

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
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San Francisco, California 94102-3688

Report

TO: Members of the Judicial Council

FROM: Judicial Council Internal Committee Chairs

DATE: July 24, 2007

SUBJECT: Judicial Council Distinguished Service Awards for 2007
(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 14th 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 2007 California Bench Bar Biannual Conference on September 27, 2007. The awards will have no fiscal impact.

Attachments



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

2007 Distinguished Service Awards **Recommended Winners**

JURIST OF THE YEAR

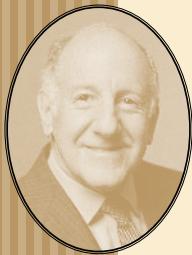
Hon. Norman L. Epstein
Presiding Justice
Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Mr. Ken Torre
Executive Officer
Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa

BERNARD E. WITKIN AMICUS CURIAE AWARD

Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.)
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of the United States



Dear Colleagues and Justice Partners,

I cordially invite your nominations for the highest awards bestowed by our state judicial branch, the Judicial Council of California Distinguished Service Awards.

These three awards—the Jurist of the Year, the Judicial Administration Award, and the Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award—honor our colleagues who make extraordinary contributions to our court system and help to personify our ideals by their dedication to the administration of justice.

Award categories, criteria, and past recipients are included in this invitation. Nomination forms and deadline information are available on the California Courts Web site.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,

*Ronald M. George
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council*

*A*WARDS CRITERIA

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.

*N*OMINATION FORMS

August 1 is the deadline for nominations. For more information on the awards and nomination forms, visit the California Courts Web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/distinguishedservice.htm.

*C*ONTACT

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

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

**PAST RECIPIENTS
JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

JURIST OF THE YEAR

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

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION AWARD

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

BERNARD E. WITKIN AMICUS CURIAE AWARD

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| 1993 Richard Chernick | 2000 Andrew Guilford |
| 1994 Margaret Morrow and Alan Post | 2001 William A. Fenwick |
| 1995 Larry L. Sipes | 2002 Jay Folberg |
| 1996 Hon. Phillip Isenberg | 2003 James Herman and Hon. George
Deukmejian |
| 1997 Hon. Pete Wilson | 2004–2005 Alba Witkin |
| 1998 J. Clark Kelso | 2006 John M. Hancock |
| 1999 Hon. Elwood Lui (Ret.) | |



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*Distinguished
Service Awards*

Honoring Excellence in the Judicial Branch



INVITATION TO NOMINATE



Judicial Council of California Nomination for the Annual Distinguished Service Awards

2007 NOMINATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, August 1, 2007

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 AUGUST 1, 2007

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
claudia.fernandes@jud.ca.gov

Nominee's Qualifications for Award

1. Describe the nominee's work. (*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.
3. Describe how the nominee's contributions have benefited the courts or community.
4. Explain how the nominee has shown personal dedication or extraordinary commitment in his or her contribution to the administration of justice.
5. Tell how the nominee has had to overcome any personal challenges or limitations.
6. Detail how the nominee has devoted time to service over a long period and outside normal work hours.
7. Provide any additional information that would assist the committee in evaluating the nominee.

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