



FORUM'S AWARD FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE Award Criteria and Process

FORUM's Mission Statement - The purposes of the organization are to:

- 1) further the public interest by improving the administrative process,
- 2) foster faithful, efficient, and effective performance of the functions assigned to Administrative Law Judges under the various statutes governing Federal administrative proceedings,
- 3) advance the professional standing, education and welfare of the Administrative Law Judges employed by the Government of the United States, and
- 4) encourage cordial and friendly relations among the members of this organization and with the judiciary, government-agencies, the bar, and public and private organizations concerned with the administrative process.

Award Criteria

Forum's award for Judicial Excellence is created to recognize outstanding efforts by ALJs in promoting and fulfilling the mission statement of the Forum of United States Administrative Law Judges. Award nominees are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Served as an ALJ for a minimum of three years
- Been a member of Forum for at least three years
- Exemplifies the highest standards of judicial excellence throughout a distinguished legal career
- Through specific, extraordinary, sustained, and/or courageous acts, promotes and fulfills the mission statement of Forum over and above activities typical of ALJs; *e.g.* lifetime work on due process rights; voluntary, effective testimony before Congress; long-term volunteer service with legally disadvantaged, etc.
- Award recipient agrees to attend Forum's Annual Luncheon in Washington, D.C., typically held in the Fall to accept the award [attendance may be waived due to health or other legitimate reason by Forum's President and CEO.]

Award Process

- 1) Any member of Forum may nominate an ALJ for the award by submitting the attached nomination form to Forum by March 31, any year.
- 2) All Forum officers (and any award sponsoring donor) will review all nomination materials and have to unanimously agree to make the award to the nominee.
- 3) Award comes with a plaque, Forum webpage listing of awardees, and lifetime membership in Forum effective from the date the ALJ receives the award.
- 4) Expected to be awarded only once every three to five years.
- 5) An award sponsorship (all law firms and their clients ineligible to serve as the award sponsor) is available at an amount agreed to by the Forum Executive Committee and the sponsor, where the sponsor may name the award with the approval of Forum's Executive Committee and participate in selecting any award recipient. Forum will cover the costs of the award in the event no sponsor is forthcoming.
- 6) All Forum officers are ineligible to receive the award while serving as a Forum officer, and for 3 years thereafter.



Judge Dennis L. Phillips
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 31, 2017
Washington, D.C.

Attachment
Nomination Form