



The 7th Annual  
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
Vanguard Award

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

# Trial Lawyers Section

The Trial Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association is celebrating National Diversity Day, taking this opportunity to recognize and commend a Trial Attorney for their exceptional dedication to addressing and promoting awareness of issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Inspirational figures like Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg serve as guiding lights in the pursuit of equality. A passionate advocate for justice, she has become a cultural icon, particularly in the realms of women's and minority rights. Throughout her tenure in the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg tirelessly advocated for diversity and equity, extending her efforts to benefit women, the BIPOC community, individuals with disabilities, and the LGBTQ+ community.

Justice Ginsburg's approach was marked by bold risk-taking and unwavering conviction. Her most impactful cases resonated with diverse groups, spanning from combating voter discrimination to championing women's rights, ensuring the free exercise of religion, and upholding the separation of church and state. At the core of her work was a profound acknowledgment and elevation of the voices of historically marginalized communities.

Harnessing her position of power and influence, Justice Ginsburg pioneered equitable policies, swinging open the doors of opportunity for millions of Americans, irrespective of their gender, ethnicity, beliefs, self-identities, or sexual preferences. Today, as we celebrate National Diversity Day, we draw inspiration from her legacy and honor those who continue to advance the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion within the legal profession.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a fervent advocate for equality who became a culture icon in the fight for women's and minority rights. During her time in the Supreme Court, she championed diversity and equity for women, the BIPOC community, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ+ community. Her approach was to take bold risks and use her voice with conviction. Her most memorable cases were those that impacted diverse groups. She fought against voter discrimination, while fighting for women's rights, the free exercise of religion and the separation of church and state. The core of her work was recognizing and uplifting the diverse voices of previously marginalized communities. Justice Ginsburg used her position of power and influence to pioneer equitable policy and open the door of opportunity for millions of Americans regardless of their gender, ethnicity, beliefs, self-identities or sexual preferences.

## **Congratulations to our prior recipients:**

2020: Tricia Prettypaul Esq., Staff Attorney, Travelers Companies

2021: Katrine Aliha Beck, Esq., Founding Partner at Fullerton Beck LLP,

2023: David M. Tang Esq., Partner at Underberg & Kessler LLP

2024: Jacqueline Hattar Esq., Partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP

2025: Marea L. Wachsman, Esq., Founding Member and Partner at Schreier & Wachsman, LLP

## **Award Qualifications**

### 1. Legal Practice Excellence:

- The nominee boasts a significant and impactful career as a trial lawyer, demonstrating substantial practice in state (or federal) courts within New York State.

### 2. Dedication to Diversity and Inclusion:

- The nominee showcases a steadfast commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion within the legal profession, actively contributing to creating a more equitable and representative legal community.

### 3. Allyship and Advocacy Impact:

- The nominee has left a lasting impact on the legal community by embodying the principles of allyship and advocacy. Through mentoring and providing valuable opportunities, they have proven to be a catalyst for positive change, empowering others within the legal sphere.

## **Nomination Deadline: Monday, August 17, 2026**

**Date Presented:** Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Questions can be directed to directed to Angélicque Moreno, Program Co-Chair (amoreno@jkavanzino.com).

Please submit completed form to: Gina Bartosiewicz at [gbartosiewicz@nysba.org](mailto:gbartosiewicz@nysba.org)

# NOMINATION FORM

## Candidate Information:

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable ) \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator Information

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporting documentation is encouraged, such as news videos or articles, memos, letters of support, etc.

Please email completed nomination form and supporting documentation by August 17, 2026 to the Trial Lawyers Section Liaison, Gina Bartosiewicz at [gbartosiewicz@nysba.org](mailto:gbartosiewicz@nysba.org).

