



THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON THE PROFESSION

G. DEWEY OXNER, JR.
MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



ABOUT THE AWARD

In November 2013, the Supreme Court of South Carolina's Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession established the G. Dewey Oxner Jr. Mentor of the Year Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has performed exemplary service and demonstrated professional excellence as a mentor to a new lawyer participating in the Supreme Court's Lawyer Mentoring Program.

This award honors the legacy of one of the giants in the legal profession, G. Dewey Oxner Jr., and his steadfast commitment and leadership in ensuring that the practice of law remains a high calling. During his tenure as president of the South Carolina Bar, Mr. Oxner proposed to the Supreme Court that it form the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession with its primary charge being to promote and enhance professionalism among South Carolina's lawyers. The Commission was formed in 2000, and Mr. Oxner served as an inaugural member and co-chair from its inception until his death in 2013.

Among the many fronts on which the Commission promotes professionalism, none was more significant to Mr. Oxner than establishing a mentoring program for new lawyers to ease their entry into the practice of law. He championed this endeavor with unparalleled enthusiasm and worked tirelessly to make South Carolina's program a highly successful model that other states now emulate. With the establishment of the Lawyer Mentoring Program, Mr. Oxner has left our profession with a living legacy, and this award is a fitting recognition of his enormous contributions to this important effort. The Commission will present the third annual award in April 2017.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

With the exception of members of the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession, any member in good standing with the South Carolina Bar who has served as a mentor in the Lawyer Mentoring Program is eligible to receive the award. Members of the South Carolina Bar who have mentored new lawyers admitted to practice from March 2015 through February 2016 are eligible for the award that will be presented in April 2017.

SELECTION CRITERIA

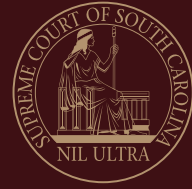
The Lawyer Mentoring Program was designed to provide newly admitted lawyers with access to guidance regarding a variety of subjects. The award spotlights a mentor who not only went the extra mile and provided outstanding support, advice or assistance to the new lawyer, but who also exemplified the highest standards of integrity, civility and professionalism.

Criteria to consider when nominating a mentor may include, but is not limited to, the goals contained in the Uniform Mentoring Plan. Because each mentoring experience is unique, you may consider additional ways in which the mentor provided outstanding assistance.



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2017 NOMINATION FORM

Mentor Name: _____

Office Name: _____

Office Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the questions that are pertinent to your mentoring experience. Please complete this form by typing your answers directly in the spaces provided under each question.

1. How did your mentor build a good relationship with you as you started your mentoring term?
2. How did your mentor assist you in your entry into the practice of law and your integration into the legal community?
3. How did your mentor provide advice and insight about your professional development, practice issues, and career goals?
4. How did your mentor provide guidance on ethical issues and disciplinary grievances?
5. How did your mentor demonstrate himself/herself as a person of integrity and character?

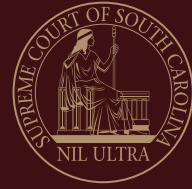
All nominations must be submitted on or before January 9, 2017.

Submit this form by email to
Nichole Davis, Mentoring Program Administrator
at mentors@sbar.org



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6. How has your mentor exemplified civility and demonstrated standards of professionalism?

7. As you have experienced the increasing demands of the practice of law, how did your mentor communicate or demonstrate the proper life-work balance?

8. How has your mentor shown himself/herself to be outstanding in his/her community?

9. How has your mentor been a role model to you?

10. Do you have any other comments in support of your mentor?

Please include your contact information below.

Name: _____

Date Admitted to the SC Bar: _____

Office Name: _____

Office Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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