



THE MISSISSIPPI BAR

The Susie Blue Buchanan Award Nomination

The Women in the Profession Section of The Mississippi Bar established the Susie Blue Buchanan Award to recognize and celebrate the practice of law in Mississippi. The Award will honor annually a woman lawyer who has achieved professional excellence in her field and advanced opportunities for women within a practice area or segment of the profession.

The award is presented annually to a living woman meeting the following criteria:

- The individual achieved professional excellence in her field **AND** also influenced other women to pursue legal careers, **OR**
- Opened doors for women lawyers in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to them, **OR**
- Advanced opportunities for women within a practice area or segment of the profession.

Nominations shall be reviewed by the Susie Blue Buchanan Subcommittee of the Women in the Profession (WIP) Section of The Mississippi Bar. The Subcommittee will select and contact the award recipient. The Susie Blue Buchanan Award will be presented at the 25th Annual Price-Prather Luncheon of the Women in the Profession Section at The Mississippi Bar Convention in Biloxi.

Nominations for Susie Blue Buchanan Award

DUE BY MARCH 2, 2026

Nominee: _____

Nominee's Business Address: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____ Nominee's Email: _____

Nominator's Name & Email: _____

Reason nominee should be selected for the award: _____

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE SUSIE BLUE BUCHANAN AWARD

- 1999 - Clare Sekul Hornsby
- 2000 - Mary Libby Payne
- 2001 - Carol C. West
- 2002 - Patricia W. Bennett
- 2003 - Evelyn Gandy
- 2004 - Constance Slaughter-Harvey
- 2005 - Lenore Loving Prather
- 2006 - Joy Lambert Phillips
- 2007 - Kay B. Cobb
- 2008 - Carolyn Ellis Staton
- 2009 - Deborah H. Bell
- 2010 - Judge Sharion Aycock
- 2011 - Lydia M. Quarles
- 2012 - Justice Ann Lamar
- 2013 - Nina Stubblefield Tollison
- 2014 - Judge Jacqueline Mask
- 2015 - Karen Sawyer
- 2016 - Judge Denise Owens
- 2017 - Lynn Fitch
- 2018 - Justice Dawn Beam
- 2019 - Chief Judge Donna Barnes
- 2020 - Judge Linda Anderson
- 2021 – Rebecca Lee Wiggs
- 2022 – Margaret Oertling Cupples
- 2023 – Judge Debra M. Brown
- 2024 – Mary Ann Strong Connell
- 2025 – Judge Cynthia Brewer