



# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## 2026 Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Awards

### **John E. Leach Memorial Award**

This prestigious award honors the legacy of John E. Leach, a distinguished leader whose remarkable contributions to the legal profession and unwavering dedication to the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law (TICL) Section left an indelible mark. Established in his memory, the award celebrates those who exemplify the same commitment to excellence and service that defined John's career.

The recipient of this award is recognized for outstanding service and significant contributions to the legal profession, particularly through their work within the TICL Section. This award is reserved for a TICL member who has gone above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication to advancing the field.

### **Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer Award**

This award honors the legacy of Sheldon Hurwitz, a trailblazer in the field of insurance law whose influence and dedication paved the way for future generations of legal professionals. Named in his memory, the award recognizes young attorneys who have made outstanding contributions to the practice of insurance law.

In addition to excellence in the field, this award also acknowledges dedication and contributions to the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law (TICL) Section as a young legal professional. The recipient exemplifies exceptional skill, leadership, and a forward-thinking approach, reflecting the high standards that Sheldon Hurwitz upheld throughout his career. This award celebrates rising stars who are shaping the future of insurance law.

### **Mary M. Russo-John Sciortino Award**

The Mary M. Russo-John Sciortino Award honors an exceptional attorney whose outstanding contributions have significantly advanced the field of Workers' Compensation law. This prestigious award recognizes those who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, innovation, and impact in their practice, contributing to the betterment of the legal profession and the lives of those they serve.

Named in tribute to the pioneering spirit and enduring legacy of Mary M. Russo- John Sciortino, this award celebrates her commitment to excellence and her significant influence on Workers' Compensation law. It is open to all attorneys, regardless of affiliation with the TICL Section, who have made a notable impact through their work.

### **Professor David D. Siegel Award**

The Professor David D. Siegel Award is presented to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the study and understanding of New York Law. This prestigious award honors those whose scholarly work, research, or advocacy has significantly advanced the field and enriched the legal community's knowledge and practice.

Named in recognition of Professor David D. Siegel's influential work and dedication to the study of New York Law, this award celebrates his legacy and impact. Open to all members, regardless of affiliation with the TICL Section, the award acknowledges outstanding achievements that reflect a deep commitment to legal scholarship and the advancement of New York's legal principles.

**Prizes Awarded:** In addition to being honored with recognition awards, recipients will receive complimentary registration for the 2026 Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Annual Meeting program, including access to the Annual Meeting Awards and Networking Reception on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

**Date Presented:** The awards will be presented during the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law and Trial Lawyers Section Joint Awards and Networking Reception on January 15, 2026.



# Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law Section

## Nomination Form

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Function \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Function \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** Brief summary of why you selected this person. Feel free to attach supporting documents.

**Nomination Deadline: December 2nd, 2025**

Please submit the completed nomination form by email to **Gina Bartosiewicz** ([GBartosiewicz@nysba.org](mailto:GBartosiewicz@nysba.org)) and **Richard Kokel** ([rwk1998@aol.com](mailto:rwk1998@aol.com)).