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Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Soaring Eagle Award

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Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:

1. How has the individual achieved professional excellence in his/her field?
2. Has the nominee made any significant contributions to the advancement of racial or ethnic diversity in the profession?
3. Has the nominee opened doors for lawyers of color in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to them?
4. Has the nominee advanced opportunities for lawyers of color within a practice area or segment of the profession?

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Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Soaring Eagle Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Name _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Nominator's Name _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit this form and the nominator's letter of recommendation by **April 15, 2018.**

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