STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN AWARDS

Entry deadline April 17, 2015

Roberts P. Hudson Award
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Distinguished Public Service Award
Champion of Justice Award
John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award
Kimberly M. Cahill
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REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Entry deadline March 13, 2015

Michael Franck Award
Unsung Hero Award

Entry deadline May 11, 2015

Liberty Bell Award

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STATE BAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nomination deadlines are as follows:

**Friday, March 13, 2015 at 5 p.m.**
- Michael Franck Award
- Representative Assembly Award
- Unsung Hero Award
- Representative Assembly Award

**Friday, April 17, 2015 at 5 p.m.**
- Roberts P. Hudson Award
- Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award
- Champion of Justice Award
- John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award
- Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award
- John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award

**Monday, May 11, 2015 at 5 p.m.**
- Liberty Bell Award

Each nomination is valid for two years. Last year’s non-winner nominations except for the Liberty Bell award, will automatically carry over for consideration this year.

The State Bar Awards Committee reviews nominations for the Roberts P. Hudson, Champion of Justice, Frank J. Kelley, Kimberly M. Cahill, John W. Reed Lawyer Legacy, and Liberty Bell awards.

The statewide Liberty Bell Award winner is chosen from local bar nominees submitted to the State Bar. There is no form on the Bar’s website for this award.

The Awards Committee’s recommendations are voted on by the full Board of Commissioners. Awards Committee information can be found at http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/awardscommittee.cfm.

The State Bar Representative Assembly selects the recipients of the Michael Franck and the Unsung Hero awards. Representative Assembly award information is located at http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/awards.cfm.


Nominations may be submitted using one of the following methods:

- Online: www.michbar.org/programs/eventsawards.cfm
- Facsimile: (517) 482-6248
- Mail: SBM Awards
  State Bar of Michigan
  306 Townsend St.
  Lansing, MI 48933-2013
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN AWARDS CRITERIA

Roberts P. Hudson Award
This award is presented periodically to commend one or more lawyers for their unselfish rendering of outstanding and unique service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan, the legal profession, and the public. It signifies unusual and extraordinary help and assistance to the Bar and the legal profession, which has been given generously, ungrudgingly, and in a spirit of self-sacrifice. It is awarded to that member of the State Bar of Michigan who best exemplifies that which brings honor, esteem and respect to the legal profession. The Hudson Award is considered the highest award conferred by the State Bar.

Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award
This award recognizes extraordinary governmental service by a member of the State Bar of Michigan. Criteria for the award are: present or former membership in the State Bar of Michigan; service in public office (elected or appointed official) in a way that has strengthened the American system of justice under the law; demonstration of the highest standards of integrity, fairness, leadership, excellence, dedication to principle, and dedication to the ideals of democracy; and a significant lasting contribution to the nation, the state, or the community in which the public servant lives or serves.

Non-elected candidates are typically considered for recognition only after a long and substantial career. Elected candidates are not eligible for recognition in an election year in which their names will appear on the ballot.

Champion of Justice Award
Not more than five Champion of Justice Awards will be given to practicing lawyers and judges each year by the State Bar of Michigan. Criteria for the award are: State Bar of Michigan membership for at least 10 years; integrity and adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession; superior professional competence; and an extraordinary professional accomplishment that benefits the nation, the state or the local community in which the lawyer or judge lives.

John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award
The purpose of this award is to foster awareness of the need for involvement of the private bar in delivering legal services to low-income people. Each year, we recognize a Michigan lawyer who has made a significant pro bono contribution to this effort. The award is established in the name of John W. Cummiskey of Grand Rapids, a leading advocate and activist in the cause of making legal services available to all, without regard to economic status.

Any State Bar member in good standing is eligible to be nominated. Selection will be made by the Pro Bono Initiative Committee with final approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award
This award is presented to a recognized local or affinity bar association, program or leader for excellence in promoting the ideal of professionalism or equal justice for all, or in responding to a compelling legal need within the community during the past year or on an ongoing basis.

