

2015 FAMILY LAW AWARDS

Dear Family Law Section Members,

The Executive Committee for the Family Law Section of the State Bar of California (FLEXCOM) is seeking nominations for outstanding contributions to the practice of family law for 2014. The award categories are Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year, Family Law Lifetime Achievement Award, Excellence in Family Law, Court Staff Award, and Barrister of the Year and are described below.

Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year

The award is intended to recognize excellence on the Family Law bench. Particular focus is paid to outstanding service to the practice of Family Law, career achievements, or a distinguishing singular act or performance of the nominee.

Family Law Lifetime Achievement Award

Designed to honor and recognize the most distinguished long-term achievements and sustained substantial contributions to the substance or practice of Family Law in the State of California over the recipient's career or lifetime.

Excellence in Family Law

The award is to honor and recognize recent notable acts or outstanding service that contributes substantially to the improvement of California Family Law substance or practice. Recipient need not be a lawyer.

Court Staff Award

The award is to honor and recognize sustained superior performance or extraordinary efforts in the recipient's performance of his or her work with the Family Law courts. Nominations shall be solicited from Family Law bench officers. Nominees shall be deserving court personnel, which may include (but not limited to) clerks, judicial assistants, Family Law Facilitators, DV counselors, court reporters, bailiffs, administrative personnel and Family Court Services employees.

Barrister of the Year Award

The award is to recognize outstanding contributions to the practice of Family Law of outstanding performance in the practice of Family Law for barrister lawyers. The recipient of this award must be a lawyer who practices primarily in the area of Family Law and who has been a member of The State Bar of California for five (5) years or less. The recipient need not be a member of the Family Law Section.

The nomination form is on the next page and can be forwarded to Ji-Lan Zang at jzang@lafla.org. The deadline for submissions of nominations is **March 1, 2015**.

FAMILY LAW AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Identity and Contact Information of Nominee:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

County of Practice / Employment:

Identity and Contact Information of Person Making Nomination:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Award for which you want to nominate above individual: (You can nominate a person for more than one category so long as they are covered under the description for the award.)

Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year

Family Law Lifetime Achievement Award

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Barrister of the Year Award

Narrative in Support of Nomination: (Why do you feel FLEXCOM should confer the award on this person?) Attach a separate sheet if desired.