

State Bar of Arizona Award Nominations

The State Bar of Arizona is soliciting nominations for awards to be given at the annual convention. Nominations for all categories should be submitted to: State Bar Awards, 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85016-6288. The deadline for nominations (with one exception noted below) is **March 14, 2008**.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to that attorney or those attorneys who have rendered extraordinary contributions to the programs and activities of the State Bar in the prior year.

Hundreds, even thousands, of the Bar's members contribute their time and talent to the work of the Bar, but this award is limited to those whose contributions are exceptional. In 2007, the award was given to Lynda C. Shely.



Lynda C. Shely

"I am honored and humbled to receive an award for doing something that I enjoy so much. We have great lawyers in this state who should be proud of our profession. I encourage all lawyers to participate in Bar Committees for a very rewarding experience."
— Lynda C. Shely

JAMES A. WALSH OUTSTANDING JURIST AWARD

Awarded to that judge whose career exemplifies the highest standards of judicial conduct for integrity and independence; who is knowledgeable of the law and faithful to it; who is unswayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism; who is patient, dignified and courteous to all who appear before him or her; and who endeavors to improve the administration of justice and public understanding of, and respect for, the role of law in our society. Last year's recipient was the Hon. C. Kimball Rose, posthumously.

AWARD OF SPECIAL MERIT

Awarded to that member or member of the State Bar who has made significant contributions to the furtherance of public understanding of the legal system, the administration of justice and confidence in the legal profession. In 2007, the recipients were Theodore Campagnolo and Hon. Gary Donahoe.

SHARON A. FULLMER LEGAL AID ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to that legal services lawyer or lawyers in Arizona whose service to low-income people encompasses aggressive advocacy on behalf of individuals in extreme need and addresses systemic issues affecting significant numbers of low-income people. Last year's recipient was Anthony L. Young.

AWARD OF APPRECIATION

Awarded to that individual or those individuals who are not members of the Bar in recognition of outstanding service toward the creation of a better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice, the judiciary or the legislative process. Matthew Silverman was honored last year.

TOM KARAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD

Awarded to that criminal defense practitioner who during his or her career has worked tirelessly to advance the principles of criminal justice by representing clients with integrity, fairness, tenacity, creativity, brilliance and, above all, professionalism. The recipient in 2007 was Michael B. Scott, posthumously.

MICHAEL C. CUDAHY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD

Awarded to that criminal law prosecutor who during his or her career has worked tirelessly to advance the principles of criminal justice by representing the public's interest with integrity, fairness, tenacity, creativity, brilliance and, above all, professionalism. The recipient in 2007 was Paul K. Charlton.

HON. JOHN R. STICHT EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES ACCESSIBILITY AWARD

(*This award has a nomination deadline of April 30)

Awarded to that private legal employer or law firm and public legal employer for their efforts to improve access to our judicial system for persons with disabilities in the legal profession. The awards are presented at the State Bar Convention and at a ceremony on July 26, the anniversary of the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). Last year's honoree was the Pima County Attorney's Office. Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall and Chief Deputy County Attorney Amelia Craig Cramer accepted the award.

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The State Bar Appointments Committee is currently accepting applications from active members in good standing to fill the following upcoming vacancies. Application forms are due at the State Bar office by **May 2, 2008**, and can be obtained by calling Carrie Sherman in the State Bar's Phoenix office at (602) 340-7201 or Amy Ihrke in the State Bar's Tucson office at (520) 623-9944. An application also can be downloaded from the Bar's Web site (www.myazbar.org – refer to *Appointment Committee News*).

The Standing Appointments Committee and the Board of Governors consider all aspects of diversity in their recommendations and appointments.

ABA House of Delegates

Application Deadline: Friday, May 2, 2008

Purpose: The State Bar of Arizona's four delegates represent the State Bar at the annual and midyear meetings of the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates. The State Bar reimburses only that portion of delegate expenses relating to that portion of the House's agenda which addresses the regulation of the profession and improving the quality of legal services. The delegates regularly appear before the Board of Governors to report on House of Delegates' activities.

