

## Awards

### John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award

The recipients of the 2007 John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award are **W. Terence Walsh** of **Atlanta** and the law firm of **Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP** of **New York**. Presented by the ABA Section of Litigation, these awards are given to lawyers in public or private practice or to firms that have made a substantial commitment to public service through their accomplishments in significant *pro bono* litigation. 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, please contact Sharyne Tu at [tusharyne@staff.abanet.org](mailto:tusharyne@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-6069.

### Pursuit of Justice Award

The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section has presented **Larry S. Stewart** of Stewart, Tilghman, Fox & Bianchi, P.A., in **Miami**, with a Pursuit of Justice Award. Stewart served as the first president and CEO of Trial Lawyers Care, Inc., the national *pro bono* program for victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks, overseeing the creation of the largest *pro bono* program in history. The Pursuit of Justice Award is presented annually to an ABA member whose career reflects outstanding merit and excellence in ensuring access to justice. For more information, please contact Linda Wiley at 312/988-5673 or [lmwiley@staff.abanet.org](mailto:lmwiley@staff.abanet.org).

### Spirit of Excellence Awards

The ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession presented the 2007 Spirit of Excellence Award to **Paulette Brown**, partner, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP, **Short Hills, N.J.**; **William T. Coleman**, senior partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, **Washington, D.C.**; **Joseph W. Hatchett**, shareholder and chair, Appellate Practice Group, Aberman Senterfitt, **Tallahassee, Fla.**; **Arturo L.**

**Jaramillo**, cabinet secretary, State of **New Mexico**; **Paul W. Lee**, partner, Goodwin Procter LLP, **Boston**; **William S. Richardson**, former chief justice, **Hawaii** Supreme Court; and **Thomas A. Mars**, senior vice president and general counsel, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., **Bentonville, Ark**. The award was established to celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of lawyers who work to promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession. For more information, please contact Richard Williams at 312/988-5643.

### Judge Edward R. Finch 2006 Law Day Speech Award

U.S. Representative **Jim Cooper**, 5th District of **Tennessee**; **William Carlucci**, past president, **Pennsylvania** Bar Association; and **Judge Alice Vilardi**, State of **California**, Superior Court, Alameda County, were all presented with the Judge Edward R. Finch 2006 Law Day Speech Award, during the 2007 ABA Midyear Meeting. The awards were presented by the Division for Public Education. For more information, please contact Tracie Guy at 312/988-5734 or [guyt@staff.abanet](mailto:guyt@staff.abanet).

### 2006 Law Day Outstanding Activity Award

The Division for Public Education presented **Giselle Carson, Jacksonville (Fla.)** Bar Association; **Tim Constant**, Casa Richard Academy, **Detroit, Mich.**; **Fort Riley, Kans.**, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate; the **Clearwater (Fla.) Bar Association**; and the **Superior Court of New Jersey—Essex Vicinage** with the 2006 Law Day Outstanding Activity Award. The award was presented to organizations and individuals who have demonstrated an effort to expand the public's understanding of the rule of law and appreciation of the positive role law plays in our society. For more information, please contact Tracie Guy at 312/988-5734 or [guyt@staff.abanet.org](mailto:guyt@staff.abanet.org).

### 2007 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access

The **New Hampshire Bar Association** was awarded the Louis Brown Award for Legal Access for its initiative to expand access to legal services. Established by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services in 1994, the Brown Award recognizes innovative contributions to the delivery of legal services to those of moderate income. Award recipients are those programs and projects that have made substantial or creative contributions to the delivery of legal services. For more information, please contact Will Hornsby at 312/988-5761 or [whornsby@staff.abanet.org](mailto:whornsby@staff.abanet.org).

### Pro Bono Award

The ABA Section of Litigation presented the **Exelon Corporation** with the 2007 Pro Bono Award during the Midyear Meeting in Miami. Developed nine years ago, the Pro Bono Award annually recognizes a corporate law department that provides exemplary free legal services to the poor and, by its example, encourages greater corporate legal department *pro bono* service. For more information, please contact Karen Kasparaitis at 312/988-6245 or [kasparak@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kasparak@staff.abanet.org).

### Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award

**Lawrence J. Fox**, a partner in the law firm of Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP in **Philadelphia**, is the 2007 recipient of the Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award, conferred by the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility. "Larry's passion for professionalism and ethics has uplifted the aspirations and conduct of the legal profession throughout the United States," said Donald B. Hilliker of Chicago, chair of the Center Coordinating Council. Fox is a past chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and served on the ABA Commission on the Evaluation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, has taught professional ethics and is a trial lawyer. A past chair of the ABA Section of Litigation, Fox has also received the 2005 ABA Pro Bono Award, recognizing his dedication to volunteer services to the poor. The Franck Award will be presented May 31 during the 33rd National Conference on Professional Responsibility in Chicago, when Fox will deliver a speech on professional responsibility issues.

## Solicitations

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

The ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources is accepting submissions for the ABA Award for Excellence in Environmental and Resources Stewardship. Nominees must be people or organizations that have demonstrated significant achievement or leadership in areas of sustainable development or resources stewardship. This may include major contributions in the areas of resources, energy, or environmental law or policy that serve to enhance conservation, responsible development, prudent resource use, and pollution abatement or mitigations. Awards may be given for achievements in legal practice or business; in written articles; in teaching; in advocacy before courts, agencies, legislators or other institutions; or for any significant achievement that evidences excellence in environmental and resources stewardship. Achievement or leadership can have been exhibited over a number of years or with respect to a single substantial accomplishment. Nominations must be received on or before **June 15, 2007**. For more information, please contact Dana Jonusaitis at 312/988-5602 or [jonusaid@staff.abanet.org](mailto:jonusaid@staff.abanet.org).

