



# Call for nominations!

The SCJA Nominations & Elections Committee is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 2026 officer elections. As one of the nation's leading regional organizations for scholars, practitioners, and students in the field of criminal justice, SCJA thrives on the dedication, vision, and leadership of its members. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of the Association and strengthen our collective voice in advancing research, teaching, and practice across the discipline.

The election process will follow SCJA's bylaws and will be conducted electronically. Once nominated, candidates will be contacted to confirm their willingness to run. Those who accept the nomination will then provide a brief biographical statement and a statement of interest outlining their qualifications and goals for the position. Voting will open in late spring, and newly elected officers will transition into their roles at the SCJA Annual Meeting this fall in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**This year, nominations are open for three positions on the SCJA Executive Board:**

**Director-at-Large (2 positions)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President**

Nominations are due by **May 8** and should include the nominee's name, affiliation, contact information, and the position for which they are being nominated.

Nominations & questions should be submitted via email to [elections@southerncj.org](mailto:elections@southerncj.org).

Elected officers play a vital role in setting the organization's direction, supporting our annual conference, promoting student and early-career member engagement, and ensuring that SCJA remains an inclusive and innovative forum for the exchange of ideas. Serving in one of these roles offers a meaningful opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from across the country and contribute directly to the growth and vitality of the SCJA.

Members may nominate themselves or fellow SCJA members in good standing. Nominees should demonstrate active engagement with SCJA, a commitment to advancing its mission, and a willingness to serve throughout their term.

Your participation in the election, as a nominee or a voter, is essential to maintaining a vibrant member-driven organization. SCJA's strength lies in our collaborative spirit and shared commitment to advancing the field. By stepping forward or nominating a colleague, you help ensure that the SCJA continues to thrive and embody the highest standards of scholarship and service in the field.

We look forward to your participation in shaping the leadership and future of SCJA!

*Julie Baldwin*  
Immediate Past President