

## **Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section Award**

The Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section of the South Carolina Bar invites nominations for its award to a lawyer who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to trial and appellate advocacy in the legal profession. The award will be presented during the South Carolina Bar's Annual Convention.

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

Individual lawyers who maintain a trial and/or appellate practice are eligible. No more than two (2) awardees will be selected from time to time from those who have excelled in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) Demonstrated substantial dedication to the furtherance of the art and techniques of trial and appellate advocacy in the State of South Carolina;
- (2) Displayed outstanding and exemplary skill and conduct in his/her practice of trial and/or appellate advocacy; and/or
- (3) Devoted substantial time and effort to the education and training of lawyers in the areas of trial and appellate advocacy.

Members of the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section Council are ineligible to receive this Award during the member's term and for one year thereafter.

### **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

The Committee urges nominators to choose only one worthy candidate a year. We understand that this may often be a difficult choice. If there is more than one worthy candidate in your community, separate nominations for each must be submitted.

To ensure the uniformity and the completeness of the nomination packet, the packet should include:

- I. Nomination Form: This form should be the first page of the packet.
- II. Candidate's Resume: The next two to three pages of the packet should be a resume or document that describes the candidate's background. Information that would be helpful includes principal areas of practice, number of years practicing law, educational background, contributions to trial and/or appellate advocacy in South Carolina and documentation of other Bar activities.
- III. Nomination Narrative: Using no more than five pages, explain how the candidate meets the criteria for the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award. Specify the nature of his/her contribution and identify those who have benefitted. Whenever

possible provide specific documentation or other materials which demonstrate the candidate's contribution, including articles, brochures, and case citations.

- IV. Letters of Support: The packet must include at least 1 letter of support from other individuals and/or organizations that are familiar with the candidate's contributions.

**Nominations and supporting materials should be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Please send an original and electronic copy of each nomination and supporting materials. Do not staple them – a paper clip or removable binder clip will be sufficient.**

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

An Awards Committee of the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section will review the nominations in early November. The Committee will be comprised of five (5) members. Award recipients will be notified no later than December 15. All decisions will be final and binding. In order to protect the integrity of the award, the Committee reserves the right not to present the award if it finds that none of the nominations received meets the criteria.

### **DEADLINE**

**All nominations must be RECEIVED no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.**

**Submit all nomination packets to:**

South Carolina Bar  
Attn: Marla Wood  
Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section (Award)  
Post Office Box 608  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202  
[marla.wood@scbar.org](mailto:marla.wood@scbar.org)

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### Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please check the criteria that apply to the Nominee:

Nominee has:

- (1) Demonstrated substantial dedication to the furtherance of the art and techniques of trial and appellate advocacy in the State of South Carolina;
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