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Justice Randy J. Holland to Receive the American Inns of Court 2014 Lewis F. Powell Award for Professionalism and Ethics

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA – Justice Randy J. Holland has been selected to receive the prestigious Lewis F. Powell Award for Professionalism and Ethics by the American Inns of Court. The award will be presented at the 2014 American Inns of Court Celebration of Excellence at the Supreme Court of the United States in October; the event will be hosted by Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The Lewis F. Powell Award for Professionalism and Ethics is awarded each year to a lawyer or judge who has rendered exemplary service in the areas of legal excellence, professionalism and ethics.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, Holland earned his JD cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he received the Loughlin Award for legal ethics. He received a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Widener University.

Holland is a justice on the Delaware Supreme Court, serving his third term. He is the youngest person ever appointed to the Delaware Supreme Court, having been recommended to the governor in 1986 by a bipartisan merit selection committee. In March 2011, he was reappointed and confirmed for an unprecedented third, 12-year term. Prior to his appointment and confirmation, he was in private practice as a partner at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell.

Long active in the American Inns of Court, Holland is the past national president. He is a founding member of the Terry-Carey American Inn of Court, which gives a professionalism award in his name. He is current co-chair of the National Advisory Committee to the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Conduct. He chaired the American Bar Association National Joint Committee on Lawyer Regulation. Justice Holland has also served on the ABA Presidential Commission on Fair and Impartial Courts, the Standing Committee. For more than two decades, he has chaired the Delaware Judges' Code of Conduct Revision Committee and, in that capacity, was instrumental in establishing the Delaware Judges' Ethics Advisory Committee.

Justice Holland has been recognized as one of the top 100 persons who influence business ethics in the United States. Holland also has traveled internationally to advance professionalism and judicial ethics. He has worked closely with the Chief Justice of Taiwan and visited there numerous times to speak on these topics to government officials, lawyers, judges, and law students. With Holland's encouragement, Taiwan adopted the American Bar Association's Model Code of Judicial Conduct. Justice Holland gave the annual COMBAR Lecture at Gray's Inn in England and addressed the differences between the ethical obligations of an attorney in the European Union and the United States for protecting a client's confidential communications. Holland recently chaired a program on professionalism at the Qatar International Rule of Law Forum. He is an honorary Master of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn in London, sharing that distinction with two other Americans, United States Supreme Court Justices Ginsburg and Stevens.

Justice Holland has written, co-authored, or edited eight books. He has also published several law review articles, primarily dealing with judicial ethics and legal history. He is currently editing a book for the Library of Congress about the Magna Carta that will be published by Thomson-Reuters this November.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote a letter in support of Justice Holland's nomination and said: "I have known Justice Holland for several years and have admired his qualities of intelligence, integrity, and strength of character. I wholeheartedly endorse Justice Holland for the Lewis F. Powell Award."

The American Inns of Court, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, fosters excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills. The organization's membership includes more than 30,000 federal, state, and local judges; lawyers; law professors; and law students in more than 360 chapters nationwide and more than 97,000 alumni members. More information is available at <u>www.innsofcourt.org</u>.

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