



KACDL Presents

35th Annual KACDL Conference | 2022

2022 KACDL Awards Reception

Grab your favorite libation and join us for our annual awards presentation as we close out the day

Fair Administration of Justice Award **Hon. Brian C. Edwards (Jefferson Circuit Court)**

Presented to a member of the judiciary who has served and advanced the interests and cause of justice by fairly applying constitutional principles and impartially presiding in criminal proceedings.

Media Award **Matt Mencarini, Chris Kenning and Jonathan Bullington, Louisville Courier Journal**

Presented to a reporter or editor who has informed Kentucky citizens about the critical constitutional roles of criminal defense lawyers, public defenders or criminal defense organizations in ensuring the individual liberties guaranteed by our Bill of Rights.

Bill of Rights Enforcer Award **Brad Holajter (Frankfort)**

Presented to a citizen who, while not a practicing criminal defense lawyer, has effectively supported and vigilantly protected the Bill of Rights for all citizens accused of crime and subjected to prosecution by the government.

Clarence Darrow Prodigy Award **Holly McNeil, Dept. of Public Advocacy (Paducah)**

Presented to a member of KACDL who has been practicing law for less than 5 years and has demonstrated precocious legal knowledge and trial skills as a criminal defense advocate, as well as an uncompromising commitment to aggressively defending clients in the spirit and best tradition of Mr. Darrow.

Frank E Haddad, Jr. Award **Ryan Vantrease (Louisville)**

Presented to a criminal defense lawyer in recognition of exceptional professional achievement which has had a profound effect and sustained impact on the protection of the constitutional rights of citizens accused or convicted of a criminal offense.

