

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION



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Kay Crawford Murray Memorial Award

**Call for Nominations
2019**



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The New York State Bar Association is pleased to announce that nominations are being accepted for the 2019 Kay Crawford Murray Memorial Award. In 2008, the Committee on Women in the Law created the Kay Crawford Murray Memorial Award in honor of the professional and personal commitment Ms. Murray has made to supporting and advancing the legal careers of women, particularly African American women attorneys. The award honors a member of the bar who recognizes the value of diversity in the legal profession and who has dedicated her or his time to advancing the professional development of women attorneys.

Kay Crawford Murray received the New York State Bar Association's inaugural Kay Crawford Murray Award during the NYSBA's annual meeting in 2008. The award, which is presented by the NYSBA Women in Law Section, celebrates an individual who, in the spirit of Ms. Murray, recognizes the value of diversity in the legal profession and has committed to advancing the professional development of women attorneys. During the time Ms. Murray chaired the committee, she raised awareness of women's issues, spearheading a report that urged the Association to propose a model policy for childbirth and parenting as a guideline for law firms.

"Kay Murray is a stalwart advocate for inclusion and is a dedicated mentor to women attorneys. Her tireless efforts to promote diversity inspire us all," said Susan L. Harper, chair of the NYSBA's Women in Law Section. Through the Kay Crawford Murray Memorial award, we strive to recognize attorneys who are meaningfully advancing diversity and enhancing women's development in the legal profession."

When submitting nominations for this award and in the spirit of the diversity efforts of Kay Crawford Murray, everyone is encouraged to keep in mind the 2003 diversity policy of the Association: "Diversity is an inclusive concept, encompassing gender, race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age and disability."

Recent recipients include: Hon. Lisa Margaret Smith in 2018, Catherine A. Christian in 2017, Dolores Gebhardt in 2016, Karen E. Simmons in 2015, Connie O. Walker in 2014, Hon. Sondra Miller in 2013, and Hon. Jenny Rivera in 2010.

The Kay Crawford Murray Memorial Award will be presented at the Committee on Women in the Law Luncheon on January 15, 2019 in New York City. **It is mandatory that the award recipient be present at the luncheon to receive the award in person.**

To allow for adequate time for review, nominations must be received by **October 19, 2018 by 2pm**. Please direct this information to the Women in Law Section, New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207. Applications may also be emailed to tbardwell@nysba.org. Additional forms may be obtained by email or by calling 518-487-5675.

If you would like your nominee to also be considered for the Section's Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award, you must submit a separate nomination form for that award. Nomination forms are available on the Section's website.

The award was developed and is administered by the Women in Law Section. Future recipients will possess the following characteristics:

- (1) a distinguished legal career or a rising star in the profession;
- (2) an active member of one or more bar associations for the purpose of advancing the professional and personal development of women attorneys;
- (3) an active mentor to women attorneys; and
- (4) a substantial contributor to increasing the value of diversity in the legal profession.

NOMINATION FORM

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A resume or similar biographical material for the nominee should accompany this form. This nomination must be submitted by ***October 19, 2018 by 2pm.***

Women in Law Section

New York State Bar Association
One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207
email to: tbardwell@nysba.org

Nominee _____

Title or Position _____

Business Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Home Address _____

Telephone _____

Nomination submitted by

Name _____

Title/Affiliation _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

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In the space below, please provide as much detail as possible regarding the nominee's qualifications for this award, such as writings, service to bar associations or community organizations, legal representation, development of legislation, teachings, pro bono service, or other initiatives. Feel free to use additional sheets if necessary. Please include a resumé or other biographical data. Supplemental information, including news articles, brief writings by the nominee, and letters of support would be helpful in the review of the candidate. *Please limit all nomination materials to 25 pages.*

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