

Awards Committee

Fiscal Year 2021

Jurisdiction: Support the nomination process for and recommend recipients of awards made in the name of the State Bar of Michigan, by:

- Assisting in the management of the timetable for soliciting, reviewing, and recommending award nominations
- Providing input on effective solicitation of awards to ensure a high-quality pool of diverse nominees
- Providing recommendations on the establishment of new awards or discontinuation of existing awards
- Offering guidance on how best to honor awardees and creating an inspiring and accessible online archive of award recipients

Time Frame	Strategic Plan Goal/Strategy	Description of Activity
FY 2020-2021	1.1, 2.4, 3.2, 4.4	Committee members review nominations submitted by other attorneys, as well as local and special purpose bar associations, and decide which nominees to recommend as award recipients. When doing so, they are always very aware of the importance of diversity and inclusion among award winners, and whenever possible they strive to grant awards to diverse nominees.
	1.1, 2.4	Committee members seek high quality nominations for SBM awards from other members and bar associations. For the coming year's awards cycle, which started October 1, 2019, and ends at the Inaugural & Awards Luncheon at the Annual Meeting in September 2020, where the awards will be handed out, there are 18 nominations to consider. Of these nominations, the committee recommended award recipients to the Board.
	1.2, 2.5	Liberty Bell nominations have not yet been received. Local and special purpose bar associations send their local Liberty Bell Award winners on to the State Bar for consideration. Most of these bar associations present their Liberty Bell Awards on Law Day, on or around May 1 each year. The deadline for them to nominate winners is May 8, 2020. Goal 2: Strategy 5: Expanding collaboration with professional organizations and communities outside of the legal community.
	1.2, 2.4	2020 Award Winners. Roberts P. Hudson Award: Barry L. Howard; Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award: Ronald J. Frantz and Anita L. Hitchcock; Champion of Justice Award: Thomas P. Boyd, Hon. Susan L. Dobrich and James H. Fisher; Kimberly M. Cahill Award: ATJ Mid-Northern

		Michigan Expungement Project; John Reed Award: Prof. Paul D. Reingold; Liberty Bell Award: Timothy Skubick, nominated by the Ingham County Bar Association
FY 2021-2022 Priorities		
Proposed Future Priorities		

Recommended Committee Changes: The committee members work very hard every year to seek out nominations and ensure that they are submitted by the nomination deadlines. An important goal of this committee is to also make sure that the quality of the award recipients is always outstanding and that the winners represent diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The committee will continue to work to achieve these goals into the future.

Additional Comments: None.