ABA Section of Family Law Jean Crowe Pro Bono Award

Official Rules

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of this award is to honor a person who has made a difference by offering legal services on a pro bono basis, or who has promoted organization(s) that provide legal services to low income and/or underrepresented populations. The award honors the legacy of former ABA Family Law Section Council member, Jean Crowe, a founder of the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and longtime attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands.

Eligibility

The award is open to anyone who is 21 years or older at time of submission and is a citizen or legal United States resident who has made a difference by offering legal services on a pro bono basis, or who has promoted organization(s) that provide legal services to low income and/or underrepresented populations. Attorneys whose full-time, paid occupation is to provide pro bono legal services are not eligible to enter. The recipient (“recipient”) shall be a person who goes “above and beyond.” The recipient does not have to work for a legal services entity, but must show commitment and dedication to the above. If a potential recipient works for a legal services entity, that person must rise above the normal call of employment.

Criterion for selection includes the following:

a. The total number of pro bono hours spent or complexity of cases handled by a nominee;

b. The impact of the nominee’s pro bono work and/or benefit to low income or underrepresented population;

c. Particular expertise provided or particular need satisfied by the nominee;

d. Successful recruitment by the nominee of other attorneys for pro bono representation (if applicable); and

e. Proven commitment by the nominee to the delivery of quality legal services to low income and/or underrepresented population, and commitment to equal access to legal services.

Employees of the ABA, and its respective affiliates and immediate family or household members of such employees, are not eligible. Eligibility determinations will be made by the ABA Section of Family Law; all decisions regarding eligibility are final.

How to Enter

Potential nominees shall enter on-line on the form provided by the Section of Family Law on its Section web pages. All entries shall be completed by February 14, 2020. Potential nominees may nominate themselves or others that they believe meet the nomination criteria.
Description of the Award

Once chosen, the recipient shall then choose a pro bono or public service organization who shall receive $1,500 from the ABA Section of Family Law. The recipient may also be awarded up to $1,000 in travel expenses in order to attend the ABA Section of Family Law’s Council Meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at the InterContinental San Diego hotel in San Diego, California, at which time the recipient shall receive a trophy or similar object commemorating his/her receipt of the award. Winners are responsible for all taxes, if any, in connection with receiving a prize.

Selection and Notification of Recipient

The recipient will be chosen by the ABA Section of Family Law Jean Crowe Pro Bono Award Committee (“Committee”), and will be notified via telephone call or e-mail. If the recipient does not respond within seven days from the date the ABA Section of Family Law first tries to notify him/her, such potential winner shall forfeit all rights to the award and the award shall be given to the Committee’s second place winner. This process may be repeated until a recipient is confirmed. The winner will be selected and notified prior to the Section of Family Law’s Spring CLE Conference.

Conditions of Participation

- By participating, each nominee agrees to these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, and releases and discharges the ABA, subsidiary and affiliated entities, and each of their respective officers, directors, members, employees, independent contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively “Sponsor”) from any and all liability whatsoever in connection with this award, including without limitation, legal claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages, demands or actions of any kind (collectively, “Claims”).
- Except where prohibited, acceptance of monetary proceeds constitutes a release by any recipient or recipient’s designee of the Sponsor of any and all Claims in connection with the administration of this award.
- Sponsor is not responsible for any software failures.
- Recipient and recipient’s designee shall comply with all tax obligations.
- Recipient and recipient’s designee consent to grant the ABA all rights to use and publish for promotional and internal purposes names, statements, quotes, images, and likenesses, and releases ABA from all liabilities arising out of any use of the likeness and information as provided above.
- All materials related to the nominations become the property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned.
- The decisions of the Committee are final.
Announcement of Recipient

The recipient shall be announced at the ABA Section of Family Law’s Council Meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at the InterContinental San Diego hotel in San Diego, California, and also on the Section of Family Law web pages.

Odds of Winning

Chances of winning will vary depending on the number of entries.

Opt-Out Option

Any individual may elect to opt out of receiving future contest mailings by calling the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221.

Laws and Regulations

This award contest is governed by the U.S. law and all federal, state, local and municipal laws and regulations apply. Void where prohibited by law.

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