



The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division
The Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award
Nomination Cover Sheet

The Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award is given to a young lawyer who is not a member of the Florida Bar YLD Board of Governors, who has worked most diligently in the past year in Bar activities and/or law related public activities and who has an excellent reputation for legal abilities and integrity.

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Attachments: It is mandatory to attach a letter or statement from the nominator explaining why the nominee deserves this award. It is optional to attach materials from third parties, such as photographs, articles, or additional letters in support.

The completed application is due by Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Email this cover sheet and all attachments to Awards Co-Chair Lara Bach at Lara.Bach@weil.com with a copy to tmiller@flabar.org.

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**Re: Nomination for Lynn Futch Award – Alexandria Hill
By Jacksonville Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section**

Dear Ms. Bach, Mr. Miller and the Awards Committee,

This letter is sent on behalf of the Jacksonville Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section (the "YLS") as an official nomination of our president elect, Alexandria Hill ("Alex"), for the Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award. The YLS is honored to present this nomination as there is no doubt in our minds that Alex has "worked most diligently in the past year in Bar activities and/or law related public activities" and has an "excellent reputation for legal abilities and integrity."

Alex has worked diligently for the Bar, her clients, her firm, civic organizations and her family. When discussing potential nominees for this award, Alex was unanimously chosen as she is recognized as hard working and very deserving of this award by her peers and experienced attorneys alike.

In June of 2016, Alex was sworn in as the YLS President Elect. During her tenure as President Elect, Alex has continued to be a leader by example and expended significant time and resources on the YLS's many events. Under Alex's watch, the YLS has generated record donations for local charities and increased the good will of attorneys in the community.

Within the last year, Alex has chaired and co-chaired significant and successful YLS events, such as the Chili Cook-Off in 2016 and the Ribault High School "Young Lawyer" Program (the "Ribault Program"). Alex was a driving force in the initial success of the Ribault Program and in its second year, she continues to be a beacon of hope for the high school students. Through Alex's efforts in 2016, the Ribault Program won the Affiliate Public Service

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Project of the Year Award. Alex has communicated her high hopes for the program, including the hope to start a Ribault High School mock trial team.

Even when Alex was not a committee member, she attended, participated and assisted the committee in every way to ensure the event's success. Over the years, Alex's efforts for the YLS have proven invaluable and I, personally, cannot wait to see the moves she will make as President of the YLS beginning in June of 2017.

Outside of Alex's dedication to the YLS, she continues to be committed to her clients and co-workers. During her four (4) years at GrayRobinson, Alex proved to be a fierce litigation and transactional attorney. Upon recognizing her potential and hard work, Alex was offered a position as a senior associate attorney. Within the last year at GrayRobinson, Alex flawlessly handled a Ponzi scheme case consisting of hundreds of clawback claims, all premises liability defense cases for a large client, and a variety of work due to the growth of one of her long time clients, Maple Street Biscuit Company ("Maple Street").

At the end of 2016, Alex was presented with a once in a life time opportunity. She was offered a position as the general counsel for Maple Street. As of February 2017, Alex handles all of Maple Street's legal work as their general counsel and still maintains clients with GrayRobinson as Of Counsel.

If it is possible to do more, Alex acts as the Chair of the Jacksonville chapter of Girls Inc. Board of Governors. She dedicates herself to being a example for young women and girls in the Jacksonville area and promotes their mission by participating in events throughout the year. Alex's passion for politics fueled part of her civic involvement. Recently, Alex assisted in a campaign for the Clay County Clerk of Court and, more notably, for Glo Smith's congressional campaign. For Glo Smith, Alex acted as Communication Chair for her campaign, which included acting as master of ceremonies for one of her fundraisers.

Last but not least, Alex is completely devoted to her family. She lives in Clay County with her husband, Hunter Hill, and two children, Colton and Annmarie, who are, regardless of the day, her ultimate priorities. Alex finds time to accompany her husband, as coach at Clay County High School, and son to wrestling competitions and football games and takes an active role in the students and the games. In the last year, Alex planned events to create lifelong memories for her children, including a christening and first year birthday party for her daughter, Annmarie.

Alex is one of those amazing individuals who finds time to "do it all" and she does it well and with a smile. She has never said no to the YLS or other bar organizations when help was needed, despite the demand for her time from family, partners, and clients.

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Alex continues to be a role model for young lawyers in the Jacksonville legal community and the community at large. Personally, I could write novels on how significantly Alex has shaped my first couple of years of practice. Alex, without prompting, took an active role in my career and has helped me define and expand my own knowledge of the law and my reputation within the Jacksonville legal community. I know from my involvement with the YLS and at GrayRobinson, that Alex does this time and time again for other young lawyers and YLS members.

The Jacksonville Bar Association's YLS is extremely proud to present Alexandria Hill as nominee for this year's Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award. We can think of no one more deserving.

Thank you for your attention and please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions you may have. Please see the attached photographs, documents, and letters of recommendation to support this nomination.

Best regards,

GrayRobinson, P.A.



