



Eleanor ter Horst Distinguished Service Award

The Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona is seeking nominations for the ELEANOR TER HORST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

Eleanor ter Horst left her private practice to become Probate Counsel for Pima County in 1986. As Probate Counsel, Eleanor answered thousands of phone calls from attorneys and other who needed help with Title 14 matters, mental health hearings, and navigation in the Pima County Court House. She also met with attorneys in her office, fielded inquiries from attorneys outside of Pima County, participated in CLE programs concerning Title 14, served as court commissioner and judge pro tempore, and was an editor of the 3rd and 4th editions of the Probate Manual published the State Bar of Arizona. This description of her good works is not exhaustive but only illustrative of the reasons the Probate and Trust Section gave special recognition to Eleanor at the Bar Convention in 2001 with the first Eleanor ter Horst Award.

The Probate and Trust Section now wishes to recognize other attorneys or judicial officers who have rendered significant service in the probate and trust area. The Section is seeking nominations for the next Eleanor ter Horst Distinguished Service Award, which is to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Probate and Trust Section at the [State Bar Convention](#) on Friday, June 26, 2026.

If you would like to nominate a candidate who demonstrates the following characteristics, please complete and submit the attached Nomination Form by **Friday, April 10, 2026.**

- Is an attorney or judicial officer who has superior knowledge in the areas of probate, trusts, guardianships and conservatorships.
- Is available to the bar, court and public for consultation and substantive and procedural matters.
- Participates in probate and trust related organizations, committees and projects which benefit bar, the court and the public.
- Makes the effort to enhance public awareness of probate and trust law issues.

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The State Bar of Arizona
Probate and Trust Law Section
NOMINATION FORM

The Eleanor ter Horst Distinguished Service Award is intended to recognize an attorney or judicial officer who has demonstrated superior knowledge of probate and trusts law and the willingness to share his or her knowledge with, and otherwise serve the bar, the bench, the Section and the public.

Name of nominee: _____

Address of nominee: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Email: _____

Law Firm, Court or Public Agency where nominee is employed: _____

Number of years in practice: _____

Attach a current resume of nominee, if possible.

Describe in detail the nominee's qualifications and contributions to the Bar, the court and/or the public. Additional pages may be attached.

Name of the person/organization submitting this nomination:

Contact person, if organization:

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Email: _____

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by **Friday, April 10, 2026**



ELEANOR TER HORST AWARD WINNERS

2003	Marianne Poston
2004	Gordon Waterfall
2005	Steven Case
2006	No award presented
2007	Marlene Appel
2008	Jay Polk
2009	Craig Gordon
2010	no award presented
2011	Gregory V. Gadarian
2012	Denice R. Shepherd
2013	Louis Comus
2014	Richard Nothwehr
2015	David Case
2016	James Ryan
2017	Robert Fleming
2018	Theut, Theut, Theut & Theut
2019	Hon. Andrew G. Klein
2020	Lauren Garner
2021	John Vryhof
2022	Les Raatz
2023	T. James Lee
2024	Daniel O'Connell
2025	Robin Miskell