Openings: Two appointments will be made by the Board of Governors. Delegates Ernest Calderón (Calderón Law Offices, Phoenix) and Jeffrey Willis (Snell & Wilmer LLP, Tucson) are completing a two-year term. They are eligible for, and are seeking, reappointment to a final two-year term. The State Bar's other two delegates are Christopher Bradley Vynalek (Quarles & Brady LLP, Phoenix) and Susan C. Villarreal (Villarreal Law Office PC, Tucson).

Criteria/Qualifications: Applicants must be active members of, and in good standing with, the State Bar of Arizona. The successful candidates must also be ABA members in good standing throughout their tenures as delegates.

Term: Two years commencing August 13, 2008.

Client Protection Fund Board of Trustees

Application Deadline: Friday, May 2, 2008

Purpose: The Client Protection Fund is a trust that exists as a separate entity from the State Bar of Arizona. The Fund's purpose is to promote public confidence in the administration of justice, and to preserve the integrity of the legal profession by reimbursing people who have sustained losses caused by the dishonest conduct of lawyers admitted and licensed to practice law in Arizona. Each lawyer licensed to practice law in Arizona contributes \$30 per year to the Fund. The Trustees act as fiduciaries of monies deposited in the fund, invest those funds, and pay claims in appropriate cases.

Openings: One appointment will be made by the Board of Governors. Mark D. Rubin (Sole Practitioner, Tucson) is completing a five-year term and is not seeking reappointment. The other trustees are John G. Balentine (Van O'Steen Attorneys at Law, Tucson), Geoffrey M. T. Sturr (Osborn Maledon PA, Phoenix), Larry W. Suci (Law Offices of Larry W. Suci, Yuma) and nonlawyer Maria Hoffman (Fountain Hills).

Criteria/Qualifications: Any active or judicial member in good standing with the State Bar of Arizona who shall have practiced law or served in a judicial capacity in the State of Arizona for at least 10 years shall be eligible for appointment as a Trustee. The Trustees meet five to six times a year and review more than 100 claims annually.

Term: Five years commencing June 2008.

PEOPLE, PLACES, HONORS, AWARDS



Three attorneys have joined **Greenberg Traurig**. They are Nancy Strick Hawkins, Of Counsel, antitrust; Brigitte Finley Green, Of Counsel, public finance;



and Emily Nyen Chang, attorney, business finance.



George Chen and Christopher Lause were elected partners of **Bryan Cave LLP**. Chen is a registered patent attorney, and Lause practices corporate, securities and business law. In addition, attorney

Kimberly A. Erickson has been promoted to counsel and continues to practice in the class and derivative actions commercial litigation group.

Michael J. Herron has joined **Kirsch-Goodwin & Kirsch PLLC** as Of Counsel in the firm's business and real estate practice group.

Jay L. Ciulla and Ray Q. Torralba have formed **Ciulla Torralba PLLC**, a firm focusing on civil litigation and business representation.

Employment law attorney Amy Gittler will head the new Phoenix office of **Jackson Lewis LLP**. She is joined by associate Jeffrey Toppel.

Associates **Anda L. Lincoln** and **Sharon W. Ng** have joined the business law practice at **Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP**.

HONORS & AWARDS



John W. Moody, an attorney with **Miller LaSota & Peters PLC**, was appointed chair of the **Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce PAC**.

Paul Robert Fannin, a partner with **Stephoe & Johnson LLP**, was

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sworn in as a new **U.S. Ambassador** to the Dominican Republic.



John Checkett, director with Campbell Yost Clare & Norell PC, was elected to the board of the **Arizona Health Care Association** as its Business Affiliate representative.



Frank W. Busch III, president of Thomas Title & Escrow, was appointed to the executive council of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix**.



A criminal litigation newsletter edited by Lewis and Roca partner **Thomas A. Gilson** received the "Best Non-Production Newsletter" award from the **American Bar Association** Section of Litigation.



Quarles & Brady LLP attorney **Susan C. Salmon** received the **Outstanding New Volunteer Attorney** award from the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Steven C. Barclay, a partner with Jennings Strouss & Salmon, has been appointed to the board of the **Arizona Tourism Alliance**.



