



TITLE **Mary C. McQueen Award for Excellence and Leadership
in Justice System Improvement**

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Mary McQueen Leadership Award will be given biennially in recognition of an individual (Citizen, Judge or Justice, Administrator, or Lawyer) who has made extraordinary contributions to improving the administration of justice at the local, state and/or national level for a sustained period of time. Accomplishments worthy of recognition will transcend an individual state, community, or organization.

POLICY GUIDANCE

Mary McQueen has served as President of the National Center for State Courts since 2004, and previously worked for 25 years as the Washington State Court Administrator and Director of Judicial Services for the Washington State Office of the Administrator for the Courts. "Mary's tireless efforts to improve the administration of justice have made the state courts more effective, efficient and accountable." (Nebraska Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican)

Award Administration

- Nominations for the award shall be solicited biennially (every odd-numbered year) from the membership of Conference of Chief Justices (CO), Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), National Association for Court Management (NACM), National Conference of Metropolitan Courts (NCMC) and by posting on the website of the National Center for State Courts, no later than the first day of March. The Selection Committee will consist of the Presidents of the respective organizations or their designees.
- No member of the nomination review committee shall be eligible to receive the award.
- The National Center for State Courts will provide Secretariat Support.

Award Criteria for Candidate

- Will have played a major leadership role in a significant reform or improvement initiative within a state or the nation by coordinating action among state and/or national justice system partners.
- Is recognized by their peers as one who is committed to preserving fair and impartial courts, improving public trust and confidence in the justice system, reducing cost and delay, improving access and securing adequate funding for the judiciary.
- Has consistently displayed vision and passion, has served as a mentor and inspiration to others in the field, and has contributed to court improvement in ways that are noteworthy and enduring.

Internal Information for CCJ, COSCA, NACM, NCMC Boards

- Award presentation: Mary's choice whether she would like to present the award or prefer someone else present
- Award cost: to be absorbed by the four associations
- Award recipient: Will select the time/location of the presentation
- Selection committee chair rotation:
 - 2016: COSCA
 - 2018: NACM
 - 2020: CCJ
 - 2022: NCMC
- Physical Award: Glass or crystal shoe motif