



Call for Nominations

The Chicago Bar Association and The Chicago Bar Foundation Pro Bono and Public Service Awards

The CBA and CBF invite you to submit nominations by Friday May 26th, 2023 for the Chicago legal community's prestigious pro bono and public service awards. These awards celebrate exemplary members of the legal profession who have used their talents and resources to improve access to justice in our community. The recipients will be honored on Thursday, July 20th at the CBA/CBF Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon. Please visit www.chicagobarfoundation.org for more information.

The six individual awards are:

- The Thomas H. Morsch Public Service Award;
- The Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award;
- The Exelon Outstanding Corporate Counsel Award;
- The Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence;
- The Justice Thomas L. Kilbride Public Service Award; and
- The Maurice Weigle Exceptional Young Lawyer Award.

With the exception of the Thomas H. Morsch Award, all recipients can designate a special CBF grant to the Chicago legal aid or pro bono organization of their choice. The Thomas H. Morsch Public Service Award includes a cash prize for the recipient generously provided by the Morsch family.

The deadline for all nominations is Friday May 26th, 2023. Nomination criteria, application instructions and other information about each award (including history and past recipients) are available online at www.chicagobarfoundation.org/awards. For additional information about any of the awards, please contact Elise Tincher at etincher@chicagobarfoundation.org

The Chicago Bar Association and The Chicago Bar Foundation's Pro Bono and Public Service Awards

The Thomas H. Morsch Public Service Award

This CBF Award honors an attorney *who, in choosing a career of public service, has demonstrated lifelong excellence in the quality of their work, leadership within their organization, and significant leadership and service on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised.* The Award includes a gift provided by the family of Thomas H. Morsch, a former partner at Sidley Austin and currently the Emeritus Director of the Donald Pritzker Law Entrepreneurship Law Center at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Tom has been an advocate for public interest lawyering for over 40 years.

The Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award

This CBA and CBF Award honors an attorney for *outstanding pro bono legal service.* The Award is named for Edward J. Lewis II (1959-1997), a partner at Jenner & Block, and an extraordinary person who was deeply committed to the fundamental principles of equal protection and justice for everyone in our community through outstanding pro bono service. This Award has been generously endowed by the law firm of Jenner & Block; Nancy Loeb; and Jeff, Matt, and Vanessa Colman, and allows the recipient to designate a special grant to the CBF-supported pro bono or legal aid organization of their choice.

The Exelon Outstanding Corporate Counsel Award

This Award is given by the CBA and CBF to honor a *lawyer in a corporate position for outstanding pro bono and community service.* The Award is generously endowed by the Exelon Corporation and allows the recipient to designate a special grant to the CBF-supported pro bono or legal aid organization of their choice.

The Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence

This CBF Award honors an *exemplary attorney in academia who has made significant and lasting contributions to improving access to justice for the less fortunate.* The Award is named in honor of Leonard Jay Schragger, a distinguished Professor and the former Dean of The John Marshall Law School who served with distinction as President of both The Chicago Bar Foundation and The Chicago Bar Association. The Award is generously endowed by the law firm of Reed Smith LLP and its partners and allows the recipient to designate a special grant to a CBF-support legal aid program or a public interest law school clinic.

The Justice Thomas L. Kilbride Public Service Award

This CBF Award honors a public servant *who has dedicated a significant portion of their legal career to the public sector, achieved excellence, and demonstrated a firm commitment to increasing access to justice for all Chicagoans.* This Award is presented by The Chicago Bar Foundation in honor of Justice Thomas L. Kilbride, who throughout his career has served as a champion for making our justice system fair and accessible to all. The Award allows the recipient to designate a special grant to the CBF-supported pro bono or legal aid organization of their choice.

The Maurice Weigle Exceptional Young Lawyer Award

This CBA and CBF Award honors a young lawyer (age 36 or under) *for initiative and exceptional contributions to the profession, the organized bar, and the community.* The Award was generously endowed by the family of Maurice W. Weigle (1877-1967) and Maurice S. Weigle (1912-1989), who each were esteemed members of The Chicago Bar Association and exhibited a lifelong devotion to the law and the community. The endowment allows the recipient to designate a special Chicago Bar Foundation grant to the pro bono or legal aid organization of their choice.

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