

2012

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Spirit of *Excellence* Awards

Call for Nominations

DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2011

*“Ad Astra per Aspera –
To the Stars through Difficulty”*

The Spirit of Excellence Awards celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of lawyers who work to promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession. Awards are presented to lawyers who excel in their professional settings; who personify excellence on the national, state, or local level; and who have demonstrated a commitment to racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession.

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION DEADLINE

The American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession is accepting nominations for the 2012 Spirit of Excellence Awards. **Nomination materials must be received by the Commission on or before July 15, 2011.** Complete all information below. *Please print.*

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process please contact Aracely Muñoz Petrich at (312) 988-5638 or via e-mail at aracely.munozpetrich@americanbar.org.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator _____

Title/position _____

Firm/organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee _____

Title/position _____

Firm/organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

CATEGORIES

Please indicate one category that most closely describes the Nominee's current position or activity.

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| <input type="radio"/> Academia | <input type="radio"/> Legal author/journalist | <input type="radio"/> State, local or minority bar leader |
| <input type="radio"/> Corporate/ business sector | <input type="radio"/> Non-profit | <input type="radio"/> Other (please explain) |
| <input type="radio"/> Government | <input type="radio"/> Private practice | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Judiciary | <input type="radio"/> Prosecutor/public defender | |

Nomination Instructions

Nomination materials must be received on or before July 15, 2011. Please make sure to complete the nomination form. It should be the first page of your nomination materials. Selected nominees must be present at the Spirit luncheon to receive the award.

NOMINEE'S RESUME AND PHOTOGRAPH

Please submit the nominee's resume and/or curriculum vitae as well as a narrative biography, describing his or her background and contributions to racial and ethnic diversity efforts, along with a current photo that can be reproduced should your nominee be selected as a recipient.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- Please submit no more than three letters of support from individuals or organizations that speak to the questions listed below. Only the first three letters of support received by the Commission will be considered.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

- All nominees must be ABA members.
- Please include the nomination form with the nomination materials; the nominee's resume and/or biography, current photo, and no more than three letters of support from individuals or organizations. Additional letters will not be considered.
- Please be aware that nomination materials will not be returned due to the number of nominations received each year.
- Members not eligible for the Award for the duration of their term include: ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession; ABA Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity; ABA Coalition for Racial and Ethnic Justice and the ABA Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline.

INDIVIDUAL

- Please supply responses to the following on a separate sheet(s) and attach them to the nomination materials.
 - Provide responses and specific examples, if applicable.
1. Describe how the nominee has achieved professional excellence in his or her field.
 2. Describe how the nominee has served as an inspiration or a role model in overcoming hardships or barriers and achieving success and excellence in the legal profession thus paving the way for others.
 3. Describe how the nominee has influenced racially and ethnically diverse individuals to pursue and/or to succeed in legal careers.
 4. Describe how the nominee has opened doors, broken down barriers or otherwise promoted the full and equal participation of racially and ethnically diverse individuals in the legal profession.
 5. Describe the nominee's work with or efforts on behalf of racially and ethnically diverse lawyers from racial or ethnic groups other than the nominee's own.
 6. Describe the nominee's service or work in the community.

CORPORATE AWARD

- Please supply responses to the following on a separate sheet(s) and attach them to the nomination materials.
 - Provide responses and specific examples, if applicable.
1. Describe the nominee's position within the corporation or law firm, including areas of responsibility and oversight.
 2. Describe and specify the nominee's individual role with regard to the corporation's or law firm's efforts to advance and promote the full and equal participation of racially and ethnically diverse lawyers in the broader legal profession.
 3. Describe the impact that the corporation's or law firm's diversity efforts and accomplishments have had in advancing and promoting the full and equal participation of racially and ethnically diverse lawyers in the broader legal profession.
 4. Describe any other efforts made by the nominee individually to promote diversity in the profession.

SUBMIT MATERIALS

Electronically: spiritawards@americanbar.org

Via Fax: (312) 988-5647

Regular Mail: ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession
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SAVE THE DATE

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

New Orleans, LA



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