

# 2024 Robert L. Gernon Award

for Outstanding Service to Continuing Legal Education in Kansas

## AWARD GUIDELINES

In 2005, the Kansas CLE Commission established the Robert L. Gernon Award for Outstanding Service to Continuing Legal Education in Kansas. The award is named for Kansas Supreme Court Justice Robert L. Gernon (1943 - 2005), whose career included tireless devotion to the training, education, and professionalism of attorneys in Kansas and across the nation.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Any attorney or organization that has been instrumental in providing quality continuing legal education to the attorneys in Kansas. Consideration will be given to nominees who have a record of demonstrated excellence in and commitment to continuing legal education up to and including the current compliance period.

- The award recipient must have demonstrated a unique commitment to continuing legal education in Kansas. Outstanding service to continuing legal education as a presenter, author or speaker are among the factors that will be considered in the selection process.
- One award shall be granted on an annual basis.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

The person or organization making the nomination must submit the completed nomination form and all supporting materials to the address listed on the nomination form. The nomination package (form and supporting materials) is limited to 25 pages. Incomplete nomination packages will not be considered.

- Responses for all questions on the nomination form must be included with the nomination form in the same order as they appear on the form. We encourage nominators to be thorough and detailed in their nomination.
- A resume or biography of the nominee is **required**.
- Support materials are strongly encouraged.

The nomination package must be received by **June 30, 2024**. The form and required attachments may be submitted to the Kansas CLE street address, or by attaching a pdf to an email: [cleinfo@kscourts.gov](mailto:cleinfo@kscourts.gov). Please use "Gernon Nomination" in the subject line of your email. **INCOMPLETE NOMINATION PACKAGES WILL BE RETURNED TO THE NOMINATOR FOR REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

## SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The Kansas Continuing Legal Education Board will select an award recipient. The recipient shall be notified in writing. The presentation of the award will be determined by the Board and the award recipient.

### Past Award Recipients

2023 – Angela Gupta, Lake Quivira

2022 – Jared Scovel Maag, Topeka ♦ 2021 – Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger, Topeka

2019 – Laura Shaneyfelt, Lawrence ♦ 2018 – Stephen Angermayer, Pittsburg ♦ 2017 – David E. Pierce, Topeka

2016 – Foulston Siefkin, Wichita ♦ 2015 - Jan Hamilton, Topeka ♦ 2014 - Steve Obermeier, Olathe 2013 - Robert M. Collins, Wichita

2012 - Cynthia F. Grimes, Lenexa ♦ 2011 - J. Nick Badgerow, Overland Park ♦ 2010 - Jack Scott McInteer, Wichita

2009 - Mira Mdivani, Overland Park ♦ 2008 - Sheila Reynolds, Topeka ♦ 2007 - Hon. Robert Schmisser, Pratt

2006 - Philip Bowman, Wichita

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## Kansas Continuing Legal Education **NOMINATION FORM**

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**Mail to:** **Kansas CLE**  
**301 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Topeka, KS 66612**

**Email:** [cleinfo@kscourts.gov](mailto:cleinfo@kscourts.gov)

Please review the award guidelines before competing this form.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: Name/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**The following MUST BE included and attached to this form in the same order as they appear below:**

1. Thoroughly describe the nominee's continuing legal education service to the Kansas bar and, if possible, dates of service. If applicable, include examples of results and their impact to the community and the bar.
2. Please attach a copy of the nominee's resume or, if nominating an organization, a synopsis of the organization.
3. Please provide any additional information that will be helpful and relevant in evaluating this nominee. More is better!