Call for Nominations

Justice Betty Roberts and
Judge Mercedes Deiz Awards

Email nominations by end of business Friday, November 4, 2016 to: laurenblaesing@markowitzherbold.com; Lauren Blaesing, Co-Chair, OWLS Roberts and Deiz Awards Dinner Committee	
Name of Nominee:	Company / Firm / Organization:

All nominations will be considered for both the Justice Betty Roberts and the Judge Mercedes Deiz Awards, unless the nominee has already received one of the awards.

The preferred submission format is a single, bookmarked PDF file.

To nominate an individual, please:

- Complete and return this form;
- Submit a cover letter describing how the nominee meets the selection criteria (below);
- Submit a copy of the nominee's resume (maximum 3 pages);
- Submit a minimum of three (3) and maximum of fifteen (15) letters of recommendation by those qualified to speak of the nominee's character and qualifications for the award (e.g. opposing counsel, judges, or current /past co-workers). Letters from different perspectives and different points in the nominee's career are helpful.

The awards dinner is Friday, March 10, 2017 at the Portland Art Museum.

Name of Nominator:	Email / Phone number:

Justice Betty Roberts (1923-2011) was a leader in Oregon politics, the first woman appointed to the Oregon appellate bench, and a beloved mentor and advocate for women lawyers. The Justice Betty Roberts Award honors her legacy of promoting women in the practice of law.

Judge Mercedes Deiz (1917-2005) was a trailblazer in the Oregon Bar as the first black woman to practice law in Oregon and the first woman of color on the Oregon bench. She overcame racial bias throughout her career and created opportunities for minorities to access legal resources and careers. The Judge Mercedes Deiz Award honors her commitment to advancing non-dominant cultures in the legal profession.

SCREENING AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Any Oregon licensed attorney, except a member of the OWLS board of Directors or of the Roberts and Deiz Awards Dinner Committee, is eligible to receive either award. Former nominees may be re-nominated. Former recipients of one award may be nominated for the other Award. (For example, former Deiz award recipients are eligible for the Roberts Award).

Award recipients are selected based on outstanding personal and professional contributions to promoting women and/or minority/non-dominant culture lawyers within the legal profession and community. While the committee considers leadership activities and service, activities and conduct that evidence a nominee's efforts towards promoting women and/ or minority / non-dominant culture lawyers will be more helpful to the committee, and to the OWLS Board of Directors in selecting recipients.

Click here for past **Deiz** Award recipients. Click here for past **Roberts** Award recipients.