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### **Wells Hall Receives 2017 ABA Section of Taxation Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award**

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 27, 2017 — The American Bar Association Section of Taxation presented its annual Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award to C. Wells Hall III of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, during the Section’s Plenary Luncheon on January 21, 2017.

The ABA Section of Taxation Pro Bono Award was initiated in 2002. Its name was changed to the Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award in 2007 to honor the work and legacy of the late Professor Janet Spragens. Professor Spragens greatly contributed to ensuring representation for low-income taxpayers. The award is presented each year to an individual or law firm that has demonstrated outstanding and sustained commitment to pro bono legal services, particularly with respect to federal and state tax law.

Wells served as Section Vice-Chair, Pro Bono and Outreach, from 2013 to 2016. During his tenure in that position, Wells championed programs to increase pro bono participation among Section membership and to increase access to tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations. Among other efforts, Wells was a driving force behind the Section’s “Adopt-A-Base” program, through which tax attorneys provide military VITA training to servicemen and women on military bases throughout the country. Under Wells’s leadership, the Adopt-A-Base program expanded from two bases in 2013 to 47 bases in the current filing season. Wells himself provided instruction at three installations last year.

*The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with approximately 16,000 members nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws and working to achieve a simplified tax system that is equitable and efficient.*

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