

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Environmental Law and the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources are seeking nominations for the *2005 Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy*. The award recognizes individuals, organizations, or programs that have distinguished themselves by contributing significant leadership in improving the substance, process or understanding of environmental law or policy.

ABA members or entities (including sections, committees, the House of Delegates and other sectors of the Association) are invited to nominate individuals, organizations or programs that have met the following criteria:

- *Individual* lawyers who, through an environmental law practice, scholarship, or other significant career involvement with programs, services, regulatory systems, legal cases, journalism, education, or legislation, have exerted leadership that directly resulted in significant improvements in the substance, process, or understanding of environmental law or policy; or
- *Organizations and programs*, including U.S. bar associations, law school clinical programs, non-profit institutions, non-profit legal services programs, law firms, government offices or programs, tribal programs, and law-related programs that provide representation, education, or advocacy on environmental matters, that have exerted leadership that directly resulted in significant improvements in the substance, process, or understanding of environmental law or policy.

Each party may nominate one candidate for the individual award and one candidate for the organizations/programs award. A party may request that the ABA reconsider a candidate nominated by the party in a previous year. Nominations must be submitted by March 31.

The award will be presented at the 2005 ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois in August 2005.

The ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law was created in 1970. The committee devotes its work to treatment of emerging environmental law and policy issues, development of ABA policies in the field, and facilitation of ABA environmental law policy making and program/activities coordination. The mission of the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources is to be the premier forum for strategies and information for environmental, energy and resources lawyers. The section is committed to providing member and public services to enhance professional skills, development, and dialogue on these subject areas.

The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership association in the world. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public.

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AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND
POLICY**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 2005

The Standing Committee on Environmental Law (“SCEL”) and the Section of Environment, Energy, & Resources of the American Bar Association (“Section”) invite ABA entities (including Sections, Committees, the House of Delegates and other sectors of the ABA) and ABA Members in good standing to respond to a Call for Nominations for the *ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy* for 2005.

Eligibility

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. Eligible individual nominees must be lawyers and may include academics, policymakers, legislators, practitioners, members of the judiciary or journalists. Nominated practitioners must be duly licensed members of a bar association in good standing. Eligible organizations may include non-profits, bar associations, law school clinical programs, legal services programs, tribal nations, and law firms. *The ABA welcomes candidates who were nominated unsuccessfully in a prior year. Current ABA/SCEL and Section Council members, and ABA staff and entities, are ineligible. Self-nominations will not be accepted.*

Nominee Categories

- (1) *Individual* lawyers who, through an environmental law practice, scholarship or other significant career involvement with programs, services, regulatory systems, legal cases, journalism, education or legislation, have exerted leadership that directly resulted in significant improvements in the substance, process or understanding of environmental law or policy;
- (2) *Organizations/Programs* – U.S. bar associations, law school clinical programs, non-profit institutions, non-profit legal services programs, law firms, government offices or programs, tribal programs, and law-related programs that provide representation, education or advocacy on environmental matters – that have exerted leadership that directly resulted in significant improvements in the substance, process or understanding of environmental law or policy.

Nomination Requirements

Submit a nomination packet consisting of the following: (a) Nomination Form containing (i) name and contact information for candidate and nominating party; (ii) summary of accomplishment(s), with dates, that demonstrate the singular achievement for which the award is sought; (iii) names and contact information for up to three (3) professional references who will attest to the accomplishment(s) in question; and (iv) the nominating party’s familiarity with the nominee and the accomplishments in question; (b) nominee’s resume or similar summary document detailing professional and volunteer accomplishments; and (c) optional supplementary supporting documents not to exceed a total of 10 pages. Each party may nominate one candidate for the individual award and one candidate for the organizations/programs award. If ABA is asked to reconsider a prior year nominee by the party, the prior nomination package will be used unless new material is submitted.

Optional Supplementary Supporting Documents

Examples include published articles or papers by the candidate; copies of media coverage of the accomplishment(s) in question; proof of past professional recognition; or other professional materials directly supporting the nomination. Up to three (3) letters of support will be accepted.

DEADLINE FOR ABA RECEIPT OF COMPLETED PACKETS: WEDNESDAY, March 31, 2005

Mail to: Ms. Hannah Yu, 740 15th Street, NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

Tel. 202-662-1694 – Fax 202-638-3844

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NOMINATION FORM 2005

Nominations are accepted from members of the American Bar Association only

Please print or type

CATEGORY

Individual Organization (type: _____)

Each party may nominate one candidate for the individual award and one candidate for the organizations/programs award if desired. Please use a separate form for each nomination.

AWARD CANDIDATE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE, FAX, E-MAIL: _____

Please consider my prior nominee:

NAME/AFFILIATION _____

Check one: Use original nomination package Use enclosed new nomination package

NOMINATING PARTY

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE, FAX, E-MAIL _____

ABA AFFILIATION (*required*): _____

DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT(s) FOR WHICH AWARD IS SOUGHT

A. SUMMARY

B. DETAILS
Attach separate sheet detailing nominee's accomplishments.

NATURE OF YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH CANDIDATE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR UP TO THREE (3) REFERENCES FAMILIAR WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN QUESTION:

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Enclose the following with this Nomination Form. Check off each one as completed:

- Resume or similar summary document detailing candidate's professional and volunteer accomplishments in the field of environmental law and policy
- Detailed description of accomplishment(s) for which award is sought
- Optional supplementary supporting documents, not to exceed a total of 10 pages

Submit completed nomination packet BY MARCH 31, 2005 to:
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