

### **Information on the Centennial Award - “What it is and How to do it”**

The Centennial Award provides an opportunity for local bars to partner with the NCBA to honor individual members of their bar annually for community service efforts. The service may be of any nature benefiting the city or county from which your local bar membership is drawn, including elected or appointed office, participation on community boards, and volunteer efforts with churches, schools, or other non-profit organizations. Knowing how much lawyers give back to their local communities, it is important to provide recognition where recognition is due and this award focuses attention on the good work that lawyers do every day.

The Centennial Award is co-sponsored by the NCBA and was created in honor of the NCBA’s Centennial (1899-1999). The award was first presented in 1999, but it is designed to be an annual event for local bars. One of the goals of the NCBA Centennial was to inspire lawyers to the highest ideals of professionalism and service, as well as to celebrate the accomplishments of lawyers. Working with local bars annually to support and promote the Centennial Award will carry this goal forward for years to come.

Here’s what you need to do to participate in the Centennial Award program:

1. Contact David Bohm at the NCBA (see bottom of this page) for nomination information to distribute to members of your local bar.
2. Decide when to present the award. It is recommended that the award be given in conjunction with your local bar’s Law Day activities or at any time that is suitable for your local bar.
3. Have a meeting of your board of directors or executive committee to review the nominations and determine the honoree.
4. Contact the NCBA with the name of the honoree. We will order the appropriate plaque and send it to you for presentation at your local bar meeting, at no cost to your local bar. Also, we are glad to assist with press releases and other suggestions for publicizing the award recipient in your local media.

We stand ready to help your local bar with the Centennial Award. It is an easy and highly effective project for your local bar to undertake.

Questions? Contact **David Bohm** at **1-800-662-7407** or [dbohmn@ncbar.org](mailto:dbohmn@ncbar.org).

## Nomination Form for the NCBA Centennial Award

**Purpose of the Award:** To enhance the image of the profession by recognizing the civic contributions of individual lawyers. This award is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) and is named in honor of the NCBA's Centennial (1899-1999), in recognition of the 100 years of service that the NCBA has already provided to the community and in the spirit of continuing that tradition in the future.

**Selection Criteria:** The Centennial Award annually honors an individual lawyer for outstanding effort in providing community service. The service may be of any nature that benefits the city and/or county or counties from which the bar membership is drawn. Examples of community service include, but are not limited to: elected and/or appointed service to local government; civic involvement on boards of community agencies; involvement in public service projects, such as Habitat for Humanity; volunteer involvement with schools, churches, or other nonprofit organizations.

**1. Information about Nominee:**

**Name:**

**Business name and address:**

**2. Please describe the nominee's community service activities, including dates of service (attach additional sheets, if necessary):**

**3. Supporting Information (you are encouraged to attach supporting information and up to three letters on behalf of your nomination):**

**4. Information about person making nomination:**

**Name:**

**Business name and address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Please return this form  
and supporting information to:**

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