

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

GAVEL AWARD WINNERS

1970s

1970
1971
1972
1973
1974

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1970

NEWSPAPERS

Kankakee Daily Journal

Kankakee, IL

Recipient: Len H. Small, Publisher

For initiating an in-depth probe into conditions affecting the administration of justice locally and bringing together responsible officials to resolve the problems.

Niagara Falls Gazette

Niagara, NY

Recipient: Hamilton B. Mizer, President & Publisher

For a series of articles on the quality of justice administered by the lower courts and the need for judicial reform.

The Evansville Courier

Evansville, IN

Recipient: Wm. Andrew Caddick, President

For publication in full of a comprehensive study of local crime and law enforcement problems and editorial support of the numerous recommendations contained in the study.

The Washington Evening Star

Recipient: John H. Kauffmann, President & Chief Executive

For an 11-part series of articles detailing serious problems besetting the trial courts in our Nation's capital and suburbs.

The Christian Science Monitor

Boston, MA

Recipient: Howard James

For a series of 15 articles exposing brutal conditions existing in juvenile detention homes and offering 170 remedial suggestions.

The Louisville Courier-Journal

Louisville, KY

Recipient: Norman Isaacs

For a series of articles describing archaic court conditions and the urgent need for modernizing the county court system.

The New York Times

New York City, NY

Recipient: Seymour Topping

For a series of articles examining the problems of a free press, fair trial, self-incrimination, court challenges and law school enrollment practices.

The Chicago Sun-Times

Chicago, IL

Recipient: James W. Singer

For a series of articles on legal subjects of public importance including need for more black lawyers, new state income tax law and state-church relations.

Parade (Magazine Supplement)

New York City, NY

Recipient: John G. Rogers

For an informative article, "They Learn the Law – Before It's Too Late," explaining a new law program for high school students.

MAGAZINES

Psychology Today

Del Mar, CA

Recipient: Robert W. Glasgow

For the contribution to original research concerning attitudes toward law and the courts, crime and punishment, the penal system rights and freedom.

BOOKS

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THEATRE

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TELEVISION

National Broadcasting Company

News Division

New York City, NY

Recipient: Rueben Frank, President/NBC News

For two documentaries, “Voices on the Inside” and “Between Two Rivers,” explaining U.S. Prison conditions and the plight of the American Indian.

Universal City Studios, Inc.

Recipient: Robert Conrad

For the feature film, “The D.A. Murder One,” explaining the role of the Office of District Attorney in prosecuting a murder case.

American Broadcasting Company

New York City, NY

Recipient: Martin Starger

For the feature film, “The Young Lawyers,” dramatizing the work of neighborhood legal aid lawyers and law students on behalf of the poor.

National Educational Television

Recipient: James Day, President

For the outstanding documentary, “The Warren Years,” tracing highlights in the 16-year career of the former Chief Justice of the U.S.

WNED-TV

Buffalo, NY

Recipient: J. Michael Collins, President & General Manager

For the educational program, “Are Campus Disorders Out of Hand?” featuring a mock trial with viewers as the ‘jury’.

RADIO

KFWB Radio

Los Angeles, CA

Recipient: Gordon Davis

For an educational series of editorials, "Ignorance and the Law," urging the teaching of fundamental basic statutes law to children.

MOTION PICTURES

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1971

NEWSPAPERS

The Record-Chronicle

Denton, TX

Recipient: Jim Burnett

For a series of articles explaining the legal steps that take place from the time of arrest to the trial of an accused person.

The Spartanburg Journal

Spartanburg, SC

Recipient: Phil Buchheit, Editor-in-Chief

For a two-part series detailing how each court in the judicial system operates and each arm of the court works in support of the courts and the law.

The St. Petersburg Times

St. Petersburg, FL

Recipient: Martin Dyckman

For a series of more than 50 articles on the quality of prison conditions in Florida.

The Valley News

Van Nuys, CA

Recipient: Harry M. Humphreys

For a series of articles explaining controversial decisions expanding individual rights.

The Milwaukee Journal

Milwaukee, WI

Recipient: Donald B. Abert, President & Publisher

For two entries: 1) series of editorials offering strong support of efforts to update Wisconsin's judicial system and 2) Law Day USA supplement.

The Minneapolis Star

Minneapolis, MN

Recipient: Daniel M. Upham, Associate Editor

For informative weekly columns, "Judging the Law."

The National Observer

Recipient: William F. Kerby

For a series of articles interpreting major U.S. Supreme Court decisions affecting all segments of our society.

MAGAZINES

Fortune

New York City, NY

Recipient: Putney Westerfield, Publisher

For its feature article examining the role of the Supreme Court during the past two decades and at present under the stewardship of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

Newsweek

New York City, NY

Recipient: Frederick S. Beebe

For its cover story, "Prisons in Turmoil," examining the problems confronting the U.S. penal system today.

U. S. News & World Report

Washington, DC

Recipient: John H. Sweet, President

For its article entitled, "Interview with Chief Justice Warren E. Burger," detailing his views about problems of the courts, the state of our prisons and the administration of justice.

BOOK PUBLISHERS

The MacMillian Company

Recipient: Norman Pomerance, Executive Vice President

For "The Self-Inflicted Wound," which examines the due process and the human rights revolution of the past decade as a result of the Court's landmark cases.

THEATRE

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TELEVISION

CBS News Division

New York City, NY

Recipient: Richard S. Salant, President/CBS News

"Bill of Rights" surveys and examines public attitudes about Constitutional rights guaranteed by the first ten Amendments.

