

# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## JUDGE MERRILL HARTMAN PRO BONO JUDGE AWARD 2023 Official Nomination Form

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW & CRITERIA

The Judge Merrill Hartman Pro Bono Judge Award honors a judge, sitting or retired, who has provided exemplary pro bono service, including: outreach to attorneys to increase the quantity and quality of pro bono representation; modifications to court processes to increase access to justice; advocacy on behalf of access to justice; or service as a volunteer judge for pro bono clinics or other pro bono proceedings. The award is named after the late Judge Merrill Hartman of Dallas, a tireless advocate for low-income communities' access to justice. We plan to present this award at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in June.

Nominations must be received *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023*. Submit the original nomination form and any additional supporting materials to [probono@texasbar.com](mailto:probono@texasbar.com).

Nominations that follow the prompts of this application form tend to most successfully represent the positive attributes of the nominee.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Nomination packets may be released in conjunction with press releases. Thus, please do not provide confidential information within the nomination form or in supporting materials. Nominees not selected for the Pro Bono Excellence Awards may be considered for other State Bar of Texas awards.

### NOMINATOR INFORMATION

<b>Name of Nominator:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City:</b> _____ <b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone:</b> _____
<b>Email:</b> _____
<b>Name of person completing this form:</b> _____
<b>Email:</b> _____
<b>Address (if different from above)</b> _____

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>State Bar Card #:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>City:</b> _____ <b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone:</b> _____
<b>Email:</b> _____
<b>Length of Service:</b> _____

## **DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

This form must be completed in its entirety with a concise, but thorough, description of the nominee's work. (Please limit nomination package to 10 total pages, including entry form.)

### **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Provide background information concerning the nominee's profession and career as a judge.

### **2. SERVICE OR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

Describe nominee's service or outstanding achievements in activities to promote or facilitate the provision of legal services to the poor.

### **3. PARTICIPATION**

a. Describe nominee's participation, if any, in active pro bono legal service to the poor through the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association or local bar associations.

b. Describe nominee's history or longevity of service in the above activities.

c. Describe any local recognition of nominee's pro bono service.

### **4. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

(Additional information and supporting materials, such as letters of support, are welcome but not required.)