



JUDICIAL AWARD
OF MERIT

LOCAL BAR AWARD OF
ACHIEVEMENT

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Judicial Award of Merit

The Board of Bar Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar will receive nominations for the state bar's Judicial Award of Merit through March 16, 2009. Nominations should be mailed to:

Keith B. Norman
Secretary
Board of Bar Commissioners
P. O. Box 671
Montgomery, AL 36101-0671

The Judicial Award of Merit was established in 1987. The award is not necessarily an annual award. It must be presented to a judge who is not retired, whether state or federal court, trial or appellate, who is determined to have contributed significantly to the administration of justice in Alabama. The recipient is presented with a crystal gavel bearing the state bar seal and the year of presentation.

Nominations are considered by a three-member committee appointed by the president of the state bar, which then makes a recommendation to the board of bar commissioners with respect to a nominee or whether the award should be presented in any given year.

Nominations should include a detailed biographical profile of the nominee and a narrative outlining the significant contribution(s) the nominee has made to the administration of justice. Nominations may be supported with letters of endorsement.

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Local Bar Award of Achievement

The Alabama State Bar Local Bar Award of Achievement recognizes local bar associations for their outstanding contributions to their communities. Awards will be presented July 18 during the Alabama State Bar's 2009 Annual Meeting at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear.

Local bar associations compete for these awards based on their size—large, medium or small.

The following criteria will be used to judge the contestants for each category:

- The degree of participation by the individual bar in advancing programs to benefit the community;
- The quality and extent of the impact of the bar's participation on the citizens in that community; and
- The degree of enhancements to the bar's image in the community.

To be considered for this award, local bar associations must complete and submit an award application by June 1, 2009. Applications may be downloaded from the ASB Web site at www.alabar.org or by contacting Rita Gray at (334) 269-1515.

Notice of Election

Notice is given here pursuant to the *Alabama State Bar Rules Governing Election and Selection of President-elect and Board of Bar Commissioners*.

Bar commissioners will be elected by those lawyers with their principal offices in the following circuits:

- 2nd Judicial Circuit
- 4th Judicial Circuit
- 6th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 2
- 9th Judicial Circuit
- 10th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 1

- 10th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 2
- 10th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 5
- 10th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 8
- 10th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 9
- 12th Judicial Circuit
- 13th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 2
- 15th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 2
- 15th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 6
- 16th Judicial Circuit
- 20th Judicial Circuit
- 23rd Judicial Circuit, Place No. 2
- 24th Judicial Circuit
- 27th Judicial Circuit
- 29th Judicial Circuit
- 38th Judicial Circuit
- 39th Judicial Circuit

Additional commissioners will be elected in these circuits for each 300 members of the state bar with principal offices herein. The new commissioner petitions will be determined by a census on March 1, 2009 and vacancies certified by the secretary no later than March 15, 2009.

All subsequent terms will be for three years.

Nominations may be made by petition bearing the signatures of five members in good standing with principal offices in the circuit in which the election will be held or by the candidate's written declaration of candidacy. Either must be received by the secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in April (April 24, 2009).

Ballots will be prepared and mailed to members between May 1 and May 15, 2009. Ballots must be voted and returned to the Alabama State Bar by 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in May (May 29, 2009). Election rules and petitions are available at www.alabar.org.

At-Large Commissioners

At-large commissioners will be elected for the following place numbers: 1, 4 and 7.

