



ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2025 FRANKLIN G. WEST AWARD APPLICATION

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2025 Franklin G. West Award, OCBA's highest honor. This annual OCBA recognition was established in memory of Judge Franklin G. West and is considered OCBA's lifetime achievement award. Judge West epitomized the best of the legal profession, both as an attorney and a judge. This Award is presented each year to an outstanding attorney or judge whose lifetime achievements have advanced justice and the law.

PAST FRANKLIN G. WEST AWARD HONOREES

2024	Judge Gail A. Andler	1996	Judge Stuart T. Waldrup
2023	Attorney Nikki P. Miliband	1995	Justice Sheila Prell Sonenshine
2022	Attorney Mark E. Minyard	1994	Justice Edward J. Wallin
2021	Attorney Joel S. Miliband	1993	Attorney Robert "Sam" Barnes
2019	Judge James P. Gray	1992	Judge Judith Ryan, Ret.
2018	Justice William W. Bedsworth	1991	Attorney James Obrien
2017	Attorney Julie M. McCoy	1990	Judge Samuel B. Taylor (posthumously)
2016	Attorney Dean J. Zipser	1989	Justice Harmon G. Scoville
2015	Attorney Richard W. Millar, Jr.	1988	Judge George Francis
2014	Judge James J. Di Cesare	1987	Attorney Don W. Martens
2013	Justice Richard D. Fybel	1986	Attorney Eugen Andres
2012	Judge Francisco F. Firmat	1985	Justice John K. Trotter
2011	Attorney John B. Hurlbut Jr.	1984	Judge Alicemarie Stotler
2010	Judge Francisco Briseño	1983	Judge Kenneth E. Lae
2009	Attorney Donald S. Gray (posthumously)	1982	Attorney Arthur W. Gray Jr.
2008	Judge Nancy Wieben Stock	1981	Attorney William F. Wenke
2007	Attorney Wylie A. Aitken	1980	Judge Warren Ferguson
2006	Attorney Marjorie G. Fuller	1979	Judge Byron K. McMillan
2005	Justice Kathleen E. O'Leary	1978	Justice Robert Gardner and Attorney Garvin F. Shallenberger
2004	Judge Ronald P. Kreber	1977	Chief Justice Donald R. Wright
2003	Attorney Andrew J. Guilford	1976	Attorney John P. McDonald
2002	Judge David O. Carter	1975	Attorney George A. Parker
2001	Attorney Thomas R. Malcolm	1974	Judge Raymond Thompson
2000	Judge John "Jack" Ryan	1973	Justice Stephen K. Tamura
1999	Attorney Michael Pursell	1972	Judge Bruce W. Sumner
1998	Judge Gary L. Taylor	1971	Justice Roger J. Traynor
1997	Attorney Maurice "Maury" Evans		

This Award will be presented at the January 22, 2026 OCBA Judges' Night & Annual Meeting.

Please submit nominations by Friday, November 7, 2025 to Michael Gregg, Awards Committee Chair, c/o OCBA, Post Office Box 6130, Newport Beach, CA 92658. Nominations may also be emailed to dslaughter@ocbar.org.

Please include a biography of the nominee and the reasons you believe this honor is deserved.

Special attention should be given to the nominee's significant contributions to advance justice and the law.

Up to five letters of support may be included.



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1. Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____ Phone: _____

2. Address of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

3. Name of Nominee: _____

4. Address of Nominee: _____

5. Please attach a biography or CV of nominee.

6. Reasons why you believe this nominee should be considered for the Franklin G. West Award.
Please include: (1) ways in which the Nominee has worked to advance justice and the law; and
(2) describe the Nominee's connection to the Orange County legal community, including service through the OCBA or the Orange County courts, pro bono legal services or any other relevant experience.

7. Letters of support are not required, but may be included with this nomination.

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Return to: Michael Gregg, Awards Committee Chair
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or email dslaughter@ocbar.org

Deadline: All nominations must be received by Friday, November 7, 2025.