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AJS Seeks Entries for Toni House Journalism Award

Des Moines — The American Judicature Society, a national nonprofit membership organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice, announces its call for nominations for the 11th Annual Toni House Journalism Award. The award recognizes outstanding news reporting that enhances public understanding of the courts and/or significantly improves the administration of justice. The deadline for entries is April 15, 2010.

The award is in memory of Toni House, who devoted her career to explaining the workings of the court system to the public—first as a journalist and later as the U.S. Supreme Court’s public information officer. At the time of her death in 1998, she was a member of the AJS Executive Committee.

The competition is open to professional journalists working in print, broadcast, or online media. While entrants will not be eliminated from consideration for a single publication or a series, preference will be given to those who have produced a substantial body of work reflecting a lifetime of contribution to the administration of justice.

Some of the previous recipients include Nina Totenberg, National Public Radio legal affairs correspondent and ABC Nightline correspondent; Lyle Denniston, U.S. Supreme Court and legal affairs correspondent for the *Boston Globe*; and most recently Howard Witt, with the *Chicago Tribune*-Houston Bureau.

To view the list of all past recipients and the nomination guidelines, and to print an entry form, go to the AJS website at www.ajs.org.

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