The E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards recognize innovative and outstanding professionalism programs and projects in legal education and the legal profession. Applications for the 2019 Gambrell Awards competition will be accepted January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019, with Award recipients notified in June 2019. The Gambrell Awards, each including a $3,500 prize, will be presented August 9, 2019 at the NABE/NCPB/NCBF joint luncheon during the ABA 2019 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Organization:
Address:
City, State: Zip code:
Program / Project:
Program Start Date: Website:
Contact: Position:
Email: Phone:

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: Title / Position:
Firm / Organization:
Address:
City, State: Zip code:
Email: Phone:

28th ANNUAL COMPETITION

The American Bar Association, through the Standing Committee on Professionalism and the Center for Professional Responsibility, is pleased to announce its 28th Annual Award Competition for programs/projects aimed at enhancing professionalism in the legal community. Up to three awards, each accompanied by a $3,500.00 prize, will be presented. The awards are generously supported by the E. Smythe Gambrell Fund for Professionalism.

ELIGIBILITY

Law schools, state and local bar associations, court programs and projects, law firms and not-for-profit law-related organizations are eligible for the awards. Programs/Projects submitted for consideration must be ongoing and have operated for at least one year prior to the entry deadline. Past Gambrell Award winning programs/projects are ineligible.

Please Note: Submissions are maintained and will be considered for two years: the award year of submission and the following award year. Award submissions may not be made in consecutive years (e.g., a program/project nominated but not selected for the Award in 2019 should not submit a new application before 2021).

SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION

All entries must include the following items:

- A completed Award Nomination Form
- Program/Project Description (not to exceed three pages)
  - Please provide a one-page executive summary of your program/project, and a detailed description of the program/project, including plans for continuing operation.
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Nomination Form, Guidelines and Instructions

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Assessment of Program/Project (not to exceed three pages)
- State the specific goals/objectives of the project or program and how it seeks to enhance the professionalism of lawyers and/or law students.
- State how the success of the program/project is being measured/evaluated.
- State how the goals are being met and how they are improving the professionalism of the lawyers and/or law students.

Program/Project Continuation-To Do Kit: (not to exceed three pages)
- Concisely state how the program/project can be duplicated and implemented by others.
- Include suggestions or recommendations for improvement or simplification that you would offer to others who might undertake a program/project similar to yours.

Additional Information
- Provide any additional existing documentation (such as program brochures, news media articles, reports or report summaries, or letters of support) demonstrating the effectiveness of the program. Links to resources are appreciated.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The purpose of the E. Smythe Gambrell Awards is recognition of bar associations, law schools, courts, law firms, not-for-profit law-related organizations, state commissions and other law-related organizations that have established effective, on-going professionalism programs and projects to help ensure the maintenance of the highest principles of integrity and dedication to the legal profession and the public.

The entries, will be reviewed under the direction of the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism. Factors that will be considered in selecting the awardees will be the distinguishing and particularly meritorious features of the program, including, but limited to:

- Overall quality of the program
- Ease with which other interested groups throughout the country can replicate the program
- Established history and success of the program
- Likelihood of continuation of the program
- Breadth of the program for all experience levels of law students and/or lawyers
- Proactive nature of the program
- Effectiveness of the program

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please submit by email, a completed Award Nomination Form; Program/Project Description; Assessment of Program/Project; Program/Project Continuation-To Do Kit and additional relevant documents to:

Email: cpr@americanbar.org

Deadline: All award entries MUST be received on or before March 31, 2019.

Award Entries: All award entries, become the property of the American Bar Association and will not be returned. The ABA has the right to distribute or post on its website copies of the applications.

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AWARD PRESENTATION

The Gambrell Awards will be presented on August 9, 2019 at the NABE/NCBP/NCBF joint luncheon held during the American Bar Association’s 2019 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. Award recipients will be notified in early June 2019.

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Received By:  Date:  Selection: