

Legal heaven

Joining such venues as Las Vegas, San Francisco and Seattle, Louisville has been named one of 10 best cities in the U.S. to practice law.

The American Bar Association Journal cites the River City's cheap housing costs, reasonably priced office space and abundant stable of business clients, including Humana Inc. and KFC Corp. Louisville also earned high marks for the courtesy of its bar and bench.

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald's R. Van Young tells the story of a local lawyer who asked an unnamed federal judge to reschedule a pretrial conference; the judge naturally asked the lawyer his grounds.

"Well, your honor, the date you have previously set conflicts with the NCCA basketball tournament," the lawyer admitted.

While such a response might have prompted a contempt citation "or even disbarment" in other jurisdictions, the ABA Journal said, the judge simply continued his inquiry.

"So counselor, you think one of our local institutions of higher learning may have a representative team in attendance."

"Yes, your honor," the lawyer

replied.

"Motion sustained," the judge ordered.

— Andrew Wolfson

