

**2017**  
**Judge William L. Norton, Jr.**  
**Judicial Excellence**  
**Award**

**SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS**

The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) and Thomson Reuters have joined to create an annual award to honor a distinguished bankruptcy judge. Named for former bankruptcy judge and longtime West author William L. Norton Jr., each year's award will honor a bankruptcy judge whose career has embodied the same dedication to the insolvency community as did that of the award's namesake. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) to a judge who has distinguished himself or herself as an educator, writer, or scholar. Thomson Reuters will present a commemorative plaque to the recipient, and will also donate \$10,000 to the ABI Endowment for Education. This donation will be used by the ABI and NCBJ toward joint projects to foster bankruptcy education and research.

**NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

Any current or former United States bankruptcy judge is eligible for the award, which will be awarded based on a nominee's record of service, achievements and leadership in the insolvency community throughout their career.

The selection committee is composed of six outstanding senior lawyers appointed for staggered terms of three (3) years by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the authors and contributing editors of *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice, 3d*. The selection committee will retain and carry over all nominations for one year, considering nominations for the award in both the year they are submitted and the following year.

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

All nominations must be submitted in writing and include the name, address, and telephone number of both the nominee and the person(s) or organization(s) submitting the nomination. Nominations **must** also be accompanied by at least one written statement describing a nominee's achievements and/or the nature of the nominee's service to the insolvency community. Please include the form below with your written statement(s).

Nominations for the 2017 award recipient must be submitted no later than July 10, 2017. Please mail or email your nominations to:

Thomson Reuters  
c/o Clay Mattson  
50 Broad Street East  
Rochester, NY 14694  
Email: clay.mattson@thomsonreuters.com

Thomson/Reuters will have no role in the award selection process. Nominations should not be submitted to a member of the selection committee.

**NOMINATION FORM**

The undersigned takes pleasure in submitting the nominee identified below as the 2017 recipient of the Judge William L. Norton Jr. Judicial Excellence Award.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, and telephone number)

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, and telephone number of person or organization submitting nomination)