

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
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San Francisco, California 94102-3688

Report

TO: Members of the Judicial Council

FROM: Judicial Council Internal Committee Chairs

DATE: August 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Judicial Council Distinguished Service Awards for 2008
(Action Required)

Issue Statement

The Judicial Council approves the winners of the annual Distinguished Service Awards for significant and positive contributions to court administration in California.

Recommendation

The chairs of the three internal committees recommend that the Judicial Council approve the winners of the 2008 Distinguished Service Awards. Their recommendations will be distributed at the council meeting.

Rationale

This is the 15th year that the Judicial Council will be awarding the Distinguished Service Awards for significant and positive contributions to court administration in California. Attached is the invitation seeking nominations for the awards.

Alternative Actions Considered

N/A

Comments from Interested Parties

N/A

Implementation Requirements and Costs

The awards will be presented at the 2008 Summit of Judicial Leaders on October 14, 2008. The awards will have no fiscal impact.

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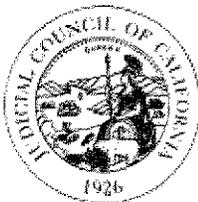
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JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

Distinguished Service Awards



The Judicial Council invites nominations for three Distinguished Service Awards, presented annually by the Chief Justice to recognize individuals who exemplify the strengths of leadership that have improved the administration of justice statewide.

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

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Awards Criteria and Nominations



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Honorees are recognized for:

- Contributions to leadership in statewide court administration, including the breadth and impact of their work and the longevity of these efforts
- Advancement of Judicial Council goals: access, fairness, and diversity; independence and accountability; modernization of management and administration; quality of justice and service to the public; education for branchwide professional excellence; and branchwide infrastructure for service excellence
- Personal dedication and/or a willingness to take risks to achieve goals
- Overcoming challenges or limitations

Current Judicial Council members are not eligible to receive Distinguished Service Awards. A maximum of two awards per category may be given each year.

Deadline

June 2 is the deadline for nominations.

Nomination Forms

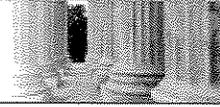
[2008 Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form](#) (fillable, Word, 116 KB)

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Past Recipients



Jurist of the Year

- 1993 Hon. Patrick J. Morris and Hon. H. Walter Croskey
- 1994 Hon. Roy L. Wonder
- 1995 Hon. Roger K. Warren
- 1996 Hon. Robert M. Mallano
- 1997 Hon. Steven E. Jahr
- 1998 Hon. John A. Flaherty
- 1999 Hon. Kathleen E. O'Leary and Hon. James A. Ardaiz
- 2000 Hon. Veronica McBeth and Hon. Judith D. McConnell
- 2001 Hon. Daniel J. Kremer
- 2002 Hon. James Allen Bascue and Hon. Lois Haight
- 2003 Hon. James D. Ward, Hon. Carol A. Corrigan, and Hon. Leonard P. Edwards
- 2004-2005 Hon. Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian and Hon. Frederick Paul Horn
- 2006 Hon. Richard D. Aldrich
- 2007 Hon. Norman L. Epstien

Judicial Administration Award

- 1993 Edward M. Kritzman
- 1994 Arthur Sims and Diane Nunn
- 1995 Sheila Calabro
- 1996 Ronald G. Overholt
- 1997 Alan Slater
- 1998 Susan Null and William C. Vickrey
- 1999 Frederick "Fritz" Ohlrich and Kiri S. Torre
- 2000 Stephen V. Love and Christine Patton
- 2001 Michael M. Roddy
- 2002 Tamara Lynn Beard and Ray LeBov
- 2003 Jeanne Millsaps and Christine M. Hansen
- 2004-2005 Jody Patel and Karen M. Thorson
- 2006 Tressa Sloan Kentner and Patricia M. Yerian
- 2007 Ken Torre

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 J. Clark Kelso
- 1999 Hon. Elwood Lui (Ret.)
- 2000 Andrew Guilford
- 2001 William A. Fenwick
- 2002 Jay Folberg
- 2003 James Herman and Hon. George Deukmejian
- 2004-2005 Alba Witkin
- 2006 John M. Hancock

2007 Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor

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Judicial Council of California Nomination for the Annual Distinguished Service Awards

2008 NOMINATION DEADLINE: Monday, June 2, 2008

My nominee should receive the following award (*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 statewide.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Honors individuals in judicial administration for significant statewide 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:

Nominated by:

Name:

Title/Position:

Full Name of Court/Organization:

Work Address:

Telephone: Fax:

Work Relationship to Nominee:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSSES June 2, 2008

Please send completed nomination forms to: Ms. Claudia Fernandes
Administrative Office of the Courts, Education Division/CJER
455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102-3688
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Nominee's Qualifications for Award

1. Describe the nominee's contributions to leadership in statewide court administration, including the breadth and impact of his or her work and the longevity of these efforts (*include any relevant dates, names of courts, and so on*).
2. Specify how the nominee's work meets the award criteria and advances the goals of the Judicial Council (*access, fairness, and diversity; independence and accountability; modernization of management and administration; quality of justice and service to the public; education for branchwide professional excellence; and branchwide infrastructure for service excellence*).
3. Describe how the nominee's contributions have benefited the court or community.
4. Explain how the nominee has shown personal dedication, extraordinary commitment, or a willingness to take risks in his or her contributions to statewide court administration.
5. Tell how the nominee has overcome any challenges or limitations.
6. Provide any additional information that would help the committee evaluate the nominee.

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