2016 Haywood Burns Memorial Award
New York State Bar Association
Committee on Civil Rights

Purpose of the Award

The Haywood Burns Memorial Award is presented each year by the Committee on Civil Rights during the Annual Meeting of the New York State Bar Association in January. Nominees must be an individual, not necessarily a lawyer, who has contributed to New York State in a manner that reflects Dean Burns' commitment to the struggle for justice and the qualities that made him an outstanding advocate for civil rights and the empowerment of the powerless.

The award is given to honor the late civil rights lawyer and academic, Dean W. Haywood Burns. From the age of 15 until his untimely death at age 55 while visiting South Africa, the former head of the City University of New York School of Law sought to expand the civil rights of all people. He was a builder of bridges rather than walls, actively involved in trying to extend connections to diverse groups within the community as a whole.

Nominations are welcome from organizations and individuals. In keeping with Dean Burns' own characteristic of modesty, self-nominations are not accepted.



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NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator: _____

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Nominator, please include supporting material(s) to describe what the nominee has done to further the struggle for justice, assist the powerless in gaining power, and / or advance the civil rights of all people.

Suggested materials include your nomination letter, news clippings or press releases that detail your candidate's achievements in civil rights work; a printed program of an event the candidate organized, participated in or spoke at (with details provided in your letter); and commendations from other organizations or individuals about the candidate's effort on behalf of others.

Submit the completed nomination form and supporting material(s) electronically (a single PDF file is preferred) to:

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Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2015