

Board of Governors Awards

The **Distinguished Service award** honors an attorney for outstanding service to the membership of the Alaska Bar Association.

The **Professionalism award** recognizes an attorney who exemplifies the attributes of the true professional, whose conduct is always consistent with the highest standards of practice, and who displays appropriate courtesy and respect for clients and other attorneys. The Professionalism award has traditionally been presented to an attorney in the judicial district where the convention is being held.

The **Layperson Service Award** honors a public member for distinguished service to the membership of the Alaska Bar Association.

The **Robert K. Hickerson Public Service Award** recognizes lifetime achievement for outstanding dedication and service in the State of Alaska in the provision of pro bono legal services and/or legal services to low income and/or indigent persons.

Year	Distinguished Service	Professionalism	Layperson Service	Robt. Hickerson Public Service
1986	Ken Jacobus	--		
1987	Keith Brown	Richard Savell		
1988	John Reese	Matt Jamin		
1989	Bart Rozell	Chuck Cloudy		
1990	Carolyn Jones	Leroy Barker		
1991	Donna Willard	Dan Callahan		
1992	Harry Branson	Joe Young		
1993	Ken Eggers	Susan Burke		
1994	Karen Hunt	John Conway		
1995	Pat Kennedy	Dave Call		
1996	Bob Mahoney	John Murtagh		
1997	Margie MacNeille	Susan Cox **		
1998	David Baranow	Jeff Feldman		
1999	Jim DeWitt	Roger Brunner	Richard Green	
2000	Mark Rindner	Bob Bundy	Cheri Bowers	
2001	Larry Weeks	Gordon Evans	Lew Williams	
2002	Barbara Hood	Mike Schneider	Teri Carns	Robert Hickerson
2003	Bob Groseclose	Dick Madson	Joe Faulhaber	Christine Pate
2004	Scott Taylor	Jim Gilmore	Linda Garrett	Susan Orlansky
2005	Mara Kimmel	Vance Sanders	Ethel Staton	Galen Paine
2006	Bruce Bookman	Peter Maassen	---	Don McClintock
2007	Dan Winfree	Michael Geraghty	Michael Hurley	Robin Bronen
2008	Mary Gilson	Patrick Gilmore	Vivian Noll	Rick Friedman
2009	Leroy Barker	Robert Meachum	Bill Granger	Bob Bundy
2010	Russ Winner	Mark Ashburn	Cynthia George	Carol Daniel
2011	Greg Miller	Charlie Cole	Erick Cordero	Barb Brink
2012	Barbara Jones	Penny Zobel	Esther Cox	Bill Saupe

2013	Dick Monkman	David Voluck	Mary Fisher	Vance Sanders
2014	Bob Evans	Michelle Boutin	Eleanor Andrews	Dan Rodgers
2015	Steve Van Goor	Jim Cannon	Janice Lorenzen	Greg Razo
2016	Deborah Periman	Ray Brown	David Barney	Greg Peters
2017	Zach Manzella	Jude Pate	Pamela Orme	Holly Handler
2018	Kevin Clarkson	Susan Wibker	Deirdre Booth	---
2019	Peter Partnow	Bob Groseclose	Patty Kastelic	Jennifer Hite
2020	John Murtagh	Moira Smith	Frances Talbott	Andy Harrington
2021	Deborah O'Regan	Susan Pollard	Bill Gordon	Nikole Nelson
2022	Matt Claman	Don McClintock	Ingrid Varenbrink	Katy Soden
2023	Niesje Steinkruger	Michael O'Brien	Steven Reilly	Danielle Ryman
2024	Convention/Annual Meeting Moved. No Awards Given.			
2025	Michael McLaughlin	Katherine Demarest	Deborah Engles	Heather Kendall-Miller
2026	R. Collin Middleton	Stacie Kraly	Autum Smith-Amy	Leigh Dickey

**Chad Drennan also received the Professionalism Award in 1997, posthumously.

The **Judge Nora Guinn Award** is presented to a person who has made an extraordinary or sustained effort to assist Alaska's rural residents, especially its Native population, overcome language and cultural barriers to obtaining justice through the legal system. Selection and presentation is designated to the Historians Committee.

2007 Magistrate Craig McMahon (posthumously)
2008 Judge Michael Jeffery
2009 Judge Richard Erlich
2010 No award given
2011 Michael Biderman
2012 Magistrate Arlene Clay (Ret. and 99 yrs old)
2013 Peter Ashman
2014 David Voluck
2015 Lisa Jaeger
2016 Chris Cooke
2017 No award given
2018 Crystal Garrison
2019 Chief Judge Kim Sweet
2020 Magistrate Heidi Ivanoff
2021 Cheryl McKay
2022 No award given
2023 Magistrate Judge Jeffrey May
2024 No Award given
2025 Nicole Borromeo
2026 Alex Cleghorn