
Ellen Hines Smith Award Nomination Form

The Ellen Hines Smith Legal Services Lawyer of the Year Award is named in memory of Ellen Hines Smith of Spartanburg. Ellen was the founding director of Piedmont Legal Services. She served as a member of Spartanburg City Council and a municipal court judge. Her entire legal career was devoted to the creation and provision of legal services to the citizens of South Carolina. Her commitment and leadership were recognized both in South Carolina and across the nation. The award is presented to recognize a lawyer who has demonstrated commitment to the development and delivery of quality legal services to the poor in South Carolina through the legal services program.

Award criteria:

- Must be a South Carolina Legal Services' attorney;
- Application by February 17, 2016;
- Sent to rwheeler@sbar.org or SC ATJ Commission, PO Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202-0608;
- Decided by a joint awards committee of the SC Bar Foundation and SC ATJ Commission;
- Provides reasons for nominee to receive award;
- Presented at the SC Bar May House of Delegates' Meeting;
- Not necessarily awarded every year.

AWARD GUIDELINES DEADLINE:

February 17, 2016

The Ellen Hines Smith Award was established in 1989. It is given to a South Carolina Bar member who is employed as an LSC grantee program lawyer who has demonstrated long-term commitment to legal services and who has personally done significant work in extending legal services to the poor.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

General criteria to be used in the selection of the award recipient include one or more of the following:

- Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor through a Legal Services program;
- Quality and creativity in the delivery of legal services to the poor;

- Successful litigation that has benefited significant numbers of indigents or favorably affected the provision of other services to indigents or other innovative actions;
- Commitment to the goals of Legal Services;
- Other public service for the community or the Bar.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination process is as follows:

- A completed nomination form submitted for each nominee
- In addition to the nomination form, each nomination must include:
 - at least one (1) but no more than five (5) letters in support of the nomination that include citations to reported cases and reference to organizing efforts, successful projects and newspaper or other articles
 - a current résumé or biography that includes work history with dates

If submitting a hard copy nomination: Submit the completed nomination form and supporting materials no later than **February 17, 2016**.

If submitting by e-mail, the entire nomination including the nomination form and all supporting materials must be submitted electronically in one e-mail communication to rwheeler@sbar.org by **February 17, 2016**.

SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The Award winner will be decided by a joint awards committee of the [South Carolina Bar Foundation](#) and the [South Carolina Access to Justice Commission](#) after reviewing the nominations.

Decisions regarding the award recipient will be based on the above criteria or comparable achievements and the strength of the supporting letters.

The award will be presented during the House of Delegates' meeting in May 2016.

Previous award recipients are not eligible.

Previous Award Recipients

1989 – Martha B. Dicus	2001 – Lynn P. Wagner
1990 – Thomas L. Bruce	2002 – Eddie McDonnell
1991 – Johnny Simpson	2003 – Frank Cannon
1992 – Harold F. Daniels	2004 – Willie B. Heyward
1993 – Andrea E. Loney	2005 – Lynn Snowber-Marini
1994 – Mozella Nicholson	2007 - Marcia Powell-Shew
1995 – Thomas A. Trent	2009 – Maureen White
1996 – Susan A. Cross	2010 – Susan J. Firimonte
1997 – Angela M. Myers	2011 – Jack E. Cohoon
1998 – Ethel E. Weinberg	2012 – Kirby Mitchell
1999 – Nancy M. Butler	2013 – Kimberly Shelton
2000 – Byron A. Reid	2014 – Kimaka Nichols-Graham

NOMINATION FORM DEADLINE:

February 17, 2016

The completed nomination form with supporting materials must be postmarked by or received by email to rwheeler@sbar.org by midnight, **FEBRUARY 17, 2016**.

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions on separate sheets and attach the sheets and the required supporting materials to the nomination form (incomplete nomination packages will be returned for required information):

1. Describe the accomplishments of the nominee towards development and delivery of legal services to the poor
2. Describe any litigation that benefited the poor
3. Explain the nominee's demonstrated long-term commitment to legal services
4. Attach a current résumé or biography with work history and educational background
5. Include at least one letter (but no more than five) in support of the nomination

Name of Nominator: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Hard copy postmarked by **February 17, 2016:**

Robin F. Wheeler

SC Access to Justice Commission

PO Box 608

Columbia, SC 29202-0608

Email by **February 17, 2016** to: rwheeler@sbar.org

Questions? Call Robin F. Wheeler (803) 576-3808