



Nominate a Colleague to Become an IOA Distinguished Emeritus Member

Help IOA recognize deserving fellow ombuds for their accomplishments and contributions to our field. Submit a nomination for an IOA Distinguished Emeritus Member today. Please complete this form and email it along with your supporting documents to info@ombudsassociation.org.

This honor, a free lifetime membership to IOA, is awarded to a small number of IOA retired members each year at the IOA's Annual Meeting. Nominators and nominees must be IOA members in order to participate.

Before completing the form please read the following:

As the nominator, you are also responsible for collecting the nominee's Curriculum Vitae, record of service, and three letters of support from IOA members. One letter may come from you. All documents must be submitted as one large file. Please use this file naming convention for your document: **NomineeFirstName_LastName_Emeritus_Nomination_2026**.

The Distinguished Emeritus Award criteria are as follows. Your nominee must meet *at least* one of these criteria and be a retired professional:

1. An outstanding record of service to the IOA or its predecessor organizations (TOA, UCOA, COA) either as an elected official or through other voluntary services to the organization on task forces, committees, or as an advocate of the organizational ombudsman profession or the public.
2. Demonstration of innovative service contributions that have advanced the organizational ombudsman profession through administrative or committee work outside of IOA or its predecessor organizations, or other efforts, including publications, public speaking, testimony, and/or instruction.
3. Evidence of a leadership role in one or more activities that has positively impacted the organizational ombudsman profession.

Nominations must be submitted by 5:00 PM Pacific Time, Friday, 13 November 2026

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Distinguished Emeritus Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Date of Nominee's Retirement: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Telephone Number: _____

As the nominator, you are responsible for collecting the nominee's Curriculum Vitae, record of service, and three letters of support from IOA members. One letter may come from you. Award criteria described below; please indicate the criteria on which your nomination is based.

1. An outstanding record of service to the IOA or its predecessor organizations (TOA, UCOA, COA) either as an elected official or through other voluntary service to the organization on task forces, committees, or as an advocate of the organizational ombudsman profession or the public.
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Nominated by: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Remember to include all supporting documents as one combined file using this file naming convention: NomineeFirstName_LastName_Emeritus_Nomination_2026.

Nominations must be received by the chair of the Nominating Committee no later than the close of business on **13 November 2026**.

When the form is complete and you have collected all of the materials, please email the IOA office at info@ombudsassociation.org with the subject line, "Distinguished Emeritus Member Nomination."