



THE MISSISSIPPI BAR

**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.

**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	2003-04 Robert L. Gibbs
1986-87 Tommy Furby	2003-04 W. Scott Welch III
1986-87 Ben J. Piazza, Jr.	2004-05 Roy D. Campbell
1987-88 Luther Ott	2004-05 Ronald C. Morton
1987-88 Hubbard T. Saunders IV	2005-06 Allen L. Burrell
1988-89 Dwight Ball	2005-06 Amanda Jones Tollison
1989-90 William C. "Cham" Trotter III	2006-07 J. Clifford Harrison
1990-91 Thomas M. Fortner	2006-07 Jeannie H. Sansing
1991-92 Lawrence J. Franck	2007-08 Karl Steinberger
1992-93 S. Allan Alexander	2007-08 Jennifer Ingram Johnson
1992-93 Judge Robert Oswald	2008-09 Powell Gee Ogletree, Jr.
1992-93 Amy Whitten	2008-09 Harry R. Allen
1993-94 Martin Smith	2009-10 Tammra O. Cascio
1994-95 Pamela Dill	2010-11 Amanda Green Alexander
1994-95 Pat Flynn	2010-11 Tom Alexander
1994-95 B.B. McClendon	2011-12 La'Verne Edney
1995-96 Mark A. Chinn	2012-13 Karen K. Sawyer
1996-97 Mark Herbert	2013-14 Patti Gandy
1997-98 Harold D. Miller, Jr.	2014-15 Thomas H. Freeland IV
1997-98 Thomas E. Williams	2015-16 Tiffany Graves
1998-99 William E. Ready, Jr.	2016-17 David W. Clark
1999-00 Charles L. Dunn	2016-17 James B. Persons
2000-01 H. Hunter Twiford III	2017-18 Gwen G. Combs
2001-02 Colette A. Oldmixon	2018-19 Carlyn M. Hicks
2001-02 Susan L. Runnels	2019-20 Edderek "Beau" Cole
2002-03 James H. Heidelberg	2020-21 Parker S. Kline
2002-03 Lydia M. Quarles	2021-22 Jennifer G. Hall
2002-03 Robert P. Shepard	2022-23 Malissa Wilson
2003-04 Anna C. Furr	

### THE MISSISSIPPI BAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

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

### THE MISSISSIPPI BAR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

2000-01 Supreme Court Chief Justice Lenore L. Prather	2011-12 U.S. Magistrate Judge John M. Roper
2001-02 Circuit Court Judge Robert I. Prichard III	2012-13 Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Gardner III
2002-03 Circuit Court Judge M. Keith Starrett	2013-14 Supreme Court Chief Justice William L. Waller, Jr.
2003-04 Court of Appeals Judge Leslie H. Southwick	2014-15 U.S. Magistrate Judge S. Allan Alexander
2004-05 Adams County Judge John N. Hudson	2015-16 Rankin County Judge Thomas Broome
2005-06 Chancery Court Judge Sebe Dale, Jr.	2016-17 Chancery Court Judge Jacqueline E. Mask
2006-07 Chancery Court Judge John Clark Love	2017-18 Chancery Court Judge Jerry G. Mason
2007-08 Circuit Court Judge Henry Lackey	2018-19 Chancery Court Judge Denise Owens
2008-09 Rankin County Judge Kent McDaniel	2019-20 Hancock County Judge S. Trent Favre
2009-10 Chancery Court Judge Margaret Alfonso	2020-21 U.S. District Judge Michael P. Mills
2009-10 Chancery Court Judge Edward E. Patten, Jr.	2021-22 Chancery Court Judge Deborah J. Gambrell
2010-11 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge David W. Houston III	2022-23 Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael K. Randolph