

# Magna Stella Award



## 2009 Nominations Form

**(Nominations close at 6:00 PM, July 10, 2009)**

Please FAX completed form and attached justification to *Stella* at (214) 999-4348

For questions, please call (214) 999-4317

### 1. Please complete the information in the text boxes below.

Nominee: _____
Title: _____
Co/Org/Agency: _____
No. of Years:   ♦ In Practice _____   ♦ With Current Company _____   ♦ In Current Position _____
Legal Department Size:   ♦ Attorneys _____   ♦ Support Staff _____
Size of Co/Org/Agency:   ♦ Gross Revenue _____ (if available)   ♦ No. of Employees _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

### Select Appropriate Category (*only one per nomination form*):

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|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement* | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo General Counsel (1 lawyer)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Litigation*     | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Legal Department (2-10 lawyers)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Transaction*    | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Legal Department (11 or more lawyers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity*            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit or Government Agency             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding AGC       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Bono*                                   |

*\*These categories will only be recognized if appropriate nominees are identified*

<b>Nomination submitted by:</b> _____
Firm/Co.: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reference:</b> _____
Firm/Co.: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

2. **Using the nomination guidelines, please prepare a detailed description of why this nominee should be considered for a 2009 *Magna Stella Award* (please attach justification on additional sheet). Objective measures are more useful for the Judging Panel than general subjective statements.**
3. Please fax the Nomination Form and justification sheet to (214) 999-4348.
4. **Please keep this nomination *confidential*.**

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

When preparing your justification, please provide the information noted below for the respective category. Thank you.

### *Lifetime Achievement*

- Eligible recipients must be a current general counsel or recently retired general counsel (retired after July 2008)
- Total years practicing in-house and company names.
- Describe with as much specificity as possible the body of work that distinguishes the nominee from his or her peers in areas such as innovative management, diversity, major transactions or litigation, *pro bono* or public service, contribution to the Forum, or other activities.

### *Major Litigation*

- Describe the matter and include dollar amount, if appropriate.
- Describe the significance of the case, either to the company, the industry, or the development of the law.
- Describe any innovative measures used to achieve a favorable result in the litigation (e.g. innovative ADR measures, cost control measures, etc.).

### *Major Transaction*

- Describe the transaction in sufficient detail, including dollar amount, to demonstrate its complexity or novelty.
- Describe the significance of the transaction, either to the company, the industry, or the development of the law.
- Describe any innovative measures employed to achieve a favorable result.

### *Diversity*

- Describe the activities the nominee has taken to promote diversity within his or her own organization.
- Describe the activities, if any, the nominee has taken to promote diversity within the profession or industry at large.
- Provide information such as statistics or other objective measurements, if available, demonstrating the success of the activities.

### *Outstanding AGC*

- The nominee must be a deputy, associate or assistant general counsel, or the first attorney in line behind the general counsel.
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past year that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

*Pro Bono (this category will be judged separately by the Texas Access for Justice Commission)*

- Describe the activities the nominee has taken to promote pro bono legal services within his or her own organization.
- Describe the activities, if any, the nominee has taken to promote pro bono legal services within the profession or industry at large.
- Provide information such as statistics or other objective measurements, if available, demonstrating the success of pro bono activities

*Solo General Counsel (1 lawyer department)*

- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past year that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

*Small Legal Department (2-10 lawyers)*

- Provide the total number of lawyers in the department and if possible, the organization chart (*i.e.*, who are direct reports, etc.)
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past year that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

*Large Legal Department (11 or more lawyers)*

- Provide the total number of lawyers in the department and if possible, the organization chart (*i.e.*, who are direct reports, etc.)
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past year that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

*Non-Profit or Government Agency*

- Provide the total number of lawyers in the department and if possible, the organization chart (*i.e.*, who are direct reports, etc.)
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past year that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.