



# SONOMA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## CAREERS OF DISTINCTION AWARD

### THE AWARD

Each year the Sonoma County Bar Association recognizes members of the legal profession with SCBA's highest honor, the Careers of Distinction (COD) Award. The Award is made to attorneys and Judicial Officers who have distinguished themselves in an exemplary fashion during their legal careers in Sonoma County.

For names of past honorees, go to [www.SonomaCountyBar.org/careers-distinction-award](http://www.SonomaCountyBar.org/careers-distinction-award).

### THE CRITERIA

- Active, retired, or deceased attorneys, and retired or deceased Judicial Officers who have engaged in the practice of law in Sonoma County in an exemplary fashion are eligible for this award.  
*Current members of the SCBA Board of Directors and sitting Judicial Officers are not eligible.*
- Those who have distinguished themselves as jurists, litigators, or practitioners, and who have applied due diligence in the practice of law, day after day.
- Those who have been an inspiration to others and have achieved excellence during their legal careers.
- Participation in activities outside the practice of law such as service to local, state, national and international organizations, service to charitable organizations, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, merchants associations, and other noteworthy achievements.

### COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

- Nominations must be submitted with the nomination form on page 2.
- Use only one form per nominee. If you would like to nominate more than one person, please use a separate form per person.
- In addition to the nomination form, submit detailed explanations of the criteria listed above. Include supporting documents such as a resume, a list of awards, and/or a list of accomplishments.
- Include any other information that you feel highlights how the nominee has distinguished themselves in an exemplary fashion during a legal career in Sonoma County.

### THE PROCESS

- All nominations will be reviewed by the COD Nominating Committee consisting of the current SCBA Executive Committee, past COD Honorees, and past SCBA Presidents.
- The Nominating Committee does not undertake any independent investigation and relies on the information submitted in the nominating form and supporting documents.
- The Nominating Committee will submit its recommendations to the SCBA Board of Directors for its consideration and final selection.
- Honorees will be announced on or about June 30, and will be presented with their awards at the Careers of Distinction Awards Dinner in October.

### RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Amy Jarvis, Executive Director

[amy@sonomacountybar.org](mailto:amy@sonomacountybar.org)

Sonoma County Bar Association, 3035 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 205, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 31**



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**NOMINEE:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Provide a detailed explanation of the criteria listed below for your nominee. You may submit your answers on a separate page(s) if more room is needed.*

**1.0 PRACTICE OF LAW:** *Explain how your nominee has engaged in the practice of law in Sonoma County in an exemplary fashion and is distinguished as a jurist, litigator, or practitioner, and applied due diligence in the practice of law, day after day.*

**2.0 PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:** *Provide specific examples of how your nominee has been an inspiration to others during their legal careers.*

**3.0 COMMUNITY SERVICE:** *Provide examples how your nominee has participated in activities outside the practice of law such as service to local, state, national and international organizations, service to charitable organizations, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, and other noteworthy achievements.*

**4.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** *Include supporting documents such as a resume, a list of awards, a list of accomplishments, and any other information that you feel highlights how the nominee has distinguished themselves in an exemplary fashion during a legal career in Sonoma County.*