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Re: Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project

On behalf of the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General, I submit this letter in support of the Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project’s nomination for the ABA Section of Officers Conference Meritorious Service Award.

For the last four years, the Kentucky Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Protection has hosted a Steiger Fellow. The opportunity to host Steiger Fellows in our office has proven invaluable, as it has provided our relatively small but extremely active office with motivated and talented law students to assist our office in its mission to protect consumers and serve its constituents.

The Kentucky Office of the Attorney General enforces the Kentucky Consumer Protection Act, KRS 367.110 et seq., in order to protect Kentucky consumers from “unfair, false, misleading or deceptive acts or practice in trade or commerce.” In addition, the Office enforces antitrust laws under both the federal antitrust laws and Kentucky’s statute, KRS 367.175. Our Office utilizes its authority under these and other statutes to investigate and take enforcement actions for the benefit of Kentucky consumers as well as the ethical businesses in the state.

Our office, like those of many other government agencies, has, in recent years, incurred budget cuts, which have affected our office. The valuable assistance provided through the Steiger Fellowship program has enabled us to pursue our mission, despite the challenging budgetary situation in which our office operates.

Over the years, Steiger Fellows have assisted our Consumer Protection division with ongoing complex litigation involving consumer protection and antitrust cases. Steiger Fellows have worked on consumer protection matters involving the for-profit school industry and the opioids epidemic in Kentucky, as well as antitrust investigations and litigation involving gasoline and generic drug pricing. The work produced by Steiger Fellows has ranged from conducting legal research and memo writing to interviewing witnesses and preparing draft pleadings.

We have greatly appreciated the generosity of the Steiger Fellowship Project and the support it has provided to our office’s mission. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

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