



The Litigation Counsel of America is pleased to announce that **Eric A. Welter** of Welter Law Firm, P.C., in Ashburn, Virginia, is a recipient of the Peter Perlman Service Award. The award was presented to Mr. Welter by G. Steven Henry, LCA Executive Director and General Counsel, at the 2019 Spring Conference & Celebration of Fellows held in Santa Barbara, California, at the Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara.

The Peter Perlman Service Award recognizes LCA Fellows who contribute in meaningful ways to society by giving back their time and resources in an effort to improve the lives of others. The award is named after 2013 President of the LCA Peter Perlman of Peter Perlman Law Offices, P.S.C., in Lexington, Kentucky. In the words of Peter Perlman, “The profession of law not only allows us to advocate on behalf of those whose rights need to be protected, but gives us a platform to improve the quality of life for those not engaged in the legal system. The betterment of society, the environment, and our way of life, improvement of the positions of people who have faced challenges outside their control, and effecting change on behalf of those without a strong voice are all causes we should take on as professionals as we work within one of the very pillars of our government. The practice of law is what we do, but our opportunities to protect and defend transcend the profession.”

Mr. Welter is the co-founder and chairman of Abound in Hope Nigeria, Inc. Abound in Hope Nigeria is a non-profit that promotes the physical, educational, and spiritual well-being of the underprivileged in Nigeria through support of non-governmental organizations in that country. He has served on the board of a nonprofit healing ministry. His firm supports the development of young athletes in his community by sponsorship of the Pro Elite Football Academy in Loudoun County, Virginia. The Academy operates on a scholarship basis to develop high school athletes on the field thru training with formal professional and college football players and also off the field thru mentorship, community engagement and life skills development.

Mr. Welter also served in a volunteer capacity as the Head Referee for USA Water Polo (Northeast Zone) for seven years, supervising the training and development of water polo officials in the Northeast USA and coordinating and assigning officials for national championship qualifier tournaments in the Zone. He was given the Aaron Chaney Distinguished Referee Award (Developmental) from the Northeast Zone in 2017. He was also a member of the Zone Board for USA Water Polo and a regular delegate to the national meeting in California. During that time, he also officiated age group, high school, and collegiate water polo games.

Mr. Welter has been involved in Fairfax Bar Association in Northern Virginia, having served as the Chair and Program Director of the Employment Law Section. He also served as an At Large Representative on the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan Committee for Loudoun County,

Virginia. He previously served as the Legislative Representative for the Fredericksburg Regional Society for Human Resources Management. He is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and a member of the Trial Law Institute and the Diversity Law Institute.

The Litigation Counsel of America is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship in the LCA is highly selective and by invitation only. Fellows are selected based upon excellence and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels, and superior ethical reputation. The LCA is aggressively diverse in its composition. Established as a trial and appellate lawyer honorary society reflecting the American bar in the twenty-first century, the LCA represents the best in law among its membership. The number of Fellowships has been kept at an exclusive limit by design, allowing qualifications, diversity and inclusion to align effectively. The LCA has offices in New York, NY, Washington, DC, Birmingham, AL, and Seaside, FL.

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