

2019 NCBJ PUBLIC OUTREACH AWARD **NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Bankruptcy Judges and courts routinely engage in important public outreach efforts. Those efforts include organization of and participation with financial literacy classes, pro bono assistance projects, Constitution and Citizenship Day events, naturalization ceremonies, bankruptcy law education for state court judges, and civics education programs. In 2018, to increase judges' awareness of those efforts and honor individual bankruptcy judges and courts for outstanding work, the NCBJ established the annual Public Outreach Award.

The NCBJ Public Outreach Award will recognize public outreach achievements of individual NCBJ members and bankruptcy courts. The award recipients will be selected by the Public Outreach Committee based on nominations received from NCBJ members. Qualifying public outreach activities and programs include those related to community service, civics or court system education, and bankruptcy or financial education. Among the considerations for this award are:

- The extent to which the nominee's public outreach activities have had a significant impact in the community;
- The extent to which the nominee's public outreach activities involved, increased the profile of, or positively affected the bankruptcy courts;
- The extent to which the nominee's public outreach activities involved, increased the profile of, or positively affected the federal courts generally; and
- The extent to which the nominee's public outreach activities demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism and community service.

Nominations should describe the nominee's public outreach activities and explain why the nominee deserves to receive the NCBJ Public Outreach Award, addressing the above factors specifically and including any other factors that demonstrate why the nominee deserves to receive the award. Nominations should also include any recognition the nominee has received from the community and/or the media and may include copies of relevant articles or photos. Descriptions should be detailed enough to give the Public Outreach Committee an accurate picture of the nominee's community outreach activities.

Nominations previously submitted in 2018 will be considered if the nominating party submits a written request to the Public Outreach Committee for such consideration.

Deadline for Nominations and Presentation of Award

All submissions must be sent electronically to NCBJ.Public.Outreach@gmail.com on or before **July 1, 2019**. The award will be given at the NCBJ Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Contact any member of the Public Outreach Committee with questions.