



# Palm Beach County Bar Association Professionalism Award

The importance of promoting professionalism and ethical conduct has been recognized by local bar associations and state bar organizations all over the country, as well as the American Bar Association. The stated mission of the Palm Beach County Bar Association is to serve its members, foster professionalism and enhance the public's understanding and awareness of the legal system.

For the last ten years, the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Professionalism Committee has worked to emphasize and promote the importance of professionalism issues on a local level through education, awareness and deterrence. A Professionalism Council has been created that hears referrals made by an attorney or judge who believes that another attorney's conduct violated the Florida Bar's Ideals of Professional Conduct and the Palm Beach County Bar's Standards of Professional Guidelines.

To recognize and reward those who exemplify professionalism, the Palm Beach County Bar Association will present its Tenth Annual Professionalism Award **during the luncheon of the Bench Bar Conference scheduled for February 19, 2010.**

**Eligible Recipients:** Individual members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association or a law firm or organization in Palm Beach County

**Selection Criteria:** The Professionalism Award recognizes an attorney, law firm, or organization that has demonstrated or promoted outstanding professionalism in Palm Beach County, as defined by exemplary ethical conduct, character and integrity, respect for the legal system and all of its participants, commitment to maintaining the highest levels of professional competence, courtesy and civility, and commitment to serving clients, the community and the public good.

Deadline for submission: **February 5, 2010**

**PROFESSIONALISM AWARD NOMINATION FORM:  
LAW FIRM/ORGANIZATION**

Use this form to nominate a local firm or organization that has an in-house program designed to encourage mentoring or professionalism. The firm or organization must be member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Name of law firm/organization being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your relationship, if any, to the law firm/organization being nominated:

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Please state your knowledge as to all activities of the law firm/organization internally or externally to the community in general that promotes professionalism in general and mentoring in particular. Please state your specific knowledge as to the law firm/organization mentoring program in question, including but not limited to how long the program has been in existence, the exact format/nature of the program, as well as your actual knowledge of any of the programs participants.

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Please provide any additional information regarding this law firm/organization's program that you believe will be helpful to the selection committee (use separate sheet if necessary).

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**DEADLINE TO RETURN NOMINATION: February 5, 2010.** Please return to Patience Burns, Palm Beach County Bar Association, 1601 Belvedere Road, Suite 302 East, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. ***Past Winners Include:*** *Craig S. Bernard, Inns of Court; Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs; Law Week Committee; FAWL; Jani Mauer & Nova Law School; Carlton Fields; the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, the State Attorney's Office and Gunster.*

# PROFESSIONALISM AWARD NOMINATION FORM: INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY

Please use this form to nominate either an attorney whose conduct embodies professionalism. The individual must be a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known the Nominee  
and in what capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

Your knowledge as to the Nominee's number of years in the Palm Beach County legal  
community: \_\_\_\_\_

Your knowledge of Nominee's involvement in Palm Beach County Bar Association, Florida Bar  
and other community organizations:

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Please reference any specific occurrences or instances where the Nominee displayed  
professionalism in accordance with The Florida Bar Ideals and Goals of Professionalism, the  
Palm Beach County Bar Association Standards of Professional Courtesy or otherwise. Please be  
sure to give as much factual information regarding these specific instances for the selection  
committee to consider.

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Briefly discuss in the space provided why you believe the Nominee has exhibited exemplary  
professionalism in the course of his or her practice of law. Please reference any specific  
occurrences.

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Burns, Palm Beach County Bar Association, 1601 Belvedere Road, Suite 302 East, West Palm  
Beach, FL 33406. ***Past Winners include:*** Jack Ackerman, Douglas Duncan, Judge Walter N.  
Colbath, Jr., D. Culver "Skip" Smith III, Judge Edward Rodgers, Judge Peter Blanc, Sidney A.  
Stubbs, Jr. David Ackerman, Kenneth Selvig, Jane Kreuzler-Walsh and Manuel Farach.  
*Judicial Award Winners: Judge Lucy Chernow Brown; Judge Ronald Alvarez; Judge Jack  
Cook.*