



## **2015 RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM**

### **South Jersey Paralegal Association**

The South Jersey Paralegal Association (SJPA) is proud to announce the Paralegal Recognition Award Program. This Program has been designed to recognize and appreciate paralegals who go above and beyond. SJPA is seeking paralegals who encourage teamwork, show professional development, exhibit leadership, commitment and professionalism. The deadline for all submissions is May 1, 2015.

SJPA will be awarding three awards: 1) Member of the Year; 2) Student of the Year; and 3) Board Member of the Year.

The criteria for each award is as follows:

#### **SJPA Member of the Year:**

- The nominee must be a member in good standing of SJPA;
- Must have shown dedication to promoting the paralegal profession;
- Must have contributed to the education of others; coffeehouses, speaking at CLEs, mentoring a less experienced paralegal, etc.;
- Must be nominated by another voting member of SJPA or self-nominate;
- Must have consistently demonstrated knowledge of the law;
- Must have demonstrated perseverance in his/her job;
- Must have demonstrated superior paralegal skills; including, but not limited to, legal research, legal writing, internet research and organization;
- Must have commitment to the paralegal profession and an overall good attitude; and
- Must have demonstrated an aptitude for inspiring other paralegals to be committed to the profession and awareness of ethics in daily activities.

#### **SJPA Student Member Paralegal of the Year:**

- The nominee must be a member in good standing of SJPA;
- Must have shown dedication to promoting the paralegal profession as a student;
- Must have shown interest in attending paralegal events outside of mandatory classes, such as paralegal clubs, coffeehouses, or CLEs;
- Must be nominated by another voting member of SJPA or self-nominate;
- Must have consistently demonstrated a desire to obtain knowledge of the law;
- Must have commitment to the paralegal profession and an overall good attitude;
- Must have demonstrated an aptitude for inspiring other paralegals to be committed to the profession and awareness of ethics in daily activities;

**SJPA Board Member Paralegal of the Year:**

- The nominee must be a member in good standing of SJPA and an active SJPA Board member for the year in they are nominated;
- Must have shown dedication to promoting the paralegal profession;
- Must have contributed to the education of others; either by attending coffeehouses, speaking at CLEs, mentoring a less experienced paralegal;
- Must be nominated by another voting member of SJPA or self-nominate;
- Must have consistently demonstrated knowledge of the law;
- Must have commitment to the paralegal profession and an overall good attitude;
- Must have demonstrated an aptitude for inspiring other paralegals to be committed to the profession and awareness of ethics in daily activities;
- Must have consistently been involved in SJPA Board activities; volunteered for and completed tasks for the position held on the Board; and sustained regular attendance at Board meetings;
- Must have shown exceptional work ethic and a good attitude in working with others on the Board in the furtherance of the SJPA Board's goals and activities.

Please use the form below to nominate any individual in SJPA who you feel meets the above criteria. All nominated individuals will be considered for the award(s).

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Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Which award are you nominating this individual for?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Member of the Year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Member of the Year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Board Member of the Year

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

A short summary on why you feel this individual should receive the award (use additional paper if needed):

Please complete this form and return it to the following:  
 South Jersey Paralegal Assoc.  
 Recognition Committee  
 P.O. Box 355  
 Haddonfield, NJ 08033

(or you may email the form to Christine Glatz, at christineglatz@ymail.com)

*All information in this form will be considered confidential.*