

2025 NSBA Public Service and Section Awards

presented by NSBA President Hon. Tricia Freeman

George H. Turner Award

Hon. Joseph F. Bataillon

The George H. Turner Award is presented to a member of the NSBA who has demonstrated unusual efforts in furthering the public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice, and confidence in the legal profession. The 2025 George H. Turner Award is presented to the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon. In addition to his distinguished service as a U.S. District Court Judge, Judge Bataillon has shown an enduring commitment to leadership within the legal community. A former NSBA President (2017) and former Chair of the House of Delegates (1992-1993), this year he celebrates his 42nd year of service on the House, where he serves as the longtime parliamentarian and host of the Metro Bar Caucus. He also teaches a CLE on Robert's Rules of Order and serves on the Nebraska State Bar Foundation Board. A passionate advocate for civic education, he coordinates "The Teachers Law School"—sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the American Board of Trial Attorneys—a two-day workshop for educators featuring lectures, simulations, and court hearings hosted at the Hruska Federal Courthouse. Judge Bataillon is also a generous mentor—supervising externs and judging student competitions. His leadership and service exemplify the spirit of this award.

