

Robert L. Gernon Award for Outstanding Service to Continuing Legal Education in Kansas

In 2005, the Kansas CLE Commission established the Robert L. Gernon Award for Outstanding Service to Continuing Legal Education in Kansas. The award is named for Kansas Supreme Court Justice Robert L. Gernon (1943 - 2005), whose career included tireless devotion to the training, education, and professionalism of attorneys in Kansas and across the nation.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Any attorney or organization that has been instrumental in providing quality continuing legal education to the attorneys in Kansas may be nominated for the award. Nominations will be reviewed on an annual basis. Consideration will be given to nominees who have a record of demonstrated excellence in and commitment to continuing legal education, up to and including the current compliance period.

An award recipient will have demonstrated a **unique commitment** to continuing legal education in Kansas. Outstanding contributions in the legal profession as a CLE presenter, author, speaker, or as an organization, will be considered in the selection process. The nominee's contributions should be considered "**above-and-beyond**" that of their usual service or occupation.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The person or organization making the nomination must submit the completed nomination form and all supporting materials as one pdf to the email address on the nomination form.

- **Strongly support this nomination.** Please provide any additional information that will be helpful and relevant in evaluating this nominee. For example: *Testimonials from attendees. How is this nominee exceptional when it comes to CLE? What sets them apart from the other nominees? More is better!*
- We encourage nominators to be as thorough and detailed as possible in their nomination. More information is always better. This may be the only information that the Board will have when making their decision.
- A resume or biography of the nominee is **encouraged**.

SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION

The nomination package must be submitted by **June 30, 2025**. The form and required attachments may be sent with a pdf attachment to: cleinfo@kscourts.gov. Please use "Gernon Nomination" in the subject line of your email. **INCOMPLETE NOMINATION PACKAGES MAY BE RETURNED TO THE NOMINATOR WITHOUT CONSIDERATION.**

SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The Kansas Continuing Legal Education Board will review nominations at the summer board meeting. The recipient shall be notified in writing. The presentation of the award will be determined by the Board and the award recipient.

Recent Award Recipients

2024 – Joseph, Hollander & Craft, LLC, Topeka ♦ 2024 – David Rebein, Dodge City ♦ 2023 – Angela Gupta, Lake Quivira
2022 – Jared Scovel Maag, Topeka ♦ 2021 – Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger, Topeka
Complete history of recipients can be found in the ["About" section of the Kansas CLE website](#).



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NOMINATION FORM

Return form and attachments to: Kansas CLE - cleinfo@kscourts.gov

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Please review the award criteria and instructions before completing this form.

Name of Nominee: _____

Firm/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominated by: Name/Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

INCLUDE WITH NOMINATION FORM:

- **Strongly support this nomination.** A detailed description of the nominee's continuing legal education service to the Kansas bar and, if possible, dates of service. If applicable, include examples of results and their impact to the community and the bar.
- A copy of the nominee's resume or, if nominating an organization, a synopsis of the organization.
- Any additional information that will be helpful and relevant in evaluating this nominee. For example: *Testimonials from attendees. How is this nominee exceptional when it comes to CLE? What sets them apart from the other nominees?* **More is better!**