

## Georgia Legislator/Government Official of the Year Award

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**Due Date:** March 24, 2023

### **Award Significance:**

As the discipline of crime victim services has grown over the years, so has the number of remarkable individuals and organizations who significantly contribute to its success. Today, the field includes countless people and programs that have, through vision, action, dedication, and leadership, improved the lives of victims in the aftermath of crime. CJCC seeks to recognize a legislator or government official who has made outstanding contributions to the victim rights movement through promoting legislation and policy that furthers rights and services to victims and survivors.

The award winners will be honored at special ceremonies during National Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 24-28, 2023 to recognize Georgia crime victims and those who support them.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Carefully review the following requirements to determine whether the individual you wish to nominate is eligible for an award.

1. You may nominate one or more candidates.

#### **Nominator Guidelines:**

1. **Essential information.** Each form must include the nominee's full name and email address.

Note: If you are nominating an organization, program or team, please provide the name and email address of the individual(s) who would accept the award on behalf of the organization.

2. **Nomination letter.** Each nomination form must be accompanied by a letter that reflects as much as you know about the nominee's accomplishments and services in supporting crime victims. Your nomination letter should include your title, affiliation, and mailing and email addresses. No anonymous nominations will be accepted.

Each nomination letter, in addition to addressing all criteria for which you are nominating an individual or group, must explain how the nominee—

1. has contributed efforts to the victim services field that are unique, exceptional, or go beyond his or her job duties;
2. has demonstrated leadership or teamwork in achieving these efforts; and
3. has brought about change for victims or the victim services field that is or will be enduring.

### **Nomination Letter Guidelines:**

Use the following guidelines to help compose your nomination letter:

- Use the letter to provide a complete picture of the nominee's accomplishments. Assume that the selection committee is completely unfamiliar with the nominee's work.
- Address all criteria for which you are nominating an individual or group.

Include specific examples that address what the nominee has achieved, how the nominee accomplished these achievements, and why the nominee's achievements have significance that should be recognized with a **Georgia Legislator/Government Official of the Year Award**:

- a. Explain what efforts the nominee has contributed to the victim services field that are unique, exceptional, or go beyond his or her job duties. Describe efforts such as—
  - extraordinary actions,
  - significant obstacles overcome, and
  - groundbreaking achievements.
- b. Explain how the nominee has demonstrated leadership or teamwork in achieving these efforts. Describe elements such as—
  - visionary thinking or initiative,
  - innovative methods or creative ideas, and
  - collaboration or bringing together different groups.
- c. Explain why the nominee's efforts represent change for victims or the victim services field that is or will be enduring. Describe efforts such as—
  - extraordinary benefits, restitution, or healing for victims,
  - laws that have been passed, and
  - programs that have been created or replicated.

- Be as specific as possible, and include milestones, numbers, and statistics where appropriate.
- Write clearly and directly and include pertinent details without providing extraneous or unrelated information.
- Ensure that all information submitted is accurate.

**Please direct your questions to:**

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