

# Magna Stella<sup>®</sup> Awards



## 2015 Nominations Form

(Extended deadline for Magna Stella Pro Bono Award Nominations)

Nomination must be received by **noon, Friday, July 10, 2015**

Please FAX or email the completed form and attached justification to *Magna Stella Awards*

FAX (214) 999-4348 | info@tgcf.org

For questions, please call (214) 999-4317

Nominees do not need to be a Forum member, but must be a general counsel, legal department or managing counsel of a corporation, non-profit, or government agency in the state of Texas.

### 1. Please complete the information in the text box 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 \_\_\_\_\_ ▶ No. of Employees (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Nomination submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Using the nomination guidelines, please prepare a detailed description of why this nominee should be considered for a 2015 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 or email the Nomination Form and justification sheet(s) to *Magna Stella Awards* (214) 999-4348 | info@tgcf.org.

4. Please keep your nomination *confidential* until the finalists are announced.

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

*A previous winner is not eligible for nomination in the same category.*

*If a nominee is nominated for more than one category, please prepare a separate justification.*

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

*Diversity (GC, AGC, or entire legal department)*

- 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.

*Lifetime Achievement (General Counsel, or Chief Legal Officer only)*

- Describe the breadth of the nominee's legal work as in-house and outside counsel, as well as any government and judicial appointments.
- Provide information, such as statistics or other objective measurements, if available, demonstrating the highlights of the nominee's career.

*Major Litigation (GC or AGC)*

- 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 (GC or AGC)*

- 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.

(NOMINATION GUIDELINES, continued)

*Non-Profit or Government Agency (GC or AGC)*

- 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.

*Outstanding AGC (AGC Only)*

- 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 (the entire legal department)*

*Nominations for this category can be submitted directly to the Texas Access to Justice Commission (email [atjmail@texasbar.com](mailto:atjmail@texasbar.com) or fax 512-427-4160)*

- 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; GC only)*

- 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; GC only)*

- 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; GC only)*

- 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.