Ryan Rapp & Underwood PLC attorney **John G. Ryan** has been elected to the board of **St. Mary's Food Bank**.



Gov. Janet Napolitano selected Lewis and Roca partner and firm chair **José A. Cárdenas** to serve as one of three incorporating directors for the **Arizona Economic Resource Organization**.



Tim Berg, managing partner of Fennemore Craig, has been appointed chair of the **Arizona Uniform State Laws Commission**.



Assistant U.S. Attorney **Kimberly Hare** received a Superior

Performance Award from the **Department of Justice** for developing and coordinating the Tribal Methamphetamine Initiative in the District of Arizona, with emphasis on the Navajo Nation.



Penny Willrich, associate professor of law at Phoenix School of Law, was one of three panelists at the **National Legal Aid and Defender Annual Conference** in Tucson.



John D. DiTullio, an attorney with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, was selected to serve as a member of the **91st Arizona Town Hall**.

Davis Miles PLLC received the **2007 Employer of the Year** award from the Arizona Department of Economic Security Vocational Rehabilitation Office for its continuing commitment to serve the community as an equal opportunity employer.

Franklin D. Dodge, an attorney with Ryan Rapp & Underwood

PLC, was inducted into the **Litigation Council of America**.

Wallace L. Larson, member of Carson Messinger Elliott Laughlin & Ragan, received the Sally Award for the outstanding volunteer for the **Salvation Army** in the Phoenix Area for 2006, and was elected chair of the Phoenix Advisory Committee for the Salvation Army.



Paul E. Burns, a shareholder with Gallagher & Kennedy PA, has been elected Board Member Emeritus by the **Arizona Technology Council** Board of Directors.

Dodge Anderson Mables Steiner Jones & Horowitz Ltd. partner **David D. Dodge**, and senior associate **Denise M. Quinterri** published the article "Inside Counsel as a Member of the Board of Directors" in the *Legal Ethics for In-House Corporate Counsel; Corporate Practice Series*, by the **Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Hyman Brazlin, Phoenix
Richard R. Greenfield, Phoenix

NEWS FOR MEMBERS

X Mark Your Calendar
CLE OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

- Mar. 6 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
(3 MCLE hours, including 3 hour ethics)
Navigating the New Ethics Rules
Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix
- Mar. 7 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(4.5 MCLE hours, including 4.5 hours ethics)
Balance Life and Law
Orange Tree Resort, Scottsdale
- Mar. 12 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
(3 MCLE hours)
Updates in Federal Civil Litigation
Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix

CLE OPPORTUNITIES

Mar. 149:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 (5.5 MCLE hours)
How To Conduct Powerful Cross-Examination
 DoubleTree Resort, Scottsdale

Mar. 198:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 (4.25 MCLE hours, including 4.25 hours ethics)
Professionalism
 Tucson

Mar. 208:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 (6.0 MCLE hours, including 2 hours ethics)
Criminal Appellate Issues
 Manning House, Tucson

Mar. 24Noon to 1:00 p.m.
 (1 MCLE hours, including 1 hour ethics)
**Trial Courtroom Series:
 Ethical Issues During Trial**
 Pima County Courtroom

Mar. 263:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 (1.5 MCLE hours, including 1.5 hours ethics)
Book Club—*Beyond Pelelui*
 State Bar of Arizona

Mar. 27Noon to 1:45 p.m.
 (1.5 MCLE hours, including 1.5 hours ethics)
Ethics & Technology
 Webcast, State Bar Boardroom, Phoenix

Mar. 27Noon to 1:45 p.m.
 (1.5 MCLE hours, including 1.5 hours ethics)
Ethics & Technology
 Webcast, State Bar Southern Regional Office

Mar. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 (6 MCLE hours)
Courtroom Evidence
 Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites

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to view the expanded list of interactive online courses and extensive assortment of video and audio self-study products. Times are subject to change, so check online for details.

**MEMBERSHIP
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 CORRECTIONS**

Information on the following attorneys or judges is listed incorrectly or missing in the 2007–2008 Bar Membership Directory. The information provided here is the correct version. The State Bar apologizes for the errors.

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