

2024 Judge William L. Norton, Jr. Judicial Excellence Award

SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS

The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) and Thomson Reuters have joined to create an annual award to honor a distinguished bankruptcy judge. Named for former bankruptcy judge and longtime West author William L. Norton, Jr., each year's award will honor a bankruptcy judge whose career has embodied the same dedication to the insolvency community as did that of the award's namesake. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) to a judge who has distinguished himself or herself as an educator, writer, or scholar. Thomson Reuters will present a commemorative plaque to the recipient and will also donate \$5,000 to the ABI Endowment for Education. This donation will be used by the ABI and NCBJ toward joint projects to foster bankruptcy education and research.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Any current or former United States bankruptcy judge is eligible for the award, which will be awarded based on a nominee's record of service, achievements and leadership in the insolvency community throughout their career.

The selection committee is composed of six outstanding senior lawyers appointed for staggered terms of three (3) years by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the authors and contributing editors of Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice, 3d. The selection committee will retain and carry over all nominations for one year, considering nominations for the award in both the year they are submitted and the following year. (Any nominations that were submitted in 2023 do not need to be resubmitted for consideration for the 2024 award, although they may be resubmitted with any additional or updated statements of support.) Thomson Reuters will have no role in the award selection process.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

All nominations must be submitted in writing and include the name, address, and telephone number of both the nominee and the person(s) or organization(s) submitting the nomination. Nominations must also be accompanied by at least one written statement describing a nominee's achievements and/or the nature of the nominee's service to the insolvency community. Successful nominations include robust supporting materials, including:

- lists of reported decisions as well as published articles, speaking engagements, and other educational programming;
- detailed information about other contributions to the court and legal community, including pro bono work, committee work, and civic involvement; and
- additional letters of support from the bench and bar evidencing broad support for the nomination.

Please include the form below with your written statement(s) and supporting materials.

Please email your nominations to Senior Attorney Editor Arin Berkson, arin.berkson@thomsonreuters.com. Nominations should not be submitted to a member of the selection committee.

Nominations for the 2024 award recipient must be submitted no later than July 15, 2024.

NOMINATION FORM

The undersigned takes pleasure in submitting the nominee identified below as the 2024 recipient of the Judge William L. Norton Jr. Judicial Excellence Award.

Nominee: _____
(name, address, and telephone number)

Sponsor: _____
(name, address, and telephone number of person or organization submitting nomination)