



Committee on  
Legal Aid

# Denison Ray Civil Awards Phil Dailey Award

## 2022 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### DENISON RAY CIVIL AWARDS

The New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Aid is pleased to call for nominations for the 2022 Denison Ray Civil Awards. The awards will be presented on October 19, 2022.

The award is named in memory of career legal activist Denison (Denny) Ray, who led legal services programs in New York and other states. A total of four (4) awards will be presented. Two awards will be given to staff attorneys employed by nonprofit entities that provide free civil legal services to low-income clients. One award will be presented to a director of a civil legal services program or a director of a pro bono volunteer program. The final award will be presented to a nonprofit organization that provides or facilitates the provision of civil legal services to low-income clients.

#### CRITERIA

**The Civil Legal Services Staff Attorney Awards** recognize individual attorneys' extraordinary commitment to:

- The provision of creative, skilled, and zealous representation of low-income clients;
- Collaboration with pro bono volunteer attorneys from the private bar to expand access to justice opportunities for low-income clients; and/or
- Efforts to inspire, mentor, and support colleagues in the delivery of exceptional legal representation to low-income clients.

**The Director Award** recognizes outstanding leadership at a civil legal services or pro bono program by an executive director or legal director who inspires the kind of extraordinary commitment by staff and service to the community set forth in the above criteria.

**The Nonprofit Organization Award** recognizes extraordinary commitment to

- Strengthening access to justice initiatives;
- Delivering or facilitating the provision of civil legal services to low-income and/or disadvantaged clients;
- Increasing the provision of pro bono services; and/or
- Marshaling resources to maximize services to the community.

### PHIL DAILEY AWARD

Much of the advocacy work in civil legal services and pro bono programs is done by advocates who are not attorneys. The Phil Dailey Award was created in 2016 in memory of Phil Dailey, a Paralegal at Legal Assistance of Western NY in Geneva, NY, to acknowledge the vital services of non-attorney staff who demonstrate an excellence and dedication to providing equal access to justice.

#### CRITERIA

- A non-attorney staff member of a civil legal services or pro bono provider who is recognized for creative, skilled, and zealous representation of low-income clients;
- Collaboration with pro bono volunteer attorneys from the private bar to expand access to justice opportunities for low-income clients; and/or
- Efforts to inspire, mentor, and support colleagues in the delivery of exceptional legal representation to low-income clients.

### AWARDS COMMITTEE

Award recipients will be selected by a committee consisting of the chairs of the President's Committee on Access to Justice and the Committee on Legal Aid.





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**Deadline**

July 22, 2022

## 2022 Nomination Form

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category** (Check One)

- Civil Legal Services Staff Attorney
- Pro Bono Program Director
- Legal Services Director
- Nonprofit Organization
- Phil Dailey Award

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the Nominee?

**Nominees need not be NYSBA members.** Nominations should be made by persons personally familiar with the nominee's work – but not by the nominee. Each nomination form should be limited to one nominee. Please submit this 2022 form and a statement explaining why the nominee should receive an award. You may submit up to three additional supporting documents.

Nominations may be e-mailed or faxed to:

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

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## Past Award Winners

### Civil Legal Services Staff Attorney Award Winners

- 2021 Laura Diane Rolnick
- 2018 MaryBeth Conway  
Jennifer Metzger Kimura
- 2016 Josh Cotter  
David Kagle
- 2014 Susan C. Antos  
Lori M. O'Brien
- 2012 Michael Hanley  
Ian F. Feldman
- 2010 Pamela J. Bayer  
Jeff Hogue
- 2008 Jason D. Hoge  
James T. Murphy
- 2006 David E. Ralph
- 2004 Sarah Betsy Fuller  
Judith Studebaker
- 2001 Carole Boccumini  
Joshua Zinner
- 2000 Marc Cohan  
Peter O'Brien Dellinger
- 1998 Michael Hampden  
Mary M. Withington
- 1997 Leslie D'Corra Holmes  
Barry Strom
- 1995 Margaret H. McDowell  
Douglas Roy Ruff  
Wendy H. Wahlberg
- 1994 Sheryl Randy Karp  
Jerrold M. Levy  
William F. Mastroleo

### Legal Services Program Director Award Winners

- 2018 Barbara Finkelstein
- 2016 Karen Nicolson
- 2014 Alan S. Harris
- 2012 Michael Rothenberg\*
- 2010 Steven B. Telzak\*
- 2008 Lillian M. Moy

### Pro Bono Program Director Award Winners

- 2021 Cindy Kanusher
- 2012 Richard S. Hobish
- 2006 Lisa A. Frisch

### Nonprofit Organization Award Winners

- 2021 Pace Women's Justice Center
- 2016 Community Service Society of New York Next Door Project
- 2014 Prisoners' Legal Services of New York
- 2012 New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
- 2010 LegalHealth, a Division of the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
- 2008 The Worker's Rights Law Center of New York, Inc.
- 2006 Western New York Law Center of Buffalo and its Executive Director, Joseph Kelemen, Esq.
- 2004 inMotion Inc.
- 2001 Greater Upstate Law Project (GULP), Inc.

### Phil Dailey Award Winners

- 2021 Kelly Perine
- 2018 Deborah O'Shea
- 2016 Phil Dailey\*

\*Awarded posthumously.