This award is established in memory of Kimberly M. Cahill, president of the State Bar of Michigan (2006-2007). Her volunteer leadership efforts in state and local bar organizations included chairperson of the Representative Assembly, president of the Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan and president of the Macomb County Bar Association. These roles displayed her commitment to the highest ideals of professionalism and community service, focusing on equal access to justice for all.
Please note that “bar leader” includes a non-lawyer. “Local or affinity” applies to the bar association, the program and the leader. A person or organization collaborating with a local or affinity bar association is eligible for this award.

John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award

The John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award is named after a professor who over the course of his decades-long career at the University of Michigan Law School earned a reputation as a preeminent scholar, teacher and gentleman. Professor Reed also served as dean of both the University of Colorado Law School and Wayne State Law School. This award in his name is presented periodically to an educator from a Michigan law school whose influence on lawyers has elevated the quality of legal practice in our state.

Liberty Bell Award

The Liberty Bell Award is given each year by local bar associations in conjunction with Law Day to honor outstanding citizens within the local community. The award recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen who has given of his or her time and energy to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law, in keeping with the spirit of our Constitution. Such service may include activities that promote a better understanding of our form of government, especially the Bill of Rights; encourage greater respect for the law in the courts; educate people in the contrast between totalitarianism and freedom under law; or stimulate the deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights.

The Awards Committee selects the statewide Liberty Bell Award winner from local bar nominees submitted to the State Bar by local bar associations. Forms may be obtained from your local bar association.

Michael Franck Award

The Michael Franck Award is given annually to an attorney who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the profession. The recipient must be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan. The recipient’s contribution may have been made during the past year or by virtue of cumulative effort or service. The State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly Nominating and Awards Committee will make the selection.

Unsung Hero Award

The Unsung Hero Award will be presented to a lawyer who has exhibited the highest standards of practice and commitment for the benefit of others. The recipient must be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan. The recipient’s contribution may have been made during the past year or by virtue of cumulative effort or service. The State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly Nominating and Awards Committee will make the selection.
The Roberts P. Hudson Award is presented periodically to commend one or more lawyers for their unselfish rendering of outstanding and unique service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan, the legal profession, and the public. It signifies unusual and extraordinary help and assistance to the Bar and the legal profession, which has been given generously, ungrudgingly, and in a spirit of self-sacrifice. It is awarded to a member of the State Bar of Michigan who best exemplifies that which brings honor, esteem, and respect to the legal profession. The Hudson Award is the highest award conferred by the State Bar.

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Name of nominee: Name of nominator:
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2. Explain how the nominee's service signifies unusual and extraordinary help and assistance to the Bar and the profession.

3. Relate any circumstances that show the nominee provided service generously, ungrudgingly, and in a spirit of self-sacrifice.

4. Please provide a complete resume that includes:
   - Dates of service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan
   - Other service to the legal profession
   - Service to the public
   - Any awards the nominee may have received

5. An optional list of news, magazine, radio and TV features about the nominee's accomplishments may be submitted (do not submit actual articles or DVDs).

6. Please provide a letter written by the nominator explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award. The letter should be signed by the nominator and any additional supporters. One dated and signed letter is required.

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Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award
http://www.michbar.org/programs/kelleyaward.cfm

Criteria

This award recognizes extraordinary governmental service by a member of the State Bar of Michigan. Criteria for the award are:
- A present or former member of the State Bar of Michigan;
- Past or current service in the public sector in a way that strengthens the American system of justice under the law;
- Demonstration of the highest standards of integrity, fairness, leadership, excellence, dedication to principle, and dedication to the ideals of democracy; and
- Has made a significant, lasting contribution to the nation, the state, or the community in which the public servant lives or serves.
- Non-elected candidates are typically considered for recognition only after a long and substantial career.
- Elected candidates are not eligible for recognition in an election year in which their names will appear on the ballot.

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2. Describe in detail the nominee’s past or current service in the public sector in a way that strengthens the American system of justice under the law. Include number of years in public service. Give specific examples.

3. Describe how the nominee demonstrates the highest standards of integrity, fairness, leadership, excellence, and dedication to principle, and to the ideals of democracy.

4. Explain how the nominee has made a significant lasting contribution to the nation, the state, or the community in which the nominee lives or serves.

5. Please provide a complete resume that includes:
- Dates of service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan
- Other service to the legal profession
- Service to the public
- Any awards the nominee has received

6. An optional list of news, magazine, radio, and TV features about the nominee’s accomplishments may be submitted (do not submit actual articles or DVDs).

