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J. Earle Plumhoff Professionalism Award to Jason E. Cuomo, Esquire

On February 20, 2025, the Bar Association held its periodic Stated Meeting. The highlight of this Stated Meeting was the presentation of the J. Earle Plumhoff Professionalism Award to Jason E. Cuomo, Esquire.

Each year, the J. Earle Plumhoff Professionalism Award is awarded to an individual that demonstrates the principles recognized in the Baltimore County Bar Association's Code of Professionalism and has made unnoticed contributions to the legal profession and the Bar Association. I was joined at the podium by Jason's father, Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire, who presented Jason with the award.

Jason humbly and graciously accepted the award. Jason genuinely expressed how meaningful it was to him to be included on a list of distinguished jurists and lawyers that have received the award before and mentioned a few lawyers and judges that had an impact on his professional career. Jason then made two more important, and heartfelt, acknowledgements - first, to his wife and children; and second, to his father, Dennis. Jason has been fortunate to work alongside his father for his entire legal career.

I was joined in the nomination of Jason by Magistrates Carrie Polley and Mike McBee who know Jason from their time in private practice and since being appointed as Magistrates. According to Magistrate Polley, Jason was an absolute pleasure to work with because he was civil and a problem-solver. Since her appointment as a Magistrate and seeing Jason from a different role, Magistrate Polley said that he is always well prepared, respectful to everyone including counsel, litigants, witnesses, and courthouse staff, and is a zealous advocate for his client.

Magistrate McBee said Jason routinely shows compassion and civility. Jason represents a variety of clients and does so with the highest professional manner and desire to do the absolute best for his clients. Despite a sizeable case load, Jason is always well prepared, punctual, an effective communicator, and most notably, acts in good faith.

Each of these individuals has known Jason longer than I have, and my experiences with Jason are no different. His positive reputation preceded our first meaningful interactions as adversarial attorneys in a family law matter. I quickly came to realize that Jason is a true professional in every aspect.

Jason's primary area of practice is Family Law which





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can be contentious. Any attorney, however, would be fortunate to have a case against Jason, except for the fact that he is a skilled trial attorney and litigator. He is reasonable, respectful, civil and courteous in dealings with opposing counsel while appropriately balancing the zealous advocacy for his clients.

Jason is generous with his time and expertise as a mentor to others. Personally, he has graciously offered to meet with me and discuss cases to help strategize and offer advice for upcoming trials. Other attorneys and members of the judiciary often refer clients to Jason because they have confidence and trust that he will handle the matter effectively and capably. In addition to helping other attorneys, Jason provides pro bono or low bono services, is involved in various organizations and activities within and outside the legal community, and has received other well deserved acknowledgments.

Jason balances all of his professional accomplishments with being a loving, caring, and devoted husband and father to his four children.

Jason is a phenomenal lawyer and is the epitome of a professional. As such, he is a well-deserved recipient of the J. Earle Plumhoff Professionalism Award.

— *William F. Alcarese, Jr., Esq.*