

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING THE ABA MEDAL

1. The award is given only in years when the Profession, Public Service and Diversity 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 presidents as listed in the ABA Directory and presidents of state bar associations.
6. Consideration of possible recipients shall be the continuing responsibility of the Profession, Public Service and Diversity Committee in cooperation with the Board. Final recommendations for selection are to be submitted not later than the June Board of Governors 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. (BOG 2/91)

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

ABA MEDAL RECIPIENTS †

1.	1929	* Samuel Williston, Cambridge, MA
2.	1930	* Elihu Root, New York, NY
3.	1931	* Oliver Wendell Holmes, Boston, MA
4.	1932	* John Henry Wigmore, Chicago, IL
5.	1934	* George Woodward Wickersham, New York, NY
6.	1938	* Herbert Harley, Ann Arbor, MI
7.	1939	* Edgar Bronson Tolman, Chicago, IL
8.	1940	* Roscoe Pound, Cambridge, MA
9.	1941	* George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia, PA
10.	1942	* Charles Evans Hughes, Washington, DC
11.	1943	* John J. Parker, Charlotte, NC
12.	1944	* Hatton W. Sumners, Dallas, TX
13.	1946	* Carl McFarland, Washington, DC
14.	1947	* William L. Ransom, New York, NY
15.	1948	* Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Newark, NJ
16.	1950	* Orie L. Phillips, Denver, CO
17.	1951	* Reginald Heber Smith, Boston, MA
18.	1952	* Harrison Tweed, New York, NY
19.	1953	* Frank E. Holman, Seattle, WA
20.	1954	* George Maurice Morris, Washington, DC
21.	1956	* Robert G. Storey, Dallas, TX
22.	1957	* William Clark Mason, Philadelphia, PA
23.	1958	* E. Smythe Gambrell, Atlanta, GA
24.	1959	* Greenville Clark, New York, NY
25.	1960	* William A. Schnader, Philadelphia, PA
26.	1961	* Jacob Mark Lashly, Saint Louis, MO
27.	1962	* Tom C. Clark, Washington, DC
28.	1963	* Felix Frankfurter, Washington, DC
29.	1964	* Henry S. Drinker, Philadelphia, PA
30.	1965	* Edmund M. Morgan, Nashville, TN
31.	1966	* Charles S. Rhyne, Washington, DC
32.	1967	* Roger J. Traynor, San Francisco, CA
33.	1968	* J. Edward Lumbard, Jr., New York, NY
34.	1969	* Walter V. Schaefer, Chicago, IL
35.	1970	* Frank C. Haymond, Charleston, WV
36.	1971	* Whitney North Seymour, New York, NY
37.	1972	* Harold J. Gallagher, New York, NY
38.	1973	* William J. Jameson, Billings, MT
39.	1974	* Ross. L. Malone, New York, NY
40.	1975	* Leon Jaworski, Houston, TX
41.	1976	* Bernard G. Segal, Philadelphia, PA
42.	1977	* Edward L. Wright, Little Rock, AR
43.	1978	* Erwin N. Griswold, Washington, DC
44.	1979	* Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Washington, DC
45.	1981	* Chesterfield Smith, Lakeland, FL
46.	1982	* Earl F. Morris, Columbus, OH
47.	1984	* Robert W. Meserve, Boston, MA
48.	1986	* Justin A. Stanley, Chicago, IL
49.	1987	* Warren E. Burger, Washington, DC
50.	1988	F. Wm. McCalpin, Saint Louis, MO
51.	1989	Wm. Reece Smith, Jr., Tampa, FL
52.	1990	* A. Sherman Christensen, Salt Lake City, UT
53.	1991	* Robert B. McKay, New York, NY
54.	1992	* Thurgood Marshall, Washington, DC
55.	1993	* Randolph W. Thrower, Atlanta, GA
56.	1994	* William J. Brennan, Jr., Washington, DC
57.	1995	* Shirley M. Hufstедler, Los Angeles, CA
58.	1996	* John Minor Wisdom, New Orleans, LA
59.	1997	Sandra Day O'Connor, Washington, DC
60.	1998	* Morris Harrell, Dallas, TX
61.	1999	* John H. Pickering, Washington, DC
62.	2000	* Oliver W. Hill, Richmond, VA
63.	2001	* Robert MacCrate, New York, NY
64.	2002	William H. Webster, Washington, DC
65.	2003	Talbot D'Alemberte, Miami, FL
66.	2004	* Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Washington, DC
67.	2005	George N. Leighton, Chicago, IL
68.	2006	* Jerome J. Shestack, Philadelphia, PA
69.	2007	Anthony M. Kennedy, Washington, DC
70.	2008	Patricia M. Wald, Washington, DC
71.	2009	William H. Gates, Sr., Seattle, WA

*Deceased

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72.	2010	Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Washington, DC
73.	2011	David Robert Boies, Armonk, NY
74.	2011	Theodore B. Olson, Washington, DC
75.	2012	Morris Seligman Dees, Jr., Montgomery, AL
76.	2013	Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chappaqua, NY
77.	2014	Earl E. Anderson, Vienna, VA
78.	2015	Roberta Cooper Ramo, Albuquerque, NM
79.	2016	Dennis W. Archer, Detroit, MI
80.	2017	John D. Ferrick, New York, NY

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