Ashlea Edwards
YLS Board Member

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Enclosures

cc: Christian George, Esq. YLD President Elect, YLS President
Michael Lockamy, Esq. YLD Circuit Representative, YLS Member
Lindsey Tygart, YLD Member of the Board of Governors, Past YLS President

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(President Elect)

Throughout the 2016-2017 year, Alexandria (“Alex”) has been the President Elect of the Jacksonville Bar Association Young Lawyer Section’s (“YLS”) Board of Governors. She has been involved in the YLS for numerous years working her way up from a YLS member to a Board Member and ultimately an Officer. During her tenure with the YLS, Alex has consistently contributed new ideas and preserved traditions to benefit both the legal community and the community at large in Jacksonville. Throughout her involvement with the YLS, Alex has been a member of and chaired numerous committees.

In the last year, Alex has chaired the Ribault High School “Young Lawyers” Program and the Chili Cook-Off, a description of each is below. Even when Alex was not a Committee Chair or Committee member, she still participated in and attended the event.

Chili Cook-Off – 2016

Since 2009, the YLS has hosted a Charity Chili Cook-Off to bring the legal community together for an afternoon of live music and delicious competition. This annual event has become a staple in the community and inspired some firms to hold their own internal cook-offs leading up to the big day. In fact, the cook-off became so popular that it outgrew its location. This prompted a new partnership in 2015 with the renowned Riverside Arts Market. The move inspired tremendous turnout and community participation. In 2016, YLS raised \$7,000.00 for its chosen charity, Community Connections.

Ribault High School “Young Lawyers” Program – 2017

The mentorship initiative is a new program developed by the YLS in partnership with the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. The mentor initiative represents a proactive measure to improve the experience of students in Duval County—and, in turn, the future of our community—through the positive influence of mentors and unique educational experiences. In 2015, more than twenty local attorneys were paired with students from the most impoverished and underperforming public high school in the city. Students are chosen based on their interest in the legal field as a career path as well as their academic performance. Local attorneys received specialized training on how to effectively mentor troubled youth, and countless hours behind the scenes have gone into the organization of the program. In addition to the traditional one on one mentoring, we plan field trips and mock trials throughout the school year. Early returns have been beneficial and positive for all parties involved. This pilot program represents the first step in a long-term community partnership that will continue to grow as the years go by.

As a part of her duties as a YLS Board Member, Alex wrote and was mentioned in numerous articles in the Jacksonville Daily Record regarding her involvement in certain YLS programs and events, which are attached hereto in chronological order from oldest to newest.

Also attached are the following photographs of YLS events that Alex either organized or attended within the last year (in order of appearance):

- 4 photographs from Jan. 2017 event, Holidays in January, which Alex attended with her son, Colton. The YLS worked with Northeast Florida Paralegal Association to provide a Christmas to children in the foster care system.
- 1 photograph of Alex announcing the winners of the 2016 Chili Cook-Off and 2 additional photographs of the event.
- 2 photographs of outings with the Ribault High School “Young Lawyers”: (1) touring Jacksonville University; and (2) touring Duval County Courthouse.
- 1 photograph of the YLS Annual Meeting in June 2016.
- 2 photographs of the YLS Charity Golf Tournament, which Alex participated in.
- 1 photograph at the January 2017 Affiliate Outreach Conference.

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Re: Nomination of Alexandria V. Hill

Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award Selection Committee
Attn: Lara Bach, Esquire

It is a privilege to support the nomination of Alexandria V. Hill for the Lynn Futch Most Productive Lawyer Award. I have known Alex for several years and she shares the same qualities and values enjoyed by Lynn Futch. Alex is a superb lawyer and a marvelous community leader.

After she completed college and law school with academic distinction, she joined a Jacksonville law firm and primarily practiced business litigation. It was at this time of her career I concluded in observing her performances that she would soon be making extraordinary contributions to both the legal profession and this community. She later joined a statewide law firm and pursued a practice in the area of corporate and real estate transactions. When she shared with me her intention to transition to become general counsel of one of her clients and lead its nationwide expansion, it came as little surprise. Her work ethic, attention to detail, and ability to persuade others to join her leadership is evident to anyone who has interacted with her.

In each instance in which Alex elects to engage in a particular community endeavor, she is invariably asked to become the leader of that organization. This would apply to becoming the Chairwoman of Girls, Inc., with its commitment to assist young girls navigating gender, economic, and social barriers; and her election to serve as President of the Jacksonville Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, which is the most committed and hardest working part of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

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In short, my admiration and respect for Alexandria Hill is precipitated by her respect for the needs of others, and recognition that her skills and talents can be used to help those who are less able to help themselves. Selection of Alex Hill for this award would do great justice to the legacy of Lynn Futch.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Cox, III", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Henry M. Cox, III

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Alexandria Hill

Monday, February 15, 11:48 AM EST

By Alexandria Hill, The JBA Young Lawyers Section Board of Governors

Lately, I have been asked to take several surveys on the topic of work-life balance.

Inevitably there is a question along the lines of "What would you do if you had more time?"

Be it an extra hour in every day or a whole extra day in a year, we could all use more time.

Fortunately for all of us, this year we get more time. In fact, we have an extra 24 hours this month thanks, in part, to Julius Caesar.

In 45 B.C., Caesar gave the world a great gift that most people today take for granted. He gave us the gift of time (sort of).

