Gavel Awards

Aug 1973

The Assembly approved the creation of the Standing Committee on Gavel Awards.

The Standing Committee shall consist of eighteen members.

The Standing Committee shall supervise the Association’s awards for noteworthy published articles, radio and television broadcasts, books and films that:

1) foster greater public understanding of the values of the American legal system;

2) inform and educate citizens as to the roles of the law, the courts, and the legal profession;

3) disclose practices or procedures needing correction or improvements; or

4) encourage and promote legislative efforts to improve the laws, the courts, or law enforcement agencies.

Aug 1977

The House approved the proposal to amend the Bylaws to make more precise the rules governing the Gavel Awards competition and to permit the enlistment of additional Association members to aid the Committee in judging entries.

The Standing Committee shall supervise the Association’s awards for noteworthy published articles, radio and television broadcasts, books and films that:

1) foster greater public understanding of the inherent values of the American legal and judicial system;

2) inform and educate citizens as to the roles in society of the law, the courts, law enforcement agencies, and the legal profession;

3) disclose practices or procedures needing correction or improvement so as to encourage and promote local, state and federal efforts to improve and modernize the nation’s laws, courts and law enforcement agencies; or

4) aid the legal profession and judiciary to attain the goals set by the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Code of Judicial Conduct.

To assist in judging entries, the chair may enlist the aid of non-committee members.