THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA)
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ARMED FORCES LAW (SCAFL)
OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE CAREER JUDGE ADVOCATE AWARD

DEADLINE: Friday, April 19, 2019

The ABA Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law (SCAFL) is accepting nominations for the “Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award” for 2019.

ABA SCAFL will recognize the legal contributions of up to one active duty member or active reserve/national guard member from each armed service. Separate awards will be presented to Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard winners, and the names of the winners will be engraved on the permanent plaque. Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of distinguished members of the American Bar Association.

The nominations will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- Demonstrated Excellence in Service to the Legal Profession in the Armed Service over the nominee’s legal career, with an emphasis on accomplishments during the most recent three years. As a career judge advocate or law specialist, such legal service should have a significant leadership component and enumerated and quantifiable professional accomplishments. (1000 words or less in bullet format).

- Service to the Community. Such service shall be considered broadly, and will include, at a minimum, service to the ABA, the member’s state, county or city bar, and/or the member’s military or civilian community when such service reflects legal service/support or benefit to that community. (500 words or less in bullet format).

Nominees must be active duty officers at least 36 years old, a judge advocate or law specialist in good standing, and a member in good standing of the bar of a state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States at the time of nomination and in August 2019. Nominees are not required to be members of the ABA. However, nominees cannot have been previous winners of this award and may not be promoted to or selected for promotion to flag rank (O-7) at the time of nomination or presentation of the award.

SCAFL will accept nominations from service Judge Advocates General, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard (if different from the Judge Advocate General), an active SCAFL member other than the Chair of SCAFL.

Each nomination must include the nominee’s biographical information and statement signed by the nominator regarding the Nominee’s professional credentials and qualification to receive the award. The enclosed memorandum is provided as a sample outline of the nomination. The criteria above should be individually addressed to clearly define the nominee’s qualifications, with legal service limited to 1000 words in bullet format and community service limited to 500 words in bullet format. Endorsements by military superiors and supporting documentation, such as previous evaluation reports and award citations, which do not add new information concerning the nominee’s qualifications, are discouraged. Nomination pages should be submitted in 12-point type/font, single space.
Submissions should be sent via one of the following:

Email: Holly.Christian@Americanbar.org
Fax: 1-(312)-932-6433
Mail: Holly Christian
ABA Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law (SCAFL)
321 N. Clark Street, FL 17
Chicago, IL 60654

By the deadline: **Friday, April 19, 2019.**

The SCAFL members will vote in May and the winner will be contacted shortly thereafter. The SCAFL Chair will formally announce the award recipients at the SCAFL meeting at the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association.

If there are any questions concerning the nomination process, please contact the Staff Liaison, Holly Christian at 312-988-5750 or Holly.Christian@americanbar.org.
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 primary personal reward 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 preclude dilution of the Award’s esteem.

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;
   e. The Chief Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard; or
   f. Commandant and Faculty, each Service JAG School

2. Nominations must be in writing and shall include the nominating individual's 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 address 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.

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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.

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From: ____________________________________________
To: ______________________________________________

Subj: NOMINATION OF __________________________ FOR AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA) STANDING COMMITTEE ON ARMED FORCES LAW (SCAFL) OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE CAREER JUDGE ADVOCATE AWARD or KEITH E. NELSON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (WRITING)

1. It is with great pleasure that I nominate __________________________ for the Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award or Keith E. Nelson Distinguished Service Award (writing) for 20__, I have verified his/her credentials and qualification to receive this coveted award.

2. The following information is provided:
   a. Nominee’s Name:
   b. Nominee’s Contact Information: Email: __________, Phone: __________
   c. Age and Date of Birth: (must be 36 years of age or older by _____ __, 20__)  
   d. Years of Military Practice:
   e. Rank/Grade: (must not be selected for flag rank (O-7) by _____ __, 20__)  
   f. Service:
   g. Present Duty Assignment:
   h. Previous Duty Assignments:
   i. Civilian and Professional Military Education:
   j. Bar and Professional Organization Membership:
   k. Military Awards:

3. *For Career Award Only* Demonstrated Excellence in Service to the Legal Profession (Professional Accomplishments and Leadership); 1000 Word Limit Bullet Format, Single Spaced:

4. *For Career Award Only* Service to the Community: 500 Word Limit Bullet Format, Single Spaced:

5. *For Writing Award Only* Please find attached _____’s article titled ______ published in _______.

6. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call ______________________ at (__) ___-____ or e-mail to ____________________@____.____.