



Carter/Hellard Legislative Staff Award Recipients

Presented annually since 1990, the Carter/Hellard Legislative Staff Award is given to a staff member who has demonstrated excellence and dedication in service to state legislators in the South. Named in honor of the late Sam Carter, Director of Research of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and the late Vic Hellard, Jr., Director of the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, this award is selected by the Legislative Service Agency Directors Group.

1990	John H. Young, III Human Resources Analyst, Legislative Services Office, NC	2009	Ellen Tewes Director (retired), Office of Legal Services, TN
1991	John Garka Division Manager, Division of Legislative Services, VA	2010	Sue Ann Derr Chief Counsel, House of Representatives, VA
1992	Margaret "Peggy" Highland Deputy Director for Research and Issue Development, Legislative Research Commission, KY	2011	E.M. Miller, Jr. Director, House of Representatives, OK
1993	Elizabeth P. Sammis, Ph.D., and Donna B. Imhoff, Esq. Deputy Director for Research and Issue Development, Legislative Research Commission, KY	2012	David Ferguson Director, Bureau of Legislative Research, AR
1994	Jessica F. Bolecek Senior Attorney, Social Services, Division of Legislative Services, VA	2013	Bryan Vincent Director, Governmental Affairs Division, House Legislative Research, LA
1995	Vic Hellard, Jr. Director, Legislative Research Commission, KY	2014	Sheila Mason Legislative Record Compiler, Intern Program Coordinator, Legislative Research Commission, KY
1996	F. Carvel Payne Director, Department of Legislative Reference, MD	2015	William "Bubba" Neely, Jr. Senior Staff Attorney, Senate, Mississippi
1997	Morris E. "Mike" Mowery Chief Counsel, House of Delegates, WV	2016	Estella Smith Administrator, Committee Staff Section, Bureau of Legislative Research, AR
1998	Arlen Bolstad Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services, VA	2017	John Snyder Transportation Committee Staff Administrator, Legislative Research Commission, KY
1999	Linda Powell Principal Fiscal Analyst, General Assembly, NC	2018	Christine Murdock Deputy Director, House of Representatives Budget and Research Office, GA
2000	Jerry Barham Attorney, House Legislative Services, MS	2019	Betsy Howerton Deputy Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel, GA
2001	John Homburg Director, Office of Legislative Services, WV	2020	<i>SLC cancelled - no recipient</i>
2002	Maria J.K. Everett Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services; Executive Director, Freedom of Information Advisory Council, VA	2021	Teresa Arnold Deputy Director for Research and Communications, Legislative Research Commission, KY
2003	E. Anne Dunn Director, House of Governmental Affairs Division, LA	2022	Kevin Anderson Assistant Director for Fiscal Services, Bureau of Legislative Services, AR
2004	Thomas L. Covington Director (retired), North Carolina Progress Board; Director (retired), Fiscal Research Division, NC	2023	Jerry Bassett Former Director, Legislative Services Agency, AL
2005	Kern L. Treat Director (retired), Bureau of Legislative Research, AR	2024	Thomas "Tom" Tyler Division Director, Senate Legislative Service, LA
2006	James D. Johnson Director (retired), Fiscal Research Division, NC	2025	Joe Cox Printing and Publications Manager, Legislative Research Commission, KY
2007	Mark Vucci Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services, VA	2026	Jeff Billings Chief of Staff, West Virginia House of Delegates, WV
2008	Gerry F. Cohen Director, Bill Drafting Division, NC		