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**JOSHUA T. CHILSON SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT
OF THE CLEARWATER BAR ASSOCIATION**

Clearwater, FL, May 16, 2014 – Joshua T. Chilson, a partner at Kwall, Showers & Barack in Clearwater, Florida, was sworn in as president of the Clearwater Bar Association at the association's 53rd Annual Law Day Luncheon on May 16, 2014. He was also honored with a President's Award from the immediate past president for his extraordinary contributions to the bar during the past year.

Chilson follows past and present partners in his law firm Louis Kwall, Gregory Showers and the Honorable Raymond Gross who each previously served as presidents of the Clearwater Bar. The firm, Kwall, Showers & Barack, is recognized as a leader in the Tampa Bay legal community.

The Clearwater Bar Association is comprised of almost 1,000 members, mostly lawyers and judges, in North Pinellas County, Florida. He will serve as the association's 79th president. At 33, Chilson will be one of the youngest presidents in the Clearwater Bar's 84 year history.

Chilson attended St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, Florida on academic scholarship. While at St. Thomas, Chilson was on the Dean's list numerous semesters and received several top student awards. He also served as the STU trial team's vice president as well as completing prestigious internships with then-Chief Judge of Florida's Third District Court of Appeal the Honorable David L. Levy and in the U.S. Department of Justice at the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida.

Chilson is a 2003 graduate of Newman University in Wichita, Kansas and a 1999 graduate of Wellington High School in Wellington, Kansas. While at Newman, Chilson was a community leader scholar, served as the Student Government Association president his senior year and was awarded the school's top student honor, the 2003 Harvey J. Ablah Award for exemplifying the spirit and mission of Newman University. He was also the recipient of the 2002 Newman University St. Catherine's Medal and the 2000 Newman University Creative Initiative Award.

In addition to his role as president of the Clearwater Bar Association, Chilson is a past president of the association's Young Lawyers' Division and a past chair of the association's Civil Practice Section. Additionally, he is annually selected as a *Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star* (since 2012) and was named a "Legal Elite Up & Comer" in multiple years by *Florida Trend* magazine.

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About the Clearwater Bar Association

Founded in 1930, with almost 1000 members, the Clearwater Bar Association is the largest voluntary bar association in north Pinellas County, Florida. The CBA works to promote professionalism and competency to the Clearwater legal community through quality educational programs and by enhancing opportunities for interaction.

About Kwall, Showers & Barack

For more than 30 years, the lawyers of Kwall, Showers and Barack, P.A. have fought for justice for those injured in accidents and wronged in their workplace. Together, the attorneys have represented thousands of residents throughout Tampa Bay. The attorneys have experience representing individuals in all types of employment actions, involving both private and public employers, and in all types of personal injury matters. The lawyers have had numerous million dollar and multi-million dollar settlements and court judgments to their credit. For more information, visit ksblaw.com.