

# FEDERAL MAGISTRATE JUDGES ASSOCIATION

## DIVERSITY AWARD

### THE AWARD

The Federal Magistrate Judges Association (“FMJA”) established the Diversity Award to recognize outstanding deserving individuals or entities who promote diversity and inclusion within the federal judiciary and the legal profession. The award is presented on an “as justified” basis.

Award recipients will be announced at annual FMJA meetings. This provides a national stage upon which to highlight the FMJA’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and educate the FMJA membership about FMJA efforts to advance diversity and inclusion in the federal judiciary and the legal community.

### ELIGIBILITY and CRITERIA

Any federal judge, attorney, law firm, law school, legal clinic, individual, or other organization that meets the award criteria is eligible. Nominees who demonstrate a sustained and continuous contribution, or a single exceptional contribution, to promoting diversity and inclusion within the federal judiciary and the legal profession will be considered. Nominations of individuals should be based upon their contributions to diversity and inclusion, and nominations of entities should be based upon programmatic activity.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination process begins by electronic solicitation of nominees from the membership of the FMJA. Any FMJA member may submit a written nomination packet.

### SELECTION PROCESS

All nominees will be screened by the members of the FMJA Diversity Committee. The Committee will review the nominations, apply the criteria and, in those years in which the Committee determines an award is merited, will make a recommendation to the FMJA Executive Committee. The selection of the recipient of the award and if an award should be made is in the discretion of the FMJA Executive Committee.

**The nomination packet must include the following:**

- **This Award Nomination Form;**
- **An award justification limited to three pages which addresses the above award criteria and identifies the nominee’s contributions to diversity.**

Please submit your nomination packet **by May 16, 2022 to Shari Bedker at [Sbedker@fmja.org](mailto:Sbedker@fmja.org).**

If you have questions, please contact:

Diversity Committee Co-chair,  
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**Nominee**

Name &amp; Position Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator**

Name, Position Title &amp; Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_