Caesar is considered the father of leap year. To ensure consistency with the true astronomical year, Roman officials started sporadically adding an extra day per month.

In fact, at that time, the Roman calendar was so out of line with the astronomical year that in 45 B.C., the Roman calendar added three extra months to try to realign.

Once everything was back on track, Caesar, along with his most trusted astronomers, decided to add one day every four years.

The day that was officially added was actually Feb. 25.

Of course, Caesar cannot take all the credit for our leap year calendar. In the 16th century the calendar was nearly 10 days off track.

This was fixed in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII made his own adjustments producing the calendar system we know today.

In case you haven't been paying attention, this year is a leap year. If you are like me, seeing that extra day tagged on to the month of February brings with it an overwhelming sense of relief that maybe your billable hours won't be so short this month.

You can only guess how I answer the "more time question" on all those surveys.

The whole purpose of Feb. 29 is to make up time we lose every year. As I am sure everyone recalls from grade school, the actual time it takes for the earth to circle the sun is 365.2421 days, not the 365 days we reflect on our calendar.

While the difference is negligible, as the Romans can tell you, over decades, the missing quarter day can make a huge difference.

Logically, we should all use the extra day to make up for the roughly six hours we lose billing every year. At least that is what my supervising partner would want me to say.

However, in light of The Jacksonville Bar's health and wellness initiatives, and because I watch way too much "Modern Family," I have decided this leap year I am going to do something more than just bill an extra few (or eight or 10) hours.

Truth be told, my answer to the "more time question" varies depending on how my day is unfolding.

If my 4-month-old had a rough night, my answer focuses on sleeping or relaxing.

If I am swamped at work, my answer is going to be to spend more time at the office.

We all need more time just to get caught up on life.

But instead of just getting caught up this year, I encourage everyone to use this extra time to do something special — something you may not ordinarily do because you don't have the time.

While I haven't exactly decided how I am going to spend Feb. 29, I have tossed around some ideas, which hopefully will inspire you to do something more with this great gift from Caesar:

- Do something with your family. If you are really daring, take the day off (yes, the whole day), take the kids out of school and do something that you have always wanted to do.
- Do something for someone else by volunteering at a local nonprofit. We have this great gift of extra time this year, use it to give a gift to someone else.
- You could play it safe and tackle that project at work you have been putting off because you haven't had the time.
- Pick up the phone and call that friend you have been meaning to call.
- Read that book that has been sitting on your nightstand waiting for you to have the time.

For the next four years we are all going to wish we had more time, so don't waste away the extra time we are being given this year.

Of course, whatever you decide to do, don't forget to wish our very own leap year baby — Judge Eric Roberson — a happy birthday.

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By Giselle Carson, The Jacksonville Bar Association president

In 1848, primarily through the giving of Joshua Bates, a Bostonian merchant and banker, the Boston Public Library was founded.

This is the oldest free public city library in the world and the first to allow its patrons to borrow books. Prior to its founding, libraries were opened only to a select few.

The founding of the BPL transformed the lives of many who otherwise might not have had access to reading materials.

In 1851, a group of citizens led by retired Boston sea Capt. Thomas Valentine Sullivan noticed a need to create a safe gathering place for sailors and merchants, and founded the first YMCA in the U.S.

They were inspired by the London YMCA, which was established in 1844.

As a result, YMCAs continue to transform and improve the mind, body and spirit of individuals and families in communities across the country.

In 1897, a group of visionary attorneys formed The Jacksonville Bar Association to maintain the honor and dignity of our profession, regulate the practice and promote improvements in the law and its administration, and cultivate professional ethics and social ties among the members.

Since its inception, the JBA has been positively transforming and making a meaningful difference for our members and community.

As I reflect on my tenure as president, one of my measures of success is how our organization continues to give back and positively impact our community and members.

Every day, our members donate their time, energy, expertise and money to make an impact, share expertise, learn new skills, strengthen our community, meet others and improve health.

Making an impact

Our Young Lawyers Section is all about making an impact.

Under the leadership of Lindsay Tygart with Edwards & Ragatz, P.A., and Christian George with Akerman LLP, our YLS events are making a lasting difference in our community.

The charity golf tourney, poker tournament and Chili-Cook Off (chaired by Alexandria Hill with Gray Robinson) raised over \$37,000, which was donated to the JT Townsend Foundation, K9s for Warriors and Community Connections.

Additionally, under the leadership of Amanda Thomas with Driver, McAfee, Peek & Hawthorne, P.L., Michael Lockamy with the Bedell Firm and Ryan Hyde with Thames, Markey & Heekin, P.A., the YLS, in partnership with the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, hosted its Holidays in January and donated 20 bicycles and other gifts to children identified by Family Support Services.

These are just a few examples of how our YLS is transforming our community.

Sharing expertise

We all have skills that can benefit others.

Our Pro Bono Committee, under the leadership of Kathy Para with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and Laura Boeckman with the Office of the Attorney General, has conducted more than 10 Ask-A-Lawyer and Advance Directive for Seniors events, where 15 to 50 residents are helped at each meeting.

