

**American Bar Association
Law Student Division**

2009 Dean Henry J. Ramsey Jr. Diversity Award Criteria

Deadline for Receipt: April 1, 2009

The Law Student Division's Diversity Award serves as a testament to Dean Henry J. Ramsey, Jr. of Howard University for his lifetime commitment to issues of inclusiveness and his efforts to increase the quality of the practice and study of the law. The Diversity Award serves to recognize excellence in activities that have contributed toward the achievement and advancement of women, minorities, persons with disabilities and persons of differing sexual orientation and gender identities.

ELIGIBILITY

ABA-approved law schools, their law students and law school organizations.

PART A – CONTACT INFORMATION

You will be required to provide accurate contact information for the following individuals:

1. Nominee
2. Nominator
3. Law School SBA President
4. Law School ABA Representative
5. Law School Dean

PART B – NOMINEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You will be required to provide the following background information regarding the nominee:

1. Nominee's total 2008-2009 budget
2. 2008-2009 law school enrollment
3. Nominee's total student participation

PART C – NARRATIVE QUESTIONS (2,000 WORD LIMIT)

In the narrative portion of the Nomination Packet, you will be required to answer the following questions about your nominee using a maximum of 2,000 words:

1. **Description:** Describe the nominee's event/program/initiative and identify the group(s) for which it sought to raise awareness.
2. **New or Existing Initiative:** Indicate if this was a new or existing event/program/initiative.
 - If new, please describe the issues/situations that prompted the need for the program and indicate if the goals the nominee wished to accomplish were met and if the program will continue in future years.
 - If existing, please indicate its inception and goals of the program. Please also describe if and how this program differed from previous years and what, if any, new and innovative ideas were implemented this year.
3. **Awareness:** How did the nominee's event/program/initiative contribute to a heightened awareness and sensitivity to diversity?

4. **Role:** What role(s) did legal education or law school resources play in the success of the event/program/initiative?
5. **Participation:** What was the overall participation, reaction and commitment of the student body, faculty, administration and community to this diversity program?
6. **Benefits:** Describe the short and long-term benefits that this event/program/initiative provided to the law student body, law school or community.
7. **Promotion:** Did you promote/market this event as part of the ABA Law Student Division Diversity Day Program? If so, please describe.

PART D – NOMINATOR’S CERTIFICATION

As the nominator, you will be required to certify that:

1. The information contained in the Nomination Packet is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
2. The narrative answering the questions in Part C contains no more than 2,000 words.

PART E – DEAN’S CERTIFICATION

In order for your nomination to be considered by the ABA Law Student Division Awards Selection Committee, the Law School Dean or Assistant Dean must affirm your nomination by completing Part E of the Nomination Packet to signify his/her approval of your nomination. Nominators are responsible for obtaining the dean's signature certifying his/her approval of the nomination.