

## **Guidelines and Criteria Used in Selecting Recipients of Certificate of Awards Presented by**

### **THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ARMED FORCES LAW**

**RESOLVED**, That Judge Advocates, law specialists, active duty, reserve and national guard who author or co-author an outstanding literary publication first appearing in the preceding calendar year which advances interest and professionalism of lawyers in the Armed Forces or military law be recognized by certificate award approved by, and in accordance with, guidelines set by, the Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law.

#### **Introduction**

The Committee will endeavor to utilize the individual certificate awards, approved for presentation by the American Bar Association, in such a manner as to further the professional excellence of military law and status of lawyers in the Armed Forces. The Committee realizes that the principal personal award for outstanding publications relating to military law and lawyers in the Armed Forces is professional satisfaction; nonetheless, it concludes that recognition of authorship of outstanding scholarly literature on military law and military lawyers is motivational and career enhancing. In appropriate instances, the awards presented by this committee will be a means by which Command and professional attention can be focused on deserving military members and the awards will be utilized to that end.

#### **I. Award Criteria and Limitations**

1. Awards shall be for authorship of exceptional, published, literary efforts which advance and serve interests and understanding of military law or enhance status of lawyers in the Armed Forces.
2. There will not be more than one award given during any single American Bar Association year to avoid dilution of esteem of the Award.
3. No award need be given during every American Bar Association year.
4. There shall be no quota relating to the number of awards to a particular service; the committee shall utilize this award program to motivate authorship of exceptional publications pertaining to military law or the lawyers in the Armed Forces without regards to service affiliation of author.
5. No recipient of an award may receive another award within four years of the date of approval of the nomination for the previous award.
6. Awards shall be in the form of a certificate, signed by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Committee.

## **II. Nomination Procedure**

1. Nominations for awards may be made by:
  - a. Any member of the Advisory Committee;
  - b. Any member of the Committee;
  - c. The Judge Advocate General of the Army, Navy or Air Force;
  - d. The Judge Advocate Director of the U.S. Marine Corp; or
  - e. The Chief Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard
  - f. Commandant and Faculty, each Service JAG School
2. Nominations must be in writing and shall include the nominating individuals narrative justification for the proposed award incorporating abstract of the publication and sufficient copies of the verbatim publication presuming to represent fulfillment of applicable criteria for distribution to all members of the committee.
3. No nomination shall be considered unless comments from the nominator addresses the following points in writing:
  - a. Whether the nomination meets substantive criteria;
  - b. Whether the award, if given, would further the purpose for which this program was established; and
  - c. Special requests or information regarding presentation of the award, if approved.
4. Persons who may not make direct nominations for awards are encouraged to recommend appropriate individuals for nomination. Such recommendations shall be submitted to the Sue Koz, Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law at the ABA Headquarters, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60610.
5. No nomination which fails on vote of the committee may be resubmitted or reconsidered within six months of the date of completion of the original vote.

## **III. Voting Procedures**

Awards shall be authorized by affirmative vote of at least four committee members. At the discretion of the Chair, such vote may be taken by mail, phone conference or at a regularly scheduled committee meeting. If a vote is taken at a meeting and four affirmative votes are not received, all absent committee members shall have the opportunity to vote by mail, provided that their votes, if affirmative, might result in the approval of the nomination.