Our members share their time and expertise at Saturday clinics with community members to help draft estate planning documents and answer questions relating to contracts, family law, foreclosure, employment, probate and other areas of law.



Giselle Carson

Learning new skills

Interested in learning what it takes for a U.S. legal permanent resident to become a U.S. citizen? Why not volunteer for the Law Day Committee's Citizenship Day?

Our Law Day Committee, under the leadership of Emily O'Leary with Foley & Lardner LLP and John Wallace with Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight & Jones, have many outstanding Law Day celebratory events, including Citizenship Day, a swearing-in ceremony for new U.S. citizens, a poster contest with students from local elementary schools and an art supply and toiletries drive to benefit local schools and Downtown Ecumenical Services.

At Citizenship Day on April 9, more than 100 legal immigrants will receive assistance with completing the U.S. Naturalization Application.

Several pro bono attorneys, paralegals and law students will work as teams in shifts to bring this amazing event to life.

It is not too late to participate in Citizenship Day — contact Kathy Para for information on getting involved.

Strengthening our community

Under the leadership of Shea Moser with Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight & Jones and Tony Zebouni with Regan, Whelan, Zebouni & Atwood, our Community Outreach section is making our community stronger, healthier and happier.

Last December, our Senior Holiday Project Committee, under the leadership of Alessandro Apolito with Brennan, Manna & Diamond, LLC, and John C.W. Cherneski with Milam, Howard, Nicandri, Dees & Gillam, P.A., and in collaboration with Meals On Wheels and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, granted the holiday wishes of about 400 seniors.

These citizens benefited from our members' donations of blankets, clothing, food, and even more important — cheerful and warm visits during the holiday season.

On April 28, under the leadership of Cyndy Trimmer with Ansbacher Law, Megan Kelberman with Gunster and Jessica Mathis with Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford P.A., the eighth annual celebration of Rendezvous on the River will take place.

This is the fifth consecutive year the proceeds from this event will benefit Dreams Come True, a local charity.

As in years past, the event will raise money to bring hope and joy to one First Coast child battling a life-threatening illness.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for Rendezvous on the River.

If you are looking to give a donation and/or would like to help give back to a worthwhile cause, we urge you to consider donating to this event.

You may contribute by contacting Cyndy, Megan, Jessica or the JBA.

Meeting others

Looking to broaden your network?

Giving back and being engaged, even if electronically, is a great way to connect with others.

During the fall, the JBA launched our Social Media Campaign, which was coordinated by our very own JBA staff, Carla Ortiz-Ramos and Julia McCormack, to promote the electronic connections of our members.

As a result, over \$5,000 was presented by the JBA to JALA to raise awareness of both organizations.

Improving health

I could not speak about transforming lives and giving back, and not speak about its beneficial impact on health.

Research shows that doing something positive for others stimulates the release of endorphins.

Many people report a "high" from volunteering, similar to the positive feeling that results from exercise.

Volunteering is not only an excellent way to help others feel better, but it makes us physically healthier, lowers our stress and helps us live happier more fulfilled lives.

I am especially thankful to Alison H. Sausaman with Marks Gray, P.A. and County Judge Eleni Derke for giving their time and energy to improve the health and serenity of our members through our Tuesday Walk and Talk events held every other week at 5:30 p.m. and Yoga for Legal Warriors.

I hear the last Yoga for Legal Warriors created a very positive buzz in the Duval County Courthouse. I hope to see many of you at our next session on April 29.

I am grateful and thankful for our sections, committees and individual members that, much like the visionaries who founded the BPL and YMCA, work tirelessly to make an impact and transform lives in our community every day.

Giselle Carson is president of The Jacksonville Bar Association and an attorney at Marks Gray.



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Alex Hill

Monday, July 11, 11:42 AM EDT

From The Jacksonville Bar Association

It is difficult to sum up everything I love about being a YLS board member. Joining the board is one of the best decisions I have made in my career. I have had the opportunity to work side by side with some of the best and brightest young lawyers, who have also become some of my closest friends.

Alexandria Hill

Gray Robinson

The relationships formed while working for the better of the legal community is undoubtedly my favorite thing about being a YLS board member.

Christian George**Akerman**

Lifelong friendships!

Lindsay Tygart**Edwards & Ragatz**

There are so many things I enjoy about being a YLS board member, but developing close friendships is on the top of the list. Another aspect I enjoy is working with the community to support local charities in order to assist those in need and to raise awareness for truly outstanding organizations.

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The Young Lawyers Section of The Jacksonville Bar Association spent an afternoon at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club to raise money for the Jacksonville Public Education Fund and future lawyers at Ribault High School.

Monday, November 21, 10:57 AM EST

By Jessica Mathis, Ford Miller & Wainer

The Young Lawyers Section of The Jacksonville Bar Association on Oct. 20 hosted its annual Tee it Up golf tournament to benefit the Jacksonville Public Education Fund and the Ribault High School Future Lawyers.

The education fund is an organization that connects research with civic voice to bring about action in support of quality public schools for all children in Duval County.

The YLS board mentored The Ribault High School Future Lawyers, a group of students who want to become lawyers.

