OVERVIEW OF AWARDS
THE ALLENE and MARTIN DOCTOROFF LIBERTY BELL AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association

Established:
1983

Purpose:
The Liberty Bell Award is an achievement award that was initiated by the American Bar Association. The OCBA adopted the Liberty Bell Award in 1983. The award is made to an individual whose community activity has strengthened the American system of freedom under the law. The award offers public recognition for promoting a better understanding of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and encourages greater respect for the law and the courts. This award honors those who stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties and their rights.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
- Individual's profession is outside of the legal arena

Tool:
Letter of Nomination inclusive of nominee’s activities

Selection Process:
The Public Service Committee selects the awardee from the pool of nominations that have been submitted.

Past Recipients:
1983    Reverend Douglas P. Jones
1984    Rebecca Pederson
1985    Richard Jankowski
1986    Sheila Ashcraft
1986    Lorie Bigham
1987    Dick Purtan
1988    Dee Dice
1989-1993 No award given
1994    Linda J. Start
1995    Francile Anderson
1996    Wilhelm C. Kast
1997    Ann L. Dutton
1998    No award given
1999    No award given
2000    Diana Dietle
2001    Brian Dickerson
2002    Marguerite Kowaleski
THE ALLENE and MARTIN DOCTOROFF LIBERTY BELL AWARD (continued)

2003  Richard L. Beer
2004  Libby Smith
2005  Brenda M. Orlando
2006  Ron Dzwonkowski
2007  Amy B. Bloom
2008  Kenneth Wyniemko
2009  Marilyn Hauger
2010  Laura Mancini
2011  League of Women Voters – Oakland Region
2012  Lynn Alexander
2013  Beth Morrison – HAVEN
2014  Common Ground
2015  No award given
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association

Established:
1985

Purpose:
To recognize a member of the Oakland County Bar Association who provides exceptional voluntary services to benefit the organization.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
- Member of the Oakland County Bar Association
- Superior dedication to the OCBA, the legal community and the general public

Tool:
Letter of Nomination

Selection Process:
The president of the OCBA board of directors selects the awardee from the pool of nominations.

Past Recipients:
1985
Francile Anderson
Judith K. Cunningham
Honorable Bernard A. Friedman
Wendy L. Potts
Honorable Frederick C. Ziem

1986
Lynn V. Hooe, Jr.
Leon H. Hubbard
George A. Googasian
Donald F. Tucker
Honorable Joan E. Young
People’s Task Force

1987
Alan Frank, WDIV-TV4 Due Process

1988
Honorable Dennis C. Drury, People’s Law School Dean
Henry Maldonado, WDIV-TV4 Due Process
Laurie Oberman

1989
Lawrence F. Schiller, OCBA Law Day Chair
John C. Talpos, OCBA Law Day Chair

1990
Honorable Stephen C. Cooper, Law Fair Coordinator

1991
Hanley M. Gurwin, Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates
William R. VanderKloot, Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates

