

## THE JOHN HANNAH, JR. AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

The John Hannah, Jr. Award is named in honor and in memory of Chief Judge John Hannah, Jr. and recognizes a Texas attorney who is admitted to practice law in the Eastern District of Texas and who has demonstrated a superior commitment to public service. Specifically, the award will be presented to an attorney who has distinguished himself/herself by a significant act or series of related acts which have contributed significantly to raising the public profile and image of the legal profession in the Eastern District of Texas. More importantly, the recipient of the Hannah Award will have achieved a record of outstanding accomplishment that will be based on the recipient's commitment to public service that is marked by the highest standards of personal integrity and dedication. In keeping with Judge Hannah's own legal experience, attorneys from all manner of professional backgrounds will be eligible to receive the award. The criteria for the award are as follows:

- 1) – the attorney must be admitted, in good standing, to the practice of law in the State of Texas for at least five (5) years
- 2) – the attorney must also be admitted, and be in good standing to practice in the Eastern District of Texas
- 3) – the attorney must be an accomplished practitioner, recognized by his peers as an excellent attorney
- 4) – the attorney must have demonstrated superior commitment to public service
- 5) – the attorney must have demonstrated diligent and faithful service to the State of Texas and to the United States of America

The Selection Committee for the John Hannah, Jr. Award for Public Service will be comprised of the sitting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, the presiding

Chief United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, the presiding President of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association and the duly appointed Federal Defender of the Eastern District of Texas. The immediate past recipient of the Award will also be invited to serve on the Selection Committee. United States Magistrate Judge Judith Guthrie has agreed to service of counsel to the Selection Committee and will also be a member of the Selection Committee.

Nominations for the Award will be solicited beginning March 1. The procedure for soliciting and vetting nominations will be established by the Selection Committee who will decide how to advertise and organize the nominating process. The recipient of the Award will be decided by a consensus of the Selection Committee which will be chaired by that individual who is selected by a majority vote of the Selection Committee. The Award recipient will be formally recognized they annual meeting of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. The recipient will attend the meeting at no expense to himself/herself and will be recognized as the guest of the Chief United States District Judge. Thereafter, the Selection Committee will take the actions it deems necessary to publicize the Award recipient. In the same fashion, the Selection Committee will decide on an appropriate presentation award to present to the award recipient. The cost of any such award will be born on a rotating basis by the respective organizations represented by the designated representatives of the Selection Committee. Finally, a record of past recipients will be maintained in the official minutes and records of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association.