National Broadcasting Company

New York City, NY

Recipient: Don Durgin, President/NBC-TV Network

"A Continual Roar of Musketry" from *The Bold Ones* series.

WCAU-TV

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: Bruce R. Bryant, Vice President & General Manager

“Case of Reform,” examining the progressive and innovative techniques of prisoner rehabilitation employed at the Bucks County (PA) prison.

RADIO

NBC Radio Network – NBC News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Reuben Frank, President/NBC News

“The Prison System: Accomplice After the Fact,” examining the American system of penology and rehabilitation.

WMAL Radio

Washington, DC

Recipient: Harold Green, Manager

For its three-part documentary, “Streets of Fear,” “Franklin Moyer and the Question of Bail,” and “Congress and the Crime Bill,” on the scope of crime in our nation’s capital.

KGO Radio

San Francisco, CA

Recipient: Harold Neal

For its series of editorial broadcasts, “For the Quality of Justice”.

KEAR Radio

San Francisco, CA

Recipient: Rev. James Galbreath, Manager

For the documentary “Joe Bleakley”.

MOTION PICTURES

**Universal Television and
Mark VII Limited, Jointly**

Recipient: Robert E. Forward

For the feature film “The D.A.: Conspiracy to Kill,” which examines the role of the District Attorney’s Office and the duty of a D.A.

NEWSPAPERS

The Oregon Statesman

Salem, OR

Recipient: Wendall Webb, Editor

For a comprehensive explanation of key laws in Oregon's new Criminal Code which replaced the former 107-year old set of laws.

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Cincinnati, OH

Recipient: Francis L. Dale, President & Publisher

For a timely series of articles about problems facing correctional institutional parole officers and parolees.

The Christian Science Monitor

Boston, MA

Recipient: Jack Waugh

For the best national reporting as represented by a series of articles examining the state of American prisons.

The Kansas City Star

Kansas, MO

Recipient: Robert P. Sigman

For the best local reporting as typified by the series of editorials on the problems of criminal justice and penal reform.

The National Observer

Recipient: Henry Gemmill, Editor

Series of articles interpreting major U.S. Supreme Court decisions affecting all segments of our society.

MAGAZINES

Newsweek

New York City, NY

Recipient: Allen Chellas

For its special report, "Justice on Trial," a comprehensive look at three facets of our American system of criminal justice: the police, the courts and correctional facilities.

BOOK PUBLISHERS

The University of Michigan Press

Ann Arbor, MI

Recipient: James R. Langford

For “The Assault of Privacy: Computers, Data Banks, and Dossiers.”

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TELEVISION

CBS News

New York City, NY

Recipient: John Sharnik

For its CBS REPORTS documentary, “Justice in America,” Part I “Some Are More Equal Than Others?” examining the legal treatment afforded to dissidents, minority groups and the indigent.

NBC News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Joseph Bartelme

For its documentary, “This Child is Rated X: An NBC White Paper on Juvenile Justice”.

Midwestern Educational Television, Inc.

St. Paul, MN

Recipient: John C. Savage, President, KTCA-TV

For the program produced by KTCA-TV for M.E.T., "The Baseball Glove," which dramatically illustrates for primary grade children why rules and law are necessary.

**WBGH-TV (Boston) and
KCET-TV (Los Angeles), Jointly**

For its educational program, "Jail with No Bail," from *The Advocate* series which examined the concept of crime prevention centers as one possible approach to solving the increases in crime in the U.S.

RADIO

WNBC Radio

New York, NY

Recipient: Perry B. Bascom, Vice President & General Manager

For its series of educational documentary programs explaining the operations of the New York City Court System.

KXYZ Radio

Houston, TX

Recipient: Jerome A. Smith

For its six-part series on the courts and law, with special recognition for the program, "Old Fashioned Citizenship."

KEEL Radio

Shreveport, LA

Recipient: Mrs. Marie Gifford

For its dramatic documentary on deplorable prison conditions, "ANGOLA: The Crime of Louisiana Punishment."

MOTION PICTURES

**Goverton Production and
Universal Television, Jointly**

Recipient: David Victor

For its motion picture for television release which launched the ABC Network series, "Owen Marshall, Counsellor at Law."

1973

NEWSPAPERS

The Illinois State Register

Recipient: John P. Clarke, Publisher

For a comprehensive 18-part series examining many facets of the American Criminal Justice System.

The Tucson Daily Citizen

Tucson, AZ

Recipient: William D. Browning

For a 4-part investigative series detailing lax administrative practices in the Pima County probate system.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis, MO

Recipient: James C. Millstone, Asst. Managing Editor

For a 5-part series explaining new forces and ideas which are taking place in the legal profession today.

The St. Louis-Democrat

St. Louis, MO

Recipient: G. Duncan Bauman, Publisher

For its investigative series uncovering corruption in the city's Municipal Court.

The Detroit Free Press

Detroit, MI

Recipient: John S. Knight, III

For an 8-part series exploring conditions which are weakening the ability of our legal system to function properly.

NEWSPAPER MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENTS

Parade

New York City, NY

Recipient: Daniel D. Kinley

For an article outlining the problems facing the nation's deaf citizens in obtaining proper legal representation.

MAGAZINES

Apartment Idea

Des Moines, IA

Recipient: David L. Jordan, Editor

For its three informative articles explaining legal aspects of problems common to many apartment renters.

Harper's

New York City, NY

Recipient: Robert Shnayerson, Editor-in-Chief

For its feature article "Your Phone Is a Party Line," detailing our government's expanding bugging activities.

