

Technology, Innovation and Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year Award

To recognize and elevate the contributions of Technology and/or IPI Attorney/Lawyer within South Carolina, the Technology, Innovation and Intellectual Property Committee established this annual award in August 2026.

Purpose:

This award honors a legal professional or organization that has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the legal community and/or the broader public, while advancing the profession through Technology, Innovation, or Intellectual Property Law. The recipient exemplifies visionary thinking, impactful engagement, and a commitment to shaping the future of legal practice through creative and strategic application of emerging tools, ideas, and legal expertise.

Award Guidelines:

- The award will be presented annually, unless no exceptional nominees are identified.
- The award will be presented at the Committee's annual meeting or conference, unless identified otherwise.
- Nominations will be received by members of the South Carolina Bar.
- **Eligible Nominees must:**
 - Any lawyer in the of Technology, Innovation and/or Intellectual Property Law Field in good standing of the South Carolina Bar.
 - Exhibit exemplary skills and conduct in the practice of Technology, Innovation and/or Intellectual Property Law.
 - Have made significant contributions of time and talent to the South Carolina Bar, their local bar, or their community, or have devoted substantial time and effort to the education and training of fellow South Carolina lawyers in the areas of technology, innovation, and/or intellectual property law.
- **Ineligibility:**
 - Current Chairs are not eligible until one year after their term ends.
 - Previous year's winner are not eligible.
- **Selection Process:**
 - The recipient will be selected by a majority vote of the T.I.I.P. Subcommittee, taken anonymously via SC Bar process.
- **Award Components:**
 - The award consists of formal recognition and an engraved trophy or plaque.
 - No monetary award will be given.