1992
Dennis M. Kacy, ICLE Chair

1993
William D. Booth, Facilities Chair
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (continued)

Edward H. Pappas, Settlement Week Chair
1994 Alexander B. McGarry, Health and Welfare Chair
Honorable Edward Sosnick, SMILE Program
Richard S. Victor, SMILE Program
1995 Judith S. Gracey, Diversity Dinner & Workshop
1996 Thomas W. Cranmer, Criminal Assignment Special Committee
Betty L. Lowenthal, Bench/Bar Workshop Chair
1997 Janice M. Morganroth, Law Related Education
1998 Martin I. Reisig, Michigan’s Mandatory Drug Lifer Law
Phyllis A. Zimmerman, Promoting Professionalism
1999 Douglas K. Oliver, Criminal Law Brown Bag Series
2000 Patrick B. McCauley, Ad-Hoc Committee to Recreate the Foundation
2001 Anne Cole Pierce, Family Court Committee
James P. Cunningham, Bar Leadership Forum
Paula M. Zimmer, Oakland Livingston Legal Aid
2002 Nanci S. Klein
2003 Michael J. Sullivan, OCBF “Spring Invitational” Fundraiser Co-Chair
Sandra D. Glazier, Liaison to the Legislative Committee
2004 Honorable Denise Langford Morris, Bar Leadership Forum
Kelly L. Bidelman, Managing Attorney of the Oakland County and Macomb
County offices of Legal Aid and Defender Association
Ashley E. Lowe, Director of Legal Services at Women’s Survival Center
2005 Hillarie F. Boettger, Public Service Committee
Michael D. Schloff
2006 Alan T. Ackerman, OCBF Signature Event Fundraiser, Co-Chair
Cynthia E. Brazzil, OCBF Signature Event Fundraiser, Co-Chair and OCBA
Membership Committee participation
Anne Cole Pierce, OCBA Bar Revue Talent Show and Mentor Program
Coordinator
2007 Melinda N. Deel, Juvenile Law Committee Chair, Juvenile Brown Bag Series
Thomas H. Howlett, Co-Chair of Circuit-Probate Bench/Bar Conference,
participation on Ad Hoc Due Process Cmte., and Chair of Membership Cmte.
2008 Millicent K. Sloan, volunteered a substantial amount of her own time as seminar
planner and presenter to the “E-Filing Symposium” and has developed an
expertise in litigation support and eDiscovery.
2009 Daniel D. Quick, Chair CLE Committee, Chair Circuit Court Committee and
oversaw substantive and timely CLE for new attorneys and those re-tooling
their practice
2010 David Carl Anderson
Maureen M. McGinnis
2011 Syeda Hossain Davidson
Michael K. Lee
2012 Charles E. Brown
2013 Debra S. Janicki
Thomas H. Howlett
2014 Gerald A. Fisher
Elizabeth L. Luckenbach
James M. Reid IV
FRANCES R. AVADENKA MEMORIAL AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association

Established:
April 8, 1987

Purpose:
The award is named in memory of Frances R. Avadenka, the Oakland County Bar Association’s first female President. Ms. Avadenka died while in office, January of 1987. Ms. Avadenka was well known for her significant contributions to the community and her commitment to volunteerism.

An achievement award, known as the Frances R. Avadenka Memorial Award, is presented to an OCBA member who has made a significant contribution to the community outside of the legal profession, not for monetary gain.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
▪ OCBA Member
▪ Individual has made great contributions to the community outside of the legal profession
▪ Legal Professional

Tool:
Letter of Nomination

Selection Process:
The family of the Honorable Edward Avadenka selects the awardee from the pool of nominations that have been received.

Past Recipients:
1987  George A. Googasian
1988  Honorable Bernard A. Friedman
1989  Nina Dodge Abrams
1990  Honorable Hilda R. Gage
1991  No award given
1991  Honorable Gene Schnelz
1992  Lawrence F. Schiller
1995  Robert J. Schwartz
1996  Steven A. Drakos
1997  Daniel H. Minkus
1998  No award given
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<td>Lisa J. Hamameh</td>
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<td>Hon. Dennis Drury</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Daniel D. Quick</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>Hon. Michael Warren</td>
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PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association

Established:
1997

Purpose:
To recognize a member of the Oakland County Bar Association who is a model of civility and respect in the legal profession. The individual does not need to be a litigator and his/her area of practice is irrelevant.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
A lawyer in Oakland County who exemplifies civility and professionalism who:

- Consistently demonstrates the highest standards of integrity, fairness, and excellence in the practice of law.
- Conducts him/herself personally and professionally in conformity with high standards of ethics and respect for the legal profession.
- Is respectful of opposing counsel, the court, witnesses, and parties.
- Seeks to efficiently advance causes through means that are consistent with truth and honor.
- Encourages efficient and fair resolution of disputes.
- Is significantly involved with efforts to improve access to justice by all persons, regardless of race, creed, gender, or economic status.
- Is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association

Tool:
Letter of Nomination

Selection Process:
The OCBA’s executive board selects the award recipient(s).

