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Each year, the Young Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association honors a young lawyer who has rendered outstanding service to both the community and the legal profession. The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recognizes an attorney who has actively practiced less than ten years and has a distinguished record of commitment to the finest traditions of the Bar through public service and professional activities. These activities may include, but are not limited to, pro bono service, service to bar associations and community organizations, and participation in those activities that enhance the profession and benefit the public.

The award will be presented at the Constance Baker Motley Symposium during the New York State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in January 202**6**.

Eligibility and Award Criteria

- Nominees must be admitted to practice in New York State and have practiced less than ten years at the time of nomination. Membership in the NYSBA is not required.
- Nominees must be involved primarily in the active practice of law as distinguished from an attorney who has been primarily engaged in business, or as a legislator, or other holder of public office or position, where admission to the Bar is not required.
- Service in a public service position such as district attorney, assistant district attorney, attorney general, assistant attorney general, judgeships, or judicial clerkships will be included for determining years of practice, but will not be considered community or professional service.
- Members of the New York State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee and past chairpersons of the Section are not eligible for nomination.
- All submissions require a completed nomination form (See next page for form).
- Letters of support, a resume, or other material highlighting the accomplishments and personal attributes of the nominee are strongly encouraged and most successful nominees provide such supplemental information in support of their application.
- Deadline for nominations: Postmarked or emailed by November 15, 202**5**.

Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Date of First Admission to Any Bar: _____

Bar Association Memberships: _____

Outstanding Contributions to the Legal Community: _____

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Outstanding Civic and Community Activities:_____

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Special Accomplishments: _____

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Submitted By: _____

Date: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

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