



2022 Nomination Form
THE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

FIRM OR ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

IS NOMINEE A CBA MEMBER? (IF KNOWN): _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

To nominate someone for this award, submit this form together with any of the following documents by Wednesday June 15th, 2022 to etincher@chicagobarfoundation.org:

- A **narrative** stating why you are nominating this individual. This narrative should include a summary of how the nominee meets the criteria for the award for which they are nominated including the following:
 - a. Excellence in the quality of the nominee's work throughout their career
 - b. Leadership and involvement in efforts that improve access to justice and make the court system fairer and more accessible for all;
 - c. Contributions in improving the legal profession and helping the overall community; and
 - d. Lack of public recognition for their dedicated efforts.
- A current copy of the individual's **resume or biography**
- A maximum of three **support letters**
- Any relevant information about the nominee, such as newspaper articles or blog posts

Documents must be submitted by email to Elise Tincher at etincher@chicagobarfoundation.org Please attach each item as a separate electronic file.

****Before submitting a nomination, please review award information and nominating criteria. Questions? Contact Elise Tincher at etincher@chicagobarfoundation.org.***

The Justice Thomas. L. Kilbride Public Service Award

The Justice Thomas L. Kilbride Public Service Award honors attorneys and judges who have dedicated a significant portion of their legal career to the public sector, achieved excellence in their work and demonstrated a firm commitment to increasing access to justice and making the court system fairer and more accessible.

This Award is presented by The Chicago Bar Foundation in honor of Justice Thomas L. Kilbride, who throughout his career has served as a champion for making our justice system fair and accessible to all. Justice Kilbride began his legal career as a legal aid attorney, setting the stage for his lifelong commitment to access to justice. He went on to build a successful private practice representing a broad range of clients, including pro bono clients, before his election to the Illinois Supreme Court in 2000. Justice Kilbride served on the Court with dedication for 20 years, and during his tenure as Chief Justice he spearheaded the formation of the Illinois Supreme Court's Commission on Access to Justice and his leadership was instrumental in the creation of the Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network.

Newly established in 2021, this award allows the recipient to designate a special Chicago Bar Foundation grant to the legal aid or public interest law organization of their choice.

Criteria:

- The recipient must be an attorney or judge who has dedicated a **significant** portion of their legal career to the public sector and who is currently employed by a local, state, or federal government entity serving the Chicago area.
- The recipient should be a member of The Chicago Bar Association.
- A selection committee will choose the recipient by determining which nominee best meets the following criteria:
 - A) Excellence in the quality of the nominee's work throughout their career;
 - B) Leadership and involvement in efforts that improve access to justice and make the court system fairer and more accessible;
 - C) Contributions in improving the legal profession and helping the overall community; and
 - D) Lack of public recognition for their dedicated efforts. The selection committee has a strong preference for unsung heroes whose work may not be widely known. Judges in higher profile leadership or other prominent roles and elected officials typically are not considered unsung, although those individuals may be nominated for the CBA/CBF [Justice John Paul Stevens Award](#).

Past Recipients:

2021 Hon. Maxwell Griffin, Jr., Circuit Court of Cook County

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