Past Recipients:
1997  The Honorable Denise Langford Morris
      George Googasian
1998  Elias Escobedo
      Alex McGarry
1999  The Honorable David F. Breck
      Lawrence G. Kaluzny
2000  Honorable Roy H. Christiansen
      Julie I. Fershtman
      Sheldon G. Larky
PROFESSIONALISM AWARD (continued)

2001  Suzanne E. Dreifus
      Thomas J. Ryan
      Thomas G. Plunkett
2002  Asher N. Tilchin
2003  Hanley M. Gurwin
      David L. Haron
2004  Henry S. Gornbein
      Lawrence R. Ternan
2005  John H. Holmes
2006  Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.
      Honorable Nanci J. Grant
2007  William P. Hampton
2008  Hon. Fred M. Mester
      Edward H. Pappas
2009  Cynthia E. Brazzil
      Michael G. Nowakowski
2010  James J. Parks
2011  William D. Booth
2012  LaNita R. Haith
      Michael J. McCarthy
2013  Lawrence T. Garcia
2014  No award given
2015  Joel H. Serlin
THE SANFORD ROSENTHAL MEMORIAL AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Foundation

Established:
1986

Purpose:
The Sanford Rosenthal Memorial Award was established by his family after his death in September 1996 at age 68. The award is made annually to a person who exhibits qualities of honesty, integrity, and professionalism that Mr. Rosenthal demonstrated throughout his life.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
 A Michigan legal professional, including: Attorneys Judges Legal Assistants Secretaries Law Clerks Administrators Law Students
 A person who exhibits qualities of honesty, integrity, and professionalism;
 An individual who has made significant contributions to his/her community.

Selection Process:
Karl Hannum, Sanford Rosenthal’s son-in-law, and the president of the Oakland County Bar Foundation select the awardee from the pool of nominations that have been received.

Tool:
Letter of Nomination
Letters of Reference
Resume

Past Recipients:
1997 Justice Patricia Boyle
1998 David Christensen
1999 Donald “Pat” Williams
2000 Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.
2001 Honorable David M. Lawson
2002 Richard P. Condit
2003 John I. (Jack) Bain, Sr.
2004 Michael S. Hohauser
2005 Honorable Frederick L. Harris
2006 Bryan H. Levy
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<td>Agnes Hagerty</td>
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THE LEON HUBBARD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association

Established:
1994

Purpose:
To celebrate and promote an awareness of the rich cultural diversity of Oakland County by recognizing and honoring an individual or law firm, legal services or other law-related organization that has a record of community service, has promoted cultural diversity, advanced social equality, and worked to enhance the quality of life for all people.

Awarded:
Diversity in the Legal Profession Dinner or OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
▪ An attorney or law firm with a minimum of five years of community service experience. The five years may be inclusive of time spent in community service as a law student.
▪ Qualifying community service experience is defined as service rendered on an independent and individual basis, membership in and/or support of an organization whose mission is to promote diversity in economic advancement opportunities and/or social equality.
▪ Economic advancement opportunities include promotion of diversity in the areas of the legal profession, mentoring, career counseling, and small business development. It also includes philanthropy.
▪ Social equality includes promotion of improvement in the quality of life to indigent individuals and/or advancing the concept of open housing for all people.

Tool:
Letter of Nomination including description of nominee’s community service

Selection Process:
The Oakland County Bar Association’s Diversity Committee selects the awardee.

Past Recipients:
1994 Honorable David F. Breck
1995 Honorable Damon J. Keith
1996 Honorable Leo Bowman
1997 Leroy C. Richie, Esq.
1998 Linda Bernard, Esq.
  H. William Freeman, Esq.
1999 H. Wallace Parker, Esq.
2000 Terrance A. Keith
2001 Earlene Baggett-Hayes
2003 Elias J. Escobedo Jr.
  Martin I. Reisig
2004 No award given
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Michael K. Lee</td>
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<td>E. Christopher Johnson Jr.</td>
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<td>Michael J. Lavoie</td>
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<td>Pilchak, Cohen &amp; Tice, P.C.</td>
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<td>Cheryl A. Bush</td>
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MICHAEL K. LEE MEMORIAL AWARD RECOGNIZING DIVERSITY

