Exceptional Service Award for Death Penalty Representation
2019 Nomination Information

About the Award

Each year the American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation Project celebrates its volunteer death penalty lawyers at its Volunteer Recognition & Awards Event. Pro bono firms are nominated by their colleagues for exceptional service to prisoners on death row and honored with our award. To be considered for the award, we must receive a (1) completed Application Form, (2) a Letter of Nomination, and (3) at least one Letter of Support for each nominee no later than Friday, May 24, 2019.

Previous Award Honorees

Arnold & Porter  
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings  
Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal  
Covington & Burling  
Crowell & Moring  
Dorsey & Whitney  
Drinker Biddle & Reath  
Dykema Gossett  
Fish & Richardson  
Fredrikson & Byron  
Goodwin Procter  
Hogan Lovells  
Jenner & Block (2006 & 2016)  
Kaye Scholer  
Kirkland & Ellis

King & Spalding  
Lewis Roca Rothgerber  
Mayer Brown  
Morgan Lewis & Bockius  
O’Melveny & Myers  
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe  
Perkins Coie  
Quarles & Brady  
Reed Smith  
Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis  
Sidley Austin (2006 & 2014)  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom  
Steptoe & Johnson  
WilmerHale

Read more about past award winners at http://ambar.org/dpawards.
A Letter of Nomination for an Exceptional Service Award should include the following:

1. Commitment and achievements on behalf of death-sentenced person(s) and specifically how the firm first became involved in pro bono death penalty representation;
2. Role of the firm and team members, including number of hours devoted to the case and level of participation;
3. Impact of the firm’s achievements on the client, the community, or the development of law in the jurisdiction; and
4. Description of what involvement (if any) the firm has had with the Death Penalty Representation Project.

Please provide specific, concrete examples wherever possible. The nomination materials may include relevant documentation including media publicity or other recognition received by the nominee, but please limit these materials to no more than 10 pages total. Firms may self-nominate. Honorees will be selected by an Awards Committee that does not include Project staff. Although previously unrecognized firms will be given priority for this award, prior award winners will not be excluded from consideration and are encouraged to apply.

The winner(s) will be honored at the 2019 Volunteer Recognition & Awards Event on September 19th at the Decatur House in Washington, DC.

CHECKLIST FOR A NOMINATION:

- Application Form
- Letter of Nomination
- At least one (1) Letter of Support
- Additional Relevant Documentation (no more than 10 pages total)

Please submit all materials electronically (PDF documents preferred) including the Letter of Nomination, Application Form, and supporting documents to the Project by Friday, May 24, 2019 at deathpenaltyproject@americanbar.org.

Contact information

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About the Project

The Death Penalty Representation Project is the American Bar Association's expert on issues related to the defense effort in death penalty cases. Since 1986 its singular focus has been to improve the quality and availability of legal representation for persons facing possible death sentences. As one of its primary goals, the Project seeks to expand the pool of lawyers willing to serve as pro bono counsel for death row inmates in post-conviction proceedings by recruiting volunteer attorneys to handle capital cases. The Project also focuses its efforts on domestic and international training and technical assistance to capital defenders, judges, and volunteer lawyers; systemic reform of capital counsel systems through litigation and other means; and education of the public and bar about the urgent need for reform of the death penalty system.

For more information about the Project, please visit:

www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/death_penalty_representation/about_us.html.
A. LAW FIRM INFORMATION

Name of Law Firm:
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Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _________________________________________________________________

Phone: (____) ________________________ Fax: (____) _______________________________

E-mail: _______________________________________________________________________

B. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator: ______________________________________________________________

Program/Office: _________________________________________________________________

Title: ________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _________________________________________________________________

Phone: (____) ________________________ Fax: (____) _______________________________

E-mail: _______________________________________________________________________

C. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRO BONO DEATH PENALTY WORK

Brief description (2-3 sentences) of work that is recognized and discussed in your letter of nomination:

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