

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING THE ABA MEDAL

1. The award is given only in years when the Operations and Communications Committee with Board concurrence concludes, after considering a broad national viewpoint, that a leader of the Bench or Bar has truly “rendered conspicuous service to the cause of American Jurisprudence.” Annual presentation is not required.
2. Generally, such “conspicuous service” to the cause of American jurisprudence commands a broad participation in community and public service coupled with outstanding achievement as a leader on the bench, in legal education and research or in practice as a lawyer, and usually involves a combination of these.
3. The medal is not merely a Past President’s award although “conspicuous service” may well have included such responsibility and honor.
4. Generally, a sitting judge in active service will not be considered where there might be the appearance of attempts to curry favor or endorsement of social attitudes and philosophy.
5. Nominations both formal and informal are invited from members of the House of Delegates, section and division chairs, affiliated organization chairs as listed in the ABA Directory, and presidents of state bar associations.
6. Consideration of possible recipients shall be the continuing responsibility of the Operations and Communications Committee in cooperation with the Board. Final recommendations for the selection are to be submitted not later than the Spring Board Meeting.
7. Selection shall be followed by appropriate publicity, and presentation of the award shall be made in the manner and place determined by the Board.

(5/75, revised 2/90 and 2/91)

RECIPIENTS OF
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEDAL

1929 Samuel Williston.....Cambridge, MA
1930 Elihu Root.....New York, NY
1931 Oliver Wendel Holmes.....Boston, MA
1932 John Henry Wigmore.....Chicago, IL
1934 George Woodward Wickersham.....New York, NY
1938 Herbert Harley.....Ann Arbor, MI
1939 Edgar Bronson Tolman.....Chicago, IL
1940 Roscoe Pound.....Cambridge, MA
1941 George Wharton Pepper.....Philadelphia, PA
1942 Charles Evans Hughes.....Washington, DC
1943 John J. Parker.....Charlotte, NC
1944 Hatton W. Sumners.....Dallas, TX
1946 Carl McFarland.....Washington, DC
1947 William L. Ransom.....New York, NY
1948 Arthur T. Vanderbilt.....Newark, NJ
1950 Orie L. Phillips.....Denver, CO
1951 Reginald Heber Smith.....Boston, MA
1952 Harrison Tweed.....New York, NY
1953 Frank E. Holman.....Seattle, WA
1954 George Maurice Morris.....Washington, DC
1956 Robert G. Storey.....Dallas, TX
1957 William Clarke Mason.....Philadelphia, PA
1958 E. Smythe Gambrell.....Atlanta, GA
1959 Greenville Clark.....New York, NY
1960 William A. Schnader.....Philadelphia, PA
1961 Jacob Mark Lashly.....St. Louis, MO
1962 Tom C. Clark.....Washington, DC
1963 Felix Frankfurter.....Washington, DC
1964 Henry S. Drinker.....Philadelphia, PA
1965 Edmund M. Morgan.....Nashville, TN
1966 Charles S. Rhyne.....Washington, DC
1967 Roger J. Traynor.....San Francisco, CA
1968 J. Edward Lumbard.....New York, NY
1969 Walter V. Schaefer.....Chicago, IL
1970 Frank C. Haymond.....Charleston, WV
1971 Whitney North Seymour.....New York, NY
1972 Harold Gallagher.....New York, NY
1973 William J. Jameson.....Billings, MT
1974 Ross L. Malone.....New York, NY
1975 Leon Jaworski.....Houston, TX
1976 Bernard G. Segal.....Philadelphia, PA
1977 Edward L. Wright.....Little Rock, AR
1978 Erwin N. Griswold.....Washington, DC
1979 Lewis F. Powell, Jr.....Washington, DC

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1981 Chesterfield Smith.....Lakeland, FL
1982 Earl F. Morris.....Columbus, OH
1984 Robert W. Meserve.....Boston, MA
1986 Justin A. Stanley.....Chicago, IL
1987 Warren E. Burger.....Washington, DC
1988 F. Wm. McCalpin.....St. Louis, MO
1989 Wm. Reece Smith, Jr.....Tampa, FL
1990 A. Sherman Christensen.....Salt Lake City, UT
1991 *Robert B. McKay.....New York, NY
1992 Thurgood Marshall.....Washington, DC
1993 Randolph W. Thrower.....Atlanta, GA
1994 William J. Brennan, Jr.....Washington, DC
1995 Shirley M. Hufstedler.....Los Angeles, CA
1996 John Minor Wisdom.....New Orleans, LA
1997 Sandra Day O'Connor.....Washington, DC
1998 Morris Harrell.....Dallas, TX
1999 John H. Pickering.....Washington, DC
2000 Oliver W. Hill.....Richmond, VA
2001 Robert MacCrate.....New York, NY
2002 William H. Webster.....Washington, DC
2003 Talbot (Sandy) D'AlemberteTallahassee, FL
2004 Father Robert F. Drinan.....Washington, DC
2005 George Leighton Chicago, IL
2006 Jerome J. Shestack Philadelphia, PA
2007 Anthony M. Kennedy.....Washington, DC
2008 Patricia M. Wald.....Washington, DC
2009 William H. Gates, Sr.....Seattle, WA
2010 Ruth Bader Ginsburg.....Washington, DC
2011 David Boies and Theodore B. Olson.....Armonk, NY and
Washington, DC
2012 Morris Seligman Dees, Jr.....Montgomery, AL
2013 Hillary Rodham ClintonWashington, DC
2014 General Earl E. Anderson.....Vienna, VA