



2024 Nomination Form
THE EDWARD J. LEWIS II PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

FIRM OR ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

IS NOMINEE A CBA MEMBER? (IF KNOWN): _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

FIRM OR ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

To nominate someone for this award, submit this form together with any of the following documents by Friday, May 10th, 2024 to bbudzicz@chicagobarfoundation.org:

- A **narrative** stating why you are nominating this individual. This narrative should include a summary of how the nominee meets the criteria for the award for which they are nominated including the following:
 - a. Significant pro bono cases or matters that helped residents of the Chicago area impacted by poverty, abuse and discrimination
 - b. Length and breadth of pro bono commitment and experience
 - c. Success in involving and inspiring other attorneys to do pro bono work
 - d. Other significant accomplishments that have improved access to justice for residents of the Chicago area.
- A current copy of the individual's **resume or biography**
- A maximum of three **support letters**
- Any relevant information about the nominee, such as newspaper articles or blog posts

Documents must be submitted by email to bbudzicz@chicagobarfoundation.org. Please attach each item as a separate electronic file.

****Before submitting a nomination, please review award information and nominating criteria. Questions? Contact Brian Budzicz at bbudzicz@chicagobarfoundation.org.***

The Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award

The Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award honors attorneys who, like the late Edward J. Lewis II, display a deep commitment to the fundamental principles of equal protection and equal justice in the community through outstanding pro bono service.

Prior to his death at age 37, Lewis provided more than two thousand hours of pro bono legal services to various organizations. While maintaining a busy practice as a partner at Jenner & Block, Lewis devoted his “spare” time to a number of noble pro bono causes, including; law related youth education programs; long term care of the elderly; persecuted children and adults seeking political asylum; minorities facing housing discrimination; and inmates challenging conditions in Illinois prisons. In addition to devoting his own time, Lewis was instrumental in recruiting other attorneys to do pro bono work. During his time at Jenner & Block, he inspired over 100 fellow attorneys and staff members to join the cause. All the while, he was a devoted husband and father whose spirit lives on today through this prestigious Award.

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 Chicago Bar Foundation grant to the legal aid program or public interest law organization of his or her choice.

Criteria:

- The recipient should be a member of The Chicago Bar Association.
- A selection committee will choose the recipient by determining which nominee best meets the following criteria:
 - A) Significant pro bono cases or matters that helped residents of the Chicago area impacted by poverty, abuse, and discrimination;
 - B) Length and breadth of pro bono commitment and experience;
 - C) Success in involving and inspiring other attorneys to do pro bono work; and
 - D) Other significant accomplishments that have improved access to justice for residents of the Chicago area.

Past Recipients:

2023	Steven P. Blonder	2009	Steven B. Bashaw
2022	Shelisa M. Thomas	2008	Robert E. Deignan
2021	Andrew W. Vail	2007	Ellen E. Douglass
2020	Ken Schmetterer	2006	Harold C. Hirshman
2019	Steven F. Pflaum	2005	David P. Berten
2018	Linda T. Coberly	2004	Richard F. Johnson
2017	Kathleen Gordon and Salvador J. Lopez	2003	Roger Pascal
2016	Lawrence A. Wojcik	2002	Howard A. Rosenblum
2015	Gabriel A. Fuentes	2001	Daniel R. Sanders, Lawrence C. Marshal & Alan L. Goldman
2014	Jill M. Metz	2000	Rosa Maria MacNeil, Professor Ralph Ruebner, Professor Mark Wojcik & Lisa Carroll
2013	Colby Anne Kingsbury	1999	Royal F. Berg
2012	John Grossbart, Stephen D. Libowsky, Donna M. Welch		
2011	Erin McCloskey Maus		
2010	Fredrick Cohen		

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