

ABA

SECTION OF TAXATION

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD GUIDELINES

I. Considerations

1. The name of the award will be “ABA Section of Taxation Distinguished Service Award,” hereinafter “Award”.
The Award will honor a specific individual.
2. The Award will honor only individuals with distinguished careers in tax law and who have provided an aspirational standard for all tax lawyers to emulate.
3. The detailed criteria for selection is that the recipient: a) be a tax lawyer, either living or deceased b) has performed distinguished service as a tax lawyer c) need not have served in the government d) need not have been a participant in ABA or Section of Taxation activities.
4. The nomination of the recipient will be made by a Distinguished Service Award Committee, hereinafter “Committee,” appointed by the current Chair of the Section. Members of the Committee will consist of the five most recent past chairs of the Section, three prior recipients of the Award, and two members at large. The Chair of the Section will be encouraged to fill the two at large seats with members who will bring diversity to the Committee. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Section’s Last Retiring Chair of the Nominating Committee.
5. The Nominee for the Award shall receive a majority vote of the Committee members present. Votes may be cast by telephone, electronic, or facsimile communication.
6. The Award will be considered, but not necessarily given, on an annual basis.
7. The presentation of the Award will be made by the Chair of the Section at the Saturday plenary session of the May Meeting. The recipient will be invited to make a brief acceptance speech. The recipient will also be invited, but not required, to be interviewed for the Section Newsletter. Names of recipients will be listed permanently in the Section Blue Book. In particular circumstances, the Council may wish to prescribe other ceremonies or events with which to mark the occasion of the Award.
8. The actual Award shall be a plaque. The plaque shall be inscribed with the ABA Section of Taxation Distinguished Service Award, name of recipient, date, and appropriate language describing recipient’s accomplishments to the tax profession. The monetary value of the award will be less than \$200.