

April 1, 2009

TO: Presidents of Local Bar Associations

FROM: Edward M. Patterson, Assistant Executive Director

RE: Local Bar Award of Achievement

The Local Bar Award of Achievement recognizes local bar associations for their outstanding contributions to their communities. Awards are presented annually at the Alabama State Bar's Annual Meeting. This year the award will be presented on Saturday morning, July 18, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. at Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Point Clear, Alabama.

Local bar associations compete for these awards on their size. Three categories – large, medium, and small bar associations are recognized.

The large associations are the 10th Judicial Circuit, 13th Judicial Circuit, and the 15th Judicial Circuit.

The medium associations are in the following circuits: 6,7,8,11,16,20,23,28, Bessemer Cut-Off (division of 10th Circuit).

The small associations are in the following:
1,2,3,4,5,9,12,14,17,18,19,21,22,24,25,26,27,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41.

- The following criteria will be used to judge the contestants for each category:
- (1) the degree of participation by the individual bar in advancing programs to benefit the community,**
 - (2) the quality and extent of the impact of the bar's participation on the citizens in that community and,**
 - (3) the degree of enhancement to the bar's image in the community.**

To be considered for this award you must have your association complete the form below and submit an award application by **June 1, 2009**. **If you have a question, please call my administrative assistant, Rita Gray, at 1-800-354-6154, or 334-269-1515, (ext. 2162).**

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ALABAMA STATE BAR
APPLICATION
FOR LOCAL BAR AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

1. NAME OF BAR _____

2. PRESIDENT OF BAR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

3. APPLICATION PREPARED BY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

4. PLEASE LIST ANY MATERIAL BEING SUBMITTED AS EXHIBITS

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

5. DESCRIPTIVE PROJECT TITLE OF PROJECT(S) INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION.

1. **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT(S)** Please provide a brief description (200 words or less) of your project(s). Be sure to include a description of the role(s) played by your local lawyer volunteers in the undertaking of this project; e.g., seminar coordinator, seminar speaker, volunteer trainer, publication editor or writer, legal representation.

2. **ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS/IMPACT**

- A. What was the impact or result of the project (e.g./ reform legislation was enacted; citizens had a better understanding of the court system)? How did you measure the impact (e.g., if data was collected, how was it collected)? Be certain to include in you discussion the number (approximate) and types of people reached by the project.
- B. Based upon you evaluation of the project, what revisions, if any, do you plan to implement in the future?

3. **DEGREE OF CHANGE OR GROWTH**

- A. Check appropriate response:
_____New project this year

_____Project continued from previous year
- B. If this project is a continued project, has it been (a)_____revised/improved, or is it (b)_____operating in an unchanged manner? If it has been revised/ improved, please explain how:

4. DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS

5. BUDGET

- A. What was the cost of this project (excluding in-kind/donated services)?

DEADLINE: PLEASE RETURN BY June 1, 2009

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