

THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA  
PUBLIC LAWYERS SECTION

**“2026 JUSTICE MICHAEL D. RYAN AWARD  
FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE” NOMINATION  
FORM**

**Please note: due date is Monday, August 3, 2026**

1. Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Court where nominee is employed full time: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Number of years nominee has practiced law in Arizona and as a full-time jurist: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Attach a current resume of the nominee if possible.
5. Describe in detail the contributions made by the nominee in the area of providing exemplary legal services as a jurist. Attachments are encouraged. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Name of the person/organization submitting this nomination.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name of contact person with additional information, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Judicial Award of Excellence:** The Public Lawyers Section seeks to honor a judicial officer who demonstrates a dedication and commitment to improving the justice system. Nominees should have high ideals, personal character and judicial competence. Nominees may be distinguished by: (1) participation in projects focused on improving the quality of justice or the justice system; (2) demonstrating innovation in the performance of their duties; and/or (3) demonstrating an ability to effectively handle complex or unusual trials or appeals. All federal, state and local judicial officers (including judges, commissioners, magistrates, hearing officers and justices of the peace) who have at least five years of judicial experience are eligible.

**Please submit this form and attachments by Monday, August 3, 2026 to:**  
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