

Toby Awards

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I again had the privilege of serving as a judge on the regional level. Luckily, the Birmingham judging contingent was tripled with the addition Jean Griffin (Carter & Associates) and Judy Underhill (Taylor & Mathis). With approximately 65 entries, all volunteer judges were very much appreciated. There were approximately 30 volunteer judges, with TOBY categories arranged so each group of judges reviewed approximately the same number of TOBY portfolios. To avoid any perceived conflicts of interest or bias, Judges excused themselves from categories with entrants from their local BOMA. Judging started at 9:00 AM after breakfast and lasted the rest of the day. The process is very intense, with all involved striving to thoroughly evaluate each entrant. After a long day of judging, I left the judging area feeling like I just took a final exam...drained. That evening, all judges were all treated to a wonderful dinner catered by Bonefish Grill. The location was a private residence on Atlantic Beach...the place was beautiful as was the weather.

Please congratulate our winners!

BOMA Birmingham presented six TOBY award entries in the following categories:

100,000 to 249,999 square feet
1800 International Park



250,000—499,000 Square Feet
Park Place Tower



Renovated Building
One Independence Drive



Historical Building
Land Title Building



Corporate Facility
1200 Urban Center Drive



Suburban Office Park Midrise
The Colonnade



Birmingham was very well represented and even though none of our properties advanced to the International competition; the following members and their support staff deserve recognition for the time and effort required for their submittals: **Karen Franklin-Grubb & Ellis Management Services, Inc., Julie Hooper-Commercial Real Estate Services, Kathy Huckabay-Colonial Properties Trust and Eddie Nobinger-Colonial Properties Trust.**