

Community Service Awards

Call for Nominations

By Lisa Kremer

The Community Service Awards recognize lawyers and others in the Pierce County legal community who work to make the community a better place. This might be through work to make the legal system better, or it could be an activity entirely unrelated to the law that has significantly improved our community. Or it might be someone who has consistently, quietly helped to make Pierce County a better place, year after year, because it's the right thing to do.

You know they're out there. Now tell us, so we can tell everyone else.

The goal of these awards is to thank those in our community who are helping others, to make us aware of the kind of work our colleagues are doing, and hopefully to inspire others to do more of the same.

Award winners are selected by the TPCBA President on the recommendation of (and working together with) the Community Service Awards Committee, based on nominations from the community, the committee members and the President. Winners are recognized at the Lincoln Day banquet and in this magazine.

Please send nominations for the awards to Lisa Kremer, chair of the Community Service Awards Committee, at lkremer@gth-law.com. You can send me any questions you might have about the awards, as well.

The categories are:

- **Distinguished Service:** A TPCBA member who, through his or her legal work, changes lives for the better in our community. For example, this could be an attorney who consistently helps the underprivileged, or an attorney who helped achieve a change in the legal system that improves the lives of others.
- **Community Service:** A TPCBA member who volunteers his or her time, either in a legal or non-legal capacity, to improve the circumstances of others. This recipient could work to help others through pro bono work or volunteerism.
- **Service to the Legal Profession:** A person who provides outstanding service to furthering the goals of the legal profession and promoting the ideal of professionalism.
- **Service to Diversity:** An attorney who works tirelessly to promote and encourage diversity within the legal profession, in the community or among their peers.

- **Distinguished Law Firm or Agency:** A group of attorneys who work together as a group to improve their community, whether through legal or non-legal work.
- **Distinguished Organization:** A group or association not primarily lawyers whose contributions have, over time, had a significant favorable impact on some aspect of the legal system.
- **Outstanding Jurist:** An exemplary jurist who has significantly served or improved the community, whether through his or her work, or through his or her volunteerism.
- **Service to the TPCBA:** A volunteer who has provided outstanding service to the local Bar Association.
- **Service to Legal Education:** An attorney or educator who has provided excellent education to others – whether the public, or students, or another group – in explaining the legal system.
- **Service by a New Attorney:** An attorney within their first 5 years of practice who has shown commitment to improving their community, whether through legal or non-legal work.

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