
ALASKA BAR

A S S O C I A T I O N

Judge Nora Guinn Award Nomination Form



Born and raised in the village of Akiak in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Judge Guinn was the first Alaska Native judge in the state and one of the first women judges. Judge Guinn was a magistrate in Bethel before being appointed by Governor Hickel as a district court judge. She often conducted court proceedings in the Yupik language to foster better understanding of legal principles, and is credited with playing a major role in extending judicial services to Southwest Alaska and other rural areas of the state. She was elected to the Bethel City Council and served on the boards of many organizations, including Calista Corporation, the Lower Kuskokwim School District, Orutsararmuit Native Council, Bethel Social Services, and Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

Photo courtesy of the Alaska Court System.

For an individual Alaskan 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

1. Date: _____
2. Name of Nominee: _____
3. Address of Nominee: _____
4. Occupation/Profession: _____
5. Why is this person being nominated for the Judge Nora Guinn Award? This portion of the nomination is the primary determinant for the award, and should outline in detail what service, accomplishment, characteristic or activity shows that the nominee has demonstrated a commitment to rural justice issues in the State of Alaska.

[Please attach separate sheet.]

6. A two or three page résumé or curriculum vitae for the nominee must be attached. Please do not include voluminous lists of publications or speaking engagements.
7. Support for your nomination from other people is also helpful. This support may be in the form of no more than three (3) letters.

Person submitting the nomination:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Due Date: February 1 (or first business day following February 1)



Photo courtesy of Judge Guinn's family.