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association – Diversity in the Legal Profession Committee

Established:
2015

Purpose:
To celebrate diversity and to promote an awareness of the need for increased diversity in the legal profession by honoring an individual, law firm, legal service, or other law-related organization (“award recipient”) that has a demonstrated record of promoting cultural diversity in the legal community through its participation in pipeline programs and through their commitment to the tenets set forth in the mission\(^1\) statement of the Diversity in the Legal Profession Committee.

To recognize attorney Michael K. Lee’s commitment to the Diversity in the Legal Profession Committee’s mission statement as well as its commitment to promoting participation in the activities and governance of the OCBA of lawyers representing the full array of diversity. Specifically, this award recognizes an award recipient who not only expresses a desire to achieve diversity in the legal profession but also actively works in various pipeline programs committed to introducing individuals with diverse backgrounds to the legal profession.

Awarded:
• The award will be presented at the biennial Diversity in the Legal Profession Dinner.
• The award recipient will be subsequently recognized at the OCBA Annual Meeting along with the other award recipients.

Criteria:
• The award recipient actively participates in one or more pipeline programs\(^2\) and that participation exists for a minimum of three years.

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\(^1\) The mission of the Diversity in the Legal Profession Committee is to increase awareness in the Oakland County legal community of the need to provide equal opportunity for all lawyers and support personnel through education and programs sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Association and in collaboration with other legal organizations, and to promote participation in the activities and governance of the Oakland County Bar Association of lawyers with all varieties of diverse backgrounds.

\(^2\) Examples of pipeline programs that OCBA or its members participate in are:
• The Law Related Education Committee coordinates the Elementary Mock Trial program with second- through sixth-grade teachers.
• The Law Related Education Committee hosts a Constitution Day program at Pontiac middle schools.
• Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School students participate in a program called Success on Saturday.
• The Diversity Committee participates in a Just the Beginning Foundation (“JTBF”) event hosted by United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, which is held at Oakland University.
• Street Law and General Motors Corporation (Detroit) partnered together to increase student knowledge and interest in the law and legal careers.
• The Diversity Committee participates in the College Pre-law Summer Institute, which is co-sponsored by CLEO, Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School (“Cooley Law School’), and Oakland University.
• The award recipient takes a leadership role in the implementation and development of pipeline (or similar) programs that provide equal opportunity for all individuals seeking a career in the legal profession to gain exposure to the same.
• The award recipient actively works with other legal organizations to promote participation in pipeline programs that support all facets of diversity in the legal profession.
• The award recipient provides mentorship to an individual with a diverse background and encourages that individual’s participation in a pipeline program and pursuit of a career in the legal profession.

**Tool:**
Letter of Nomination includes a description of nominee’s community service supporting diversity and pipeline programming.

**Selection Process:**
The Oakland County Bar Association’s Diversity in the Legal Profession Committee or its designee selects the awardee.

**Past Recipients:**
2015 John R. Nussbaumer
DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association

Established:
1998

Purpose:
To recognize attorneys employed in the public sector who have made outstanding contributions to the Oakland County Bar Association. Like the Distinguished Service Award, the award includes superior dedication to the OCBA, the legal community, and the general public.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
- Member of the Oakland County Bar Association
- A member of the legal community who is employed in the public sector
- Demonstrated dedication to the OCBA, the legal community, and the general public

Tool:
Letter of Nomination

Selection Process:
The President of the OCBA Board of Directors selects the awardee from the pool of nominations.

