



## EXTRA MILE AWARDS 2004

"Honoring the Women of Dallas who have gone that EXTRA MILE to help their Community."

Dear Past Recipients and Community Organizations:

It is time again to begin the selection process for the 2004 - 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Extra Mile Award winners. Nominations will be accepted from individuals, clubs, and organizations. If you know of a woman or man who is supportive of lesbian issues whom you feel has gone that EXTRA MILE to help improve our community, please complete the nomination form and/or attach a letter and submit by midnight, May 31, 2004. The nomination committee consists of the past recipients who will select four women and one man as this year's award recipients.

### NOMINATION FORM

Person being nominated:

Name: JULIE E JOHNSON

Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Volunteer, Service, Organizations, and Professional Affiliations

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
DALLAS SYMPHONY CHORUS	SINGER	10 yrs
TEXAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOC.	VARIOUS	8 yrs
DNC GAY & LESBIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL	VARIOUS	4 yrs
DFW FEDERAL CLUB	MEMBER	9 yrs
HRC BOARD OF GOVERNORS	GOVERNOR	4 yrs
HRC'S NATIONAL DEFEND FEMAL COUNCIL	CO-CHAIR	1 yr
HRC'S PUBLIC POLICY COUNCIL	CO-CHAIR	4 yrs

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**Julie E. Johnson** earned her law degree in 1991 from the University of Houston. She spent the first four years of her legal career representing insurance companies and large corporations. That experience gave her a unique and invaluable insight which she utilizes in holding defendants accountable for their unfair and sometimes overreaching practices.

Julie has been licensed to practice law in Texas since 1991, having her law degree in 1987 from the University of Texas. Julie is a member of the Texas Trial Lawyers of America, Dallas Trial Lawyers and American Trial Lawyers. Notably, Julie was recently inducted into the Patrick Higginbotham Inn of Court as a Barrister.

Julie has commanded respect from opposing counsel and insurance companies which enabled her to successfully resolve hundreds of cases over her career.

#### Professional Affiliations and Accomplishments

Admitted to the Texas bar in 1991; U.S. District Court, Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit. Education: University of Texas, Austin (B.A., 1987); University of Houston (J.D., 1991). Member: Dallas and American Bar Associations; State Bar of Texas; Texas Trial Lawyers Association; Dallas Trial Lawyers Association; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Dallas Women Lawyer Association; Dallas Employment Lawyers Association; National Employment Lawyers Association.

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**Nominating: Julie Johnson**

We are honored to nominate our friend, Julie Johnson, for the prestigious Extra Mile Award. There is no single person in our community who has done more to put LGBT Dallas on the National political map than Julie Johnson. And while her efforts have often been quietly behind the scenes and rarely acknowledged publicly - make no mistake - the impact of her efforts on our behalf is felt in the halls of the United States Congress as well as in cities and states throughout this country.

**Here are just a few of her accomplishments:**

In 2000, Julie spearheaded the first-ever LGBT Presidential fundraiser in Dallas, which featured Tipper Gore. The event focused National media attention on the LGBT community of Dallas. She followed that up with a fundraiser for the Democratic National Committee - bringing to Dallas for the first time a sitting President of the United States (Bill Clinton) to an exclusive Dallas LGBT event. Again, this effort brought incredible media attention to the Dallas LGBT community.

Julie is the first member of the Dallas LGBT community (to our knowledge) to play a key role in a Presidential campaign, serving as the LGBT National advisor to Senator John Edwards as part of his inner circle. She also brought Senator Edwards to Dallas for a fundraising event in 2003. In 2003, Julie also hosted in her home a small gathering of Dallas LGBT individuals to meet with Representative Nancy Pelosi to discuss important LGBT issues. Representative Pelosi called Julie personally and requested this meeting. Representative Pelosi happens to be the highest-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives and the Democratic House leader.

In March of 2004, Julie was named the National Co-Chair of the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) "Defeat the Federal Marriage Amendment Committee." In this role, Julie has traveled to cities across the country speaking on behalf of the efforts to defeat this amendment. Each city she travels to only further enhances the visibility of the Dallas LGBT community.

Julie is a member of the Dallas HRC Federal Club and serves on HRC's National Board of Governors. She is also a member of the key HRC Public Policy committee. Prior to her new appointment as the National Co-Chair of the defeat FMA project, Julie also served as the local HRC Steering Committee Co-Convener.

In 2003, Julie, a lawyer who owns the Dallas law firm - Van Wey and Johnson with her partner, Kay Van Wey - was named by Texas Monthly Magazine as one of Texas' "Super Lawyers" of 2003. She is also a member of the Democratic National Committee's LGBT Leadership Council.

Julie is one of the most respected representatives of the LGBT community on behalf of our community here in Dallas. Through her efforts - she has earned a place at the table for LGBT citizens of this nation - participating at the highest level with our nations most respected political leaders.

We can think of no more deserving individual who represents the very essence of the Extra Mile Award than Julie Johnson, and it is our honor to nominate her for this honor.

**Stella Hess and Sally O'Connor**

What has been the impact of the person's activities on our community and in the organizations served? Please be specific about why you consider this person outstanding and deserving of this award:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED .

Please enclose additional comments, information and/or biographical data you feel would be helpful to the committee in evaluating the contribution of the person you have nominated:

Person making this nomination: (please complete each blank)

Name: STELLA F. HESS SALLY O'CONNOR

Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Please list the name of another person familiar with the accomplishments of the person being nominated: [REDACTED]

Name: KAY VANWEY

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH for assisting us in honoring the deserving women and men who have provided services to our community. This process could not continue without your support! Please call Lory Masters, Randy Sprabary or Tim Fortenberry at (214) 902-9999 (Master Realtors), if you have any questions. More detailed information about this event will be sent next month. This event is open to ALL! Please plan to join us to show appreciation and gratitude to those who have given so much. Scholarship dinner tickets will be available.

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