Readers Digest

Pleasantville, NY

Recipient: Edward T. Thompson, Asst. Managing Editor

For its comprehensive series of three articles examining the juvenile court system in America.

Time

New York City, NY

Recipient: Jose M. Ferrer, III

For its "Up from Coverture" article describing discriminatory actions taken against women since the earliest days of civilization.

BOOKS

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TELEVISION**NBC, BB, Time-Life Films**

New York City, NY

Recipient: Peter B. Kenney

For its documentary, "Inventing a Nation," from the *AMERICA* series examining the opinions of leading members of the Constitutional Convention and its role in the founding of our nation.

NBC News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Reuben Frank, Senior Executive Producer

For its documentary, "Guilty by Reason of Race," assessing the plight of 110,000 Japanese-Americans held in detention camps throughout World War II.

KNXT-TV

Los Angeles, CA

Recipient: Dan Gingold

For its News Special, "Rape," examining the myths and problems facing victims attempting to convict attackers.

WKBF-TV

Cleveland, OH

Recipient: Mel Harris, Vice President & General Manager

For its public service program, "The Crime of Our Courts," explaining how our judicial system functions and how it can better serve the public.

KING-TV

Seattle, WA

Recipient: Ancil H. Payne

For its program, "Are Prisons for People?" directing attention to alternative methods for incarcerating juvenile and adult offenders.

WMAR-TV

Baltimore, MD

Recipient: D. P. Campbell, Vice President & General Manager

For its documentary, "Bars to Progress," examining Maryland's correctional system and exploring possible changes to penal procedures.

New Hampshire Network

WNEH-TV

Durham, NH

Recipient: Keith J. Nighbert

For its documentary, "Society's Child," investigating the functions of a juvenile reformatory and how conditions could be improved.

RADIO

KTOK Radio

Oklahoma City, OK

Recipient: C. Hewel Jones, Vice President & General Manager

For its two documentary programs, "Poverty in the Courtroom," examining the handling of indigent offenders and "Behind the Walls of Big Mac," an eye witness account of prison life.

WCCO Radio

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

Recipient: Phil Lewis, General Manager

For its mock murder trial, "You the Jury: Law Day 1972," presenting factual court procedure and a jury composed of the station's vast listening audience.

MOTION PICTURES

Dick Berg-Metromedia Productions

Hollywood, CA

Recipient: Frank Reel, President, Metromedia Producers, Corporation

For the motion picture, "Heat of Anger," produced for the CBS Friday Night Movie.

1974

NEWSPAPERS

The Poughkeepsie Journal

Poughkeepsie, NY

For a special section by Messrs. Ed Baron and Joe Tinkleman which provided a comprehensive study of New York State's new drug law.

The Kansas City Star

Kansas City, MO

Recipient: J. J. Malone, Co-author of the award-winning series

For a three-part series of articles by Messrs. Harry Jones, Jr., and J. J. Maloney, examining the prison systems of Missouri and Kansas and the federal institutions in those states.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: Gene Forman, Managing Editor, News

For a seven-part series by Messrs. Donald L. Bartlett and James B. Steele revealing patterns of discrimination and bias, extreme disparity in sentencing and the jailing of innocent persons by some judges.

NEWSPAPER MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENTS

The Birmingham News

Dimension Supplement

Birmingham, AL

For a feature article by Peggy Roberson examining all aspects of plea bargaining practices in Birmingham.

The Orlando Sentinel Star

Orlando, FL

Recipient: William G. Conomos, Editor-Publisher

For a series of articles by James Bacchus disclosing practices and procedures in need of correction in Florida's penal system.

WIRE SERVICES/SYNDICATES

Public Insights Syndicate

North Hollywood, CA

Recipient: Harry Humphreys, Author of the award-winning series

For its series of weekly columns by Harry Humphreys, "Ideas, Issues & Insights," discussing a wide range of timely law-related subjects.

MAGAZINES

Philadelphia Magazine

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: H. Francis DeLone, Legal Counsel for the magazine

For its article by John Guinther, "The Last Whole Justice Catalog," examining sentencing practices and counterprocedures in Philadelphia.

The New Yorker

New York City, NY

For Richard Harris' article, "Annals of Law: Boston Criminal Courts," reporting on how, and whether, justice is being meted out in America's criminal courts.

BOOK PUBLISHERS

David McKay Company, Inc.

New York

Recipient: James O'Shea Wade, Vice President & Editorial Director

For James F. Simon's, "In His Own Image: The Supreme Court in Richard Nixon's America," tracing the philosophical transition of the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Warren Burger.

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TELEVISION

ABC News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Dick Shoemaker, ABC News Correspondent

For its three-part documentary, "*The First and Essential Freedom*," examining the right to communicate and the roles of the news media, the government, and the public understanding of the First Amendment.

CBS News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Fred Graham, CBS Legal Correspondent

For its series of four reports on U.S. Supreme court decisions by Fred Graham as broadcast on the "CBS Evening News" with Walter Cronkite.

NBC News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Thomas W. Sarnoff, Staff Executive, Vice President, NBC West Coast

For two documentary/educational programs, "Watergate: The President Speaks," and "How Watergate Changed Government."

WRC-TV (NBC)

Washington, DC

Recipient: Thomas W. Sarnoff

For its 7-part investigative series "News 4 Washington Probe: By Reason of Insanity," examining discharge policies of potentially dangerous mental patients.

KPIX-TV

San Francisco, CA

Recipient: George Resing, Jr., General Manager

For its children's educational program, "A Case of Arson," providing a mock trial and primer on the judicial process.

