



**South  
Carolina  
Bar**

**Employment & Labor Law Section  
2025 Distinguished Lawyer Award  
Nomination Packet**

**AWARD:** The Employment & Labor Law Section will honor an individual nominated by their professional peers for meritorious service to employment and labor law practice in the State of South Carolina. The honoree will be selected by the Section Selection Committee, which consists of the current Section chair, up to five past Section chairs and one former award recipient. The recipient will be recognized in Fall 2025.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

The nominee must be:

- Admitted to the South Carolina Bar and in good standing;
- Practicing or teaching in the area of employment and labor law for the last 20 years at least 50 percent of the time;
- A member of the South Carolina Bar Employment & Labor Law Section;
- Nominee is alive; and
- *Please note that public officials and sitting judges are not eligible.*

**NOMINATION PACKET:**

To ensure completeness of the nomination packet, it should include:

- I. **Nomination Form.** Prior to submission, please verify all information to ensure that the nominee is eligible for the award for which he or she is being nominated.
- II. **References.** Please submit three (3) references and letters of recommendation. Please note that the nominator will serve as one (1) reference. Statements are not required to be on letterhead.
- III. **Nominee's Biography.** Please provide this information as it should appear in promotional and event materials.
- IV. **Misc. Materials.** Materials which demonstrate the nominee's community or legal Contribution, including articles, brochures and other documentation is welcomed but not required.

Please submit all items under the same cover. A nomination will not be considered until all items have been received.

**PREVIOUS NOMINATIONS:**

Please note candidates that were nominated last year but not selected will automatically be considered and will have the option to submit updates and/or supplements to their prior application.



**REFERENCES:**

In addition to the nominator, please provide the names and contact information of two (2) references who are aware of the nominee’s community or legal contributions. Please remember to include letters of recommendation. Statements are not required to be on letterhead.

**First Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_ Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_ Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:**

Nominator’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the nomination packet along with letters of recommendation and any additional supporting documents by **Tuesday, September 9, 2025** to:

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marla Wood via email or by calling (803) 576-3782.