



## **NACM Perkins Award**

The Perkins Award was originally established in honor of Linda Perkins who served the Association, its members, and the profession with diligent, dedicated, and indispensable service for 28 years, from 1985 to 2013. Most members of NACM only saw Linda at conferences but had no concept of the amount of time and effort Linda dedicated to advancing the association and the profession of court administration. It is this type of individual NACM wishes to recognize with the Perkins Award. The award is presented annually to an individual who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to make behind-the-scenes contributions to the field of court administration, the court in which he or she works, and ultimately to the public we serve. An individual qualifying for this award may have made contributions including but not limited to the following criteria:

### **CRITERIA**

- Demonstrates outstanding public service, diplomacy, consistent professionalism, and outstanding skill levels in all phases of the job regardless of his or her rank, profile, or status;
- Exhibits a high level of knowledge about the field of court administration;
- Handles unforeseen events or circumstances quickly, gracefully and effectively;
- Works to enhance the knowledge, skill-level, training and development of coworkers and colleagues in a spirit of helpfulness and generosity with patience and good will;
- Serves as a reliable and trusted resource and confidante to coworkers, colleagues, and managers, offering sound advice, sharing challenges and frustrations, and offering support with the greatest discretion and grace;
- Diligently performs his or her duties with dependability, consistency, and a desire to do the right thing regardless of visibility, recognition, or reward;
- Demonstrates a commitment to achieving organizational success;
- Consistently and unselfishly contributes to advancing the ideals and principles of public service, modern judicial management, and professional court management as embodied in the purposes of NACM.

An individual submitting a nomination for the Perkins Award must be a member of NACM, although the nominee may or may not be a member. Past nominations may be resubmitted with updated information as appropriate. Nominees will be evaluated by a selection panel of distinguished professionals and colleagues in the field. This year the award panel members are Paul Burke, Massachusetts and Michele Oken, California, co-chairs; Shakeba Johnson, Mississippi; Sarah Couture, Florida; and Dan Straub, Pennsylvania.

Please submit your written nominations (including reference letters or lists of particular achievements) for individuals whose outstanding service has fulfilled the above criteria by **Friday, April 14, 2017** by email to [nacm@ncsc.org](mailto:nacm@ncsc.org) or by U.S. mail to:

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