

Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Nominating Committee Minutes

July 13, 2021

Members Present: Bob Brown (Community Member, Chair); Neva-Marie Polley Scott (Program Director); Kristin Alexander (Paralegal Staff Rep).

Members Absent: Hailey O'Hair (Client Member).

Staff Present: Rich Seckel (Director).

The Kentucky Equal Justice Center Nominating Committee met by Zoom at 4:00 p.m. on July 13, 2021. The charge of the committee was to nominate officers for one-year terms, board members for two-year terms and a new member fill a vacancy in an unexpired term.

Bob Brown volunteered to chair the meeting. A quorum being present, he called the meeting to order. The committee proceeded through an order of business suggested by Rich. It acted on the following motions.

1. Nominations of current Community Members willing to continue

Motion: Neva-Marie Polley Scott moved to nominate current members Bob Brown, Rick Clewett, and Christopher Frost to new two-year terms on the board.

Second: Kristin Alexander

Recusal: Bob Brown

Action: Approved unanimously

2. Nomination of new Community Member to fill unexpired vacant term

Motion: Neva-Marie Polley Scott moved to nominate Dan Wu to fill the Community Member slot left vacant with the resignation of Lilia Asnaya, with T. Bruce Simpson as alternate should Dan be unable or unwilling to serve.

Second: Kristin Alexander

Action: Approved unanimously

3. Nominations of officers

Motion: Neva-Marie Polley Scott moved to nominate Bob Brown as Chair, Lisa Gabbard as Treasurer and Raaziq El-Amin as Assistant Treasurer, each for a one-year term.

Second: Kristin Alexander

Action: Approved unanimously

The group agreed by consensus that Rich should issue a call for nominations after the July 15, 2021, board meeting to fill the expired Client Member term of Hailey O’Hair.

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2020 Nomination Form

Community and Client Board Members

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Community Board Members must be individuals with a demonstrated interest in advocacy for low-income Kentuckians. Client Board Members must have received services from Kentucky Equal Justice Center or a Kentucky legal services program or be eligible for services at the time of their nomination.

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***Mission:** Board members must share a commitment to our mission: to promote equal justice for all residents of the Commonwealth by serving as an advocate for low income and other vulnerable members of society.*

Name of Nominee: Dan Wu

Address: 506 Reed Ln

City: Lexington State: KY Zip: 40503

Phone: 347-517-5876 Fax: Email: culinaryevangelist@gmail.com

Job Title (if any): Owner

Employer (if any): Atomic Ramen

Recommendation: Please tell us why you think the nominee would make a good Board member. Feel free to describe the nominee's personal commitment and experience relevant to the mission (you may attach a statement):

Dan Wu has been an outspoken supporter of immigrants and refugees in Lexington. Several years ago, he produced a short film titled "I Am a Kentuckian", which he premiered at an event celebrating immigrants and refugees and raising funds for KEJC and Kentucky Refugee Ministries. He later reached out to us with further fundraising and public awareness campaign ideas, including the "Immigrants and Refugees Welcome Here" signs, which he proposed to include KEJC's information and to distribute to local businesses as a sign that they were welcoming to immigrants and refugees. When we discovered a funding opportunity to create the posters, Dan volunteered his time to help us get the grant and distribute the posters. Dan has been

an advocate in the community in a time when many immigrants face uncertainty and oppression. He has been a persistent supporter of KEJC and our role helping immigrants. He participates in public discourse, sponsoring and speaking at “On Common Ground” last September, in 2019. Lexington Community Radio (now RADIOLEX) hosted “On Common Ground” a public conversation about immigration, identity, and how we define community. Dan also recently participated as a speaker in the Unemployment Insurance Town Hall that KEJC hosted, sharing his perspective as a local business owner. See the I Am A Kentuckian video at <https://vimeo.com/212750323> and the UI Town Hall at <https://www.facebook.com/176136942458115/videos/356021032226669>

Group affiliations: Feel free to list the nominee’s group memberships relevant to the mission:

Board member: Human Rights Commission, Local First Lexington, CivicLex (pending);
member: Independent Restaurant Coalition

Is the nominee eligible to receive services from a legal services program in Kentucky?

Yes
 No
 Don’t know

Note: Self-nominations are welcome!

Nominated by: Self Other

Name of nominator (if not oneself): Miranda Brown

Address: 619 Orchard Ave.

City: Lexington State: KY Zip: 40502

Phone: 859-321-2722

Does nominee know of the nomination? Yes No

Diversity and nondiscrimination policy: *Kentucky Equal Justice Center affirmatively seeks diversity in its Board membership. Board members shall be selected entirely on a nondiscriminatory basis with respect to age, ancestry, disability, ethnicity, familial status, gender, gender identity, limited English proficiency, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and all other categories provided nondiscriminatory treatment by law, statute, or ordinance.*

Email or postmark by August 20 to:

Richard J. Seckel, Director

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Name of Nominee: T. Bruce Simpson

Address: 300 West Main St., Ste. 2100

City: Lexington, KY 40507

Phone: (859) 231-3621 Fax: (859) 259-3521 Email: bruce.simpson@skofirm.com

Job Title (if any): Attorney

Employer (if any): Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC

Recommendation: Please tell us why you think the nominee would make a good Board member. Feel free to describe the nominee's personal commitment and experience relevant to the mission (you may attach a statement):

After his military service Bruce got his BS in sociology and cultural anthropology, then his MSW and his law degree from UK. He worked for the Legislative Research Commission before going into private practice in Lexington. Bruce's compassion to help the helpless has been expressed throughout his legal career, including his work as head of the bar's Pro Bono Program. Of particular note is the initiative he shows to further KEJC's mission. His personal and civic commitments, professional experience and reputation uniquely qualify him for the KEJC Board.

Group affiliations: Feel free to list the nominee's group memberships relevant to the mission:

Lexington Child Abuse Council (Chairperson)
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (Chairperson)
Nursing Home Ombudsman of the Bluegrass (Chairperson)
Children's Advocacy of the Bluegrass (Chairperson)
Fayette County Bar Association (President)

Is the nominee eligible to receive services from a legal services program in Kentucky?

Yes
 No
 Don't know

Nominated by:

Bob Brown
Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP
250 W. Main, Ste. 1700
Lexington, KY 40507
Cell: (859) 552-2870

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