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B. Riney Green Award: Access to Justice Award

PURPOSE

This award is a way to recognize and emphasize the value the access to justice community has for a particular kind of accomplishment – one that promotes state-wide collaboration on a project beyond one organization and strengthens access to justice across the state.

HISTORY

One of the strengths of the provision of legal service in Tennessee has been the historic tradition of working together, across program lines, to address common problems that clients and programs face. To recognize and encourage those efforts, a person who promotes inter-program cooperation or otherwise strengthens the provision of legal aid in Tennessee is annually named the B. Riney Green Award recipient.



In the late 1990s B. Riney Green, a Nashville attorney, relentlessly led Tennessee's effort to prevent the U.S. House and Senate from adopting provisions that would reduce funding to legal services and increase restrictions on legal aid programs. As a corporate lawyer and a Republican, he was a new and credible voice in this effort. He successfully engaged others in his effort and had access to representatives from across the party and ideological spectrum. His efforts in this state not only improved relations with the Congressional delegation, but were essential to the successful national effort to resist these legislative attacks. This award is named to honor his contribution at a critical time in the history of legal services in Tennessee and the nation.

HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE

To nominate someone via email, you may submit this form or send a narrative answering the question: **What contributions has the nominee made to state-wide collaboration for the benefit of our clients or our programs?** If not using the form, please ensure your nomination includes the name of the nominee, their agency and title, and their email address and telephone number along with your contact information. Up to three additional supporting nominations or letters can be submitted by individuals or programs for each nominee. Email your nomination packet to Joy Reed.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The 2020 nomination period is closed.

PAST WINNERS

1999	Bonnie King, Gloria Samuels & Christine Wolfe
2000	Linda Seely & Patti George
2001	Stewart Clifton, Bill Haley & Mike Murphy
2002	Pat Mock
2003	Doug Blaze
2004	Mary Michelle Gillum
2005	Jennifer Jean Rosenbaum & Steve Xanthopoulos
2006	Sherry Wilds
2007	Frank Cantrell
2008	Pam Ford Wright & Bill Bush
2009	Adinah Robertson
2010	David Tarpley
2011	Beth Bates & Russ Overby
2012	Margaret Behm
2013	Gordon Bonnyman & Harrison McIver III
2014	Theresa Vay-Smith
2015	Lenny Croce
2016	Craig Barnes & Russell Fowler
2017	Carol Gish & Ashley Holliday
2018	Marcia Eason & Gary Housepian
2019	Jeannie Kosciolk
2020	Spring Miller and Emily Stotts

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