

LSBA Young Lawyers Division Award Nominations

Deadline: October 18, 2018

Nominations are open for the following LSBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awards. To be eligible for consideration, individual nominees must be a current member of the YLD (attorneys who have not yet reached the age of thirty-nine (39) years or who has been admitted to the practice of law for less than five (5) years) in good standing. The YLD Council selects award winners from recommendations made by a Committee of young lawyers appointed from around the state.

► **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer who has made exceptional contributions to the legal profession and their community. In determining the recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of factors, including: the nominee's service to the public and community, the nominee's service to the legal profession, the nominee's service to the Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, awards and achievements received during the nominee's legal career, challenges the nominee may have overcome, as well as specific examples of the nominee's outstanding characteristics. Present or former members of the YLD Council are ineligible.

► **Outstanding Local Affiliate.** This award is given to a local affiliate organization that has impacted the lives of young lawyers in an outstanding way. In determining the recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of factors, including the organization's service to the public, service to the legal profession, successes of initiatives that serve the public and the profession, challenges overcome, creative use of resources, involvement of young lawyers in programming and services, and inclusiveness.

► **Program of the Year.** This award is given to an organization (bar association, firm, or other entity) that has implemented an outstanding program or service that serves the public or the profession, and enhances the lives of young lawyers or was primarily planned by young lawyer(s). In determining the recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of factors including young lawyer involvement, impact on the public and/or profession, innovation, inclusiveness, and success.

► **Hon. Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to upholding the quality and integrity of the legal profession and consideration towards peers and the general public. In determining the recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of factors, including the nominee's commitment to promoting respect for the legal system and profession by exhibiting the highest standards of competence, integrity, civility, and ethics, as well as a dedication to enhancing professionalism among lawyers.

► **YLD Pro Bono Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to providing pro bono services in his/her community or the state at large. In determining the recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of factors, including the total number of *pro bono* hours per year, the impact of the nominee's *pro bono* work, ongoing contributions that have resulted in the increased access to legal services for the citizens of Louisiana.

1. Please submit a type-written nomination entry, not to exceed 1,000 words, that describes why the nominee should be considered for the award and that specifically addresses the award criteria and includes, where applicable, nominator and nominee's: (a) name, (b) address, (c) telephone number, and (d) email address.
2. Nominations for individual awards must include a current photo and résumé of the nominee. Additional attachments for all nominations are encouraged, which may include newspaper clippings, letters of support and other materials pertinent to the nomination. Submissions should not exceed ten (10) pages total.
3. Nomination packets must be submitted by e-mail or hard copy to:
Kristi W. Richard, LSBA YLD Awards Committee Chair
301 Main St., Flr. 14, Baton Rouge, LA 70801
email: krichard@mcglinchey.com
4. Any nomination packet that is incomplete or is not received or postmarked on or before Thursday, **October 18, 2018**, will not be considered. Please submit detailed and thorough entries, as nominees are evaluated based on the information provided in the nomination packets.
5. Finalists will be announced in late November, and both finalists and winners will be recognized at the LSBA Midyear Meeting and Young Lawyer Professional Development Conference luncheon in Baton Rouge on January 18, 2019.

For more information, contact Kristi W. Richard at (225) 382-3704 or email krichard@mcglinchey.com.