



**OUTSTANDING YOUNG
LAWYER AWARD**

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Nomination Rules and Criteria 2023
APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 14 2023

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award of Texas

PURPOSE

To recognize one young lawyer in Texas who best demonstrates professional proficiency, service to the profession, and service to the community.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the HYL A Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas Award, the nominee must:

- be licensed to practice law in Texas,
- have paid membership dues prescribed by the Supreme Court of Texas,
- be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas, and
- be an attorney licensed twelve years or less at the beginning of each fiscal year (June 1).

NOMINATIONS CRITERIA

The HYL A Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Committee will consider all outstanding qualities of each nominee in making its recommendation to the HYL A Board of Directors. Outstanding qualities include but are not limited to exemplified:

- professional proficiency,
- service to the profession, and
- service to the community.

NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted from a recognized TYLA affiliate or local bar association. Any individual, group of individuals, or other organization may submit a nomination to the local affiliate or local bar association for consideration. However, the local affiliate or local bar may only submit a single nominee for consideration for the statewide Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas Award.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations must be submitted as one document by email to hyla@hyla.org The application should include the following:

- 1) A completed HYL A Outstanding Young Lawyer Award nomination form submitted by an officer of the nominating organization/entity
- 2) A nomination letter from the nominating organization/entity explaining the qualifications of the nominee and setting forth the reasons why the nominee should be awarded the HYL A Outstanding Young Lawyer Award of Texas
- 3) The nominee's biographical resume, including an explanation of the nominee's bar service, employment and professional history, service to the community, and dedication to legal ethics and professional responsibility
- 4) Two to five letters of recommendation. Examples include letters from the nominee's clients, individuals familiar with the nominee's service to the community, the nominee's current or former employers, fellow practitioners, individuals familiar with the nominee's service to the bar, or any other individual who can explain why the nominee should be awarded the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award of Texas

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENT

All nominations will be reviewed by the HYL A Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas Award Committee, which will select a winner for approval by the HYL A Board of Directors at its board meeting MARCH 15, 2023. The award will be presented to the recipient of the HYL A Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas Award at the HYL F/HYL A Law Day Luncheon held in conjunction with the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation. The recipient will be an honored guest of HYL A at the event.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

March 10, 2023 (5 p.m.)

Liberty Bell Award

PURPOSE

To recognize one outstanding non-lawyer in Texas who has made the most selfless contribution to his or her community to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of justice by instilling better understanding and appreciation of the law.

ELIGIBILITY

Any non-lawyer is eligible to receive this Award. Judges and lawyers or other members of the State Bar of Texas are not eligible.

NOMINATIONS CRITERIA

The Award recognizes community service that:

- promotes a better understanding of government, especially the Bill of Rights,
- encourages greater respect for the law and the courts,
- stimulates a deeper sense of individual responsibility, so that citizens recognize their duties and their rights,
- contributes to the effective functioning of our institutions of government, and
- instills better understanding and appreciation of the law.

NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted from a recognized TYLA affiliate or local bar association. Any individual, group of individuals, or other organization may submit a nomination to the local affiliate or local bar association for consideration. However, the local affiliate or local bar may only submit a single nominee for consideration for the statewide Liberty Bell Award.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations must be submitted as one document by email hyla@hyla.org. The application should include the following:

- 1) A completed HYLA Liberty Bell Award nomination form submitted by an officer of the nominating organization/entity
- 2) Biographical information about your nominee—e.g. family information; membership/offices held and honors received in civic, church, and other community organizations; and profession or employment
- 3) A narrative of accomplishments and activities that qualify the nominee for the Award, focusing on the above criteria
- 4) Two to four letters of recommendation
- 5) One to four copies of newspaper articles, publications, awards, etc., supporting the nominee's qualifications

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENT

All nominations will be reviewed by the HYLA Liberty Bell Award Committee, which will select a winner for approval by the HYLA Board of Directors at its board meeting March 15, 2023. The award will be presented to the recipient of the HYLA Liberty Bell Award at the HYLFF/HYLA Law Day Luncheon held in conjunction with the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation. The recipient will be an honored guest of HYLA at the event.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

March 10, 2023 (5 p.m.)

Outstanding Mentor Award

PURPOSE

To recognize an attorney who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to mentoring young lawyers in his or her legal community.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the HYL A Outstanding Mentor Award, the nominee must:

- be licensed to practice law in Texas,
- have paid membership dues prescribed by the Supreme Court of Texas, and
- be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas.

NOMINATIONS CRITERIA

The HYL A Outstanding Mentor Award Committee will consider all outstanding qualities of each nominee across the state in making its recommendation to the HYL A Board of Directors.

Outstanding Mentor qualities include but are not limited to exemplified:

- serves as a role model to young lawyers in his or her community,
- fosters the development of young lawyers, and
- significantly contributes to the profession and/or the community.

NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted from a recognized TYLA affiliate or local bar association. Any individual, group of individuals, or other organization may submit a nomination to the local affiliate or local bar association for consideration. However, the local affiliate or local bar may only submit a single nominee for consideration for the statewide Outstanding Mentor Award.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations must be submitted as one document by email Houston Young Lawyers Association at hyla@hyla.org.

The application should include the following:

- 1) A completed HYL A Outstanding Mentor Award nomination form submitted by an officer of the nominating organization/entity
- 2) A nomination letter from the nominating organization/entity explaining the qualifications of the nominee and setting forth the reasons why the nominee should be awarded the Outstanding Mentor Award
- 3) Biographical information
- 4) Two to four letters of recommendation.
- 5) One to two copies of newspaper articles, publications, awards, exhibits, etc., supporting the nominee's qualifications

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENT

All nominations will be reviewed by the HYL A Outstanding Mentor Award Committee, which will select a winner for approval by the HYL A Board of Directors at its board meeting March 15, 2023. The award will be presented to the recipient of the HYL A Outstanding Mentor Award at the HYL F/HYL A Law Day Luncheon held in conjunction with the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation. The recipient will be an honored guest of HYL A at the event.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

March 10, 2023 (5 p.m.)