WMAR-TV

Baltimore, MD

Recipient: Donald P. Campbell, Vice President & General Manager

For the program, "There Ought To Be a Law," documenting how a new law is enacted by the Maryland General Assembly.

WTIC-TV
Hartford, CT

For its documentary, “The Nine Year-Old in Norfolk Prison,” examining trial and conviction processes of a mentally retarded individually.

KYTV
Springfield, MO

Recipient: Donald S. Moeller, Vice President & General Manager

For its program, “START Inmates: Experimental Man,” documenting the plight of inmates in the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri.

WNET-TV (PBS)
New York

Recipient: Frances H. Costikyan, President, Friends of Channel 13, on behalf of WNET-TV

For its program, “Bill Moyers’ Journal: An Essay on Watergate.”

RADIO

KNX Newsradio, CBS
Los Angeles, CA

Recipient: George Nicholaw, Vice President & General Manager

For its documentary, “Is Our Flag Still There?” examining the present state of our Bill of Rights in terms of its effectiveness and acceptance in today’s society.

WMAL Radio
Washington, DC

Recipient: Ted Landphair, Public Affairs Director

For its documentary, “The Legend of Lenient Justice,” which tested for the first time the actual performance of the new District of Columbia Superior Court and found that the Court has accomplished the basic goals of the 1970 Court Reform Act.

National Public Radio
Washington, DC

Recipient: Albert Hulsen, Vice President, Programming

For two programs, “All Things Considered,” examining important issues raised by Watergate, and “Every Tenth American: A New Look at Our Mental Health System.”

MOTION PICTURES

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1975

NEWSPAPERS

The Sharon Herald

Grove City, PA

Recipient: George D. Lanier, Publisher & General Manager

For Teresa Spataro's 18-part series on crime and criminal justice.

The Albuquerque Journal

Albuquerque, NM

Recipient: Jerry Crawford, Managing Editor

For Scott Beaven's series examining the way New Mexico handles its mentally ill and retarded.

The Minneapolis Tribune

Minneapolis, MN

Recipient: Gale W. Freeman, Associate Publisher

For Messrs. Frank Premack's, Peter Vanderpoel's and Doug Stone's comprehensive look at the Hennepin County Juvenile Justice system.

The Chicago Sun-Times

Chicago, IL

Recipient: Roger Simon, Co-author of the award-winning report

For Roger Simon's and Patrick Oster's in-depth investigation and report on the Cook County criminal justice system.

NEWS SYNDICATES

McGraw-Hill World News

Recipient: Daniel Moskowitz, Author of the award-winning feature

For Daniel B. Moskowitz's syndicated feature, "Your World Tomorrow" examining and explaining new developments in consumer law.

MAGAZINES

Philadelphia Magazine

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: D. Herbert Lipson, Publisher

For James D. Riggio's article, "The Paint Job," detailing how New Jersey Mayor Angelo Errichetti had been indicted on trumped-up charges. The investigative report was used in his defense.

The New Yorker

New York City, NY

Recipient: George J. Green, President

For the two-part article, "A Scrap of Black Cloth," from Annals of Law section, by Richard Harris. The article told of the long ordeal suffered by a New York teacher who wore an arm-band to express his position on the Vietnam war.

Newsweek

New York City, NY

Recipient: Allen Chellas, Vice President & Director, Public Affairs

For David M. Alpern's article and double sidebars on "All About Impeachment," examining current and historical aspects of impeachment.

BOOK PUBLISHERS

Charles Scribner's Sons

New York

Recipient: Charles Scribner, Jr., President

For John P. MacKenzie's book, "The Appearance of Justice," examining judicial ethics past and present.

THEATRE

Dome Productions

Los Angeles, CA

For the one-man play, "Clarence Darrow."

TELEVISION

American Television Industry & ABC News Television

New York City, NY

Recipient: William Sheehan, President, ABC News

For its coverage and broadcast of the House Judiciary Committee impeachment proceedings which made possible greater public understanding of the inherent values of our American constitutional, legal and judicial systems.

American Television Industry & CBS News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Robert Chandler, Vice President, Administration & Assistant to the President, CBS News

For its broadcast of the House Judiciary Committee impeachment proceedings which made possible greater public understanding of the inherent values of our American constitutional, legal and judicial systems.

American Television Industry & NBC

New York City, NY

Recipient: Julian Goodman, Board Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, NBC

For its broadcast of the House Judiciary Committee impeachment proceedings which made possible greater public understanding of the inherent values of our American constitutional, legal and judicial systems.

American Television Industry & Public Broadcasting Service

New York City, NY

Recipient: John A. Montgomery, Vice President, Programming

For its broadcast of the House Judiciary Committee impeachment proceedings which made possible greater public understanding of the inherent values of our American constitutional, legal and judicial systems.

CBS News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Robert Chandler

For its three-segment program entitled, "What's It All About?" explaining the functions of the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives, and the process of impeachment.

National Broadcasting Company

New York City, NY

Recipient: Julian Goodman

For "A Case of Rape," documenting the subtle prejudices, emotional stresses and pervading sense of degradation felt by a woman subjected to the crime of rape.

WNBC-TV

New York City, NY

Recipient: Julian Goodman

For its program, "Legal Ethics: What's Happening?" from Critical Issues: Critical Minds series

KATU Television

Portland, OR

Recipient: Ben C. Fisher, member ABA House of Delegates and legal counsel for KATU

For its program, "Is It Justice?," examining three sections of Oregon's new Criminal Procedure Code.