Past Recipients:
1999-2000  Honorable Edward Sosnick
2000-2001  Honorable Leo Bowman
           Honorable Barry L. Howard
2001-2002  L. Brooks Patterson
           Ronald E. Covault
2002-2003  L. Brooks Patterson
           Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard
2003-2004  Honorable Richard D. Kuhn
2004-2005  Gerald J. Gleeson, II
           Honorable David M. Lawson
2005-2006  Betty Lou Lowenthal
           Honorable Julie A. Nicholson
2006-2007  Honorable Gene Schneitz
           John N. O’Brien II
2007-2008  Hon. Michael D. Warren
           Hon. Wendy L. Potts
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<td>Hon. Eugene Arthur Moore</td>
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<td>Arthur R. Spears Jr.</td>
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<td>Hon. Colleen A. O'Brien</td>
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<td>Hon. Joan E. Young</td>
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<td>Hon. Fred Mester</td>
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<td>2013-2014</td>
<td>Hon. James M. Alexander</td>
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<td>Hon. Cynthia Thomas Walker</td>
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<td>2014-2015</td>
<td>Hon. Mary Ellen Brennan</td>
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DISTINGUISHED CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association

Established:
2001
Revised January 7, 2004
Revised May 5, 2010

Purpose:
To recognize an attorney who is no longer practicing, but whose career exemplifies extraordinary achievement in the ideals of the profession, including competence, civility, professionalism, and service to the community and to one’s fellow lawyers throughout the active legal career of the recipient.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting – Awards Ceremony
There will be no more than three recipients of this award in any single year.

Criteria:
▪ Candidates must have practiced for at least 40 years or be deceased at the time of the nomination.
▪ Each nominee must have been a member of the Oakland County Bar Association whose legal practice has been conducted for a majority of the time in Oakland County.
▪ Each nominee must have a disciplinary record free of revocations, suspensions and reprimands.
▪ A recipient must have distinguished herself or himself by exhibiting extraordinary competence in his or her area of practice.
▪ A recipient must have exemplified the ideals of civility and professionalism throughout his or her career.
▪ A recipient must have a record of service to the community.
▪ A recipient must have a record of service to his or her fellow lawyers, including participation in local or state bar sections and committees.

Tool:
Letter of Nomination inclusive of nominee’s activities. Committee members may originate nominations, and may receive nominations from any member of the Oakland County Bar Association.

Selection Process:
Recipient(s) of the award will be determined by the Oakland County Bar Association’s Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
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|      | Abraham Selesny  
|      | C. Robert Wartell |
| 2002 | Hon. Robert C. Anderson  
|      | George Fulkerson  
|      | Philip G. Ingraham |
| 2003 | Hon. Martin M. Doctoroff  
|      | Janice Morganroth  
|      | Edward L. Ruby |
| 2005 | Richard P. Condit  
|      | John M. Donohue  
|      | Hon. Louis E. Fairbrother |
| 2006 | Nanci S. Klein |
| 2007 | No award given |
| 2008 | No award given |
| 2009 | No award given |
| 2010 | Thomas J. Trenta |
| 2011 | No award given |
| 2012 | No award given |
| 2013 | Hon. Steven N. Andrews |
| 2014 | William P. Hampton |
| 2015 | No award given |
BONNIE BEUTLER OUTSTANDING NEW LAWYER AWARD

Sponsored by:
Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA) – New Lawyers Committee

Established:
2015

Purpose:
The award is made to a new lawyer who does not necessarily have to sit on the New Lawyers Council, but is a member of the New Lawyers Committee. It offers recognition for a new lawyer who creates a comfortable environment and camaraderie for the newest lawyers to join the OCBA and who tackles projects with enthusiasm.

Awarded:
Annually
OCBA Annual Meeting

Criteria:
- Is a member
- Lawyer practicing less than ten years
- Clearly goes out of his or her way to make the newest lawyers feel comfortable at bar-sponsored events
- Takes an enthusiastic approach to volunteering for and implementing bar projects
- Charitable or community activities outside of the practice of law may also be considered

Tool:
Letter of nomination illustrating why nominee fits the criteria, submitted to NLC/OCBA liaison.

Selection Process:
Awardee selected from candidates by committee comprising NLC Chair, NLC board liaison, and OCBA NLC liaison.

Past Recipients:
2015 Jacob J. Cunningham