

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

**GENERAL ORDER ESTABLISHING
THE OLIN W. THOMPSON, III JUSTICE AWARD**

It is with great honor and appreciation that the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island announces the creation of the:

OLIN W. THOMPSON, III JUSTICE AWARD (“AWARD”).

Chief Judge John J. McConnell, Jr. notes, that “Olin W. Thompson, III served admirably as a Federal Public Defender, fiercely advocating for justice for his clients. He was an outstanding public servant with an accomplished record of hard work, dedication, and commitment. He earned the deep respect from his peers, judges, court staff, and opposing prosecutors.”

It is hereby ordered that this Award be established to recognize and honor outstanding professionals in the legal community who serve with great distinction as a model of civility in the pursuit of justice and who have made significant contributions to the profession and the community.

It is further ordered that the District Court Conference Committee of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island shall convene bi-annually or each year there is a district conference to nominate and award the OLIN W. THOMPSON, III JUSTICE AWARD to an individual, and the Chief Judge or his or her designee and the Chair of the District Court Conference Committee shall present the Award to the selected recipient at the District Conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

By the Court:

September 19, 2022

/s/ John J. McConnell Jr., Chief Judge