Many of the mentees come from poverty and struggling backgrounds, and through our efforts we provide the young men and women guidance and support to follow a path into the legal field.

The students were able to participate in mock trials, visit the Bryan Simpson U.S. Courthouse, Duval County Courthouse, State Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office.

Our goal is to raise money to expand the program and make it a true staple in the community. I am pleased to say that this year's golf tournament is one huge step in that very direction.

The golfers gathered at the Ocean Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and had lunch, followed by registration where each received a custom golf shirt and swag bag filled with goodies.

As each foursome raced to their starting hole, the sense of competition in the air ignited. Whether it was winning a new car, being closest to the pin or having the longest drive, there was plenty of competition to go around.

After the clubs were stowed back into their bags, the golfers tallied their scorecards and the announcement of the winning team loomed. The victorious foursome was sponsored by Thames Markey & Heekin: Brad Markey, Rob Heekin, Charles Keller and team captain Ryan "The Hazard" Hyde.

Each member of the team received a prize pack full of golf gear and accessories from the Inn & Club Golf Shop.

While there was only one winning team, the true winners are the Ribault Future Lawyers. The final contributions aren't in, but we expect to donate at least \$10,000 to the charity, which will provide much-needed support to the students.

One of the proudest supporters of the group, U.S. District Judge Brian Davis, sent a personal message to Ribault Future Lawyers.

"Aim for success! Best wishes and good luck," he wrote.

We could not have said it better, and are proud to have had the great fortune to raise money for this truly magnificent organization and these special young men and women.

The future is bright indeed for our legal community.

If you are interested in getting involved with the program, contact Alex Hill at Alexandria.Hill@gray-robinson.com.



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Monday, December 12, 10:19 AM EST

From Staff

The Ribault High Future Lawyers mentees and mentors toured the Jacksonville University campus and discussed college preparation as well as college living.

The students participated in a mock trial and heard a presentation from a university representative about applying for financial aid.

For more information on the Ribault High Future Lawyers program, contact Alexandria Hill at Alexandria.hill@gray-robinson.com.



The Ribault High School Future Lawyers visited Jacksonville University with members of The Jacksonville Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.



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**EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER JACKSONVILLE LEGAL COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT**

(Senior Associate turned General Counsel)

Alex began her career with GrayRobinson, P.A. in April 2013 as an associate attorney. She represented clients in the areas of bankruptcy, general liability defense and business transactions. Served as outside general counsel for several start-up companies assisting them in general business matters including, corporate formation, general contract review and drafting, intellectual property, and exit strategies. Due to her hard work and efforts, Alex was promoted to Senior Associate.

Alex maintained a client base that she brought with her to GrayRobinson, which included Maple Street Biscuit Company ("Maple Street"). Alex assisted Maple Street in franchising, employment matters, intellectual property, and leasing. As a result of Maple Street's growth and their trust in Alex, she was extended an offer at the end of 2016 to become their General Counsel, to which she accepted. Alex now handles Maple Street's legal issues full time as their General Counsel.

Attached are the following letters of recommendation from Alex's previous and current employers as well as Judges who have worked with Alex during her involvement in the legal community (in order of appearance):

- Judge Eric Roberson;
- Judge Virginia Norton;
- Henry M. Coxe;
- James A. Nolan;
- Jason B. Burnett;
- Rick J. Plotkin; and
- Scott A. Moore.

Also attached is the following photograph of Alex, James Nolan, Scott Moore and Gus Evans (from right to left) at the Jacksonville Business Journal's Awards where Maple Street was one (1) of the top fifty (50) of Jacksonville's fastest growing companies.



COUNTY COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

ERIC C. ROBERSON
DUVAL COUNTY JUDGE

DUVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
501 WEST ADAMS STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202

April 6, 2017

Ms. Lara Bach, Esquire
Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division
Via Electronic Mail: Lara.Bach@weil.com

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Alexandria Hill

Dear Ms. Bach:

Please accept this letter for your consideration of Alexandria Hill for the Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award.

For many years I served with Alexandria Hill on the Jacksonville Young Lawyers' Section Board of Governors. I know Alex to be a tireless worker with motivation and self-direction. While managing a busy legal practice, Alex always finds time to give selflessly to the community.

She is currently the Chair of Girls, Inc., an organization advancing the interest of school-aged girls. My wife is the immediate past Chair of Girls, Inc. and has worked hand-in-hand with Alex. She, too, bears witness to Alex's dedication for public service.

When we were both on the Young Lawyers board, I was placed in charge of an inaugural charity chili cook-off and headed that event for its first four years. Alex took over after me and grew it into a marquee event. During my tenure, I think we had 13-15 teams at any given year. This year, where I served as a chili judge, there were almost 50 teams. I was full of both chili and pride – seeing how the event has grown into one of the “it” events for our legal professions.

Alex is a credit to our legal profession and demonstrates the best of our membership in both her legal acumen and commitment to community service. She would be a very deserving recipient of the Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Roberson
County Court Judge

ECR/sk

cc: Thomas Miller
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**CIRCUIT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

VIRGINIA BAKER NORTON
CIRCUIT JUDGE

DUVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202

April 3, 2017

RE: Nomination of Alexandria V. Hill

To the Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award Selection Committee:

It is a true honor to nominate Alexandria V. Hill for the Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient than Alex.