7. Please provide a letter written by the nominator explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award. The letter should be signed by the nominator and any additional supporters. One dated and signed letter is required.

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Champion of Justice Award
http://www.michbar.org/programs/champjusticeaward.cfm

Criteria

Not more than five Champion of Justice Awards will be given to practicing lawyers and judges each year by the State Bar of Michigan. Criteria for the award are:
- State Bar of Michigan membership for at least 10 years;
- Integrity and adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession;
- Superior professional competence; and
- An extraordinary professional accomplishment that benefits the nation, the state, or the local community in which the lawyer or judge lives.

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2. Explain how the nominee is a person of integrity and adheres to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession. Give specific examples.

3. Describe how the nominee demonstrates superior professional competence.

4. Describe in detail an extraordinary professional accomplishment of the nominee that benefits the nation, the state, or the local community in which the lawyer or judge lives.

5. Explain how the nominee has made a significant lasting contribution to the nation, the state, or the community in which the nominee lives or serves.

6. Please provide a complete resume that includes:
   - Dates of service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan
   - Other service to the legal profession
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7. An optional list of news, magazine, radio and TV features about the nominee’s accomplishments may be submitted (do not submit actual articles or DVDs).

8. Please provide a letter written by the nominator explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award. The letter should be signed by the nominator and any additional supporters. One dated and signed letter is required.

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Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award
http://www.michbar.org/programs/cahillaward.cfm

Criteria

This award is presented to a recognized local or affinity bar association, program, or leader for excellence in promoting the ideal of professionalism or equal justice for all, or in responding to a compelling legal need within the community during the past year or on an ongoing basis. Please note that “bar leader” includes non-lawyers. “Local or affinity” applies to the bar association, the program, and the leader. A person or organization collaborating with a local or affinity bar association is eligible for this award.

1. Explain clearly how the nominated individual, organization, or program has promoted the ideal of professionalism within the legal community or equal access to justice for all.

2. Describe how the community has benefited as a result of this effort. Give one or more example(s) of how this individual, organization, or program has responded to a compelling need in the community impacting the professionalism of those within the system or access to equal justice for all.

3. Did the nominated individual, organization, or program collaborate with other groups to achieve the desired goals? If so, please identify each group.

4. How many years has the nominee been involved in the program nominated, and in what leadership role(s) has he or she served?

5. Are there any testimonials from those who have benefited from the nominee’s work? If so, please attach copies.

6. Please provide a complete resume that includes:
   - Dates of service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan
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   - Any awards the nominee has received

7. An optional list of news, magazine, radio, and TV features about the nominee’s accomplishments may be submitted (do not submit actual articles or DVDs).

8. Please provide a letter written by the nominator explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award. The letter should be signed by the nominator and any additional supporters. One dated and signed letter is required.

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2. Explain clearly how the nominated individual made pro bono contributions in Michigan, in terms of:
   - Cases handled
   - Time spent/expenses incurred on pro bono activities
   - Encouragement and support of pro bono activities
   - Committee or program involvement

3. Please provide a complete resume that includes:
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John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award
http://www.michbar.org/programs/reedaward.cfm

Criteria

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2. Describe what makes this nominee an outstanding educator.

3. Explain how the nominee has raised the quality of the legal profession in this state.

4. Please provide a complete resume that includes:
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Michael Franck Award
http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/awards.cfm

Criteria

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Unsung Hero Award
http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/awards.cfm

Criteria

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- The recipient must be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan.
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ROBERTS P. HUDSON AWARD
2006 Thomas G. Plunkett
2007 No award given
2008 Kimberly M. Cahill (postumously) and Kathleen McCree Lewis (postumously)
2009 No award given
2010 James C. Cotant
2011 James K. Robinson (postumously)
2012 Frederick M. Baker Jr.
2013 Kurt E. Schmelz
2014 Francine Cullari and Carl E. Ver Beek

FRANK J. KELLEY
DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
2006 Philip A. Balkema and Hon. Douglas W. Hillman
2007 Hon. Donald Shelton and Kym L. Worthy
2008 Thomas L. Casey and Bruce A. Timmons
2009 Dennis P. Grendkowicz and Lloyd E. Powell
2010 Hon. Donald A. Scheer and Edward M. Zelenak
2012 John M. Barr and Hon. Willie G. Lipscomb Jr.
2013 Hon. Donna T. Morris
2014 Corbin R. Davis

