

Announcement for 17th Annual Martha Hampton Award

The Workers' Compensation Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association is presently seeking nominations for the 17th annual Martha Hampton Award. This award was named in honor of an attorney who was committed to the practice of workers' compensation law.

The Section will be sponsoring a special luncheon to present the award. The luncheon is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The luncheon will take place on May 5, 2017 and advanced registration will be required. Additional information as to the time of the luncheon will be announced in the near future.

Each year a committee reviews nominations as to the attorney or judge who best exemplifies Martha's unique compassion and dedication to her clients, her professionalism, scholarship and good will with her peers. Martha's interests went beyond the individual case being litigated. She believed in the viability of a workers' compensation section. She also made it a point to be active in activities that ranged from informative articles in the Legal Intelligencer to testifying before subcommittees in Harrisburg on proposed legislation.

Martha seemed to naturally act as a mentor and educator to many of us. Martha also maintained close friendships. She had the ability to be a strong advocate in the courtroom and the next moment have coffee with opposing counsel discussing only personal matters, not legal ones. It is this respect for the person/attorney which led to the creation of this award, which continues to grow in its important role of bringing the members of the section together.

It should be noted that all members of the bar and bench who practice workers' compensation are eligible. This is not an award restricted to claimant's attorneys. Past winners have included counsel from both sides of the aisle, as well as from the bench.

In addition to the award, a charitable contribution is made each year by Galfand Berger, on behalf of the Section, to Kid's Chance, an organization helping youngsters who have lost a parent to a work-related injury to gain a higher level of education.

Your nominations are important. We encourage your participation. Please include your thoughts for making a nomination. Nominations will be accepted until **April 1, 2017**.

Past recipients are as follows:

Judge Christina Barbieri ~ Judge Gerald Klevit ~ Stephen Potako ~ Jeffrey Gross ~ Lenard Cohen
Maria Terpolilli ~ Peter Weber ~ Judge Pamela Santoro ~ Halmon Banks ~ Judge Scott Olin
William J. McKee ~ W. Michael Mulvey ~ Marc Jacobs ~ Frank Rubinate ~ Lisa D. Eldridge ~ Jason Krasno

All nominations should be e-mailed to Michael McGurrin at mmcgurrin@galfandberger.com or mailed to him at Galfand Berger, LLP, 1835 Market Street, 27th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.