

# Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services



Strengthening the Delivery of Civil Legal Help to Vulnerable Tennesseans

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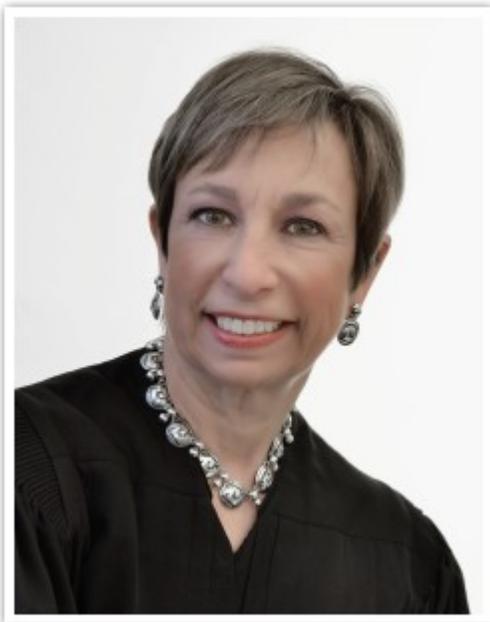
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## Janice M. Holder Award: Access to Justice Award

### PURPOSE

The **Janice M. Holder Award** seeks to recognize a professional whose work in private practice, corporate practice, public service or other social service has made significant contributions in advancing the quality of justice statewide by ensuring the legal system is open and available to all. This award is intended for professionals not focused on daily legal aid advocacy.

### HISTORY



This Access to Justice Award is named in honor of retired Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Janice M. Holder who personifies the qualities that this Award recognizes. She served as the first female chief justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, is a passionate leader in Tennessee's Access to Justice initiative, a courageous champion of the rights of the historically marginalized, and a dedicated servant to the people of this state. In 2008, the Tennessee Supreme Court

launched its Access to Justice Initiative. Under her leadership, the court hired a full time access to justice coordinator, created the website - [www.justiceforalltn.com](http://www.justiceforalltn.com), and created the Access to Justice Commission. She is the 2014 of the William M. Leech Jr. Public Service Award and continues to support access to justice causes in her retirement.

## HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE

To nominate someone [click here](#) to complete the form and answer the narrative **What contributions has the nominee made to expanding Access to Justice in Tennessee?** Up to three additional supporting nominations or letters can be submitted by individuals or programs for each nominee. [Email your supporting documentation to Joy Reed.](#)

## Submission Deadline

The 2021 nomination period is closed.

## PAST AWARD WINNERS

2020	Justice Cornelia A. Clark
2019	Deborah Taylor Tate
2018	Former Justice Frank F. Drowota, III & Amber Floyd
2017	Larry Bridgesmith & Cat Moon
2016	Jim Barry & Sharon Ryan
2015	David R. Yoder
2014	George T. "Buck" Lewis (inaugural winner)

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