

April 2006

## Awards

### Pro Bono Award

The Corporate Counsel Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation presented its annual Pro Bono Award to **Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, N.J.** Johnson & Johnson was recognized for the work of its lawyers who have volunteered legal support in many areas including contracts, general corporate, trademark and employment. Johnson & Johnson is also a sponsor member of the New Jersey branch of the Pro Bono Partnership, through which they have provided legal support to various non-profit organizations. For more information, contact Emily O'Keefe at [okeefeem@staff.abanet.org](mailto:okeefeem@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-6256.

### John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award

The recipients of this annual award are **Bruce G. Iwasaki** of **Los Angeles**, **Michael Ratner** of **New York**, and **Sylvia Hardaway Walbolt** of **Tampa**. This award, presented by the ABA Section of Litigation, is given to lawyers in public or private practice who help provide access to justice for underrepresented individuals or groups. The award is named for John Minor Wisdom, whose tenure on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth District is best known for its recognition of constitutional rights for all citizens and his courageous decisions to establish the right to vote, implement equal educational opportunity and strengthen the right to effective counsel. For more information, contact Sharyne Tu at [tusharyne@staff.abanet.org](mailto:tusharyne@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-6069.

### Isidore Starr Award

**Thomas J. Walker** of **Montevallo, Ala.**, was selected as the recipient of the 2006 Isidore Starr Award, presented by the ABA Division for Public Education. The Isidore Starr Award is given biennially to an individual who has made outstanding contribution in promoting excellence in K-12 law-related education. Walker received this award in recognition of his efforts as the executive director of The Citizenship Trust at The American Village, an education center dedicated to teaching citizenship through experiential learning programs grounded in constitutional history and law. Please contact the ABA Division for Public Education at [abapubed@staff.abanet.org](mailto:abapubed@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5735 or go online to [www.abanet.org/publiced/OOstarr.html](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/OOstarr.html).

## Looking for Nominees

### Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy

This award is given to individuals who have made distinct contributions relating to environmental subject matters, particularly environmental law and policy concerning ecological and infrastructure risk analysis, disaster planning and environmental emergency response efforts. This award will be presented by the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources and the Standing Committee on Environmental Law. Nominations are due by **March 31, 2006**. Contact Elissa Lichtenstein at [Elissa@staff.abanet.org](mailto:Elissa@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1695 for more information.

### Peer Excellence Award

The Peer Excellence Award recognizes a NABE member who has provided noteworthy service to the association including leadership and support roles for special projects, recruitment and other NABE activities. The winner will be announced during the NABE Annual Meeting Luncheon in Honolulu at the ABA Annual Meeting. For more information, contact Jill Werner [jill.werner@staff.abanet.org](mailto:jill.werner@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5492. Nominations are due by **April 14, 2006**.

### Hodson Award, Dorsey Award, Nelson Award

The ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division is seeking nominations for its three annual awards. The **Hodson Award** recognizes sustained, outstanding performance or a specific and extraordinary service by a government or public sector law office. The **Dorsey Award** recognizes exceptional work by a public defender or legal aid lawyer. The **Nelson Award** recognizes outstanding contributions to the ABA by a government or public sector lawyer. Nominations must be received by **April 18, 2006**. For more information, please contact Theona Salmon at [salmon@staff.abanet.org](mailto:salmon@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1023.

### Franklin N. Flaschner Award

The ABA Judicial Division is seeking nominations for the Franklin N. Flaschner Award, which recognizes a judge who has an excellent reputation, commitment to high ideals, exemplary character, leadership and competence in performing judicial duties in a court of limited jurisdiction. The award will be presented by the ABA Judicial Division at the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges Conference dinner in Honolulu on Aug. 4, 2006. The deadline for nominations is **April 28, 2006**. For more information, contact Gilda Fairley at [fairleyg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:fairleyg@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5689.

### Judicial Education Award

The ABA Judicial Division is seeking nominations for the Judicial Education Award, presented to a person or institution of judicial education and training for successful efforts in providing high quality judicial education and training to judges. The deadline for nominations is **April 28, 2006**. The award presentation will take place at the ABA Judicial Division National Conference of Specialized Court Judges Conference dinner in Honolulu on Aug. 4, 2006. For more information, contact Gilda Fairley at [fairleyg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:fairleyg@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5689.

### William R. McMahon Award

The ABA Judicial Division is seeking nominations for the William R. McMahon Award, recognizing a judge, court employee or lawyer who has made the most significant implementation of technological advances in a court of limited or special jurisdiction. The award will be presented by the ABA Judicial Division at the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges Conference dinner in Honolulu on Aug. 4, 2006. The deadline for nominations is **April 28, 2006**. Contact Gilda Fairley at [fairleyg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:fairleyg@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5689 for more information.

## **Distinguished Service to Literacy Award**

The ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse and the Scripps Howard Foundation will present the Distinguished Service to Literacy Award to a program, bar association or individual lawyer for exceptional efforts in addressing literacy, truancy and substance abuse in a given community. This award includes a \$5,000 stipend for a literacy program chosen by the recipient. Nominations are due **May 1, 2006**. For more information, contact Valerie A. Adelson at [adelsonv@staff.abanet.org](mailto:adelsonv@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1784.

## **Lawyer as Problem Solver Award**

The ABA Section of Dispute Resolution will present the Lawyer as Problem Solver Award to an individual of the legal profession who has exhibited extraordinary skill in either promoting the concept of the lawyer as problem-solver or resolving individual, institutional, community, state, national or international problems. Nominations are due by **May 19, 2006**. Please contact Ellen Miller at [millere@staff.abanet.org](mailto:millere@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1690.

## **Federal Labor and Employment Attorney of the Year**

The ABA Section of Labor and Employment has created the Federal Labor and Employment Attorney of the Year Award to recognize federal labor and employment lawyers who have made a significant contribution to the field, a demonstrated commitment to government service and the legal profession. Nominations must be received by **May 31, 2006**. For more information, please contact Chris Meacham at [meachamc@staff.abanet.org](mailto:meachamc@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5821.

## **ABA Award for Excellence in Environmental and Resources Stewardship**

The ABA Section of Environmental, Energy, and Resources is seeking nominations for the 2006 ABA Award for Excellence in Environment and Resources Stewardship, which recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated significant achievement or leadership in areas of sustainable development or environmental or resources stewardship. Nominations are due **June 16, 2006**. Contact Dana Jonusaitis at [jonusaid@staff.abanet.org](mailto:jonusaid@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5602 for more information.

## **Distinguished Contribution to Appellate Law Award**

This newly-created award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of appellate law as judges, lawyers, professors, writers or mentors. The award, given by the ABA Appellate Judges Conference, will be presented at a Council of Appellate Lawyers educational event in Dallas in November. Nominations are due **June 30, 2006**. Please contact Gilda Fairley at [fairleyg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:fairleyg@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5689 for more information.