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*LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD*



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## LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Lawyer of the Year award is presented annually to recognize outstanding service and dedication to the legal profession and the Bar Association of Erie County which:

- Promotes the good will of the profession.
- Fosters respect for the legal profession.
- Elevates the standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession.
- Encourages the spirit of fellowship among members of the Bar.
- Protects and promotes the interests of the people and the members of the bar, the legal profession and the administration of justice.
- Promotes the maintenance and protection of American institutions and principles.

### Lawyer of the Year Award Past Recipients:

1965	George Wanamaker	1992	William R. Brennan
1966	John Lesswing	1993	Joseph D. Bermingham, Jr.
1967	William H. Gage	1994	Daniel T. Roach
1968	Hon. Carlton A. Fisher	1995	John W. Condon, Jr.
1969	Chester A. Pearlman	1996	Richard N. Blewett
1970	Eugene M. Downey	1997	Victor T. Fuzak
1971	Howard Starrett ( <i>posthumously</i> )	1998	James L. Magavern
1972	Samuel Battaglia	1999	Grace Marie Ange
1973	John Leach	2000	Paul Michael Hassett
1974	Philip H. Magner, Jr.	2001	Paul W. Beltz
1975	M. Robert Koren	2002	David R. Pfalzgraf
1976	Joseph P. Runfola	2003	Lawrence J. Wagner
1977	Aaron Weinstein	2004	Joel L. Daniels
1978	William B. Mahoney	2005	John H. Napier
1979	Adelbert Fleischmann	2006	Courtland R. LaVallee
1980	Edmund S. Brown, Sr.	2007	Jeffrey M. Freedman
1981	Stanley G. Falk	2008	Francis X. Carroll
1982	Hon. Walter J. Mahoney ( <i>posthumously</i> )	2009	David Gerald Jay
1983	Frank G. Raichle, Jr.	2010	Terrence M. Connors
1984	J. Eugene McMahan	2011	Gayle L. Eagan
1985	Philip J. O'Shea, Sr. ( <i>posthumously</i> )	2012	Vincent E. Doyle III
1986	Howard T. Saperston	2013	Helen Ferraro-Zaffram
1987	Maryann Saccomando Freedman	2014	Diane F. Bosse
1988	John T. Frizzell	2015	Joseph M. Hanna
1989	Charles H. Dougherty	2016	John R. Nuchereno ( <i>posthumously</i> )
1990	Hon. Norman Stiller	2017	Kenneth A. Manning
1991	Robert D. Fernbach		



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*OUTSTANDING JURIST AWARD*



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## **OUTSTANDING JURIST AWARD**

The Outstanding Jurist award is not presented annually but when there exists a jurist whose career exemplifies the highest standards of judicial conduct for integrity, impartiality and independence; who is knowledgeable of the law and faithful to it; who is not influenced 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 respect for the rule of law.

### **Outstanding Jurist Award Past Recipients:**

1976	Hon. Carmen F. Ball	1997	Hon. John H. Doerr
	Hon. Norman A. Stiller	1998	Hon. Jerome C. Gorski
1977	Hon. John T. Curtin	1999	Hon. Leo J. Fallon
1978	N/A	2000	N/A
1979	Hon. H. Buswell Roberts	2001	Hon. Sharon Seide Townsend
1980	Hon. James B. Kane	2002	Hon. David J. Mahoney
1981	N/A		Hon. Joseph P. McCarthy
1982	N/A	2003	N/A
1983	Hon. Norman J. Wolf, Jr.	2004	Hon. John P. Lane
1984	N/A	2005	Hon. John T. Elfvin
1985	Hon. John T. Curtin	2006	Hon. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr.
1986	N/A	2007	Hon. Michael F. Griffith
1987	N/A	2008	Hon. Rose H. Sconiers
1988	Hon. Vincent E. Doyle, Jr.	2009	Hon. Joseph D. Mintz
1989	Hon. Frederick M. Marshall	2010	Hon. Thomas P. Franczyk
1990	Hon. Victor E. Manz	2011	Hon. Kevin M. Dillon
1991	Hon. Edmund F. Maxwell	2012	Hon. Thomas P. Amodeo
1992	N/A	2013	Hon. William M. Skretny
1993	Hon. M. Dolores Denman	2014	Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy
1994	Hon. Henry H. Gossel	2015	Hon. Eugene M. Fahey
1995	Hon. Samuel L. Green	2016	Hon. Robert T. Russell, Jr.
1996	Hon. Richard D. Simons	2017	Hon. Barbara Howe



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*AWARD OF MERIT*



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## AWARD OF MERIT

There is no specific criteria for the Award of Merit which is reserved to recognize extraordinary circumstances.

