



John E. VanDuzer Distinguished Service Award

The **John E. VanDuzer Distinguished Service Award** recognizes outstanding contributions and/or achievements by members of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. The award is named for the late Justice John E. VanDuzer, who served as first Canadian president of AFCC in 1983. Throughout his career, Justice VanDuzer distinguished himself as a tireless advocate for children and families. Justice VanDuzer initiated the formation of the first integrated federal-provincial family court, the Unified Family Court of Hamilton-Wentworth.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes any combination of the following:

- The recipient's proven exceptional skills in the field/profession;
- The recipient's contribution to the field/profession;
- The recipient's contribution to the community and other projects or initiatives;
- The recipient's leadership in AFCC through sharing knowledge, experience, skill, commitment, and serving as a role model to the members of AFCC and profession;
- The recipient's contributions to the development of AFCC, its policies, procedures and governance.

ELIGIBILITY

All members of AFCC are eligible, with the exception of current members of the Board of Directors of the association.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations shall be solicited from the AFCC membership. Any member of AFCC may nominate an individual for the award. To nominate an individual, a nomination must be completed and submitted by the posted deadline. Each nomination must include a letter of no more than 600 words describing how the nominee meets the criteria set forth above. The AFCC Nomination Committee will recommend at least one candidate for consideration for the award.

DECISION

The recipient of the award shall be chosen from the submitted candidates by a majority vote of the AFCC Awards Committee.

PRESENTATION

The award will be presented at the AFCC Annual Awards Luncheon at AFCC's 47th Annual Conference, June 2-5, 2010, in Denver, Colorado.

TO MAKE A NOMINATION

To make a nomination, please email the following information to AFCC, care of Erin Sommerfeld, at esommerfeld@afccnet.org. **The nomination deadline is March 15, 2010.** Electronic submissions in Word or WordPerfect are preferred. You may also send a hard copy of your nomination to:

AFCC Awards Committee
Attn: Erin Sommerfeld
6525 Grand Teton Plaza
Madison, WI 53719
Fax: (608) 664-3751

1. Information about the Nominee

Name
Address
Phone, Fax, Email

2. Letter of Nomination

Please describe, in 600 words or less, how the individual you are nominating meets the award criteria as stated above.

3. Contact Information for the Person Submitting the Nomination

(You must be an AFCC member to submit award nominations.)

Name
Address
Phone, Fax, Email

4. Reference

Please provide the name, telephone number and email address of one reference for the individual you have nominated.

**Questions? Contact AFCC at (608) 664-3750 or email
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