I have had the pleasure to work with Alex in both her capacity as a lawyer and as a community leader. Not only does Alex distinguish herself by excelling in both roles, Alex also distinguishes herself by balancing both roles.

In Court, I have witnessed Alex's performance as a well-prepared and skillful advocate. She is a tireless professional who is well-versed in the law as well as an extraordinary writer. Her clients can depend on her for the highest level of legal representation.

Through my community service experiences with Alex, I have found her to be a person who dedicates herself fully to any cause that she finds worthy. I believe that Alex will be a change agent in our world. Alex has the rare combination of an open heart and a brilliant mind. Her open heart will force her to always look at the human factor in conjunction with the quantifiable factor of a situation. She will not be afraid to allow matters to touch her in a way that intimidates many.

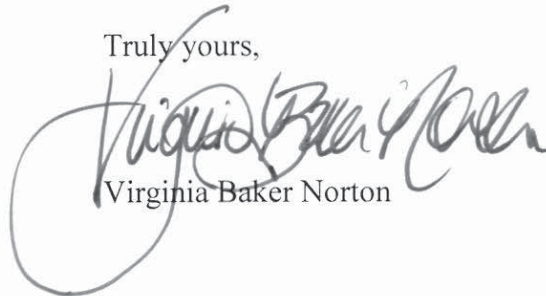
Consequently, it is my prediction that Alex will always use her intelligence and strength to give a voice to those who are vulnerable. Quite simply, Alex is going to make sure that good things happen for a lot of people. Alex will have the type of life that few are brave enough to pursue.

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In summary, I consider it an honor to know Alex. Alex is an absolutely extraordinary woman, lawyer, and leader.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 904.255.1300. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virginia Baker Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and end. It is positioned above the printed name "Virginia Baker Norton".

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April 6, 2017

Re: Nomination of Alexandria V. Hill

Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award Selection Committee
Attn: Lara Bach, Esquire

It is a privilege to support the nomination of Alexandria V. Hill for the Lynn Futch Most Productive Lawyer Award. I have known Alex for several years and she shares the same qualities and values enjoyed by Lynn Futch. Alex is a superb lawyer and a marvelous community leader.

After she completed college and law school with academic distinction, she joined a Jacksonville law firm and primarily practiced business litigation. It was at this time of her career I concluded in observing her performances that she would soon be making extraordinary contributions to both the legal profession and this community. She later joined a statewide law firm and pursued a practice in the area of corporate and real estate transactions. When she shared with me her intention to transition to become general counsel of one of her clients and lead its nationwide expansion, it came as little surprise. Her work ethic, attention to detail, and ability to persuade others to join her leadership is evident to anyone who has interacted with her.

In each instance in which Alex elects to engage in a particular community endeavor, she is invariably asked to become the leader of that organization. This would apply to becoming the Chairwoman of Girls, Inc., with its commitment to assist young girls navigating gender, economic, and social barriers; and her election to serve as President of the Jacksonville Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, which is the most committed and hardest working part of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

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In short, my admiration and respect for Alexandria Hill is precipitated by her respect for the needs of others, and recognition that her skills and talents can be used to help those who are less able to help themselves. Selection of Alex Hill for this award would do great justice to the legacy of Lynn Futch.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Cox, III", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Henry M. Cox, III

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April 6, 2017

YLD Awards Committee
Attn: Lara Bach

Re: Alexandria Hill

Dear Ms. Bach:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Alexandria Hill in connection with the Lynch Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award. Alex truly epitomizes everything this award stands for. She has "worked most diligently in the past year (and before) in Bar activities and/or law related public activities" and has an "excellent reputation for legal abilities and integrity."

Alex was my associate for the past three years working on various business transaction matters. In addition, Alex worked with several other GrayRobinson partners, working on various litigation and transactional matters. Her work ethic is exemplary, and her interaction with her clients demonstrates levels of both competence and integrity that all lawyers should aspire to exemplify. Alex has the rare ability to manage multiple areas of law while meeting the needs of multiple clients. Alex views her ability to practice law as a privilege, and therefore proudly gives back to the community in *pro bono* legal service. She has personally assisted me with several Jacksonville Area Legal Aid *pro bono* cases.

More important than her legal skills, however, are her professional and interpersonal skills, through which she builds lasting connections with her clients. Alex develops raving-fan clients, who sing her praises. I believe this results, in part, from the absolute pride she takes in representing each of her clients. Instead of simply reciting "all clients are important," I believe Alex really and truly understands that no matter how small a project may seem, to her clients it might be the most important legal matter of their lives. That empathetic willingness to invest in her clients, and to share their concerns and hopes, and to work to achieve their goals, no matter how busy she may be, creates amazingly strong and personal relationships with her clients.

