



NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION



NYSBA 2004

Denison Ray Awards

Call for Nominations

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2004 Denison Ray Awards

The NYSBA will present five Denison Ray Awards at the 2004 Legal Assistance Partnership Conference in Albany, New York on June 16. The award is named for career legal activist Denison (Denny) Ray, who served as the executive director of legal services programs in New York and several other states.

Two awards will honor staff attorneys at nonprofit entities that provide civil legal services to low-income clients; and two awards will be presented to staff attorneys who provide criminal defender services as Public Defenders or Legal Aid attorneys. Each individual attorney award winner will receive \$250 and a one-year membership in the NYSBA.

In addition, one award will be presented to a nonprofit organization that provides, or facilitates the provision of, civil legal services to low-income and/or disadvantaged clients. The winning organization will receive \$1,000, to be used to support pro bono activities.

Criteria

The Civil Legal Services Awards honor extraordinary commitment to:

- Provision of creative, skilled and zealous representation of low-income and/or disadvantaged clients;
- Collaboration with pro bono volunteer attorneys from the private bar; and/or
- Efforts to inspire, mentor and support colleagues.

The Criminal Defender Awards honor extraordinary commitment to:

- Provision of creative, skilled and zealous representation of low-income and/or disadvantaged clients;
- Courageous advocacy of defense rights; and/or
- Efforts to inspire, mentor and support colleagues.

The Nonprofit Organization Award honors extraordinary commitment to:

- Strengthening access to justice initiatives;
- Delivering or facilitating the provision of civil legal services to low-income and/or disadvantaged clients;
- Increasing provision of pro bono services; and/or
- Marshalling resources to maximize services to the community.

Selection Committee

The Awards Selection Committee consists of members of the President's Committee on Access to Justice, the Committee on Legal Aid, the Pro Bono Coordinators Network, the Department of Pro Bono Affairs and the Criminal Justice Section.

Nomination Form

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Deadline: May 17, 2004

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Award Category

☐ Civil Legal Services

☐ Criminal Defense

☐ Nonprofit Organization

Name _____

Title and Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

NOMINATOR

Name _____

Title and Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

How do you know the nominee?

Please attach one to two typewritten pages describing how this nominee meets the awards criteria. You may provide other supporting documentation. We must receive your nomination by May 17. Please e-mail it to cfeathers@nysba.org or mail it to Pro Bono Affairs, NYSBA, One Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207.