Award Guidelines

**Distinguished Service Award**
This award shall be granted to a lawyer or lay person for outstanding achievement in or a significant contribution to the legal community beyond his or her normal job duties. The recipient must be cited for specific actions which occurred no longer than three (3) years immediately prior to the date of the award. The Distinguished Service Award is presented annually.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
This award will be granted for devoted service to the public, profession and administration of justice over the span of a professional career. Only lawyers or individuals who have worked within or contributed significantly to the system of justice will be qualified to receive this award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented only on those occasions when a deserving recipient is nominated and selected.

**Judicial Excellence Award**
The Judicial Excellence Award recognizes an exceptional judge who is an example of judicial excellence, a leader in advancing the quality and efficiency of justice and a person of high ideals, character and integrity. To be eligible, a judge must be a full time, sitting judge. Judges on senior status are eligible if they continue to be active on the bench.

Nominations shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee of The Mississippi Bar. The Executive Committee shall make its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Upon approval of the Board, award recipients shall be notified by the Executive Director of the Bar. All awards shall be presented at the next Annual Meeting of the Bar following their selection by the Board of Commissioners.

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**Nominations for The Mississippi Bar Awards**
Must be received by JANUARY 3, 2024

Check: ___Distinguished Service Award ___Lifetime Achievement Award ___Judicial Excellence Award

Nominee: ___________________________ Nominee’s Address: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Nominator’s Name and Phone: ___________________________

Reason nominee should be selected for the award: ___________________________

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THE MISSISSIPPI BAR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

1985-86 William H. Liston
1986-87 Tommy Furby
1986-87 Ben J. Piazza, Jr.
1987-88 Luther Ott
1987-88 Hubbard T. Saunders IV
1988-89 Dwight Ball
1989-90 William C. "Cham" Trotter III
1990-91 Thomas M. Fortner
1991-92 Lawrence J. Franck
1992-93 S. Allan Alexander
1992-93 Judge Robert Oswald
1992-93 Amy Whitten
1993-94 Martin Smith
1994-95 Pamela Dill
1994-95 Pat Flynn
1994-95 B.B. McClendon
1995-96 Mark A. Chinn
1996-97 Mark Herbert
1997-98 Harold D. Miller, Jr.
1997-98 Thomas E. Williams
1999-00 Charles L. Dunn
2000-01 H. Hunter Twiford III
2001-02 Colette A. Oldmixon
2001-02 Susan L. Runnels
2002-03 James H. Heidelberg
2002-03 Lydia M. Quarles
2002-03 Robert P. Shepard
2003-04 Anna C. Furr
2003-04 Robert L. Gibbs
2003-04 W. Scott Welch III
2004-05 Roy D. Campbell
2004-05 Ronald C. Morton
2005-06 Allen L. Burrell
2005-06 Amanda Jones Tollison
2006-07 J. Clifford Harrison
2006-07 Jeannie H. Sansing
2007-08 Karl Steinberger
2007-08 Jennifer Ingram Johnson
2008-09 Powell Gee Ogletree, Jr.
2008-09 Harry R. Allen
2010-11 Amanda Green Alexander
2010-11 Tom Alexander
2011-12 La'Verne Edney
2012-13 Karen K. Sawyer
2013-14 Patti Gandy
2014-15 Thomas H. Freeland IV
2015-16 Tiffany Graves
2016-17 David W. Clark
2016-17 James B. Persons
2017-18 Gwen G. Combs
2018-19 Carlyn M. Hicks
2019-20 Edderek "Beau" Cole
2020-21 Parker S. Kline
2021-22 Jennifer G. Hall
2022-23 Malissa Wilson

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

1989-90 Robert H. McFarland
1990-91 James P. Coleman
1991-92 William D. Neville
1992-93 Erskine W. Wells
1993-94 Evelyn Gandy
1994-95 Boyce Holleman
1995-96 Roy D. Campbell, Jr.
1996-97 Sebe Dale, Jr.
1997-98 William F. Winter
1998-99 David R. Smith
1999-00 Joel Blass
2000-01 Curtis E. Coker
2000-01 William H. Liston
2001-02 Lester F. Sumners
2002-03 Lawrence "Larry" J. Franck
2003-04 Charles Clark
2004-05 Leonard B. Melvin, Jr.
2004-05 Mary Libby Payne
2005-06 Raymond L. Brown
2005-06 Thomas R. Ethridge
2006-07 Reuben V. Anderson
2007-08 Fred M. Bush, Jr.
2008-09 William "Bill" F. Goodman, Jr.
2009-10 Lenore L. Prather
2010-11 Jack F. Dunbar
2011-12 Harold D. Miller, Jr.
2011-12 James L. Roberts, Jr.
2012-13 H. B. Mayes McGehee
2013-14 W. Scott Welch III
2014-15 Jerome C. Hafer
2015-16 Frank Crosthwait
2016-17 Larry Houchins
2017-18 Constance Slaughter-Harvey
2018-19 Edwin Lloyd Pittman
2019-20 Joseph R. Meadows
2020-21 Fred L. Banks, Jr.
2021-22 Leonard A. "Len" Blackwell II
2022-23 William C. "Cham" Trotter III

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

2000-01 Supreme Court Chief Justice Lenore L. Prather
2001-02 Circuit Court Judge Robert I. Prichard III
2002-03 Circuit Court Judge M. Keith Starrett
2003-04 Court of Appeals Judge Leslie H. Southwick
2004-05 Adams County Judge John N. Hudson
2005-06 Chancery Court Judge Sebe Dale, Jr.
2006-07 Chancery Court Judge John Clark Love
2007-08 Circuit Court Judge Henry Lackey
2008-09 Rankin County Judge Kent McDaniel
2009-10 Chancery Court Judge Margaret Alfonso
2009-10 Chancery Court Judge Edward E. Patten, Jr.
2010-11 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge David W. Houston III
2011-12 U.S. Magistrate Judge John M. Roper
2012-13 Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Gardner III
2013-14 Supreme Court Chief Justice William L. Waller, Jr.
2015-16 Rankin County Judge Thomas Broome
2016-17 Chancery Court Judge Jacqueline E. Mask
2017-18 Chancery Court Judge Jerry G. Mason
2018-19 Chancery Court Judge Denise Owens
2019-20 Hancock County Judge S. Trent Favre
2020-21 U.S. District Judge Michael P. Mills
2021-22 Chancery Court Judge Deborah J. Gambrell
2022-23 Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael K. Randolph