



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 2, 2026

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: _____

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

1985-86 William H. Liston	1998-99 William E. Ready, Jr.	2008-09 Harry R. Allen
1986-87 Tommy Furby	1999-00 Charles L. Dunn	2009-10 Tammra O. Cascio
1986-87 Ben J. Piazza, Jr.	2000-01 H. Hunter Twiford III	2010-11 Amanda Green Alexander
1987-88 Luther Ott	2001-02 Colette A. Oldmixon	2010-11 Tom Alexander
1987-88 Hubbard T. Saunders IV	2001-02 Susan L. Runnels	2011-12 La'Verne Edney
1988-89 Dwight Ball	2002-03 James H. Heidelberg	2012-13 Karen K. Sawyer
1989-90 William C. "Cham" Trotter III	2002-03 Lydia M. Quarles	2013-14 Patti Gandy
1990-91 Thomas M. Fortner	2002-03 Robert P. Shepard	2014-15 Thomas H. Freeland IV
1991-92 Lawrence J. Franck	2003-04 Anna C. Furr	2015-16 Tiffany Graves
1992-93 S. Allan Alexander	2003-04 Robert L. Gibbs	2016-17 David W. Clark
1992-93 Judge Robert Oswald	2003-04 W. Scott Welch III	2016-17 James B. Persons
1992-93 Amy Whitten	2004-05 Roy D. Campbell III	2017-18 Gwen G. Combs
1993-94 Martin Smith	2004-05 Ronald C. Morton	2018-19 Carlyn M. Hicks
1994-95 Pamela Dill	2005-06 Allen L. Burrell	2019-20 Edderek "Beau" Cole
1994-95 Pat Flynn	2005-06 Amanda Jones Tollison	2020-21 Parker S. Kline
1994-95 B.B. McClendon	2006-07 J. Clifford Harrison	2021-22 Jennifer G. Hall
1995-96 Mark A. Chinn	2006-07 Jeannie H. Sansing	2022-23 Malissa Wilson
1996-97 Mark Herbert	2007-08 Karl Steinberger	2023-24 Toni Walker Terrett
1997-98 Harold D. Miller, Jr.	2007-08 Jennifer Ingram Johnson	2024-25 Angel Myers McClrath
1997-98 Thomas E. Williams	2008-09 Powell Gee Ogletree, Jr.	

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

1989-90 Robert H. McFarland	2002-03 Lawrence "Larry" J. Franck	2012-13 H. B. Mayes McGehee
1990-91 James P. Coleman	2003-04 Charles Clark	2013-14 W. Scott Welch III
1991-92 William D. Neville	2004-05 Leonard B. Melvin, Jr.	2014-15 Jerome C. Hafter
1992-93 Erskine W. Wells	2004-05 Mary Libby Payne	2015-16 Frank Crosthwait
1993-94 Evelyn Gandy	2005-06 Raymond L. Brown	2016-17 Larry Houchins
1994-95 Boyce Holleman	2005-06 Thomas R. Ethridge	2017-18 Constance Slaughter-Harvey
1995-96 Roy D. Campbell, Jr.	2006-07 Reuben V. Anderson	2018-19 Edwin Lloyd Pittman
1996-97 Sebe Dale, Jr.	2007-08 Fred M. Bush, Jr.	2019-20 Joseph R. Meadows
1997-98 William F. Winter	2008-09 William "Bill" F. Goodman, Jr.	2020-21 Fred L. Banks, Jr.
1998-99 David R. Smith	2009-10 Lenore L. Prather	2021-22 Leonard A. "Len" Blackwell II
1999-00 Joel Blass	2010-11 Jack F. Dunbar	2022-23 William C. "Cham" Trotter III
2000-01 Curtis E. Coker	2011-12 Harold D. Miller, Jr.	2023-24 Colette A. Oldmixon
2000-01 William H. Liston	2011-12 James L. Roberts, Jr.	2024-25 Roy D. Campbell III
2001-02 Lester F. Sumners		

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

2000-01 Supreme Court Chief Justice Lenore L. Prather	2012-13 Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Gardner III
2001-02 Circuit Court Judge Robert I. Prichard III	2013-14 Supreme Court Chief Justice William L. Waller, Jr.
2002-03 Circuit Court Judge M. Keith Starrett	2014-15 U.S. Magistrate Judge S. Allan Alexander
2003-04 Court of Appeals Judge Leslie H. Southwick	2015-16 Rankin County Judge Thomas Broome
2004-05 Adams County Judge John N. Hudson	2016-17 Chancery Court Judge Jacqueline E. Mask
2005-06 Chancery Court Judge Sebe Dale, Jr.	2017-18 Chancery Court Judge Jerry G. Mason
2006-07 Chancery Court Judge John Clark Love	2018-19 Chancery Court Judge Denise Owens
2007-08 Circuit Court Judge Henry Lackey	2019-20 Hancock County Judge S. Trent Favre
2008-09 Rankin County Judge Kent McDaniel	2020-21 U.S. District Judge Michael P. Mills
2009-10 Chancery Court Judge Margaret Alfonso	2021-22 Chancery Court Judge Deborah J. Gambrell
2009-10 Chancery Court Judge Edward E. Patten, Jr.	2022-23 Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael K. Randolph
2010-11 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge David W. Houston III	2023-24 Forrest County Judge Carol Jones Russell
2011-12 U.S. Magistrate Judge John M. Roper	2024-25 U.S. District Judge Carlton W. Reeves