

JUSTICE THOMAS B. SPAIN AWARD:

JASON F. DARNALL

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The Justice Thomas B. Spain Award was named for the first Supreme Court Liaison to the CLE Commission, and is awarded for extraordinary volunteerism in continuing legal education. Jason F. Darnall was unanimously selected by the CLE Commission to be the 2022 recipient of this prestigious award.

Jason exhibits a fervent commitment to the CLE Commission's educational efforts. He always answers the call and when he cannot personally participate, he finds someone else to meet the need. He served a six-year term on the CLE Commission, three of those as its chair. From the moment Jason committed to KBA CLE, he has been integral to the planning and execution of every Kentucky Law Update, New Lawyer Program, and Annual Convention. He is often named as a favorite speaker at our events, and it has nothing to do with him often using pictures of his cute dogs as teaching aids. He recently served as the chair of the CLE Planning Committee for the 2022 Annual Convention. We thank him for his tireless efforts!

Jason graduated with a B.A. in political science from the University of Kentucky and obtained his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. After serving as assistant Marshall County Attorney for 14 years, he was elected as the Marshall County Attorney in 2018. He is believed to be the first independent county attorney elected in Kentucky history and serves in this capacity full time. In his spare time, Jason is an accomplished runner, having completed all six World Marathon Majors, the Boston Marathon on numerous occasions, and a marathon on every continent. Jason and his wife Jenny live on their family farm in Marshall County with their three dogs, a cat, and two nephews. Jason recently acquired two more rescue kittens, Sonny Crockett and Ricardo Tubbs. Jason is an avid fan of UK Athletics, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and horse racing. Jason is the recipient of the 2018 Award of Excellence from Prosecutor's Advisory Council and was presented the 2020 County Attorney of the Year Award.

