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Nashville Attorney Becomes Nation's Youngest Ever Certified Creditors' Rights Specialist

December 23, 2003 -- The American Board of Certification announced that Daniel Hays Puryear, an attorney practicing at the Nashville, Tennessee firm Smythe & Puryear has successfully completed the requirements for certification in creditors' rights law., making him the youngest attorney in the nation ever to achieve this distinction.

To become certified, Mr. Puryear satisfied the following requirements:

- ◆ full time practice of law for at least five years;
- ◆ good standing in the bars of all states in which a license to practice law is held;
- ◆ devoted at least 30% of practice time and at least 400 hours to creditors' rights related matters in the last three years;
- ◆ documented involvement in creditors' rights by providing information on cases practiced;
- ◆ demonstrated commitment to continuing legal education by earning at least 36 hours of creditors' rights related education in the past three years.
- ◆ passed an extensive written-exam covering creditors' rights issues.

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