

2014 TRAILBLAZER AWARD
LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

AWARD GUIDELINES

DEADLINE: January 31, 2014

The Louisiana State Bar Association Trailblazer Award recognizes members of the Bar from a group underrepresented within the Louisiana legal profession who have demonstrated excellence or accomplished greatness in the face of great adversity.

The Louisiana State Bar Association will consider the nominee's achievements, commitment, vision, courage, and tenacity in one or more of the following ways:

1. Becoming the first member of an underrepresented group within the legal profession to achieve a notable level of excellence or leadership within the legal professional under circumstances that made this accomplishment extraordinary.
2. Supporting and encouraging attorneys who are members of an underrepresented group within the legal profession to reach their career and personal potential and ensuring opportunities for the advancement of diverse people.
3. Advocating for the rights of diverse people under circumstances that made this activity extraordinary.

All nominees and nominators will be notified of the receipt of submitted nominations.

The nominations will be submitted to the Diversity Awards Nominations Subcommittee of the LSBA Committee on Diversity. The Subcommittee will review all nominations and make recommendations to the Committee on Diversity. The Committee on Diversity will forward its recommended nominations to the Board of Governors for final approval.

To nominate a party, please submit a written narrative statement and supporting materials. The written submission should include the following: (1) The name of the nominee and (2) a narrative statement explaining why the nominee should receive the award. It is recommended that the statement not exceed 300 words. You may attach additional documents to support your nominee to the extent needed. *Self nominations are permitted.*

The Diversity Awards Nomination Subcommittee reserves the right to interview a nominee and/or the nominator.

The nomination must be postmarked, faxed or email by **January 31, 2014**. Emails and faxes are preferred. Incomplete nominations will not be accepted and will be returned to the nominator for completion and submission by the deadline.

The award will be presented during the LSBA annual meeting in San Destin, Florida, unless other arrangements are made.