

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION



NYSBA 2016

Committee on Legal Aid
Call for Nominations

Denison Ray Awards



2016 Denison Ray Awards

The New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Aid is pleased to call for nominations for the 2016 Denison Ray Awards. The Denison Ray Awards will be presented during the 2016 Partnership Conference in Albany, New York on Thursday evening, September 15, 2016 at the Albany Marriott on Wolf Road.

The Award is named in memory of career legal activist Denison (Denny) Ray, who led legal services programs in New York and other states. A total of four (4) awards will be presented. Two awards will be given to staff attorneys employed by nonprofit entities that provide free civil legal services to low-income clients. One award will be presented to a director of a civil legal services program or a director of a pro bono volunteer program. The final award will be presented to a nonprofit organization that provides or facilitates the provision of civil legal services to low-income clients. If the individual recipient is not a member of the New York State Bar Association s/he will be given a complimentary one-year membership.

CRITERIA

The Civil Legal Services Staff Attorney Awards recognize individual attorney's extraordinary commitment to:

- The provision of creative, skilled, and zealous representation of low-income clients;
- Collaboration with pro bono volunteer attorneys from the private bar to expand access to justice opportunities for low-income clients; and/or
- Efforts to inspire, mentor, and support colleagues in the delivery of exceptional legal representation to low-income clients.

The Director Award recognizes outstanding leadership at a civil legal services or pro bono program by an executive director or legal director who inspires the kind of extraordinary commitment by staff and service to the community set forth in the above criteria.

The Nonprofit Organization Award recognizes extraordinary commitment to

- Strengthening access to justice initiatives;
- Delivering or facilitating the provision of civil legal services to low-income and/or disadvantaged clients;
- Increasing the provision of pro bono services; and/or
- Marshaling resources to maximize services to the community.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Award recipients will be selected by a committee consisting of the chairs of the President's Committee on Access to Justice, the Committee on Legal Aid, and the Pro Bono Coordinators Network, and the Director of the Department of Pro Bono Affairs.

2016 DENISON RAY

Deadline: July 1, 2016

Nomination Form

NOMINEE

Nominee's Name: _____

Title & Organization _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Award Category (Check One)

☐ **Civil Legal Services Attorney**

☐ **Pro Bono Program Director**

☐ **Legal Services Director**

☐ **Nonprofit Organization** _____

NOMINATOR

Nominator's Name _____

Title & Organization _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

How do you know the Nominee?

Nominees need not be NYSBA members. Nominations should be made by persons personally familiar with the nominee's work – but not by the nominee. Each nomination form should be limited to one nominee. Please submit this 2016 form and a statement explaining why the nominee should receive a 2016 Denison Ray Award. You may submit up to three additional supporting documents.

Past Denison Ray Honorees

Civil Legal Services Individual Attorney Award Honorees

2014	Susan C. Antos
	Lori M. O'Brien
2012	Michael Hanley
	Ian F. Feldman
2010	Pamela J. Bayer
	Jeff Hogue
2008	Jason D. Hoge
	James T. Murphy
2006	David E. Ralph
2004	Sarah Betsy Fuller
	Judith Studebaker
2001	Carole Boccumini
	Joshua Zinner
2000	Marc Cohan
	Peter O'Brien Dellinger
1998	Michael Hampden
	Mary M. Withington
1997	Leslie D'Cora Holmes
	Barry Strom
1995	Margaret H. McDowell
	Douglas Roy Ruff
	Wendy H. Wahlberg
1994	Sheryl Randy Karp
	Jerrold M. Levy
	William F. Mastroleo

Civil Legal Services Program Director Award Honorees

2014	Alan S. Harris
2012	Michael Rothenberg*
2010	Steven B. Telzak*
2008	Lillian M. Moy

Pro Bono Program Director

2012	Richard S. Hobish
2006	Lisa A. Frisch

Non-Profit Organization Award Honorees

2014	Prisoners' Legal Services of New York
2012	New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
2010	LegalHealth, a Division of the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
2008	The Worker's Rights Law Center of New York, Inc.
2006	Western New York Law Center of Buffalo and its Executive Director, Joseph Kelemen, Esq.
2004	inMotion Inc.
2001	Greater Upstate Law Project (GULP), Inc.

*Awarded Posthumously.

Nominations may be mailed or e-mailed to:

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