



Committee on Diversity,
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2026 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Beacon Award **NOMINATION FORM**

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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Presented by the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The New York State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion seeks nominations for the 2026 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Beacon Award. The Committee wishes to recognize the exceptional efforts of a member of the legal community who demonstrates qualities that exemplify Justice Ginsburg. This nominee is an outspoken advocate for those less privileged. This nominee is a pioneer—lighting a path for others to follow. This nominee is honest, direct and speaks truth to power; courageous in the face of opposition. This nominee is bold, innovative and analytical.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday, October 31, 2025. Please email a PDF of your completed nomination form and attachments to eguerrero@nysba.org.

Criteria for the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Beacon Award

The Committee will consider the nominee's efforts in one or more of the following ways:

- Their impact on the legal profession; and
- Using their platform to give voice to and create a welcoming environment for the underrepresented, regardless of gender, race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, and disability.

Terms and Conditions

Members of the legal community with significant contact with or impact on New York State, whether practicing attorneys or not. Practicing attorneys must be in good standing; attorneys who no longer practice must have been in good standing at the time they stopped practicing. Nominees may be contacted for additional information or interviews.

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice, was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 15, 1933. She married Martin D. Ginsburg in 1954, and has a daughter, Jane, and a son, James. She received her B.A. from Cornell University, attended Harvard Law School, and received her LL.B. from Columbia Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edmund L. Palmieri, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, from 1959–1961. From 1961–1963, she was a research associate and then associate director of the Columbia Law School Project on International Procedure. She was a Professor of Law at Rutgers University School of Law from 1963–1972, and Columbia Law School from 1972–1980, and a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, California from 1977–1978. In 1971, she co-founded the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, and served as the ACLU’s General Counsel from 1973–1980, and on the National Board of Directors from 1974–1980. She served on the Board and Executive Committee of the American Bar Foundation from 1979–1989, on the Board of Editors of the American Bar Association Journal from 1972–1978, and on the Council of the American Law Institute from 1978–1993. She was appointed a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980. President Clinton nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and she took her seat August 10, 1993. Justice Ginsburg died on September 18, 2020.



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Beacon Award Past Recipients

2025 - A.J. Bosman, Esq., Bosman Law Firm LLC

2024- Tina M. Foster, Esq., JustCause

2023 - Ronelle C. Porter, Esq., Loeb & Loeb LLP

2022 - Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett, Virgin Islands of the United States

2021 – Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers, New York State Appellate Division, Second Department



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Nomination Form

Candidate: _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Nominator: _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Has the candidate won any award recognizing his or her diversity efforts from any other organization?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please detail below:

Please attach/provide:

1. A supporting statement of no longer 750 words, describing how and why the nominee deserves the Beacon Award. Include information that relates to the above criteria and other details, such as quantitative and qualitative impact of the nominee's championing efforts.
2. Letters of support from up to three individuals who would be willing to be interviewed to enable the Committee to learn more about the nominee.
3. Valid URL addresses and/or PDF materials of relevant press related to the nominee's diversity efforts (if applicable).

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