



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award

NOMINATION INFORMATION

The HCBA YLD is seeking nominations for the 2025 Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award.

AWARD CRITERIA

- Has an excellent reputation for sound judicial decisions
- Has an unblemished record for integrity as a lawyer and judge
- Is generally recognized by Bar members as highly qualified
- Is active in Bar-related activities open to the judiciary
- Demonstrates concern or willingness to assist young lawyers
- Demonstrates respect for young lawyers' abilities

PAST RECIPIENTS Robert W. Patton Williams Terrell
Hodges J.C. Cheatwood
James A. Lenfestey
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James D. Whittemore
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Gregory Holder
Elizabeth A. Kovachevich
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Frances Perrone
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Jessica Costello
Elizabeth Rice
John N. Conrad

NOMINATION PROCESS

Please submit a formal nomination letter of no more than three (3) pages to the YLD at HCBAYLDBoard@gmail.com. Nominations are due no later than 5 p.m. on November 7, 2025.