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## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **MARY C. LAWTON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT SERVICE 2006**

The **Mary C. Lawton Award for Outstanding Government Service** is presented annually by the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. The nomination should be based on outstanding contributions to the development, implementation, or improvement of administrative law and regulatory practice that reflects sustained excellence in performance.

Mary Lawton was a distinguished career government lawyer who played an active role in the Administrative Law Section. A graduate of Georgetown Law School where she was first in her class and on the Board of Editors of the Law Journal, Mary began her career in the Office of the Legal Counsel in the Department of Justice. At DOJ, she rose through the ranks to become a Deputy Assistant Attorney General. She received numerous awards from the Department of Justice. After a brief stint as General Counsel of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and service as Administrative Law Officer at the White House, Mary returned to the Justice Department as Counsel for Intelligence Policy. Another important component of Mary's professional life was her service to the Administrative Law Section. She served on the Council of the Section from 1983 to 1986, and as Chair of the Judicial Review Committee from 1986 to 1988.

This is an extremely prestigious award, and we hope that you will take the time to give thoughtful consideration to this request for nominees. There are relatively few honors for government attorneys that recognize them for the "body of their work." Past recipients of the Award have underscored the importance and meaningfulness of the Award to them. (We are attaching a list of the past Awardees and their positions for your reference.) We are confident that this year's recipient will also view the Award as a career capstone.

All government lawyers active in the fields of administrative law and regulatory practice are eligible. While career officials generally will be favored, exceptional political appointees also will be considered.

Nominations are being solicited from federal government agency general counsels, state attorneys general, and other officials, as well as from members of our Section and the ABA Government and Public Lawyers Division.

## **Nomination Format**

All nominations should be typewritten. They should provide the name and period of government service of the nominee, the departments or agencies in which he or she has served and is currently serving, and the specific contributions of the nominee that you think warrant his or her selection. Among the factors that the Committee will consider in evaluating nominations are: mentoring activities in the administrative law and regulatory practice area; length of professional service; level of responsibility in positions held; discrete, significant accomplishments; teaching experience; scholarship; participation in professional activities; and other awards or recognition. The Committee would find it helpful if your nomination addresses these and any other factors you believe illuminate the nominee's qualifications.

Please submit your nomination package to Kimberly Knight, Director, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, 740 15<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 or via email to: [knightk@staff.abanet.org](mailto:knightk@staff.abanet.org). All nominations must be received by June 16 , 2006. The award will be presented at the 2006 Administrative Law Conference Awards Luncheon, October 26, 2006 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

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**Attachment: Previous Award Winners**

**American Bar Association**  
**Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice**  
**Past Recipients of the Mary Lawton Award**

**1989** Lawrence G. Wallace, Deputy Solicitor General  
U.S. Department of Justice

**1990** Robert A. Shapiro, Deputy Associate Solicitor for Legislation and Legal Counsel,  
Office of the Solicitor  
Department of Labor

**1991** Daniel M. Armstrong, Chief of the Litigation Division  
Federal Communications Commission

**1992** William C. Parler, General Counsel  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**1993** Karl Engeman, Office of Administrative Hearings

**1994** Jeffrey S. Lubbers, Research Director  
Administrative Conference of the United States

**1995** Ellen D. Hanson, Deputy General Counsel  
Interstate Commerce Commission

**1996** John H. Ferguson, Assistant General Counsel of the Appellate Court Branch  
National Labor Relations Board

**1997** Neil R. Eisner, Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement  
U.S. Department of Transportation

**1998** Catherine O. Murphy, Deputy Regional Solicitor - Region III  
U.S. Department of Labor

**1999** Joyce M. Martin, Executive Director of Environment/Energy  
Office of the Governor of Indiana

**2000** Joan Z. Bernstein, Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection  
Federal Trade Commission

**2001** Stanley Pruss, Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Consumer Protection  
Division, State of Michigan

**2002** Alan Schoem, Director, Office of Compliance, Consumer Product Safety Commission

**2003** Michael Messitte, Settlement and Compliance Director, Appellate Court Branch  
National Labor Relations Board

**2004** Thomas Spahr, Chief Legal Counsel, Child Support Enforcement Division,  
State of New Mexico

**2005** Morton Rosenberg, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service