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**ABA TAX SECTION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING YOUNG TAX LAWYERS,
NAMES SIX 2017 JOHN S. NOLAN FELLOWS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 3, 2017 – The American Bar Association Section of Taxation announced the recipients of the 2017 John S. Nolan Fellows during the Section’s Midyear Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Nolan Fellows are young tax lawyers who are actively involved in the Section and have demonstrated leadership qualities.

The six 2017 Nolan Fellows are:

- **Elizabeth K. Blickley**, Washington, DC;
- **Matthew Cooper**, Ernst & Young LLP, Washington, DC;
- **Nikki J. Hasselbarth**, Venable LLP, Baltimore, MD;
- **Vanessa C. Lafleur**, Louisiana Department of Revenue, Baton Rouge, LA;
- **Rafi W. Mottahedeh**, Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, IL;
- **Susanna W. Ratner**, SeniorLAW Center, Philadelphia, PA.

“The Section is privileged to announce these young lawyers as our Nolan Fellows for 2017-2018,” said William Caudill, Chair of the Section of Taxation. “These Nolan Fellows are our young lawyers and those new to practice who have demonstrated exceptional ability and commitment to the Tax Section. We expect they will continue that commitment to the Tax Section for many years to come.”

Each one-year fellowship includes the waiver of meeting registration fees and assistance with travel to Section meetings.

For more information about the Nolan Fellowship program, visit the Section website, <http://www.americanbar.org/groups/taxation/awards/nolans.html>.

The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with over 17,000 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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