



2026 COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY

THE AVARITA L. HANSON ONE TO WATCH AWARD

Presented by the Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession

NOMINATION

Name of Nominee

Title/Position

Firm/Company Name/Organization

Address

City State Zip

Telephone

Email

CATEGORIES

Please indicate the category that most accurately describes the nominee's present position or activity.

- Academia
- Business sector/corporate
- Government
- Judiciary
- Non-profit
- Private practice
- Prosecutor/public defender
- State, local or minority bar

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PURPOSE OF AWARDS

The Commitment to Equality Awards presents **The Avarita L. Hanson One to Watch Award**, which recognizes the efforts of young lawyers who are deeply committed to providing opportunities that foster a more diverse legal profession for members of underrepresented groups in Georgia. The award will be presented to a lawyer under the age of 40 or has been practicing law for 10 years or less. Recipients of this award will demonstrate an outstanding commitment to promoting diversity in the legal profession at the outset of their career. This award is open to any attorney in Georgia who meets the criteria.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. Meaningful contribution(s) to the advancement of diversity in the legal profession at the outset of the individual's career.
2. Ways the individual has influenced members of underrepresented groups or diverse attorneys to pursue legal careers.
3. How the individual or entity has opened doors for lawyers of underrepresented groups or diverse attorneys in a variety of job settings that were historically closed to them.
4. How the individual has advanced opportunities for lawyers in underrepresented groups or diverse attorneys within a practice area or segment of the profession.
5. A demonstrable commitment to professional excellence in the nominee's primary practice area.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Complete the Nomination Form.
2. Complete a Nomination Statement in support of your nominee's candidacy identifying specifically how and why the nominee meets the criteria for receiving The Avarita L. Hanson One to Watch Award. The Nomination Statement may include additional attachments, such as news articles or press releases, which provide further relevant support for the nominee's candidacy.
3. Obtain a copy of the nominee's resume or biography.
4. Send all materials electronically by **August 7, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET**, to **Megan Jones at meganj@gabar.org**.

Award recipients
will be announced in
late August 2026.
