



Magna Stella® Awards

Nomination Form & Guidelines

(Nominations close at 6:00 PM, Monday, June 26, 2017)

For questions, please call (214) 445-9875

Nominees are **not required** to be a Forum member, but must be a General Counsel or Managing Counsel of a corporation, non-profit, or government agency in the state of Texas.

1. Please complete the attached nomination form.
2. Using the nomination guidelines below, please prepare a detailed statement of why this nominee should be considered for the Texas General Counsel Forum's 2017 *Magna Stella® Award*. Please include the statement with the nomination form. Objective measures are more useful for the Judging Panel than general subjective statements.
3. Please email or fax the nomination form and statement of support to info@tgcf.org | (972) 476-1206.
4. Please keep your nomination *confidential* until the winners are announced. This year we will be selecting one winner per category. Winners will be notified in advance and must be present at the dinner. (No finalists will be selected.) See schedule below:

Magna Stella Awards
November 16, 2017
Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa
San Antonio, Texas

Cocktail Reception

6:00-7:30PM

Dinner & Awards

7:30-9:30PM

Dessert & Post-Dinner Reception

9:30-10:30PM

After Stella After Party

10:30PM

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NOMINATION GUIDELINES

A previous winner is not eligible for nomination in the same category.

*If a nominee is nominated for more than one category,
please add relevant comments and details for all categories nominated.*

When preparing your justification, please provide the information noted below for the respective category. Thank you.

Lifetime Achievement (General Counsel or Chief Legal Officer only)

- Describe the breadth of the nominee's legal work as in-house and outside counsel, as well as any government and judicial appointments.
- Provide information, such as statistics or other objective measurements, if available, demonstrating the highlights of the nominee's career.

Pro Bono (legal department)

- Describe the activities the nominee has taken to promote pro bono legal services within own organization.
- Describe the activities, if any, the nominee has taken to promote pro bono legal services within the profession or industry at large.
- Provide information such as statistics or other objective measurements, if available, demonstrating the success of pro bono activities.

Diversity (General Counsel, Managing Counsel or legal department)

- Describe the activities the nominee has taken to promote diversity within his or her own organization.
- Describe the activities, if any, the nominee has taken to promote diversity within the profession or industry at large.
- Provide information such as statistics or other objective measurements, if available, demonstrating the success of the activities.

Outstanding General Counsel-Large Department (11 or more lawyers)

- Provide the total number of lawyers in the department and if possible, the organization chart (i.e., who are direct reports, etc.)
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past few years that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

Outstanding General Counsel-Small Department (2-10 lawyers)

- Provide the total number of lawyers in the department and if possible, the organization chart (i.e., who are direct reports, etc.)
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past few years that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

(NOMINATION GUIDELINES, continued)

Solo General Counsel (1 lawyer department; General Counsel only)

- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past few years that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

Non-Profit or Government Agency (General Counsel or Managing Counsel)

- Provide the total number of lawyers in the department and if possible, the organization chart (i.e., who are direct reports, etc.)
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past few years that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

Outstanding Managing Counsel-Large Department (11 or more lawyers)

- The nominee must be a deputy, associate or assistant general counsel, or the first attorney in line behind the general counsel.
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past few years that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

Outstanding Managing Counsel-Small Department (2-10 lawyers)

- The nominee must be a deputy, associate or assistant general counsel, or the first attorney in line behind the general counsel.
- Describe the activities the nominee has taken in the past few years that distinguish her or him as truly outstanding. Provide as much detail as possible about how this was above and beyond simply doing an effective job in administration, inspiration, legal skills or other aspects of the position.

Major Litigation (General Counsel or Managing Counsel)

- Describe the matter and include dollar amount, if appropriate.
- Describe the significance of the case, either to the company, the industry, or the development of the law.
- Describe any innovative measures used to achieve a favorable result in the litigation (e.g. innovative ADR measures, cost control measures, etc.).

Major Transaction (General Counsel or Managing Counsel)

- Describe the transaction in sufficient detail, including dollar amount, to demonstrate its complexity or novelty.
- Describe the significance of the transaction, either to the company, the industry, or the development of the law.
- Describe any innovative measures employed to achieve a favorable result.

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NOMINATION FORM

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Please submit form via email or fax
info@tgcf.org | (972) 476-1206

Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Co/Org/Agency: _____

No. of Years: ► In Practice _____ ► With Current Company _____ ► In Current Position _____

Legal Department Size: ► Attorneys _____ ► Support Staff _____

Size of Co/Org/Agency: ► Gross Revenue _____ ► No. of Employees (if available) _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Select Appropriate Categories:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Non-Profit or Government Agency
- Pro Bono Service
- Outstanding Managing Counsel-Large Department
(11 or more lawyers)
- Diversity
- Outstanding Managing Counsel-Small Department
(2-10 lawyers)
- Outstanding General Counsel-Large Department
(11 or more lawyers)
- Major Litigation
- Outstanding General Counsel-Small Department
(2-10 lawyers)
- Major Transaction
- Solo General Counsel *(1 lawyer)*

Note: These categories will only be recognized if appropriate nominees are identified

Nomination submitted by: _____

Firm/Co.: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

2nd Reference: _____

Firm/Co.: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____



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