**ROBERT O. DAWSON INDIGENT DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

*Official Award Nomination Form*

**Program Overview & Criteria**

The Robert O. Dawson Indigent Defense Distinguished Service Award honors and acknowledges the late Professor Robert O. Dawson’s outstanding contributions and symbolize his lasting impact on the Texas Fair Defense Act and the Indigent Defense Commission. The award recognizes outstanding service by a group or an individual who has made an outstanding contribution improving way Texas provides counsel for its poorest citizens accused of crimes.

Please send completed Award Nomination Forms to: Texas Indigent Defense Commission

209 West 14th Street, Suite 202

Austin, Texas 78701

or info@tidc.texas.gov

For more information, contact TIDC at 512-936-6994.

Nominee’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State Bar Card No., if applicable\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* Nominees, if attorneys, must be members in good standing of the State Bar of Texas.

Name of person completing this nomination form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number & email of person completing nomination form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A completed Award Nomination Form must be submitted for each award. In addition to the information above, please submit a statement outlining:

* Legal services to indigents provided by the nominee during the past two years
* The nominee’s service or outstanding achievement in activities to promote or facilitate the provision of legal services to indigents
* The nominee’s history or longevity of service in the above activities
* Any local recognition of nominee’s service
* Background information for the nominee’s profession and career
* Any other relevant information

Additional materials such as news stories, magazine articles, or other appropriate commentaries may also be attached. However, please limit nominations to a total of 10 pages, including supporting materials. Please do not submit video or audio files.