JOHN W. REED MICHIGAN LAWYER LEGACY AWARD
2011 Harold P. Norris
2012 Robert A. Sedler
2013 James J. White
2014 No Award Given

JOHN W. CUMMISKEY PRO BONO AWARD
2006 Michael S. Callahan
2007 Maia Justine Storm
2008 Richard H. Bernstein
2009 Joseph C. Basta
2010 Eric I. Frankie
2011 Elizabeth Joy Fossel
2012 Ann M. Ozog
2013 Robert G. Mossel
2014 Susan M. Kornfield

CHAMPION OF JUSTICE
2006 Jon T. Ferrier, Elliott S. Hall, Daniel P. Malone, Hon. Fred M. Mester and Gail Pamukov
2007 Sue Ellen Eisenberg, Hon. Amy Krause, Hon. Denise Langford Morris and Jeffrey G. Nutt
2008 David A. Hoort, Michael Lavoie, Mary DuFour Morrow, Joan Vestrands, Lorraine H. Weber
2009 Hon. Robert A. Benson, E. Christopher Johnson, Hon. Leonia J. Lloyd, and Paul D. Reingold
2010 Charles W. Borgsdorf, John J. Conway, Gerard Mantese, John R. Nussbaumer, James M. Olson and Hon. Wendy L. Potts

KIMBERLY M. CAHILL BAR LEADERSHIP AWARD
2009 Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit: Clifford Schrupp
2010 Ingham County Bar Association: David Lick
2011 A is for Attorney Program: Lisa Kirsch Satawa & James Samuels
2012 Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Mentor Match Program
2013 Modest Means Program, Elizabeth A. Kitchen-Troop
2014 Thomas G. McNeill

MICHAEL FRANCK AWARD
2006 Hon. William Leo Cahalan
2007 William P. Hampton and Allyn D. Kantor
2008 Thomas E. Brennan
2009 Daniel F. Bonner
2010 Sheldon J. Start and John F. Van Bolt
2011 Clark C. Johnson
2012 Hon. James H. Fisher
2013 Martin P. Krohner
2014 Julie I. Fershtman

UNSUNG HERO AWARD
2006 Jay D. Kaplan
2008 Susan Spagnuolo-Dal
2009 Brian M. Barkey, Kelly K. Burris
2010 Kevin J. Moody
2011 Karen Gullberg Cook, Mayra Lorenzana-Miles
2012 Judy B. Calton, Jeffrey S. Kopp
2013 James E. Brenner, Elizabeth A. Stafford
2014 Susan F. Reed

LIBERTY BELL
2006 Jeffrey Montgomery, Stonewall Bar Association and Kim Trent, D. Augustus Straker Bar Association
2007 Shirley Cochran, Genesee County Bar Association. Jessie Dawkins, Saginaw County Bar Association
2008 Mary Ann Farris, Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary
2009 Rachel Crandall and Jesse Gonzalez
2010 Edna Kinsey, Monroe County Bar Association
2011 Judy Ellis and Kate White
2012 David Dunckel, Ingham County Veteran’s Court
2013 Marge Palmlee, Degage Ministries
2014 Gary B. Lasceski and Matilyn Sarosi

Complete lists of award recipients are available on individual award pages on the SBM website.
A Time to Honor Our Best

Share the joy and celebrate with this year’s award winners.

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Brian L. Morrow
Michael L. Pitt

Liberty Bell Award
Dawn A. Van Hoek
Matlyn Sarosi
Gary B. Lasceski

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Kenneth M. Mogill
Dana M. Nessel
Robert A. Sedler
Carole M. Stanyar

2014 ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Representative Assembly Awards

Michael Franck Award
Michael Franck

Unsung Hero Award
Jule I. Fershtman

Michigan State Bar Foundation

Founders Award
Hon. Hilda R. Gage

Access to Justice Award
Michael C. Chielens

Respected Advocate Awards

Michigan Association for Justice Respected Advocate Award—John E. McSorley

Michigan Defense Trial Council Respected Advocate Award—Thomas R. Behm
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