Real Property Law Section

Professionalism Award 2027

NOMINATION FORM

Each year, the Real Property Law Section has honored an outstanding individual real estate practitioner with its Professionalism Award. The Section's Award Committee is seeking nominations for the 2026 award, to be presented at the Section's Annual Conference program in January 2027.

Some of the criteria which are used to identify an individual are as follows:

1. The nominee possesses in her/his practice a continuing civility and appreciation for others.
2. The individual possess an outstanding level of competence – legal ability – and achievement.
3. The nominee has in her/his practice made a strong contribution to the development of the practice of law; the improvement of the practice of law, particularly in the field of education; frequent lectures in CLE programs, writings and publications.
4. The nominee over the years has engaged in mentoring of younger attorneys.
5. The nominee has involved herself/himself in Bar activities, both on the local level and the State level, holding positions as an officer or chairing committees, etc.
6. The nominee has been a voice on legal issues.
7. The nominee has throughout his/her career maintained the highest ethical standards.

Send a letter of recommendation to the address listed on the reverse page. Multiple nominations for the same individual are welcome, as are endorsements by local county bar associations.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2000 – Eugene Morris
2001 – James M. Pedowitz
2003 – Bernard Rifkin
2004 – John E. Blyth
2005 – Harold A. Lubell
2006 – John Hall
2007 – Prof. Robert Zinman
2008 – Melvyn Mitzner
2009 – Lorraine Power Tharp (posthumous)
2010 – William Colavito
2011 – Joshua Stein
2012 – Karl Holtzschue
2013 – no award presented
2014 – Michael J. Berey
2015 – Peter V. Coffey
2016 – Andrew L. Herz
2017 – Anne Reynolds Copps
2018 – Richard S. Fries
2019 – Francis X. Carroll
2020 – Carol A. Sigmond
2021 – Leon T. Sawyko
2022 – Dennis H. Greenstein
2023 – Nancy A. Connery
2024 – Marvin N. Bagwell, Esq.
2025 – Ariel Weinstock (posthumous)
2026 – Mindy H. Stern

Deadline:
Monday, November 16, 2026

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Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Nominator: _____

Firm/Affiliation: _____

Business Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Relationship to the Nominee: _____

Narrative detailing how the nominee has significantly and specifically demonstrated attributes of professionalism, as described on reverse side of this form:

Please include: letters from clients, clients' families, judges or lawyers (including adversaries) to support the nomination.

This form and all supporting items must be postmarked or emailed no later than **Monday, November 16, 2026** to:
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