

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 2016

To: Board Certified Specialists

From: The Board of Legal Specialization

Re: Service and Excellence Awards Nominations

Please review the attached nomination forms for our annual service and leadership awards. Each year we are proud to present the awards based on the nominations that we receive from board certified specialists. Your input is very important in this process and we hope that you will take a moment to nominate a colleague. The awards are defined below and nomination forms are attached and available online at www.nclawspecialists.gov. Nomination forms are due by February 10, 2017.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Specialists Luncheon on Friday, March 10, 2017, at the Grandover Resort and Conference Center in Greensboro. This event will feature recognition of 25-year honorees and new board certified specialists. We hope you can join us for this annual event. Thank you in advance for your participation.

- **The Sara H. Davis Excellence Award:** Nominations for this award are accepted from North Carolina certified specialists. The award is presented to a certified specialist who exemplifies excellence in his/her daily work as an attorney and serves as a model for other lawyers. Special consideration is given for a long and consistent record of handling challenging matters successfully, for sharing knowledge and experience with other lawyers, for earning the respect and admiration of all others with whom the lawyer comes into contact in his/her daily work, and for high ethical standards.
- **The James E. Cross, Jr. Leadership Award:** Nominations for this award are accepted from members of the North Carolina State Bar who have worked closely with the nominee. The award is presented to a certified specialist who has taken an active leadership role in his/her practice area through presentations at CLE seminars, scholarly writings, participation in groundbreaking cases, or service to an established professional organization.

- Nomination Forms Attached -

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Date: _____

1. Information about the Nominee

Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Firm: _____

Certification area: _____ Year: _____

2. Information about the person completing this form:

Nominated by: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Certification area: _____ Year: _____

3. Please describe how nominee exemplifies excellence in his/her practice:

(Please attach more paper if necessary)

Return completed form to: Lanice Heidbrink, The North Carolina State Bar, PO Box 25908, Raleigh, NC 27611 or email to lheidbrink@ncbar.gov or fax to: 919-719-9271

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3. Please describe any relevant CLE presentations, scholarly writings, etc.:

4. Please describe his/her leadership role in the practice area:

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