STATE BAR OF TEXAS

JUDGE MERRILL HARTMAN PRO BONO JUDGE AWARD
2015 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. The award is presented at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in June.

Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2015, CST. A postmark of February 27, 2015, will not be sufficient. Submit the original nomination form and any additional supporting materials to Probono@texasbar.com or mail to:

Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters Committee
c/o State Bar of Texas Legal Access Division
1414 Colorado, Austin, Texas 78701-1627

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.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ **State:**_____ **Zip:**_____**Phone:**_____

Email:_____

Name of person completing this form:_____

Email:_____

Address (if different from above)_____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name:_____**State Bar Card #:**_____

Address:_____

City:_____ **State:**_____ **Zip:**_____**Phone:**_____

Email:_____

Length of Service:_____

Questions about the nomination form or process? Contact the Legal Access Division at 800-204-2222 ext. 1855.

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.)