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**Sheila Kadura Receives Prestigious Bayh-Dole Award for Advocacy in
Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer**

[Washington, D.C., March 4, 2025] – AUTM proudly announces Sheila Kadura, PhD, JD, as the recipient of the 2025 Bayh-Dole Award, recognizing her outstanding efforts in advancing intellectual property policies that support universities and nonprofit institutions. The award was presented during the AUTM Annual Meeting, where leaders in technology transfer gathered to celebrate excellence in innovation and advocacy.

As Associate General Counsel for The University of Texas System, Kadura assists the UT institutions on intellectual property and technology transfer matters, including shaping policy and legal frameworks that drive university-led innovation. She has been an instrumental member of AUTM's Public Policy Advisory Committee and has demonstrated exceptional leadership as Chair of the Public Policy Legal Task Force, working tirelessly to safeguard and enhance the ability of academic institutions to commercialize research for public benefit.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award," said Kadura. "It is a privilege to collaborate with AUTM Members to support the commercialization of academic research, turning groundbreaking innovations into real-world solutions that benefit millions worldwide."

The Bayh-Dole Award honors the legacy of Senators Birch Bayh (D-IN) and Robert Dole (R-KS), whose landmark Bayh-Dole Act revolutionized technology transfer by allowing universities to retain ownership of federally funded inventions, fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship that continues to fuel economic growth and scientific advancement.

AUTM celebrates Kadura's dedication and leadership, recognizing her as a driving force in protecting and promoting the policies that empower research institutions to translate discoveries into real-world impact.

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