WCCO-TV News

Minneapolis, MN

Recipient: Sherman K. Headley, General Manager

For its documentary, "The Time Machine," examining the sensitive human equation in parole decision-making.

WTTW

Chicago, IL

Recipient: William J. McCarter, Vice President & General Manager

For its program, "Criminal Court," examining Chicago's overburdened criminal court system.

Indiana University Radio & Television Service

Recipient: Donley F. Fedderson, Director

For its program, "The Role of the Lawyer," from the Family Consumer Law/Law & the Helping Professions series.

Complete Channel TV, Inc.

Madison, WI

Recipient: Rod Thole, General Manager

For its program, "Halfway to Somewhere," examining issues surrounding offender rehabilitation in the Wisconsin penal system.

RADIO

CBS News Radio

New York, NY

Recipient: Robert Chandler

For its 30-part series, "A Hearing for American Justice," the program offered a broad spectrum report on the system of law and justice in the United States.

NBC News Radio

New York City, NY

Recipient: Julian Goodman

For its Second Sunday documentary program, "Capital Punishment: Dead or Alive," assessing capital punishment in the U.S. following the *Furman vs. Georgia* Supreme Court decision.

WCBS Newsradio

New York City, NY

Recipient: Lou Alder, News Director

For its 20-part series, "Rape: The Law and You," a WCBS Progress Report

WWVA Radio

Wheeling, WV

Recipient: Jerry Kelanic, Assistant News Director

For its coverage by Jerry Kelanic of the investigation, indictment and trial of UMW president Tony Boyle for the murder of Joseph Yablonski.

WHLO Radio

Akron, OH

Recipient: Allen Saunders, Vice President & General Manager

For its 5-part series, "Inside the Grand Jury," explaining the functions of the system.

American Forces Network, Europe

Recipient: LT COL Floyd McBride, Commander, American Forces Network, Europe

For its documentary, "High Crimes and Misdemeanors," exploring two impeachment proceedings in the 19th Century.

MOTION PICTURES

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1976

NEWSPAPERS

The Shreveport Journal

Shreveport, LA

Recipient: Stanley R. Tiner, Editor

For their specific edition entitled, "Justice and Injustice."

Messenger-Inquirer

Owensboro, KY

Recipient: John S. Hager, President/Editor, Owensboro Publishing Co.

For a series of articles and editorials calling for adoption of a proposed constitutional amendment to modernize the state's court system.

Journal-Gazette

Fort Wayne, IN

Recipient: Larry W. Allen, Editor

For "A Time For Appraisal," pinpointing strengths and weaknesses of new unified Allen County Superior Court.

Chicago Sun-Times

Chicago, IL

Recipient: Roger Simon, Columnist

For its series by Roger Simon on plea bargaining.

MAGAZINES

Philadelphia Magazine

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: Alan Halpern, Editor

For "A Child's Garden of Horrors," by John Guinther reporting on widespread injustices in Philadelphia's juvenile justice system.

U.S. News & World Report

Washington, DC

Recipient: Donald P. Diane, Assisting Managing Editor

For their five-page cover story "Big Change in Prisons PUNISH NOT REFORM," by Patrick R. Oster and Donald P. Diane.

BOOK PUBLISHERS

Yale University Press

New Haven, CT

Recipient: Chester Kerr, Director

For "The Morality of Consent," by Alexander M. Bickel, outlining how democracy can survive.

THEATRE

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TELEVISION

CBS News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Joel Heller, Executive Producer, *The American Parade*

For *The American Parade*, "The Case Against Milligan," a historical drama about the suspension of habeas corpus during the Civil War.

WMAQ - TV NBC

Chicago, IL

Recipient: Robert S. Walsh, Station Manager

For two programs: *When is Justice Coming? Part I: "The Overloaded Criminal Courts,"* examining conditions in Cook County, and "Code 39," an investigative report on a Chicago Police Department Spy unit.

WCVB - TV

Needham, MA

Recipient: Leo L. Beranek, President, Boston Broadcasters, Incorporated

For "Crime: The War We're Losing," a 3-hour program examining criminal justice in Massachusetts.

WCCO - TV

Minneapolis, MN

Recipient: Peter Maroney, Producer, (*Moore on Sunday*)

For "Home Sweet Prison," a documentary look at how crime and violence inside prison haunts the life of a released inmate.

National Public Affairs

Center for Television

Recipient: Mrs. Edmund D. Campbell, on behalf of WETA

For "Levi and the Law: A Colloquy with the Attorney General."

WNET/13

New York

Recipient: Don Fouser, Executive Producer, (*Ourstory*)

For "OURSTORY - The Peach Gang," the first of nine historical re-enactments of the 1638 trial of Arthur Peach in Plymouth, MA.

WGBH - TV

Boston, MA

Recipient: Peter Cook, Co-producer, (*Edelin Conviction*)

For "The Edelin Conviction," a dramatic re-enactment of scenes from the trial of Dr. Kenneth Edelin for manslaughter.

RADIO

KMOX Radio

St. Louis, MO

Recipient: Robert Hyland, Regional Vice President, CBS Radio

For six programs calling upon all community resources for a "Summit Conference on Crime."

WRFM

New York, NY

Recipient: John C. Moler, President & General Manager

For its series of 32 mini- programs examining crime in the streets.

WBRU - FM

Providence, RI

Recipient: Lee L. Verstanding, President

For "Brutality at the Children's Center," a comprehensive documentary outlining major abuses at the Center.

