



2017-18 ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

AWARD CATEGORIES

PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARD

This award is given to an individual who has been instrumental in developing, implementing and supporting pro bono programs for the MBA, a local county bar association or a pro bono program of a law firm, or has developed a pro bono program sponsored or organized through an agency in the commonwealth, or has performed significant or meaningful pro bono activity.

DEFENDER AWARD

This award is given to an attorney who is employed or retained by a public or nonprofit agency to provide criminal legal services to low-income clients, and who has made a particularly significant or meaningful contribution to the provision of low-income legal services above and beyond the requirements of his or her position.

LEGAL SERVICES AWARD

This award is given to an attorney employed by a public or nonprofit agency to provide civil legal services to low-income clients, and who has made a particularly significant or meaningful contribution to the provision of low-income legal services, above and beyond the requirements of his or her position.

PRO BONO AWARD FOR LAW FIRMS

This award is given to a law firm, comprised of two or more attorneys with one or more offices in the commonwealth, whose pro bono activities are particularly noteworthy in relation to the firm's size, and which has performed significant or meaningful pro bono activities or has been particularly instrumental in developing, implementing and/or supporting a pro bono program or pro bono service within Massachusetts.

PROSECUTOR AWARD

This award is given to a state or federal prosecutor who has distinguished himself or herself in public service, and whose commitment to justice and serving the communities where he or she lives or works is particularly praiseworthy.

RISING STAR AWARD

An attorney employed by a legal services organization, a public defender organization, or a state or federal prosecutor's office, or an attorney who has engaged in significant pro bono activities, who has been a practicing attorney for seven years or less, who has distinguished herself or himself by a particular accomplishment or body of work that has made a significant and meaningful contribution to access to justice to an underserved population within Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Bar Association annually recognizes the efforts of attorneys and law firms who have made significant strides in enhancing access to justice.

EXTENDED NOMINATION DEADLINE

Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 2017.

To nominate by mail, complete the form on the reverse side and send to:

**MBA Access to Justice Awards
20 West St., Boston, MA 02111**

Email nominations to:
JStevens@MassBar.org

We encourage nominations from local/affiliated bar associations, government agencies and legal services organizations.



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NOMINATOR

NAME: _____

FIRM/ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

NOMINEE

AWARD CATEGORY: _____

NAME: _____

FIRM/ADDRESS: _____

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REASON FOR NOMINATION

For example: population served, challenges overcome, service to access to justice, programs established.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

If more space is needed, supplement with additional page(s).

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QUESTIONS? Contact Raymond Yox, Access to Justice Section Council Chair, at RYox@SCCLS.org, or Jean Stevens, MBA Section Administrator, at JStevens@MassBar.org.