# public lawyers

# The State Bar of Arizona Public Lawyers Section 2000 Public Lawyer Awards Nomination Form

# Please check one of the following:

Public Lawyer Career Achievement Award
Distinguished Public Lawyer Award
Judicial Award of Excellence

- 1. Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_Address of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Government agency where nominee is employed full time: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Number of years nominee has practiced law in fulltime government employment: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Attach a current resume of the nominee if possible.
- 5. Describe in detail the contributions made by the nominee in the area of providing exemplary legal services as a government lawyer. You may list specific matters handled by the nominee. Attachments are encouraged.
- 6. Name of the person/organization submitting this nomination. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of contact person with additional information, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this form and attachments by April 28, 2000 to:** State Bar of Arizona, Public Lawyers Section, c/o Mary Jo Green, 111 W. Monroe, Suite 1800, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1742, Fax: (602) 271-4930.

# PUBLIC LAWYERS SECTION

is seeking nominations for the following awards:

#### 2000 Distinguished Public Lawyer Award 2000 Public Lawyer Career Achievement Award 2000 Judicial Award of Excellence

#### Purpose

The purpose of these awards is to recognize outstanding public lawyers and judges who have made extraordinary and exemplary contributions to the state and the justice system. These awards will be presented at the Annual State Bar Convention on June 16, 2000.

## **Nomination Criteria**

## 2000 Distinguished Public Lawyer Award

This award is intended to recognize the work and dedication of outstanding public attorneys. A public attorney is a licensed attorney who: (1) works for a government agency (federal, state or local) or non-profit legal aid office; or (2) provides legal services to a government agency or agencies where legal services provided amount to at least 50 percent of the attorney's legal practice. Nominees must have at least five (5) years of experience as a public attorney and exhibit a dedication and commitment to public service and the public practice of law. Nominees may also distinguish themselves by making significant contributions that aid in the operation of government or by demonstrating extraordinary leadership, initiative or innovation in the performance of their duties. Elected public officials are not eligible for this award.

## 2000 Public Lawyer Career Achievement Award

This award is intended to recognize retired or retiring public attorneys who have had distinguished careers as public attorneys, have made many significant contributions to public service and are recognized as models of the dedication and commitment of public attorneys. All retired or retiring public attorneys are eligible to receive this award, including elected public officials. A public attorney is a licensed attorney who: (1) works for a government agency (federal, state or local) or non-profit legal aid office; or (2) provides legal services to a government agency or agencies where the legal services provided amount to at least 50 percent of the attorney's legal practice.

## 2000 Judicial Award of Excellence

The Public Lawyers Section seeks to honor a judicial officer who demonstrates a dedication and commitment to improving the justice system. Nominees should have high ideals, personal character and judicial competence. Nominees may be distinguished by: (1) participating in projects focused on improving the quality of justice or the justice system; (2) demonstrating innovation in the per-(Continued on next page)

formance of their duties; and/or (3) demonstrating an ability to effectively handle complex or unusual trials or appeals. All federal, state and local judicial officers (including judges, commissioners, magistrates, hearing officers and justices of the peace) who have at least five years of judicial experience are eligible.

#### **Selection Procedure**

Nomination forms are available by contacting Mary Jo Green at the State Bar at (602) 340-7312. Nomination forms are also available on the Public Lawyers Section Web site at www.azbar.org. **All nominations must be received no later than April 28, 2000**.

# specialization

The following attorneys have demonstrated that they meet the qualifications for certification or recertification as specialists, and have been certified by the Board of Legal Specialization:

#### BANKRUPTCY LAW

Thomas Axelsen Steve Cox James Cross Larry Folks

#### FAMILY LAW

James Bruce Leonard Mark

#### REAL ESTATE LAW

Larry Dahl Hamilton McRae Thomas Pace

#### TAX LAW

Barry Becker Gerald Ehrlich Guadalupe Iniguez Ilene McCauley Richard Onsager Gregory Robinson Mark Spitzer Henry Tom

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW** Walter Ulman