

THE SARAH T. HUGHES CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD

Named after the renowned federal district judge from Dallas, Texas, the Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award was created to honor that man or woman who promotes the advancement of civil and human rights amongst us, and who exemplifies Judge Hughes' spirit and legacy of devoted service and leadership in the cause of equality. Judge Hughes was a pioneer in the fight for civil rights, due process, equal protection, and the rights of women.

CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

The Award will be presented each year at the President's Installation Banquet to an attorney or judge whose career achievements have made a difference in advancing the causes that were important to Judge Hughes. Such work may include either ground-breaking achievement or a body of sustained and dedicated work in the area of civil rights, due process, and equal protection.

The nominee should have at least ten years of practice. The nominee must either be a member in good standing of a state bar association or retired. The nominee should demonstrate sustained and verifiable excellence in the legal profession, and be of good character.

The nomination package should include the following:

1. A resume and biography of the nominee.
2. A two-to-three-page description of the career achievements of the nominee as a lawyer or a jurist in the area of civil rights, due process, and equal protection.
3. No more than three testimonials or letters of recommendation.
4. No more than three articles about the nominee. Any such articles must be primarily focused on the nominee's work in civil rights, due process, and equal protection.
5. A list of other awards the nominee has received.

All nomination materials must be received at FBA Headquarters by May 31.

The Award recipient will be expected to attend the Installation Banquet to accept the Award in person. The FBA will reimburse the Award recipient's reasonable travel and hotel expenses in connection therewith.

The FBA President will appoint the Chair of the Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award Committee; the committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms and shall select the Award recipient.