



Edward L. Chambers Jr. Lifetime Bar Service Award

The Virginia State Bar has established an award in memory of the late Edward L. Chambers Jr. to recognize his longstanding, extensive, and selfless volunteer work with the Virginia State Bar, and that of other future recipients. The inaugural award was presented to Mr. Chambers' family in conjunction with the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar on June 17, 2021.

Ed Chambers practiced law on the Peninsula for more than 40 years. He was a member of the York-Poquoson Bar and served as its president from 1988 to 1989. Ed was very active with the Virginia State Bar and served on many committees and task forces, including, by way of example, Bar Council, the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee on Professionalism, the Clients' Protection Fund Board, and the Sixth District Disciplinary Committee. He was inducted as a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation in 2010. He also served for many years as a Commissioner in Chancery, a Special Justice and as a Substitute Judge for the 9th Judicial Circuit. Ed died on December 25, 2019, after suffering a heart attack.

Criteria

The purpose of the award is to recognize those who serve extraordinarily and selflessly during their career without recognition commensurate to the level of their service to the Virginia State Bar. The award will recognize an exemplary Virginia lawyer who has enhanced the legal profession in Virginia by his or her extensive and longstanding commitment of time, knowledge and leadership on various Virginia State Bar boards, committees, sections, or conferences. The award is not designed to recognize service arising out of a role as President of the Virginia State Bar or service as a full-time judge or justice. A candidate must be a member, in good standing, with no history of public discipline.

Nomination Process

Nominations will be invited annually by the Virginia State Bar, although the award may only be made from time to time at the discretion of the selection committee appointed by the Executive Director of the Virginia State Bar. The selection committee will include five (5) members representing section leadership, committee leadership, Bar staff and Bar Council. The VSB Immediate Past President shall serve as Chair.

Nominations will be due by February 1 each year, with the award announced by April 1. Please submit the nomination in the form of a letter describing specifically the manner in which your nominee meets the criteria established for the award.

Nominations should be addressed to Chambers Award Committee, chambersaward@vsb.org. Any questions should be addressed to Maureen Stengel, 804-775-0517.