AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

Guide to

Giving State and Province Committee Awards

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Introduction

The Fellows in a State or Province may wish from time to time to honor a practicing lawyer or retired Judge whose career has exemplified the qualities of ethics and professionalism embodied in the College's Codes of Trial and Pretrial Conduct and whose actions and accomplishments manifest a lifetime commitment to advancing the administration of justice through service in the legal profession, the judiciary, government or public service.

Criteria

The Fellows in a State or Province may make an award to an individual meeting the foregoing criteria subject to the following guidelines:

- The award may be made only to a practicing or retired lawyer, a retired judge or a judge who has taken senior status or been certified to continue sitting for a stated number of years after reaching a specified age. To avoid the potential embarrassment of recognizing one judge and not another, the award may not be given to a judge in active service. The Committee may wish to give the award to a Fellow but should also consider candidates who are not Fellows.
- The award may take any appropriate form but may not include a cash component.
- The award may be given in the name of the Fellows of a State or Province, or a State or Province Committee, but it must be made clear that the award is not being made by or in the name of the College as a whole.
- The award may be given from time to time but not more frequently than annually.
- The award may be given at a Committee Meeting or dinner or on some other suitable private or public occasion.
- A State or Province Committee wishing to make such an award shall inform its Regent. The Committee shall submit a written explanation to the Regent stating the reasons for selecting the recipient. The Regent may either approve the selection, in which event the Fellows or Committee may proceed, or refer the selection to the Executive Committee for its approval or disapproval.
- If the Committee wants to publicize the award, the announcement shall be tasteful and shall state the mission of the College. It may identify the Fellows or members of the Committee conferring the award. Before making the announcement, the Committee shall submit its text for review by its Regent.