

## **IMLA JAMES H. EPPS, III AWARD FOR LONGEVITY OF SERVICE TO A COMMUNITY - CRITERIA**

IMLA established this award to honor the memory of James H. Epps, III by recognizing local government attorneys who have distinguished themselves by years of service **to the same community**. Jim Epps served his hometown of Johnson City, Tennessee for over 40 years as its attorney. He also served IMLA in many capacities, including as its President. He was a consummate gentleman and was respected for his kindness as well as his legal skill. This award seeks to recognize those local government lawyers who have been able to persevere through changes in government over a period of at least 30 years and who have been active in the IMLA during all or a part of that career. This award is a milestone award that recognizes the significant achievement of having the political and legal skills necessary to represent the **same community for at least 30 years**.

- To be selected, the recipient must be able to attend the Annual Conference
- To be selected, the recipient must agree to write a short article offering tips for success in representing a local government.
- This nomination must be made by an IMLA member