KOB Radio

Albuquerque, MN

Recipient: Ron L. Sack, General Manager

For its series of six special investigative reports on misuse of authority by the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department.

MOTION PICTURES (Television Release)

Alan Landsburg Productions, Inc.

For the CBS Movie of the Week, "Fear on Trial," the life of John Henry Faulk.

1977

NEWSPAPERS

Ledger

Lakeland, FL

Recipient: John R. Harrison, President/Publisher, Author of award-winning entry

For John Harrison's series of editorials directed toward youth and explaining the law as it applies to juveniles.

Oakland Press

Oakland, MI

Recipient: John Coots, Associate Editor

For Messrs. James S. Granelli and Alan S. Lenhoff's series examining day-to-day operations of local courts and work performed by the judges.

Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: Eugene L. Roberts, Jr., Executive Editor

For Jan Schaffer and Jonathan Neumann's series detailing the alleged mishandling of law enforcement officials of a racially motivated murder case.

Detroit Free Press

Detroit, MI

Recipient: Neal Shine, Managing Editor

For its eight-part series, "Crime in Detroit: A Search for Solutions."

WIRE SERVICES

Gannett News Service

Washington, DC

Recipient: John Curley, General Manager & Chief of its Washington News Bureau

For Robert L. King's four-part series detailing how closed adoption records in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia cause tragic problems for adult adoptees.

MAGAZINES

Boston Magazine

Boston, MA

Recipient: George Gendron, Editor

For Gwen Kinkard's article "The Verdict," analyzing the effect the trial de novo system has upon the quality of justice in Massachusetts.

Newsweek

New York City, NY

Recipient: Robert Campbell ,Publisher and Board Chairman

For Messrs. Pete Axthelm and Anthony Marro's article examining the "de facto extradition" process being used by the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration to obtain the release of suspected kingpins from foreign countries.

BOOKS

Oxford University Press

Recipient: Byron S. Hollinshead, Jr., President

For Archibald Cox's book, "The Role of the Supreme Court in American Government."

THEATRE

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TELEVISION

ABC News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Marlene Sanders, Vice President, Television Documentaries

For its documentary, "Gun Control: Pro and Con," exploring the controversial issue in two back-to-back segments produced by separate ABC News teams.

WKYC-TV (NBC News)

Cleveland, OH

Recipient: Dave McCormick, News Director

For two programs, "Both Sides of Busing," and "The Trouble with Kids." The first program probed factors behind pending federal court decision calling for desegregation of Cleveland public schools. The second was a five-part series exploring the status of juvenile crime and the nation's efforts to cope with it.

WFAA-TV

Dallas, TX

Recipient: Tracy Rowlett, Reporter-Anchorman

For its documentary, "A Time to Die," explaining both the historic and contemporary views about the Supreme Court's decision upholding the death penalty in Texas.

KRPC-TV

Houston, TX

Recipient: Jack Harris, President

For two entries: "Inside the FBI," and "What is Your Citizenship Please?" The first examines the agency's attempt to catch criminals and solve crimes. The second takes an in-depth look at the illegal alien problem in the Southwestern section of the U.S.

Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting

Annapolis, MD

Recipient: Donna Faw, Producer

For its film, "See You in Court," examining the pros and cons of bringing suit in a small claims court.

Hampton Roads Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc.

Norfolk, VA

Recipient: Andrea Lacy, Program Designer and Producer

For its 11-part series on citizenship, "Rights and Responsibilities: Sign Here."

International Media Laboratory

University of Wisconsin

Milwaukee, WI

Recipient: Dr. Werner A. Baum, Chancellor

For its film, "Civil Commitment Hearings," dramatizing six voluntary civil commitment hearings taken verbatim from Wisconsin court system.

RADIO

WCBS-Radio

New York, NY

Recipient: John A. Lack, Vice President & General Manager

For its 30-part weekly series, "The Criminal Justice System: A WCBS News Radio 88 Status Report," examining different aspects of the system.

KFWB-Radio

Los Angeles, CA

Recipient: S. William Scott, Vice President, Radio News Operations, Westinghouse Broadcasting

For three programs on integration, small claims court and reform of the tort system from "John Swaney's Report on the Law," and a special series explaining in lay terms California's property tax laws.

WWVA-Radio

Wheeling, WV

Recipient: Bob Cain, News Director

For its program, "Don't Hit That Lady, She's Your Wife, examining the frightening increase in family physical violence, especially against wives.

MOTION PICTURES

(Television Release)

Tomorrow Entertainment, Inc.

Recipient: Thomas W. Moore, President

For its film, "Judge Horton and the Scottsboro Boys," examining the responsibilities of judge and jury to effect a just verdict within the trial-by-jury system.

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NEWSPAPERS

Times-Herald

Newport News, VA

Recipient: William R. Van Buren, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer and News Editor, Daily Press

For its investigative report on jury trials by staff reporters Gail Bronson, Bill Sizemore, Digby Solomon and Carolyn Hines West.

Courier-Post

Camden, NJ

Recipient: Philip Bookman, Managing Editor

For senior reporters Dennis M. Culnan's and Carl A. Winter's in-depth study of the operation of the municipal courts in New Jersey.

Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: Eugene L. Roberts, Jr., Executive Editor

For its four-part investigative series, "The Homicide Files," by Jonathan Neumann and William K. Marimow.

Chicago Sun-Times

Chicago, IL

Recipient: Patrick Oster, Chief, Washington Bureau

For Patrick Oster's series of news articles and features concerning law-related subjects.

