



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ELEANOR ter HORST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

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.

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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

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| 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              |