



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 twelve 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 Eleventh Annual Professionalism Award **during the luncheon of the Bench Bar Conference scheduled for March 9, 2012.**

Eligible Recipients: Individual members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association

Selection Criteria: The Professionalism Award recognizes an attorney 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 6, 2012**

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:

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.

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.

DEADLINE TO RETURN NOMINATION: February 6, 2012. Please return to Patience 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, Manuel Farach, John G. "Jay" White III and Robert A. Bertisch. ***Judicial Award Winners:*** Judge Lucy Chernow Brown; Judge Ronald Alvarez; Judge Jack Cook.