Past Award Recipients

ABA Section Officers Conference Meritorious Service Award

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2017: Criminal Justice Section – Clemency Project 2014

2016: Law Practice Division – ABA TECHSHOW 2016

2015: Young Lawyers Division – Project Street Youth: Young Lawyers Advocating for Homeless Youth

2014: Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division – GPSolo Pro Bono Program with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

2013: Criminal Justice Section – National Inventory of the Collateral Consequences of Conviction Project

2012: Young Lawyers Division – Project Salute: Young Lawyers Serving Veterans

2011: Criminal Justice Section – Racial Justice Improvement Project/Building Community Trust Initiative

2010: Section of Health Law – Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Initiative

2009: Young Lawyers Division – Voices Against Violence

2009: Criminal Justice Section – Mediation in Criminal Matters

2008: Young Lawyers Division – Wills For Heroes

2007: Section of Litigation – Darfur Legal Training Program

2006: Section of State and Local Government Law – Are You Ready? What Lawyers Need to Know About Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recover

2005: Section of Dispute Resolution – Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Projects
2004: Young Lawyers Division – A Day Dedicated to Diversity: Ensuring the Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement” and “One Child, One Lawyer


2002: Judicial Division – Judicial Clerkship Program

2001: Section of State and Local Government Law – Juvenile Detention Center Orientation Video Project


1999: Section of Taxation – TAXinteractive (“TAXi”) Project

1998: Criminal Justice Section – National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition

1997: Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Section of Dispute Resolution and Young Lawyers Division – Project Outreach: A School Mediation Project

1997: Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources – Earth Day Project “Not In My Backyard”

1996: Section of Family Law – PARTNERS: High School Marriage Course

1995: Section of Litigation – Litigation Assistance Partnership Project (LAPP)