



Palm Beach County Bar Association

Sidney A. Stubbs Professionalism Award

The importance of promoting professionalism and ethical conduct has been recognized by the Florida Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, and 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.

Since its inception in 1922, the Palm Beach County Bar Association has worked to emphasize and promote the importance of professionalism issues on a local level through education, awareness, and deterrence. On September 12, 2011, the Florida Supreme Court amended the oath of admission to The Florida Bar to include a pledge of "fairness, integrity, and civility." In 2014, the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Board of Directors approved the revised Standards of Professional Courtesy. In 2015, the Florida Bar Board of Governors approved the Florida Bar's Professionalism Expectations that replaced the Ideals and Goals of Professionalism.

The purpose of the Sidney A. Stubbs Professionalism Award is to recognize an attorney who exemplifies the essential ingredients of professionalism: character, competence, commitment, and civility. The nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated diligence in promoting the mission of professionalism. To recognize such an individual, the Palm Beach County Bar Association will present its Professionalism Award during the Bench Bar Conference scheduled for **March 5, 2027**.

Eligible Recipients: Individual attorneys, who are current members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and members in good standing of The Florida Bar.

Selection Criteria: The Sidney A. Stubbs Professionalism Award recognizes an attorney who has demonstrated and/or promoted outstanding professionalism in Palm Beach County, as defined by exemplary ethical conduct, character, integrity, respect for the legal system and all 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: **January 15, 2027**

Guidelines for Nomination and Voting:

*The PBCBA will advertise the deadline for nominations for a minimum period of sixty (60) days before such deadline. All nominations will be discussed and considered at a meeting of the Professionalism Committee. The PBCBA Staff Liaison will share the names of nominees who were not selected to receive the Award the prior two years with the committee members so that the members can determine whether a member wishes to resubmit the nominee's name for consideration.

*The PBCBA Executive Director and co-chairs are responsible for confirming all nominees' eligibility.

*All nominators will be invited to attend and present their nomination to the Professionalism Committee on the date that the nominations are scheduled for discussion and consideration.

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Please use this form to nominate 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 the Palm Beach County Bar Association, The 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.

Briefly discuss with specificity how this individual has demonstrated and/or promoted outstanding professionalism in Palm Beach County. Please reference any specific occurrences.

*Nomination submissions are limited to five (5) pages total, including this cover sheet and all continuations and attachments. Submissions more than five pages in length will not be considered by the Committee.

DEADLINE TO RETURN NOMINATION: January 15, 2027. Please return to Michelle Gale, Palm Beach County Bar Association, P.O. Box 17726, West Palm Beach, FL 33416 or via email to mgale@palmbeachbar.org. **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 Kreusler-Walsh, Manuel Farach, John G. "Jay" White III, Robert A. Bertisch, Carey Haughwout, John Mariani, Scott G. Hawkins, Adam Rabin, Amy Borman, Michael D. Mopsick, Patricia Lowry, Kara Berard Rockenbach, William E. Pruitt, Lawonda Warren, Michael Walsh, Scott N. Richardson, Gary Lesser, Kalinthia Dillard and Patrick Quinlan.