

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



RE: Call for Entries – Judge Sam Williams Award

Dear Local Bar Leader,

The State Bar of Texas Local Bar Services Committee annually honors one individual who demonstrates a commitment to fostering and maintaining the relationship between his or her local bar association and the State Bar of Texas. A roster of past honorees is attached.

I encourage your local bar association to submit a nomination for this award, along with your Stars of Texas Bars Awards entries. Please view the attached form and directions. Any attorney in good standing may be nominated. Entries must be received by the State Bar of Texas Local Bar Services Department by 5 p.m. CDT on April 30, 2024.

The award, established in 1990, is named in honor of Judge Sam Williams, the long-time president of the Northeast Texas Bar Association. Judge Williams was an outstanding leader of the local bar association, who exemplified the highest ideals of the position and significantly contributed to maintaining the local bar association's relationship with the State Bar of Texas.

Please email any questions regarding this award to localbars@texasbar.com. The Local Bar Services Committee looks forward to receiving your nomination!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Dippel".

Leslie Dippel
Chair



Judge Sam Williams Award Submission Sheet

Please complete this submission sheet and include it with your response to the below questions.

Name of Individual Nominated _____

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions (combined answers should not exceed 1,000 words):

How has the nominee impacted the community?

What pro bono legal work has the nominee been involved in?

What community or state organizations is the nominee connected to?

How has the nominee improved the public's understanding of the legal system and lawyers' role in that system?

How has the nominee impacted students regarding the legal profession?

Name of Local Bar Association _____

Name of Local Bar President _____

Address of Local Bar President _____

Email and Phone Number of Local Bar President _____

Name of Person Submitting Nomination _____

Email and Phone Number of Person Submitting Nomination _____

Email this submission sheet and responses to:

localbars@texasbar.com

Questions? Contact **localbars@texasbar.com** or **(512) 427-1514**.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. CDT on April 30, 2024.

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Past Recipients

2023 Alistair Dawson – Houston Bar Association
2022 Judge Karin R. Crump – Austin Bar Association
2021 No Awards
2020 No Awards
2019 Judge Mark J. Hocker – Lubbock Area Bar Association
2018 Andrew Tolchin – “Texas Lawyers” Bar Association
2017 Wendy-Adele Humphrey – Lubbock Area Bar Association
2016 Kimberly Killebrew – Collin County Women Lawyers Association
2015 Christine Albano – Collin County Young Lawyers Association
2014 Pablo Javier Almaguer – Hidalgo County Bar Association
2013 Aleed J. Rivera – Tarrant County Bar Association
2012 Travis J. Sales – Houston Bar Association
2011 Jo Ann Merica – Austin Bar Association
2010 Randall O. Sorrels – Houston Bar Association
2009 Wendy Miller – Houston Young Lawyers Association
2008 Ralph Brock – Lubbock County Bar Association
2007 Mark White – Amarillo Area Bar Association
2006 Mark Shank – Dallas Bar Association
2005 Mike Baggett – Dallas Bar Association
2004 Abigail Kampmann – San Antonio Bar Association
2003 Gib Walton – Houston Bar Association
2002 Elizabeth Lang-Miers – Dallas Bar Association
2001 James “Blackie” Holmes III – Dallas Bar Association
2000 James Branton – San Antonio Bar Association
1999 Peter S. Vogel – Dallas Bar Association
1998 Otway B. Denny, Jr. – Houston Bar Association
1997 John R. Foster – Val Verde County Bar Association
1996 David L. Evans – Tarrant County Bar Association
1995 James B. Sales – Houston Bar Association
1994 Al Ellis – Dallas Bar Association
1993 Antonio “Tony” Alvarado – Laredo-Webb County Bar Association
1992 Spencer C. Relyea – Dallas Bar Association
1991 Judge Jerry L. Buchmeyer – Dallas Bar Association
1990 Judge Sam Williams – Northeast Texas Bar Association