

Awards Nominations 2009

son Award • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award •
Justice Award • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award • Kimberly M.
ership Award • Michael Franck Award • Unsung Hero Award • Liberty
oberts P. Hudson Award • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service
ion of Justice Award • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award • Kimberly
adership Award • Michael Franck Award • Unsung Hero Award •
ard • Roberts P. Hudson Award • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public
• Champion of Justice Award • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award
ahill Bar Leadership Award • Michael Franck Award • Unsung Hero
Bell Award • Roberts P. Hudson Award • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished
award • Champion of Justice Award • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono
erly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award • Michael Franck Award •
award • Liberty Bell Award • Roberts P. Hudson Award • Frank J.
shed Public Service Award • Champion of Justice Award • John W.
Bono Award • Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award • Michael
Unsung Hero Award • Liberty Bell Award • Roberts P. Hudson Award
y Distinguished Public Service Award • Champion of Justice Award •
iskey Pro Bono Award • Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award •
Award • Unsung Hero Award • Liberty Bell Award • Roberts P. Hudson
J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award • Champion of Justice
W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award • Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership
el Franck Award • Unsung Hero Award • Liberty Bell Award • Roberts
rd • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award • Champion
d • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award • Kimberly M. Cahill Bar
ard • Michael Franck Award • Unsung Hero Award • Liberty Bell
s P. Hudson Award • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award
Justice Award • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award • Kimberly
adership Award • Michael Franck Award • Unsung Hero Award •
ard • Roberts P. Hudson Award • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public
• Champion of Justice Award • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award
ahill Bar Leadership Award • Michael Franck Award • Unsung Hero
Bell Award • Roberts P. Hudson Award • Frank J. Kelley Distinguished
award • Champion of Justice Award • John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono
erly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award • Michael Franck Award •
award • Liberty Bell Award • Roberts P. Hudson Award • Frank J.

Roberts P. Hudson Award

*Frank J. Kelley
Distinguished Public
Service Award*

Champion of Justice Award

*John W. Cumiskey
Pro Bono Award*

New Award

*Kimberly M. Cahill Bar
Leadership Award*

Michael Franck Award

Unsung Hero Award

Liberty Bell Award



STATE BAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the major awards to be presented at the State Bar of Michigan 74th Annual Meeting, September 16-18, 2009, in Dearborn.

Any member of the State Bar may make nominations. The State Bar Awards Committee reviews nominations for the Roberts P. Hudson, Champion of Justice, Frank Kelley, Kimberly M. Cahill, and the Liberty Bell Awards. The committee's recommendations are then voted on by the full Board of Commissioners.

Each new nomination is good for two years. Last year's non-winner nominations will automatically carry over for consideration this year.

The State Bar Representative Assembly selects the recipients of the Michael Franck and Unsung Hero Awards. The Pro Bono Initiative Committee selects the John W. Cummiskey Award winner.

Nomination deadlines are as follows:

Friday, March 13, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Michael Franck Award

Unsung Hero Award

Friday, April 3, 2009 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

Monday, May 4, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Liberty Bell Award

Nominations must be submitted on SBM forms and should include sufficient details about the accomplishments of the nominee to allow the committees to make a judgment. Application forms may be downloaded from www.michbar.org. Click on Media Resources, then Events and Awards.

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN AWARDS

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:

- Current or former member of 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.

STATE BAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

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 serving as 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 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.

Liberty Bell Award

The Liberty Bell Award is given each year by local bar associations in conjunction with Law Day to honor 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 winners submitted to the State Bar by local bar associations. Forms may be obtained from your local bar association.

All information must be shown on this application form and on any additional sheets in the same format. Submit this form online, by facsimile, or mail to:

Ms. Naseem Stecker
 State Bar of Michigan
 306 Townsend St.
 Lansing, MI 48933
 Phone (517) 367-6428 or
 (800) 968-1442
 Fax (517) 482-6248
 nstecker@mail.michbar.org

This form may be downloaded from www.michbar.org. Click on Media Resources, then Events and Awards.

Criteria

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 considered the highest award conferred by the State Bar.

Applications must be received no later than Friday, April 3, 2009.