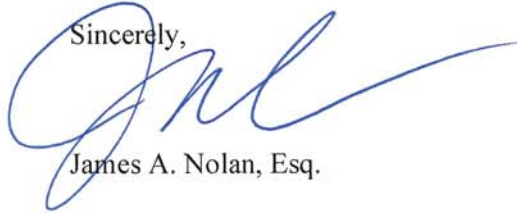
In clear demonstration of the strong ties Alex creates with her clients, Maple Street Biscuit Company recently hired her away from GrayRobinson to serve as their General Counsel. Maple Street is growing quickly, with complex and diverse legal needs. Because of the professionalism and the competent manner that Alex had represented Maple Street in the past, the entire Maple Street executive team sought her out to join them in achieving their goals.

Beyond her excellent legal abilities, Alex is extremely active in the local bar as well as the community. Alex currently serves as President-elect for The Jacksonville Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, and is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Girls, Inc. of Jacksonville. What has always impressed me the most is Alex's ability to juggle her career, community involvement, and family.

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I am very proud to recommend Alex for this award. I believe her professional and legal skills certainly merit commendation. Adding her *pro bono* service, together with her community involvement, all while maintaining a warm and loving household, truly sets Alex apart as an example for all lawyers.

Sincerely,

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James A. Nolan, Esq.

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April 5, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

YLD Awards Committee
Attn: Lara Bach

**Re: The Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award
Nomination of Alexandria Hill**

Dear Awards Committee:

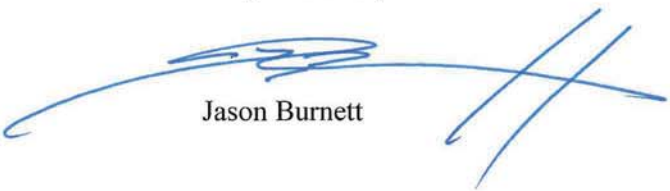
Alexandria Hill ("Alex") and I met in 2009, when I interviewed her as a law student at the University of Florida. Alex was, and still is, an individual who distinguished herself from the masses. Immediately after the interview, I hired her as a Summer Associate and eventually I offered her an associate position at GrayRobinson, P.A. When Alex came to GrayRobinson, she had already developed a client base, to which she remains connected with to this day.

At GrayRobinson, Alex worked with a variety of attorneys on a multitude of subject matters. As one of her supervising attorneys, Alex became my "right hand" and excelled in bankruptcy, commercial litigation and corporate matters. Most memorably, Alex assisted me on a Ponzi scheme case in South Florida where she flawlessly managed hundreds of potential claims from investors. I have watched Alex develop from an eager young attorney into a mature and respected professional. The strength of her reputation is apparent from her success in litigation and transactional matters as well as client satisfaction.

Not only have I been a part of Alex's professional growth, but I was privy to Alex's devotion to other organizations, such as Girls, Inc. and the Jacksonville Bar Association's Young Lawyers Board of Governors, as well as her commitment to her family.

It is my honor to submit this letter of recommendation in support of Alexandria Hill receiving the Lynn Futch Award. The Lynn Futch award seems to have been made for Alex and she is, in my opinion, extremely deserving of the award. Please feel free to contact me further with any questions regarding Alex's nomination.

GrayRobinson, P.A.


Jason Burnett

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April 5, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

YLD Awards Committee

Attn: Lara Bach and Tom Miller

Re: Lynn Futch Award Nomination of Alexandria Hill

Dear Awards Committee:

I first met Alexandria Hill ("Alex") in 2009 when she was hired as a Summer Associate at Gray Robinson. It was clear from the beginning that Alex was a superstar and I was thrilled when she was hired as a Senior Associate in 2013. I had the pleasure of being one of the partners supervising Alex while she was with GrayRobinson. As part of my responsibilities, I was charged with helping to foster Alex's development as an attorney. In reality, my time with Alex helped me to become a better person, and I am forever in her debt. Throughout our lives, we all come into contact with people who make some impression upon us, but few of these interactions shape us to the core. My time with Alex was one of those rare instances. She has a way of making everyone around her better.

While at GrayRobinson, Alex helped me manage the Florida litigation for my largest client (and a significant client of the firm) and the system would not have worked without Alex's assistance at the helm. She not only helped manage and enhance existing client relationships while at GrayRobinson, but she found time to develop her own clients and volunteer in the community with various not for profit organizations and helped spearhead philanthropic events. Alex is truly an inspiration to us all.

It is my honor to submit this letter of recommendation in support of Alexandria Hill receiving the Lynn Futch Award. While Alex does not do the things she does for accolades, we should take the time to recognize those that are truly outstanding as a small appreciation for all that they have done to make the legal profession and this community a better place to work and live. The Lynn Futch award seems to be the perfect award to recognize all that Alex has done. Please feel free to contact me regarding Alex's nomination to discuss in more detail or if you have any questions. Best regards,

GrayRobinson, P.A.



Rick Plotkin

Scott Moore
CEO\Founder of Maple Street Biscuit Company
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4/04/2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division
YLD Awards Committee
Attn: Lara Bach
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**Re: Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award – Nomination of
Alexandria Hill**

Dear Awards Committee:

This letter is a formal and wholehearted recommendation for Alexandria Hill as a professional, as a lawyer and most importantly as a person of integrity. Alexandria has been Maple Street Biscuit Company's counsel for four and a half years of our five-year existence. Alex was one of three lawyers from a law firm we were using that dissolved. The other two attorneys pursued our company and wanted to be our legal representatives but as a team we chose Alexandria Hill to be our Attorney. Outside of hard work and good counsel along the way, though she was not the lead attorney, we trusted Alex and our number one filter for partnership has been "trust." We all decided that Alex was the person we knew we could trust. With that decision made, we called her and told her that whichever firm she went to work for, we were going with her to that firm as long as she would be our counselor.

