THE ABA HEALTH LAW SECTION
2020 CHAMPION OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD

Description of Award and Eligibility
This award honors an ABA Health Law Section member who has made exceptional efforts to promote or facilitate diversity and inclusion within the Section and/or the legal profession. Past honorees have included David Douglass, Denise Hanna, Bill Hopkins, W. Thomas Smith and last year’s awardee Montrece Ransom.

Nominations
The deadline to submit nominations for this award is October 15, 2019 (via electronic nomination form). The award will be presented at the ABA Health Law Section Emerging Issues in Healthcare Law Conference on March 11, 2020 in San Diego, CA. The recipient must be present to receive the award. The Section reserves the right not to make the award if there are no suitable candidates.

The Award
This award will consider nominees who have engaged in actions or activities which include some or all of the following:

- Actively recruited diverse members, ensured their involvement in activities of the Section, and ensured that leadership opportunities are available to them.
- Continually and consistently fostered an atmosphere of inclusion, both inside and outside the Section, and helped to maintain an open, collegial environment that provides both professional and personal satisfaction to members of the Section, the ABA and other organizations.

Montrece Ransom
2019 Recipient

W. Thomas Smith
2018 Recipient

William Hopkins
2017 Recipient

Denise Hanna
2016 Recipient

David Douglas
2015 Recipient
• To the extent possible, worked to ensure that the Section’s products, services, programs and activities are sensitive and accessible to the missions, needs and expectations of diverse audiences and diverse issues.

• Engaged in activities that have helped eliminate bias, both inside and outside the Section and the ABA.

• To the extent possible, engaged in efforts to design products, services, programs, and activities, which included material specifically developed for diverse audiences.

• Worked to provide increased leadership opportunities to diverse participants who are qualified to serve in those positions.

• Engaged in outreach to law schools (and affinity groups in such schools) to draw a diverse population into healthcare law.

• To the degree possible, promoted diversity and inclusion for the profession as a whole, including participation in such efforts among organizations and groups inside and outside the ABA.

• The criteria may also include other actions, activities and/or achievements consistent with the foregoing listed items and within the spirit of the award.

**Application Requirements**

• **Nomination Form** – Nominee’s and nominator’s names, addresses, firms/organizations, telephone numbers, and email addresses. You may find the Nomination Form by clicking here.

• **Nominee’s Resume/Biography** – Nominee’s resume or similar summary document detailing the candidate’s professional and volunteer accomplishments during the nominee’s career.

• **Nominator’s Narrative** – A description of specific accomplishments that demonstrate significant achievements for which the nominee is being nominated and the time frame. Nominator should also explain his or her familiarity/relationship with this nominee and whether or not the nominee has firsthand knowledge of the nominee’s qualifications.

• **Supporting Material, Including Letters of Support** – Supporting documents of no more than 10 pages (exclusive of articles written by the nominee), such as copies of media coverage, proof of past recognitions, and/or other materials that support the nomination. Please include up to three (3) letters of support from other individuals.

• **Submission of Nominations** – Please submit nominations electronically by October 15, 2019.

**Questions?**
Contact Carol Simmons at carol.simmons@americanbar.org or 312/988-5631.

**Nomination Form:**
https://americanbar.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cZ23imT72I68jZP