardship.

NACBA congratulates Kevin Corkran on this well-earned honor and looks forward to welcoming him to the 34th Annual Convention in Boston.

For more information about NACBA and the Henry J. Sommer Legal Aid Scholarship, please visit: <https://nacba.org/page/awards>

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