WIRE SERVICE

The Associated Press

Recipient: Rene J. Cappon, General News Editor

For John Barbour's two feature articles, "Warehousing of Crime," and "Front Door to Crime," examining the plight of U.S. prisons today and society's inability to deal effectively with crime.

NEWS SYNDICATES

Congressional Quarterly, Inc.

Washington, DC

Recipient: Wayne Kelley, Executive Editor

For "Access to Justice," by Barry M. Hager, an article which educates the reader about debate over the precise role of the courts in resolving conflicts.

MAGAZINES

The New Yorker (Two Gavels)

New York City, NY

Recipient: George J. Green, President

For Susan Sheehan's three-part series on prison life at Green Haven entitled, "Annals of Crime: A Prison and a Prisoner"; and for Thomas Whiteside's two-part article, "Annals of Crime: Dead Souls in the Computer," examining the craftiness of computer criminals.

Newsweek

New York City, NY

Recipient: Robert Campbell, President

For two of its entries: "The Furor Over Reverse Discrimination," by Jerrold K. Footlick with reporting from correspondents Diane Camper, Lucy Howard and Gerald Lubnow and research by Ann Lallande; and for "Too Much Law," a cover story written by General Editor Jerrold K. Footlick.

BOOKS

Harvard University Press

Recipient: Arthur J. Rosenthal, Director

For "Government by Judiciary: The Transformation of the Fourteenth Amendment," by Raoul Berger.

THEATRE

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TELEVISION

ABC News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Pam Hill, Executive Producer, ABC News Television, Documentaries

For its program, "ABC News Closeup: Justice on Trial," an examination of sentencing and the inequities it produces for both the victims and the criminal.

KPIX-TV

San Francisco, CA

Recipient: George Resing, Jr., Vice President & General Manager

For "The Choice - Between Life and Death." The two-part program, an original 60-minute courtroom trial and a 90-minute live viewer participation program, examined the issue of life in prison or death.

KENS-TV

San Antonio, TX

Recipient: William G. Moll, President & General Manager

For its documentary film, "...And Justice for All." The film examines what progress, if any, has been made since the issuance of a 10 year-old report on the Mexican-American and the administration of justice in the Southwest.

Maryland Center of Public Broadcasting

Annapolis, MD

Recipient: Donna Faw, Producer

For "Consumer Survival Kit Lawyers: Advise and Represent." The program examines lawyers, legal fees and the legal clinics and show how laymen can obtain competent legal counsel.

Women In Communications, Inc., and KERA-TV

Recipient: Edward Pfister, President & General Manager

Jointly, for "Who Remembers Mama?," examining the emotional and financial problems experienced by middle-age women who have lost their roles as homemakers through divorce.

Connecticut Public Television

Recipient: Paul K. Taff, President & General Manager

For its program, "Connecticut Law Day Quiz." The two-part program, a 60-minute law quiz and a 30- minute "Law Line" where viewers telephoned in their legal questions, served to inform citizens better about the law and legal procedures.

RADIO

WCBS-Radio

New York, NY

Recipient: John A. Lack, Vice President & General Manager

For its program, "New Green Sneakers and Other Lessons of the Street," examining juvenile crime and the workings of the juvenile justice system in New York City.

WIRE-Radio

Indianapolis, IN

Recipient: Don N. Nelson, Vice President & General Manager

For "The Tony Kiritsis Affair." The program examines the kidnapping of a mortgage company executive, the arrest, indictment and trial of Kiritsis and efforts to commit him to the Indiana Department of Mental Health.

KHVH-Radio

Honolulu, HI

Recipient: Lawrence S. Berger, President

For "The Law Report," explaining recent appellate cases throughout the U.S.

KSJN-Radio

St. Paul, MN

Recipient: Frank Mankiewicz, President, National Public Radio

For its program, "The Role of the Courts in a Changing Society." The seven-part series helped to "de-mystify" the law.

MOTION PICTURES

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NEWSPAPERS

Pottsville Republican

Pottsville, PA

Recipient: Uzal H. Martz, Jr., President & Publisher

For its five-part investigative series by Gilbert M. Gual and Elliot G. Jaspin detailing how individuals with ties to organized crime took over and "liquidated" the Blue Coal Corporation, a major producer of anthracite in the U.S.

Clarion-Ledger

Jackson, MS

Recipient: Res Henerman, Executive Editor

For its 20-page tabloid featuring a series of investigative reports by Fredric N. Tulsy, Nancy Weaver, Don Hoffman, detailing the results of the newspapers' probe of United League allegations that there is no justice for blacks and the poor in north Mississippi.

Plain Dealer

Cleveland, OH

Recipient: David Hopcraft, Managing Editor

For its in-depth computer-backed, report by husband-and-wife reporters Thomas S. Andrzejewski and Lesli Kay, on the day-to-day operations of the Cuyahoga County courts.

Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: Michael Pakenham, Associate Editor

For its series of editorials by Philip R. Goldsmith entitled, "The Supreme Disgrace," summarizing the findings and conclusions of an in-depth study of the operations of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Chicago Sun-Times

Chicago, IL

Recipient: Roger Simon, Columnist

For Roger Simon's columns dealing with a wide range of law-related subjects written in 1978, including child abuse, wife beating, victimless crimes and First Amendment rights.

NEWSPAPER MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENTS

Westchester Rockland Newspapers

White Plains, NY

Recipient: Tara Connell, Staff Writer

For its feature article by Ms. Tara Connell explaining the relevant laws of New York State dealing with insanity or impairment of one's mental faculties as a means for defense in criminal cases.

