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MEMORANDUM

Date	Subject
April 12, 2005	Distinguished Service Award Nominations for 2004–2005
To	Action Requested
Interested Parties	Submit Nominations for Distinguished Service Awards
From	Deadline
Ronald M. George Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council	May 31, 2005
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The Judicial Council presents three Distinguished Service Awards annually for significant and positive contributions to court administration. These awards recognize individuals who exemplify the strengths of leadership that have improved the administration of justice statewide. We are soliciting your nominations for the following:

- ***Jurist of the Year*** honoring members of the judiciary for their extraordinary dedication to the highest principles of the administration of justice,
- ***Judicial Administration Award*** honoring individuals in judicial administration for significant contributions to and leadership in their profession, and
- ***Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award*** honoring individuals other than members of the judiciary for their outstanding contributions to the courts of California.

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The following criteria are considered in deciding the recipients of these awards:

- Contribution to leadership in statewide court administration,
- Positive impact on court administration, and
- Extraordinary dedication to the highest principles of the administration of justice.

The three internal advisory committee chairs will review the nominations and present their recommendations to the Judicial Council, which will determine the award recipients at its June 2005 meeting. The awards will be presented at the Statewide Judicial Administration Conference in September 2005 in San Diego.

Nominations will close on May 31, 2005. Forms are available on Serranus at http://serranus.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/sjb_conference.

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Judicial Council of California Distinguished Service Award Nominations for 2004–2005

JURIST OF THE YEAR, JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, AND BERNARD E. WITKIN AMICUS CURIAE

MISSION

To recognize significant and positive contributions to court administration.

CRITERIA

- Contribution to leadership in statewide court administration
- Nature of the accomplishment(s)
- Advancing the goals of the Judicial Council
- Breadth and impact of nominee's work
- Personal dedication or willingness to take risks to achieve goal(s)
- Overcoming challenges or limitations
- Longevity of contribution(s)

(Current members of the Judicial Council are not eligible to receive this award. A maximum of two awards per category can be given per year.)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards will be presented to recipients during the Statewide Judicial Branch Conference September 7–10, 2005, in San Diego.

CONTACT PERSON

Questions regarding the nominations and awards should be directed to Claudia Fernandes at the Administrative Office of the Courts at 415-865-7799 or claudia.fernandes@jud.ca.gov.

Judicial Council of California Nomination for the Twelfth Annual Distinguished Service Awards

Separate nomination forms must be submitted for individuals nominated in more than one award category. The three chairs of the internal council committees will review nominations, and the Judicial Council will notify award recipients after the June 2005 meeting. Awards will be presented at the Statewide Judicial Branch Conference in September 2005 in San Diego.

The nominee named below should receive (*check one*):

JURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Honors members of the judiciary for their extraordinary dedication to the highest principles of the administration of justice.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Honors individuals in judicial administration for significant contributions to and leadership in their profession.

BERNARD E. WITKIN AMICUS CURIAE AWARD

Honors individuals other than members of the judiciary for their outstanding contributions to the courts of California.

NOMINEE

Name _____

Title/Position _____

Court/Organization _____

Work Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Nominee's Qualifications for Award

Use reverse or attach a separate page if necessary.

1. Describe the nominee's work. Include relevant dates and names of courts.
2. Specify how the nominee's work meets the award criteria and advances the goals of the Judicial Council.
3. How have the nominee's contributions benefited the courts or community?
4. Has the nominee shown personal dedication or willingness to take risks in his or her contribution to the administration of justice? (*Please explain.*)
5. Has the nominee had to overcome any personal challenges or limitations? (*Please explain.*)

6. Has the nominee devoted time to service over a long period of time and outside normal work hours? *(Please explain.)*

7. Please provide any additional information that would assist the committee in evaluating the nominee.

Nominator

Name _____

Title/Position _____

Full Name of Court/Organization _____

Work Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Work Relationship to Nominee _____

NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON

May 31, 2005

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Past Recipients of the Judicial Council of California Distinguished Service Awards

JURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

- 1993 – Hon. Patrick J. Morris and Hon. H. Walter Croskey
- 1994 – Hon. Roy Wonder
- 1995 – Hon. Roger K. Warren
- 1996 – Hon. Robert M. Mallano
- 1997 – Hon. Steven E. Jahr
- 1998 – Hon. John Flaherty
- 1999 – Hon. Kathleen E. O’Leary and Hon. James A. Ardaiz
- 2000 – Hon. Veronica McBeth and Hon. Judith McConnell
- 2001 – Hon. Daniel J. Kremer
- 2002 – Hon. James A. Bascue and Hon. Lois Haight
- 2003 – Hon. James D. Ward, Hon. Carol A. Corrigan, and Hon. Leonard P. Edwards

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION AWARD

- 1993 – Edward M. Kritzman
- 1994 – Arthur Sims and Diane Nunn
- 1995 – Sheila Gonzalez
- 1996 – Ronald G. Overholt
- 1997 – Alan Slater
- 1998 – Susan Null and William C. Vickrey
- 1999 – Frederick “Fritz” Ohlrich and Kiri Torre
- 2000 – Stephen V. Love and Christine Patton
- 2001 – Michael Roddy
- 2002 – Tamara Beard and Ray LeBov
- 2003 – Jeanne Millsaps and Christine M. Hansen

BERNARD E. WITKIN AMICUS CURIAE AWARD

- 1993 – Richard Chernick
- 1994 – Margaret Morrow and Alan Post
- 1995 – Larry L. Sipes
- 1996 – Hon. Phillip Isenberg
- 1997 – Hon. Pete Wilson
- 1998 – Clark Kelso
- 1999 – Hon. Elwood Lui (Ret.)
- 2000 – Andrew Guilford
- 2001 – William A. Fenwick
- 2002 – Jay Folberg
- 2003 – James Herman and George Deukmejian