NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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2012 Bar Leaders Innovation Awards for Bar Associations

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The New York State Conference of Bar Leaders is pleased to present the 2012 Bar Leaders Innovation Awards for city, county, ethnic, minority, special purpose, specialty and women's bar associations in New York State.

These awards, formerly known as the Awards of Merit, have been renamed to recognize how bar associations adapt to the needs of their members and the community at large by introducing new programs, ideas and methodologies that benefit everyone involved. Every bar association is encouraged to participate. Every new idea put into effect, no matter how small it may seem, is welcome for consideration.

The awards program also provides information to bar leaders concerning new activities and projects that promote the public good, public understanding of the law or the professional responsibilities of attorneys.

The 2012 awards will be presented at the Annual Breakfast for Bar Leaders held at the Hilton New York on Friday, January 25, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.

Eligibility

Projects and programs designed and significantly implemented between **October 1, 2011 and September 31, 2012** are eligible for consideration. **Projects that were in place prior to October 1, 2011 are also welcome for consideration if innovations were made to the existing project that enhanced its scope and impact.** Nominated programs should:

- Involve or affect most of the members of the sponsoring association (or)
- Make a significant contribution to the bar and the public.

Examples

- Innovative Law Day Programs
- Pro Bono Projects
- Public Service Programs
- Youth and Adult Law-related Education Projects
- New Member Services

Criteria for Evaluation

The criteria for evaluation of the nominations are:

- Effect of the project on the bar and/or the public
- Ingenuity and creativity in planning the project
- Overall quality of the project.

Nomination Requirements

- Completed nomination form
- Designate appropriate category:
  - Larger Bar associations – 2,000 members or more
  - Medium Bar associations – 500 – 1,999 members
  - Smaller Bar associations – fewer than 500 members)
- Only one entry per association.

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Nomination Form

Nominations may be sent:

- **As a PDF via e-mail** *(lschupp@nysba.org)*

or

- **FAXED** to **518.487.5699**
  Attn: Linda Schupp

Nominations Must Be Received No Later Than November 16, 2012

Please indicate association category:

☐ Smaller Associations *(fewer than 500 members)*

☐ Medium Associations *(500 – 1,999 members)*

☐ Larger Associations *(2,000 members or more)*

Association Nominated _____

President _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Submitted by _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Project Summary
(*This should include primary audience, e.g. members, senior citizens, community at-large – and type of project, e.g. public service, pro bono, Law Day, law-related education.)*

Please attach narrative describing project in detail.

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