Alexandria Hill is steadfast, calm under pressure and always offers unique and helpful ways to achieve our exceptional goal. She has continually served well beyond what a transactional relationship would do.

When it came time for Maple Street Biscuit Company to bring on its own legal partner, we could think of no other and better partner, friend and counsel to the business than Alexandria Hill. Candidly, we were excited that she chose Maple Street and that she had the desire to help us carry out our mission of "serve people, help others, and be a part of the community." The fact that Alex signed up has allowed us to go help many more people. She is changing lives.

Alexandria Hill has a strong sense of community and commitment to her field. Before she accepted the General Counsel position at Maple Street Biscuit Company, she listed several legal and community organizations that were important to her and if she came, these would come with her. We gladly accepted both.

If Alex does not know the best counsel to provide, she will go find it through her network or through research. She uses her many talents for the benefit of her clients and the company.

I believe Alexandria Hill is a great asset to any organization she partners with but more importantly she is a person of character and that character comes out in ways which make us all better.

Alex is exceptional and I heartily recommend her. I can be reached at 904-307-1001 or at scott@maplestreetbiscuitcompany.com if you have any questions or would like more details about her character and conduct.

Sincerely,
Scott Moore

cc. Thomas Miller
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CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Alex is involved in numerous civic organizations in Jacksonville. Aside from her involvement with the YLS, Alex is the current Chair of the Board of Directors for Girls Inc. of Jacksonville.

Girls Inc. is a national organization that has had a local presence in Jacksonville since 1970. It is a not for profit organization that serves more than 1,700 girls in literacy after-school programs, outreach and summer camps. Alex serves not only as the Chair, tirelessly organizing events to benefit the organization and ensuring that the organization is being run smoothly, but she serves as a mentor to the girls and young women that Girls Inc. serves.

In addition to Girls Inc., Alex has a passion for politics. She has volunteered her time to assist in local campaigns, including the race for Clay County Clerk of Court. Most notably, Alex was the Communications Chair for Glo Smith in her race for Congress.

Attached are the following photographs and documents (in order of appearance):

- Girls Inc. Board of Directors and Staff.
- Alex and her husband, Hunter, at Glo Smith's fundraiser with Herman Cain, where Alex acted as the master of ceremonies.
- A letter of recommendation from Glo Smith.





April 5, 2017

YLD Awards Committee

Attn.: Lara Bach

Dear Ms. Bach,

Alex Hill was a pivotal part of my 2014 and 2016 US Congressional Campaign in the 5th Congressional District. She spearheaded fundraising and served as our media relations specialist, communicating with organizations and individuals throughout the country. Her networking abilities and contacts were instrumental in obtaining funding at the local, state, and national level for my campaign. With her services, we were able to raise the majority of our funds at a grassroots level and obtain donations from donors around the country.

Throughout the campaign and after each bid for congress, Alex remained to be a professional and personal resource to myself and my daughter Cassandra Smith and the rest of our campaign team. Her contributions not only as our Finance and Media Chair, but also as a friend led me to choose her as a my Chief of Staff had I won my Congressional Campaign.

Alex is not only a great liaison but her community service is known throughout Northeast Florida. Knowing that Alex has spearheaded a Future Lawyers Program at my alma mater, Ribault High School in Jacksonville demonstrates her ability to be inclusive and work with people of all demographics. Her reaching out to a group of students in the urban core who otherwise would not be exposed to the legal profession embodies my passion and plan had I been elected to office. Knowing Alex personally, I can attest that she does all this while raising two wonderful children along with her husband.

I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award.

Regards,

Glo Smith

FAMILY

As well as her dedication to her employers and civic organizations, Alex is incredibly dedicated to her family. Alex and her family reside in Clay County where they are active in the community. Alex's husband, Hunter Hill ("Hunter"), works as a teacher at Clay County High School and coaches both football and wrestling. Alex and Hunter have two children, Colton Hill (6 years old) and Annmarie Hill (1 year old). Within the last year, Alex has organized and coordinated Annmarie's christening as well as her first birthday party.

Due to Hunter's involvement in wrestling and football, Alex finds the time to help score during competitions and attends most, if not all, wrestling tournaments. In fact, Alex and her family continually help the wrestlers at Clay County High School. Specifically, Alex and her family opened their home to a wrestler in need to ensure his success during high school. Alex similarly helps during football season. During most wrestling and football games, Alex is accompanied by both Colton and Annmarie, making it a family affair.

Attached are the following photographs (in the order of appearance):

- Alex and her family celebrating their long standing tradition of buying the official Notre Dame T-shirt for the 2016 season.
- Alex and her daughter, Annmarie, at her first birthday party the fall of 2016.
- Alex, Hunter and Colton at the 2017 Wrestling Tournament where Clay High School won second place.





