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**Robyn Shapiro and John Skilton to Receive
Fellows Outstanding State Chair Awards**

CHICAGO, Dec. 19, 2018 — Robyn Shapiro, Esq., Founder and Attorney at Health Sciences Law Group LLC., and John S. Skilton, Esq., Attorney at Perkins Coie, will jointly receive 2019 Outstanding State Chair Awards from the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation at its 63rd Annual Fellows Awards Reception and Banquet on Saturday, January 26, 2019. The banquet is one of several events being hosted by the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation during the Midyear Meeting of the American Bar Association (ABA) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Chief Justice Michael Douglas of the Supreme Court of Nevada will deliver keynote remarks.

The Outstanding State Chair Award is given annually to a Fellows State Chair of the American Bar Foundation who has, in his or her professional career, demonstrated dedication to the work of the American Bar Foundation and the mission of the Fellows through exceptional efforts on behalf of the Fellows at the state level.

Shapiro has significant experience representing clients in research compliance issues, healthcare compliance issues, bioethics issues, health information privacy issues, informed consent, medical staff issues, regulatory and licensing matters, and corporate and commercial issues faced by pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers and hospitals and academic medical centers engaged in research. She has vast experience in health law and previously worked as the Ursula von Der Ruhr Professor of Bioethics and Director of the Center for the Study of Bioethics at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Shapiro frequently presents at national seminars and conferences on research compliance and health law issues and has authored over 50 publications on these and other topics. She has been recognized as among the best lawyers in the country in prominent national media.

Skilton has focused his work as an attorney on professional and pro bono activities, specifically regarding legal service issues, and has specialized in commercial litigation since finishing serving as a law clerk for the United States Court of Appeals Judge Thomas E. Fairchild in 1970. He earned his B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in History in 1966 and his J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School in 1969.

Throughout his career, Skilton has served on a number of professional associations and received numerous professional awards for his contributions to public service. Skilton is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He is a member of the American Law Institute. Skilton is also a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and has been a Fellow since 1993.

“I am very honored to receive this recognition with Robyn, particularly as I know how dedicated our other co-chairs are to the tasks and responsibilities of the job,” said Skilton of the honor. “It is particularly gratifying to know that our work and efforts on behalf of the Fellows directly support the important work and cutting-edge research of the American Bar Foundation.”

Event Details:

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation
Annual Awards Reception and Banquet
Saturday, January 26, 2019 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Divine Café at Springs Preserve
333 S. Valley View Blvd
Las Vegas, Nevada

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