



COMMITTEE FOR BAR LEADERS
OF NEW YORK STATE

2020 Bar Leaders Innovation Awards Nomination Form



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The New York State Bar Association's Committee for Bar Leaders of New York State is pleased to open nominations for the 2020 Bar Leaders Innovation Awards for local, diverse, special purpose and specialty bar associations in New York State, as well as for the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

These awards recognize how bar associations adapt to the needs of their members and the community at large by introducing new programs, ideas and methodologies that benefit everyone involved. Every bar association is encouraged to participate. Every new idea put into effect, no matter how small it may seem, is welcome for consideration.

The awards program also provides information to bar leaders concerning new activities and projects that promote the public good, public understanding of the law or the professional responsibilities of attorneys.

"The 2020 awards will be presented to the winners at their respective bar associations either virtually or in person, with arrangements to be made following announcements of the winners.

Eligibility

Projects and programs designed and significantly implemented between **October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020** are eligible for consideration.

Projects that were in place prior to October 1, 2019 are also welcome for consideration if innovations were made to the existing project that enhanced its scope and impact.

Nominated programs should:

- Involve or affect most of the members of the sponsoring association (or)
- Make a significant contribution to the bar and the public.

Special Note About COVID-19

We understand that this year has been extremely challenging for all bar associations during the COVID-19 pandemic and that this has curtailed most, if not all, in-person events and programs for much of 2020. The Committee for Bar Leaders still encourages you to submit your bar association's nomination where, for example, in response to the pandemic, your bar association has adapted, modified or created programming and events—no matter how big or small—for the benefit of members and/or the public. The Committee welcomes the opportunity to consider and highlight your bar association's creativity and adaptability in meeting the unprecedented challenges caused by the pandemic.

Examples

- Innovative Law Day Programs
- Pro Bono Projects
- Public Service Programs (i.e., Community Interaction)
- Youth and Adult Law-related Education Projects
- New Member Services
- Published reports and hosted programs supporting court reform and / or law reform

Nomination Category

The Emerging Bar

This category recognizes the work of younger bar associations. These “emerging bars” often launch bold programs to establish a presence in the communities they serve.

Eligibility requirements are the same as detailed above, with submissions in this category accepted only from bar associations that officially formed within the past 10 years (i.e., since 2009).

Criteria for Evaluation

The criteria for evaluation of the nominations are:

- Effect of the project on the bar and/or the public
- Ingenuity and creativity in planning the project
- Overall quality of the project

Nomination Requirements

- Complete the nomination form
- Designate one appropriate category:
 - Smaller Bar associations – fewer than 500 members
 - Medium Bar associations – 500 – 1,999 members
 - Larger Bar associations – 2,000 members or more
 - Emerging Bar – Incorporated less than 10 years (since 2009)
- Attach any additional supporting materials and submit online as directed
- Only one entry per association

Questions?

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Nominations may be sent as a PDF via e-mail to
Paolino Curto (pcurto@nysba.org)

Nominations Must be Received No Later than March 31, 2021

Please indicate association category:

- Smaller Bar Associations (*fewer than 500 members*)
- Medium Bar Associations (*500 – 1,999 members*)
- Larger Bar Associations (*2,000 members or more*)
- Emerging Bar Associations (*Officially Incorporated 10 years or less – since 2009*)

Number of members at your emerging bar _____

Association Nominated _____

President _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Submitted by _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Project Summary

(This should include primary audience, e.g. members, senior citizens, community at-large – and type of project, e.g. public service, pro bono, Law Day, law-related education.)

Please attach narrative describing project in detail.