



# County Officials Association of Tennessee

**Dear COAT Member,**

We just wanted to reach out quickly to give everyone an update on our Hall of Fame (HOF) guidelines. The Hall of Fame Committee met, via conference call in February, to discuss what is and is not working when it comes to our Hall of Fame inductees. They elected to make some changes.

As I'm sure you know, the purpose of COAT's Hall of Fame is to honor those extraordinary county officials who have served for a minimum of 20 continuous years. While the majority of the guidelines remained the same, there were a few changes recommended by the HOF Committee:

- *Each affiliate association shall name one (1) inductee each year, except the Clerks of Court. The Clerks of Court have the option of naming two (2) inductees, due to the size difference in their association - one (1) Circuit Court Clerk and one (1) Clerk and Master, Criminal Court Clerk General Sessions Court Clerk, Juvenile Court Clerk, or Probate Court Clerk.*
- *Inductee name, biography, and photograph shall be submitted to COAT (Rodney, Lori, or Carol) no later than the September Board Meeting (2nd Tuesday in September) by the Affiliate Presidents.*
- *Each Affiliate President shall be responsible for making contact with their inductee(s) to ensure his/her presence at the COAT Annual Convention Awards Banquet.*
- *Each affiliate association shall be responsible for room, meal, travel expenses that may be incurred by their inductee(s). COAT will cover the cost of the actual awards.*

You can view the complete Hall of Fame Guidelines document [by clicking here](#).

Since your Spring Meetings are just around the corner, it may be a great time to go ahead and make your decisions about who you will induct this year.

As always, if you have questions - or if we can be of additional assistance - please let us know!

Hope everyone is having a great week!

**Your COAT Team**