### Award of Merit Past Recipients:

1978	George L. Cownie Dennis Denny
1985	Eugene C. Tenney William J. Cunningham, Jr.
1986	Philip H. Magner, Jr.
1990	David Gerald Jay
1994	Hon. James B. Kane
1995	Edward P. Jesella, Jr.
1996	Thomas H. Burton
1997	Lillian E.G. Cowan
2000	Hon. Jerome C. Gorski Herbert H. Blumberg
2001	Diane F. Bosse
2002	Hon. Michael A. Battle <i>United States Attorney, Western District of New York</i>
2003	Hon. Robert T. Russell, Jr.
2004	Albert Mugel ( <i>posthumously</i> )
2005	Paul J. Smaldone <i>Erie County Surrogate's Court</i>
2006	no award presented
2007	no award presented
2008	Sharon Stern Gerstman
2009	Robert M. Elardo, Managing Attorney, Volunteer Lawyers Project
2010	Scott A. Bylewski
2011	E.W. Dann Stevens ( <i>posthumously</i> )
2012	Howard B. Frank and Mark W. Hamberger
2013	James P. Harrington and Michael S. Taheri
2014	Marianne Mariano
2015	Hon. Frederick J. Marshall
2016	Sharon A. Thomas ( <i>posthumously</i> )
2017	Marilyn A. Hochfield



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*SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD*



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## SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

The Special Service award is given to a lawyer whose exceptional service to the profession has contributed to the good and welfare of the Bar Association of Erie County and its members.

### Special Service Award Past Recipients:

1974	John B. Walsh	1995	Sanford C. Kulick ( <i>posthumously</i> )
1978	William P. Bellas		Lynn A. Clarke
	Harold J. Brand, Jr.	1996	Linda L. Kaumeyer
	William J. Cunningham, Jr.		Hon. James H. Dillon
	Jack L. Green	1997	Charles H. Dougherty
	William R. Kneeland	1998	Nancy W. Saia
	William Levitt		John P. Freedenberg
	Morris Mesch	1999	Helen Ferraro-Zaffram
	Myra S. Stuart		Francis X. Carroll
	Richard T. Sullivan	2000	Robert J. White
1979	Bruce A. Goldstein		John J. Aman
1980	Robert J. Kresse	2001	Michelle A. Crew
	Peter J. Brevorka		Susan Etu Eagan
	Franklin Pack	2002	Frank J. Boccio, Chief Clerk <i>Erie County Family Court</i>
1981	Joseph A. Schime	2003	Martin J. Violante, Court Attorney Referee <i>Eighth Judicial District</i>
	<i>Chief Clerk, Surrogate's Court</i>		
1982	William H. Gage	2004	Karen L. Nicolson
1983	Maryann Saccomando Freedman		<i>Legal Services for the Elderly</i>
1984	Anne (Nancy) M. Moore	2005	Glenn E. Murray
1985	John A. Boccio ( <i>posthumously</i> )		Richard S. Kwieciak
	David J. Mahoney	2006	Sheila Weir Schwanekamp
1986	Susan Ostrowski Beale		Dennis Bischof
	<i>Lawyers Helping Lawyers</i>	2007	Real Property Law Sub-Committee: Michael Lombardo, Kenneth Redding, Nancy Saia, W. Clark Trow
1987	Harold J. Brand, Jr.		
1988	Thomas M. Burke	2008	Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee
1989	Richard F. Griffin	2009	Daniel T. Lukasik
	Oliver C. Young	2010	Robert H. Lawrence
1990	Ferdinand J. Ciccarelli		John Nuchereno
	Morris Mesch	2011	not given
	Richard C. Panepinto ( <i>posthumously</i> )	2012	William R. Hites and Harry G. Meyer
	John T. Smythe	2013	not given
1992	Daniel F. Novak	2014	Julie Loesch
1993	Hon. Irving Fudeman ( <i>posthumously</i> )	2015	David L. Sweet
	Keith A. Morgenheim	2016	William W. Berry
	Hon. Elloeen D. Oughterson	2017	Mark R. McNamara
1994	Harold J. Boreanaz ( <i>posthumously</i> )		
	Sharon Stern Gerstman		
	James A. Locke		



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## **CHARLES H. DOUGHERTY CIVILITY AWARD**

The “Civility Award” is presented to a distinguished practitioner who exemplifies the same sense of civility and decorum that characterized the career of the Association’s former president, Charles H. Dougherty who was always forthright and scrupulously fair, and elevated the standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession.

### **Civility Award Past Recipients:**

2006	John Cegielski ( <i>posthumously</i> )
2007	John L. Kirschner Joseph C. Vispi
2008	Douglas S. Coppola
2009	Richard N. Blewett Joseph B. Mistrett
2010	John F. Canale
2011	Hon. Hugh B. Scott
2012	Michael J. Roach
2013	Richard F. Griffin and Scott M. Schwartz
2014	Oliver C. Young and Mary Catherine “Katie” Baumgarten
2015	John C. Doscher and James P. Renda
2016	William J. Kita
2017	Nelson F. Zakia

