Vanguard Award – for distinguished lifetime achievement in the nonprofit sector:

Douglas M. Mancino
Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Outstanding Lawyer Award – for distinguished service as outside counsel to nonprofit organizations:

George E. Constantine III
Venable

Outstanding In-House Counsel Award – for distinguished service by a nonprofit in-house counsel

Edmund J. Giering IV
Baton Rouge Area Foundation

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award – for distinguished service by an attorney in the nonprofit sector who is under the age of 35 or has been in practice less than 10 years:

Kayci Petenko
Fleming Petenko Law
Outstanding Academic Award – for distinguished academic achievement in the nonprofit sector:

Philip Hackney
University of Pittsburgh School of Law

VANGUARD AWARD

Douglas M. Mancino

Douglas Mancino has represented tax-exempt organizations on business, tax and financial matters throughout his 46-year career. He also has extensive experience in audits, appeals, and other tax controversies, including tax litigation in the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits. He has served as counsel to health care clients in a case that defined the limits of tax-exempt organizations participating in health care joint ventures and represents tax-exempt health plans throughout the United States.

Mr. Mancino has authored or co-authored five books and treatises and more than one hundred articles concerning tax-exempt organizations and health care issues. He is a former president of the American Health Law Association Chaired the ABA Tax Section’s Exempt Organizations Committee, and served for three years as vice chair publications of the ABA’s Tax Section and Editor-in-Chief of The Tax Lawyer. Doug is a frequent lecturer/speaker on many legal, tax and health care subjects. He enjoys a national reputation as one of the country’s top health care and tax-exempt organization lawyers.

Mr. Mancino is active in many civic and charitable activities. He is currently Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Children’s Burn Foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Health Foundation, and The Center on Philanthropy & Public Policy. He has previously served on the boards of several other nonprofit organizations, including the Kent State University Foundation, and the National Center on Philanthropy and the Law.
OUTSTANDING LAWYER AWARD

George E. Constantine III

George Constantine is co-chair of Venable's Nonprofit Organizations Group and leads Venable's associations practice. He concentrates his practice on providing legal counseling to and advocacy for nonprofit organizations, including trade associations, professional societies, advocacy groups, charities, and other entities. He has extensive experience with many of the major legal issues affecting nonprofit organizations, including tax exemption, antitrust, governance, and transactional matters. He is well versed in matters related to association standard setting and enforcement, certification, accreditation, and code-of-conduct reviews.

Mr. Constantine is the former staff counsel of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). As ASAE's sole staff attorney, he gained in-depth experience with the many legal issues facing associations. He has also represented ASAE's interests before Congress and federal agencies.

OUTSTANDING IN-HOUSE COUNSEL AWARD

Edmund J. Giering IV

Edmund Giering serves as general counsel to the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, a community foundation which serves the needs and interests of South Louisiana by helping donors connect with nonprofit organizations to create a lasting legacy and fulfill their philanthropic goals and by leading and investing in civic leadership initiatives that build a more equitable community and address larger social outcomes.

Mr. Giering has been a key figure in numerous notable accomplishments of the Foundation, from the recovery of South Louisiana following Hurricane Gustav and subsequent storms and floods, to managing the award of hundreds of grants totaling $100 million following the Deepwater Horizon tragedy in the areas of disaster assistance, emergency relief, health and human services, wildlife, environment and conservation, and education. A well-respected leader in Baton Rouge and throughout Louisiana, Mr. Giering guided the Foundation’s legal affairs at the heart of these efforts.

Mr. Giering is currently working with key philanthropic, business and government stakeholders to develop the Water Campus, a 35-acre collaborative interdisciplinary campus located near downtown Baton Rouge designed specifically for interaction between coastal, environmental and water-related organizations such as state and federal agencies, educational and research institutions and engineering, environmental, planning and consulting firms, as well as nonprofit advocates.
OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER AWARD

Kayci Petenko

Kayci Petenko is a founding partner of Fleming Petenko Law where she focuses her practice on advising tax-exempt organizations, including private foundations, public charities, and donor-advised funds.

Prior to forming Fleming Petenko Law, Ms. Petenko worked for another boutique law firm providing legal advice and services to nonprofit organizations. Additionally, she was a tax associate in the Tax Advisory Group of an accounting firm, where she provided clients with a wide range of tax consulting services and specialized in state and local taxation. Ms. Petenko also has significant law firm experience representing clients in corporate, financial, real estate, and litigation matters. She has advised clients on compliance issues, corporate governance matters, and contract negotiation.

Ms. Petenko speaks frequently on legal matters related to the operation of nonprofit organizations and is an adjunct professor at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AWARD

Philip Hackney

Philip Hackney is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. His scholarship focuses primarily on the law that governs the nonprofit tax-exempt sector, such as charities, social welfare organizations, labor unions, and trade associations. Professor Hackney studies the impact of the Internal Revenue Code on the operation of these organizations that provide vital services to the most vulnerable through charity, engage in political activity, and manage a large percentage of the provision of health care and education. He believes that a better understanding of nonprofits provides insight into how to design the income tax and state law rules to optimally channel nonprofits to serve these purposes.

Professor Hackney has deeply engaged in law reform efforts. He served as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Independent Sector to update its Ethics and Principles of Good Governance for Nonprofit Organizations in 2014. In Louisiana, he served as a member of the Louisiana Tax Institute, a state board created to aid the state in improving its tax system.

Previously, Professor Hackney served as a member of the faculty of the LSU Law Center. Before the academy, Hackney spent five years at the Office of the Chief Counsel of the IRS in
Washington, D.C. There he drafted IRS regulations, advised the TEGE commissioner, and litigated exempt organization tax issues.