

# Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation

## Legendary Lawyer Award Guidelines

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In an era when lawyers' dedication to the public good is too-often questioned, the annual Legendary Lawyer Award was created to summon to the spotlight individuals whose career commitments in areas such as legal ethics, community involvement, public service, and lawyer professionalism demonstrate the high calling and higher achievement of lawyers in modern society.

### Eligibility:

This award is annually presented to a member of the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation whose contributions have demonstrated the highest commitment to genuine professionalism and the highest standards of the legal profession. Nominations are sought for individuals that have demonstrated their adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession, compassion through service to the public in the community in which he or she lives, and practical skills in the practice of law through a legal career of **50 years** or more.

**NOTE:** All Fellows previously nominated are automatically reconsidered as candidates for each year's award and need not be renominated regardless of the length of time since their original submission, however additional supporting materials for those previously nominated individuals is encouraged and will be continuously accepted through the December 31<sup>st</sup> closing date. In addition, the selection committee can affirmatively nominate eligible candidates who have otherwise not had a nomination submitted on their behalf. Previous recipients and current nominees may be viewed on the Indiana Bar Foundation's website at [www.inbf.org](http://www.inbf.org) under the awards section at the top of the page. Please see the **Nomination Procedures** for more details.

### Criteria for Evaluation:

The Legendary Lawyer Award Committee will evaluate the nominations based on the following criteria:

#### Legal Activity

- Peer respect and recognition
- Service to organized Bar organizations
- Recognition from local community for professional excellence
- Service to the Judiciary
- Charitable and public service activity related to the law
- Legal writing and publications

#### Community Activity

- Charitable activity in the local community
- Recognition from the local community for public service
- Service organization activity
- Service on public boards
- Service to church or synagogue
- Local political activity

Although significant contributions to the work of the organized bar merit strong consideration in the evaluation of nominees for the award, significant scholarly contributions made in academic settings, creative judicial or legislative initiatives undertaken to advance the professionalism of lawyers, and other related types of contributions also justify submission of nominations.

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## Legendary Lawyer Award Nomination Procedures

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1. Nominees must be Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation in good standing that have practiced law at least 50 years. Nominations must include a completed **Nomination Form** submitted on the Fellow's behalf including attachments. In the case of videotapes, only one tape must be included.
2. Applications must be typewritten.
3. In addition to the Nomination Form, include a statement of support explaining your reason for nominating the individual. Please include a brief summary page for submissions of moderate or great length.
4. Numerous submissions from multiple nominators for the same nominee are encouraged to get a broader perspective on the nominee's overall achievements and activities, which relate to the selection criteria.
5. All award entries must be received on or before **December 31<sup>st</sup>** each year in order to be considered for the award the following year.
6. Early each calendar year the Fellows Legendary Lawyer Award Committee (Committee) will review all nominations previously submitted regardless of the length of time since their original submission. The Committee will be permitted to identify any eligible Fellows which have not yet been nominated as of the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline who the Committee feels would be worthy of the award and add them to the list of nominated individuals eligible for consideration. In the event the Committee identifies any additional eligible Fellows for consideration, a Nomination Form and supporting materials must be submitted to the Committee for consideration in order for the individual to continue in the selection process and be considered for the award by the Committee.
7. In the spring of each year, the Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Bar Foundation one individual from among the list of nominated individuals considered by the Committee to receive the Legendary Lawyer Award. The recipient will be informed of his/her selection prior to the annual Fellows meeting.
8. The winner of the Legendary Lawyer Award will be recognized at the annual meeting of the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation. In addition, the Indiana Bar Foundation will coordinate a special recognition event in the recipient's home town with a tribute of his/her career and the award will be officially presented.
9. Any questions about this award should be directed to the Executive Director of the Indiana Bar Foundation at the address listed or at (317) 269-2415. Previous recipients, current nominees and an electronic copy of the nomination materials can be found on the IBF's website at [www.inbf.org](http://www.inbf.org) under the awards section at the top of the page.
10. All entries should be addressed to:

**Indiana Bar Foundation**  
**Attn: Legendary Lawyer Award**  
**615 N. Alabama #122**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

# Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation Legendary Lawyer Award Nomination Form



**Nominee:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Nomination:** On a separate page, in concise typewritten paragraphs, describe the accomplishments, contributions and/or initiatives of the nominee in the areas addressed by the award criteria indicating the significance of their impact. Supporting documents, such as reports or articles evidencing the nominee's contributions, and/or a resume of the nominee's history of involvement may be submitted in support of your nomination. These materials will not be returned.

**NOTE:** A brief summary page for the reviewing convenience of the Committee should accompany any such submissions of moderate or great length.

**Nominator:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

This form, the explanation of your recommendation, and all supporting documents must be received by mail **no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please note that **no Fax** submissions will be accepted.

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