

## **GUIDELINES FOR ARKANSAS BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD**

- I. **Purpose** - The Lawyer Community Legacy Award is intended to recognize attorneys and judges who have performed volunteer public services out of a sense of professionalism and genuine desire to give back to the community and profession.
- II. **Categories of Award** - Awards will be given to individuals who fulfill the purpose of the Award by performance of volunteer public service in the following areas:
  - A. Assisting on a volunteer basis in a non-legal capacity with civic groups, religious organizations, or other non-profit groups or individuals.
  - B. Educating the public, individuals or students on a volunteer basis about legal matters.
  - C. Aiding or advancing the administration of justice or the legal profession.
  - D. Working with or independent of the Court System to make the system of justice more understandable for jurors, witnesses or participants.
  - E. Working as a volunteer with youth groups of any form, i.e. athletics, academics, arts, etc.
  - F. Providing pro bono legal services - in a matter of a significant nature or in a significant number of cases.
- III. **Method of Nomination** - Any person may nominate a lawyer or judge by completing the Nomination Form and turning the Form into the Arkansas Bar Association office on or before the Nomination Deadline. A previous recipient of the Award will not be considered for nomination in the future.
- IV. **Number of Awards and Deadlines** - There will be four (4) Awards given each year. Two (2) Awards will be selected and given for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for nominations for this period will be July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Two (2) Awards will be given for the period from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The deadline for nominations for this period will be January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- V. **Method of Selection** - The Nomination Forms for each period will be presented to the members of the Public Information Committee, and this Committee will select two recipients for each period by majority vote of the Committee at which a quorum is present. A quorum shall be comprised of a majority of the Committee present personally or by telephone at a meeting.
- VI. **Recognition of Recipients** - Recipients of the Lawyer Community Legacy Award will be notified by the President of the Arkansas Bar Association and they will be presented with a plaque for the Award by the President, or his designee in their local communities. The Arkansas Bar Association will publish a photograph and biographic sketch of the recipients in *The Arkansas Lawyer*, the Association's website, and the recipient's local newspaper.

The Nominator will be responsible for arranging for the place and manner for the Award recipient to receive the Award.