The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

NOMINATIONS

for the

27th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service

Awards will be presented at a special ceremony in 2027

The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism invites nominations for the Benham Awards for Community Service. Judges and lawyers meet the criteria for these awards if they have combined a professional career with outstanding service and dedication to their communities through voluntary participation in community organizations, government-sponsored activities, or humanitarian work outside of their professional practice or judicial duties. Contributions may be made in any field, including but not limited to: social service, education, faith-based efforts, sports, youth and mentoring, recreation, the arts, or politics. The Selection Committee generally believes that community or public service is not service to a bar association. The Selection Committee will no longer accept nominations from individuals who are nominating themselves.

Eligibility: Nominees must: **1)** Be a member of the State Bar of Georgia, in good standing, or have been a member, in good standing, at the time of death; **2)** Have made a significant and meaningful commitment of time and energy over time to at least one and ideally multiple community organizations that has made a difference to the public served by those organizations; **3).** Have made contributions that are worthy of tribute and recognition from the perspective of the nominee's local Georgia community and the contributions could encourage other Georgia Bar members to provide their own volunteer and civic services; **4)** Not be a member of the Selection Committee, staff of the State Bar of Georgia or Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism; and **5).** Not be a candidate in a contested judicial or political election at the time of the nomination until the time of the acceptance of the award.

27th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service Nomination Form

Nominations will only be accepted electronically. For additional information and to complete the nomination form or visit http://cjcpga.org/nominationsbenhamcsa/

Nominee

Name

Address1*:

Address2:

City State Zip

(* Please use either the nominee's work or home address that corresponds with the location of their most significant community service.)

Phone: Email:

Nominator

Name

Address1*:

Address2:

City State Zip

Phone: Email:

SAMPLE FORM
FOR INFORMATION
NOT FOR
SUBMISSION

In addition to this form, nominations must also be accompanied by documents **in PDF** as follows:

❑ **A Nomination Narrative:** Explain how the nominee meets the award criteria described above. Specify the nature of the contributions and identify those who have benefitted from the nominee's involvement. Specify when and how long the nominee participated in each identified activity.

❑ **Biographical Information**: Attach a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae.

❑ **TWO Letters of Support**: Include 2 letters of support from individuals and/or organizations in the community (**preferably from an organization the nominee has served**) that describe the nominee's service and the contributions made.

All Nominations must be submitted electronically by Wednesday, November 11, 2026.