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Indiana State Bar Association Leadership Development Academy graduates 25 lawyers

INDIANAPOLIS (May 12, 2014) – The Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) Leadership Development Academy class of 2014 convened for its final session and graduation May 9 at the Cummins Headquarters in Columbus. The lawyers are accomplished legal practitioners who have been admitted to practice for less than 15 years. The Academy is a statewide leadership program established to empower and develop lawyers to be informed, committed and involved so that they may fill significant leadership roles in local and state bar associations, local communities and organizations and to serve as role models in matters of ethics and professionalism.

“Each of the participants in the Academy make a personal commitment of time to develop their personal leadership style and skills,” ISBA President Jim Dimos said. “We believe that these talented individuals will serve their clients throughout their careers not only as lawyers but as leaders in their communities and the bar.”

The 25 members participated in five sessions featuring professional facilitators and prominent speakers from various disciplines to inform participants about leadership principles and techniques, the importance of effective leaders in organizations to maximize efficiency and effectiveness, and the challenges and rewards of leadership in action.

“This has been a tremendous learning experience for a very diverse and talented group of young lawyers,” Hon. Thomas Felts said. “I am very excited to see what leadership roles each of them will assume, not only in the ISBA but in their local bar associations and communities around the state.”

Members of the 2014 Leadership Development Academy include:

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