Name of nominee: _____ Name of nominator: _____
 Title: _____ Title: _____
 Firm or organization: _____ Firm or organization: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

A. Service to and on behalf of the State Bar

Dates	Service
E.g. 1996-00	Member, Law-related Education Committee, Chair 1998-00
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

B. Other service to the legal profession

E.g. 2002-03	Board member, Wayne County Bar Association, Chair 02-03
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C. Service to the public

E.g. 1990-98	Scoutmaster, Troop 000, Tall Pine Council, BSA
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

D. Explain how the nominee's service signifies unusual and extraordinary help and assistance to the Bar and the legal profession. _____

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

F. News/magazine articles/radio/TV programs about the nominee's accomplishments (*do not submit articles/tapes*)

Date/Page	Media
E.g. 12/12/01, p. 12	Lansing State Journal, "Lawyer Begins TLC Program in Schools"

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

G. Awards nominee has received

Date	Award
E.g. 2002	Marquette Chamber of Commerce Athena Award

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

H. Supporters of nomination (*attach signed letters; identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter*)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I. Date: _____ Signature of nominator _____

Deadline Friday, April 3, 2009. All applications must be **received** no later than this date.

All information must be shown on this application form and on any additional sheets in the same format. Submit this form online, by facsimile, or mail to:

Ms. Naseem Stecker
State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsend St.
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone (517) 367-6428 or
(800) 968-1442
Fax (517) 482-6248
nstecker@mail.michbar.org

Applications must be received no later than Friday, April 3, 2009.

This form may be downloaded from www.michbar.org. Click on Media Resources, then Events and Awards.

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.

Name of nominee: _____ Name of nominator: _____
 Title: _____ Title: _____
 Firm or organization: _____ Firm or organization: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

A. Dates of SBM membership: _____

B. Describe in detail past or current service in the public sector in a way that strengthens the American system of justice under the law. Give specific examples. _____

C. Number of years in public service: _____

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

All information must be shown on this application form and on any additional sheets in the same format. Submit this form online, by facsimile, or mail to:

Ms. Naseem Stecker
State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsend St.
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone (517) 367-6428 or
(800) 968-1442
Fax (517) 482-6248
nstecker@mail.michbar.org

This form may be downloaded from www.michbar.org. Click on Media Resources, then Events and Awards.

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.

Applications must be received no later than Friday, April 3, 2009.

Name of nominee: _____ Name of nominator: _____
 Title: _____ Title: _____
 Firm or organization: _____ Firm or organization: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

A. Dates of SBM membership: _____

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

C. Describe how the nominee demonstrates superior professional competence. _____

D. 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. _____

E. News/magazine articles/radio/TV programs about the nominee's accomplishments (*do not submit articles/tapes*)

Date/Page	Media
E.g. 12/12/01, p. 12	Lansing State Journal, "Lawyer Begins TLC Program in Schools"
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

F. Awards nominee has received

Date	Award
E.g. 2002	Marquette Chamber of Commerce Athena Award
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

G. Supporters of nomination (*attach signed letters, identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter*)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

E. Additional remarks _____

H. Date: _____ Signature of nominator _____

Deadline Friday, April 3, 2009. All applications must be **received** no later than this date.

C. 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.

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

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

F. News/magazine articles/radio/TV/ Internet announcements about the nominated individual, organization or program's accomplishments (*do not submit articles/tapes*)

Date/Page	Media
E.g. 12/12/01, p. 12	Lansing State Journal, "Lawyer Begins TLC Program in Schools"
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>

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

H. Supporters of nomination (*attach signed letters; identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter*).

<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>

I. Date: _____ Signature of nominator _____

Deadline Friday, April 3, 2009. All applications must be **received** no later than this date.

All information must be shown on this application form and on any additional sheets in the same format. This form may be downloaded from www.michbar.org. Click on Media Resources, then Events and Awards.

Submit this form online, by facsimile, or mail to:

Gregory Conyers
John W. Cummiskey
Pro Bono Award
State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48933-2012
(517) 346-6358
Fax: (517) 316-7258
gconyers@mail.michbar.org

Criteria

This award fosters 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.

Applications must be received no later than Friday, April 3, 2009.

Name of nominee: _____	Name of nominator: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Firm or organization: _____	Firm or organization: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____	Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____	E-mail: _____

This nomination is based on the following pro bono contribution made in Michigan by the lawyer I am nominating (complete one or more sections):

A. Cases handled: _____

B. Time spent/expenses incurred on Pro Bono Activities: _____

C. Encouragement and support of Pro Bono Activities: _____

D. Committee or program involvement: _____

E. Other contributions: _____

F. Comments: _____

G. Supporters of nomination *(attach signed letters; identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter)*

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

H. Date: _____ Signature of nominator _____

Deadline Friday, April 3, 2009. All applications must be **received** no later than this date.

