

Awards for Excellence in Public Information and Education

The Judicial Conference [Community Relations Committee](#), on behalf of the Indiana Judges Association, is accepting nominations for two awards recognizing “Excellence in Public Information and Education.” The **Judge’s Award** recognizes a member of the judiciary for efforts in community relations. The **Media Award** is presented to a member of the media for responsible reporting on the Indiana judiciary.

Nominations must include a summary of reasons why the nominee should be selected and one of the following:

- Hyperlink to news report
- Copy of any relevant supporting information/documents

[Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. \(Eastern\) on Friday, August 4, 2023](#)

The Community Relations Committee selects the recipients on behalf of IJA.

Judges Award Criteria:

- Active members of the Indiana judiciary are eligible
- Nominations should recognize specific judicial programs, projects, or efforts to inform and educate the public about the judiciary

Past award efforts have included community forums on civil liberties, “MTv Juvies” television series on juvenile court, a high school educational video on the consequences of drunk driving, a weekly newspaper column about the courts, and “Adopt-a-Doll” community outreach events

Media Award Criteria:

- Newspaper, television, radio reporters & organizations are eligible
- Nominations should recognize responsible reporting on issues related to the Indiana judiciary

Past award efforts have included editorial coverage of a drug court, radio broadcasts and articles on the Indiana Supreme Court nominating process, a weekly newspaper column titled “It’s the Law,” and a series of articles about mental health issues in juvenile courts