Chicago Tribune Magazine

Chicago, IL

Recipient: Robert Goldsborough, Editor

For its feature article by Glen Elasser and Jack Fuller examining and explaining the inner workings of the U. S. Supreme Court.

WIRE SERVICES

Gannett News Service

Washington, DC

Recipient: John J. Curley, General Manager

For its two-part investigative series by Carol Richards and Roger Hedges detailing the multi-billion dollar fraud going on by "nickel and dime" governmental agency cheaters and by welfare cheaters who account for an additional billion dollars yearly.

MAGAZINES

Congressional Quarterly, Inc.

Washington, DC

Recipient: David R. Tarr, Assistant Managing Editor

For its four entries by Alan Berlow. The award-winning entries examine the congressional debate over legislation to allow the federal government to intervene in state-run institutions to protect the constitutional rights of the persons living in them; explore congressional action on the Omnibus Judgeship Act of 1978 during the second session of the 95th Congress; discuss congressional efforts to overturn the Supreme Court's Illinois Brick ruling of 1977 limiting suits for price fixing to direct purchasers; and analyze proposed charters to govern the activities of U.S. intelligence-gathering agencies.

Philadelphia Magazine

Philadelphia, PA

Recipient: Robert M. Landis, Dechert Price & Rhoads, counsel for Philadelphia Magazine

For Paul Good and Emanuel Margolis' article examining the civil liberties side of the question of obscenity.

Angolite

Angola, LA

Recipient: Frank C. Blackburn, Warden, Louisiana State Penitentiary

For Wilbert Rideau's articles, "Conversations with the Dead," which takes a first-hand look at the plight of prisoners who become "forgotten" within the criminal justice bureaucracy.

Newsweek

New York City, NY

Recipient: Robert D. Campbell

For its cover story entitled, "The Landmark Bakke Ruling," by Senior Editor Jerrold K. Footlick and Correspondents Diane Camper and Lucy Howard.

BOOKS

Oxford University Press

Recipient: William C. Halpin, Executive Vice President

For "In the Matter of Color: Race & The American Legal Process: The Colonial Period," by A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. The author traces painstakingly the origins of America's greatest social and moral tragedy.

Silver Burdett Company

Morristown, NJ

Recipient: John H. Williamson, President

For "Our Legal Heritage," which seeks to acquaint our youth with sources of the law, the history of the legal system in the U.S., torts, property, contracts, family and juvenile law, civil and criminal judicial procedures.

THEATRE

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TELEVISION

CBS News

New York City, NY

Recipient: Andrew Lack, Executive Producer, CBS News Television, Documentary/Educational

For its program CBS REPORTS: "The Politics of Abortion" which examines the highly organized movement to reverse the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

WBBM-TV (CBS)

Chicago, IL

Recipient: Mary Nissenson, Chief Investigator

For "The Public Guardian," special news report by investigative reporters on the Office of the Cook County Public Guardian.

KTLA/Golden West Broadcaster

Los Angeles, CA

Recipient: Arnold Shapiro

For its dramatic documentary, "Scared Straight." The film is a no-nonsense project at Rahway (New Jersey) State Penitentiary, in which convicted murderers and rapists hold three hour encounter sessions with hardened juvenile offenders with the view of awakening them to the realities of prison life.

WDBO-TV/Channel 6

Orlando, FL

Recipient: Arnold F. Schoen, Jr., Vice President & General Manager

For "Cameras in the Courtroom," a documentary which examines the year- long experiment permitting the use of audio and electronic equipment in state courts by the Florida Supreme Court.

WPBT

North Miami, FL

Recipient: George Dooley, President

For "TV on Trial," a documentary which focuses on the highlights of the murder trial of 15-year old Ronney Zamora.

RADIO

KMOX Radio

St. Louis, MO

Recipient: Ellen Sherberg, Director, Special Programs

For its 18-part documentary, "In the Common Good," which examines closely our legal system today and legal ethics.

WRFM

New York, NY

Recipient: John C. Moler, President & General Manager

For its documentary, "What Eric Learned in Jail Today," which looks at a problem that has long been ignored by the media -- how big the internal problem is in the prisons and jails of New York City and State.

WNCI Radio

Columbus, OH

Recipient: Stan Broadway

For "What Are They Doing to Our Children?" a six-part series describing the functions of the Columbus Federal District Court in a class action desegregation suit.

WGIR Radio

Manchester, NH

Recipient: Frederick G. Fisher, Jr., Counsel for WGIR Radio

For "A Night with the Manchester Police Department," a documentary from the *Nightline* program. The program gives an in-depth look at the hourly activities of the Manchester police.

KHVH Radio

Honolulu, HI

Recipient: Clinton R. Ashford, ABA Board member nominee from Honolulu on behalf of KHVH Radio

For "The Law Report," which daily provides listeners with information on recent state and/or federal appellate court decisions.

National Public Radio

Washington, DC

Recipient: Nina Totenberg, Reporter

For "The Supreme Court Reporting of Nina Totenberg," an entry giving numerous examples of her fine reporting on U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

Pacifica Radio

KPFA-FM

Berkeley, CA

Recipient: Kathy McAnally, Producer

For its series of six documentary programs analyzing complex and controversial civil liberties issues.

MOTION PICTURES

(Television Release)

Warner Bros. Television

Recipient: Alan Shayne, Recipient

For its film, "A Death in Canaan." The dramatic film tells the true story of a young man arrested and charged with the murder of his mother, then wrongfully convicted and eventually freed through the efforts of many members of the legal profession.