B. News/magazine articles/radio/TV programs about the nominee's accomplishments *(do not submit articles/tapes)*

Date/Page Media

E.g. 12/12/01, p. 12 Lansing State Journal, "Lawyer Begins TLC Program in Schools"

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C. Awards nominee has received

Date Award

E.g. 2002 Marquette Chamber of Commerce Athena Award

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

D. Supporters of nomination *(attach signed letters; identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter)*

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

E. Additional remarks _____

E. Date: _____ Signature of nominator _____

Deadline Friday, March 13, 2009. All applications must be **received** no later than this date.

B. News/magazine articles/radio/TV programs about the nominee's accomplishments *(do not submit articles/tapes)*

Date/Page	Media
E.g. 12/12/01, p. 12	Lansing State Journal, "Lawyer Begins TLC Program in Schools"
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C. Awards nominee has received

Date	Award
E.g. 2002	Marquette Chamber of Commerce Athena Award
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

D. Supporters of nomination *(attach signed letters, identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter)*

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

E. Additional remarks _____

F. Date: _____ Signature of nominator _____

Deadline Friday, March 13, 2009. All applications must be **received** no later than this date.

Award Recipients*

SBM

State Bar of Michigan

michael franck building
306 townsend street
Lansing, MI 48933-2012

www.michbar.org

Roberts P. Hudson Award

- 2004 No award given
- 2005 Stephen C. Bransdorfer
Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens
- 2006 Thomas G. Plunkett
- 2007 No award
- 2008 Kimberly M. Cahill
(posthumously)
Kathleen McCree Lewis
(posthumously)

Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award

- 2004 No award given
- 2005 John D. Dingell
- 2006 Philip A. Balkema
Hon. Douglas W. Hillman
- 2007 Hon. Donald Shelton
Kym L. Worthy
- 2008 Thomas L. Casey
Bruce A. Timmons

Champion of Justice

- 2004 Hon. Terrance K. Boyle
Sandra L. Bailiff Girard
Richard C. Kupferschmidt
Michael V. Morgan
Richard S. Victor
- 2005 Janet E. Findlater
Jean Ledwith King
Hon. William G. Schma
Hon. Craig S. Strong
Eugene G. Wanger
- 2006 Jon T. Ferrier
Elliott S. Hall
Daniel P. Malone
Hon. Fred M. Mester
Gail M. Pamukov
- 2007 Sue Ellen Eisenberg
Hon. Amy Krause
Hon. Denise Langford Morris
Jeffrey G. Nutt
- 2008 David A. Hoort
Michael Lavoie
Mary DuFour Morrow
Joan Vestrland
Lorraine H. Weber

John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award

- 2004 Joseph W. Cunningham
- 2005 Nelson Miller
- 2006 Michael S. Callahan
- 2007 Maia Justine Storm
- 2008 Richard H. Bernstein

Liberty Bell

- 2004 Joaquin and Cari Guerrero
Saginaw Co. Bar Assoc.
- 2005 Carolyn Bolthouse
Pierre Sirois
Deb Snow
Tricia Hilgendorf
Catherine Logsdon
Susan Laninga
Kent ISD
- 2006 Jeffrey Montgomery
Stonewall Bar Assoc.
Kim Trent
D. Augustus Straker Bar
Assoc.
- 2007 Shirley Cochran,
Genesee County Bar
Association
Jessie Dawkins, Saginaw
County Bar Association
Mary Ann Farris,
Michigan
Lawyers Auxiliary
- 2008 Rachel Crandall, Stonewall
Bar Association
Jessie Gonzalez, Saginaw
County Bar Association

Michael Franck Award

- 2004 E. Christopher Johnson, Jr.
Dean Allen Robb
- 2005 Linda K. Rexer
- 2006 Hon. William Leo Cahalan
- 2007 William P. Hampton
Allyn D. Kantor
- 2008 Thomas E. Brennan, Sr.

Unsung Hero Award

- 2004 Henry Lukowiak
- 2005 Leslie C. Curry
- 2006 Jay D. Kaplan
- 2007 Norris J. Thomas, Jr.
- 2008 Susan Spagnuolo-Dal

*A complete list of recipients can be found on the State Bar of Michigan website: <http://www.michbar.org>

