

# Awards for Excellence in Public Information and Education

The Judicial Conference [Community Relations Committee](#), on behalf of the Indiana Judges Association, is accepting nominations for two awards recognizing “Excellence in Public Information and Education.” The **Judge’s Award** recognizes a member of the judiciary for efforts in community relations. The **Media Award** is presented to a member of the media for responsible reporting on the Indiana judiciary.

Nominations must include a summary of reasons why the nominee should be selected and one of the following:

- Hyperlink to news report
- Copy of any relevant supporting information/documents

**[Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. \(Eastern\) on Friday, July 31, 2026](#)**

The Community Relations Committee selects the recipients on behalf of IJA.

## Judges Award Criteria:

- Active members of the Indiana judiciary are eligible
- Nominations should recognize specific judicial programs, projects, or efforts to inform and educate the public about the judiciary

*Past award efforts have included transparency when dealing with media and high-profile matters, work in raising awareness of human trafficking, a high school educational video on the consequences of drunk driving, and “Adopt-a-Doll” community outreach events*

## Media Award Criteria:

- Newspaper, television, radio reporters & organizations are eligible
- Nominations should recognize responsible reporting on issues related to the Indiana judiciary

*Past award efforts have included a series dedicated to the attorney shortage, efforts towards the establishment of cameras in courts, editorial coverage of a drug court, and a series highlighting members of Indiana’s judiciary*