



## The Sharon Corbitt Award

The ABA Commission on Domestic Violence created this award in 2008 to recognize service by lawyers from all areas of practice, including non-profits, large firms, solo practitioners, corporate counsel, and judges who demonstrate exemplary service to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking, in the spirit of Sharon Corbitt.

Sharon L. Corbitt was an active member of the American Bar Association for 25 years, serving as a member of the Commission on Domestic Violence from 2002-2005 after completing her term as Chair of the Family Law Section. In honor of her exemplary professional and personal contributions to victims of domestic violence throughout her career, this award will recognize a lawyer each year who embodies her spirit and dedication.

### **How do I submit a nomination for the Sharon Corbitt Award?**

Any person familiar with the achievements of a candidate may submit a nomination. The Commission urges nominators to choose only one worthy candidate a year. We understand that this may often be a difficult choice. If there is more than one worthy candidate in your community, separate nominations for each must be submitted. No self-nominations will be accepted.

Nomination Form: The nomination form must be completed and returned as the cover sheet for the nomination package.

Candidate's Resume: Include the candidate's resume or biography, describing her/his background and contributions. Maximum two pages.

Award Criteria Narrative: In no more than three pages (no more than 1200 words), provide specific, concrete examples for the first selection criterion and at least one of the other required criteria. Provide a detailed narrative explanation of the candidate's service, including: how the nominee's service is outstanding, significant and "above the call of duty"; the time frame of the service; and assessment of the impact of the extraordinary service.



References: Names, titles and phone numbers of three other persons who are familiar with nominee's achievements and who are willing to be contacted by the Award committee.

No other supporting materials may be submitted. Additional information may be requested by the Award committee.

### ***Eligibility Requirements***

The eligible candidate is an attorney who has and/or currently is working to increase access to justice and provision of outstanding legal services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking, **AND**

Serves as a leader and a champion for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking within the ABA and/or other bar and professional organizations; **OR**

Personally represents victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking, either on a pro bono or full time basis; **OR**

Participates in community activities to increase and improve services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking (e.g. through board membership or political and financial advocacy); **OR**

Mentors others to provide exemplary service to victims (e.g. through instruction, training, or scholarship); **OR**

Achieves legislation or litigation outcomes that contribute substantially to increased safety and justice for victims.

*Nominees may be ABA members or non-members.* Current Commission members or liaisons are not eligible for the Award for the duration of their terms and for two years following service.

***Application Deadline: May 31, 2009***



## Sharon Corbitt Award Nomination Form

### **Information about Nominee**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Nominee (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

### **Information about Nominator**

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Nominator (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Length and Nature of Relationship of Nominator to Nominee

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Is the Nominator nominating any other candidates (circle one)? Y N

If yes, please list the other nominees

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