## Senior Lawyers Division

The ABA Senior Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the 2007 SLD Pro Bono Award. The award honors one ABA lawyer member age 55 or older as of July 1, 2007, who does not obtain principal income through employment by a legal services organization or by delivering legal services to the poor. Completed submissions must include a typed nomination form, biographical sketch or resume of three pages, three letters of support, and three supporting documents or articles. Nominations must be received by **March 16, 2007**. For more information, please contact the Senior Lawyers Division at 312/988-5565.

## Awards of Achievement

The Awards of Achievement is an opportunity for state and local young lawyer organizations affiliated with the ABA Young Lawyers Division to submit their best projects for evaluation and recognition by a jury of their peers. Completed applications are accepted through **June 8, 2007** and evaluation by a panel of YLD judges takes place at the ABA Annual Meeting. To download the application, visit [www.abanet.org/yld/aoa.html](http://www.abanet.org/yld/aoa.html). For more information, please contact Amy Schell at 312/988-6235.

## ABA/YLD Child Advocacy Award

The ABA Young Lawyers Division and the Center on Children in the Law established the Annual Child Advocacy Award to honor lawyers for distinguished service on behalf of children. The award also celebrates the often unheralded services that child advocates bring to the legal profession and to children. The Division presents two awards, at least one of which will be awarded August 4, during the YLD Assembly, at the ABA Annual Meeting. Each winner will receive a roundtrip coach airfare and complimentary night's stay at a San Francisco hotel. Deadline for nominations is **April 30, 2007**. For more information regarding the Child Advocacy Award, please contact Tracy Kaempf at 312/988-5626 or at [kaempft@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kaempft@staff.abanet.org).

## ABA/YLD Scholarship Program

The ABA/YLD Scholarship Program is designed to encourage the participation of minority, solo/small firm, government, private sector, and military service attorneys in the Young Lawyers Division. The program consists of mentoring and partial funding to three of the Young Lawyer Division's meetings. The selection will be based on the individual's achievement, commitment to the organized bar and the YLD's missions and goals, as well as financial need. Deadline for applications and letters of recommendation is **June 15, 2007**. For more information or an application, please contact Tracy Kaempf at 312/988-5626 or [kaempft@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kaempft@staff.abanet.org).

## Jefferson Fordham Awards

The ABA Section of State and Local Government Law established the Jefferson B. Fordham Awards program in 1998 to recognize and honor the accomplishments of practitioners and institutions active in the varied areas of practice associated with state and local government law. The award is in honor of Jefferson Fordham, first chair of the Section of Local Government Law, and a pioneer of home rule concepts and the landmark decisions sustaining interdisciplinary studies under bar sponsorship. Nominations must be received on or before **April 20, 2007** by the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law. Awards will be presented at the ABA Annual Meeting at a special luncheon in San Francisco on Aug. 10, 2007. For more information, please contact Jackie Baker at 312/988-5652 or [jlbaker@staff.abanet.org](mailto:jlbaker@staff.abanet.org).

## 2007 Law Day Outstanding Activity Award

The Law Day Outstanding Activity Award was established to showcase effective and innovative Law Day activities. Entries are judged based on how the activity expands public awareness of the rule of law, highlights the year's theme, impacts media coverage, creates community partnerships and networking opportunities, and extends beyond Law Day with ongoing school or community activities. Entries must be postmarked by **June 12, 2007**. For more information, please call 312/988-5735.

## ABA Partnership Awards

The ABA Partnership Awards Program recognizes efforts by bar associations to increase the participation and advancement of lawyers of color in the organized bar and to attract students of color to the legal profession. Bar associations with programs or special efforts that promote diversity in the legal profession, you are invited to submit it for consideration. The deadline for program submissions is **March 30, 2007**, and award-winning programs will be showcased at the joint annual meeting of the National Conference of Bar Foundations, Aug. 10, 2007. For detailed information about evaluation criteria, please visit [www.abanet.org/barserv/partnership.html](http://www.abanet.org/barserv/partnership.html). For more information, please contact Kimberly Vann at 312/988-5364 or [vannk2@staff.abanet.org](mailto:vannk2@staff.abanet.org).

## Paul G. Hearne Award for Disability Rights

The Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law is now accepting nominations for the eighth annual Paul G. Hearne Award for Disability Rights. The award is presented to an individual or organization that has performed exemplary service in furthering the rights, dignity, and access to justice for people with disabilities. Nominations will be accepted through **April 1, 2007**. To submit nominations online, please visit [www.abanet.org/disability/award/home.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/disability/award/home.shtml). For more information, please contact Jonathan Simeone at 202/662-1576 or [simeonej@staff.abanet.org](mailto:simeonej@staff.abanet.org).

## Law Student Writing Competition

Submissions for a Law Student Writing Competition addressing a current topic of general interest in a legal area covered by the Section of Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law are being accepted through **June 1, 2007**. The winner will receive \$2,500 cash, a free membership to the Section for one year after graduation, and airfare and hotel accommodations to the Section's Fall Council Group Meeting. For more information, please contact Susan Koz at 312/988-5604 or [kozs@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kozs@staff.abanet.org).

## Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy

The Standing Committee on Environmental Law and the Section of Environment, Energy, & Resources are now accepting nominations for the ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy, to be presented during the 2007 ABA Annual Meeting. Individuals or organizations who have distinguished themselves in environmental law and policy, contributing significant leadership in improving the substance, process or understanding of environmental protection and sustainable development, are encouraged to apply. For more detailed information regarding evaluation criteria, please visit [www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental](http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental). Deadline for submissions is **March 30, 2007**. For more information, please contact Elissa Lichenstein at 202/662-1694 or [elissa@staff.abanet.org](mailto:elissa@staff.abanet.org).