

**The Children's Champion Award**  
(the award of the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section)

The Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section is pleased to solicit nominations for the Children's Champion Award, to be conferred in May 2018 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section in Cary, NC at the NC Bar Center.

The Children's Champion Award has been established to recognize members of the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section who are true "champions" for North Carolina children and youth. The recipient of the award should be a person who:

- has the highest ethical standards;
- is held in the highest regard by both the bench and bar;
- demonstrates a deep, caring desire to help children;
- demonstrates a long-term commitment to improving the well-being of children through a minimum of 5 years of professional service related to the protection of children and/or children's rights, with particular emphasis given to the length of the nominee's commitment and service;
- has taken action to improve the administration of justice for children through direct advocacy, research, policy development, and/or volunteer service; and
- is committed to the mission of the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section as demonstrated by exemplary service to the Section.

*Please note: (1) the Award may be conferred and nominations may be made posthumously; (2) nominees who do not receive the Award may be considered for the Award in subsequent years without being re-nominated; and (3) nominees who are currently practicing must be a member of the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section to be considered for the Award.*

A form for submission is attached and is also available on the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section page of the North Carolina Bar Association's website ([www.ncbar.org](http://www.ncbar.org)).

**The deadline for nominations is April 16, 2018.**

**Nomination Form for The Children's Champion Award**

**(the Award of the Juvenile Justice & Children’s Rights Section)**

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**1. Information about Nominee:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Licensed to Practice Law: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Details about the Nominee (please attach another piece of paper if more space is needed):**

A. General description of nominee and his or her practice:

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B. How nominee meets the criteria listed above:

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**3. Supporting Information:**

You may attach any additional supporting information, including letters written in support of your nominee.

**4. Information about Person Making Nomination:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** You may be contacted by a member of the Children's Champion Award Committee about your nomination. The nomination and supporting information, and all communications, will be kept confidential.

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**Please return this form and supporting information by mail or e-mail to:**

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**Nominations and Supporting Information Due by April 16, 2018**

\*\*The inaugural Children's Champion Award will be presented in 2018 to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section and, thereafter, will be presented in the discretion of the Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section Council.