



Joseph T. Houlihan Lifetime Mentor Award

The *Joseph T. Houlihan Lifetime Mentor Award* honors individuals who during their careers have consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to successfully mentoring in the Rhode Island legal community. The Award recognizes an attorney who serves as a role model to other lawyers in Rhode Island and who has significantly contributed to the profession and/or the community. The award will recognize those who, with their excellent counsel, has excelled as a mentor and contributed to the ideals of ethics, civility, professionalism and legal skills.

The award is named for the late Joseph T. Houlihan, who was known for his generosity of spirit and legal expertise in and out of the courtroom. Mr. Houlihan believed in doing all he could to make lawyers strive to be the best they can be in how they think, speak, write and represent the legal profession. Such commitment and extraordinary effort may be demonstrated by the nominee's:

- number and diversity of lawyers/law students mentored through RIBA programs;
- assisting others to present and publish their work, improve the quality of legal services and
- serve the public;
- providing psychological support, encouragement, and essential strategies for balanced life
- in the legal community;
- continued interest in the individual's professional advancement;
- promotion of professional development for the organized bar through CLE, and/or articles for the Rhode Island Bar Journal.

The Houlihan Award will honor service to others, idealism, intelligence and a high degree of integrity and will be presented to a member who has made a selfless contribution to the legal community to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of justice by instilling a better understanding and appreciation of the law. *The Joseph T. Houlihan Lifetime Mentor Award Committee welcomes nominations of all qualified candidates, including those of diverse backgrounds and from underrepresented identity groups.*

Please send your nomination by postal mail or email, including a written report detailing how the nominee meets the criteria, along with your name, telephone number, and email address, no later than March 14, 2025, to:

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