

COASTAL BEND WOMEN LAWYERS LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of the Award:

To recognize a variety of contributions our members have made in the legal profession and general Coastal Bend Community by identifying one member each year who meets the general criteria of the award.

Presentation of the Award:

A plaque designed by the Board of Directors will be presented to the recipient at the annual Spring Luncheon; the Spring Luncheon committee shall decide, each year based on programming, whether the recipient may provide a short acceptance speech (at either the VIP reception or during the main programming, or not at all).

Criteria for the Award:

A lawyer who is a paid member of the CBWLA. Nominee must be actively engaged in the practice of law and/or a current sitting Judge (serving at any level of government) or recently retired from the bench/bar, within the current membership year. The primary area of practice/service must be in the Coastal Bend Region.

The Nominee must exemplify one or more of the following criteria:

- Provides positive influence to women in the law and in society
- Promotes and/or advances diversity in the legal profession
- Achieved a high degree of professional success
- Committed to exemplary public service and social responsibility
- Promotes issues and concerns of women in the legal profession
- Contributes to the programming and/or events of CBWLA
- Advances CBWLA's purpose of networking, socializing, and/or professional support
- Advances CBWLA's purpose of providing continuing education
- Provides exemplary contributions to CBWLA

Manner of Nomination:

Any paid regular member or board member may submit a nomination to the President and/or Secretary of the Board of Directors (deadline to be set each year by the Spring Luncheon Committee). Submissions should include the nominee's name and contact information, the nominator's name and contact information, and a short narrative limited to 3-5 sentences describing how the nominee meets the criteria of the award.

Manner of Selection:

The Board of Directors will each submit one confidential vote to the Secretary. The winner will be selected by an absolute majority of votes; if an absolute majority is not met on the first vote, there may be additional rounds of voting by eliminating the nominee with the lowest amount of votes each round.

The inaugural award recipient was nominated and voted on by the 2021-22 Board of Directors.