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LIBERTY BELL AWARD



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The purpose of the Liberty Bell Award is to recognize the community service that has strengthened the American System of freedom under the law, and to accord public recognition for outstanding service in one of these areas:

1. Promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights;
2. Encourage a greater respect for law and the courts;
3. Stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights;
4. Contribute to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and
5. Foster a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

ELIGIBILITY : *Any individual who has rendered outstanding service to his or her community in any of the areas mentioned above may be considered eligible. All fields of endeavor are intended for inclusion.*

Liberty Bell Award Past Recipients:

1965	Dr. Joseph Manch <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	1986	Hospice of Buffalo, Inc.
1966	Neil O'Donnell <i>Police Athletic League</i>	1987	Rev. A. Joseph Bissonette (posthumously)
1967	Alfred H. Kirchhofer, Editor <i>Buffalo Evening News</i>	1988	Ralph Dubard (posthumously)
1968	Rt. Rev. Harold B. Robinson <i>Bishop, Episcopal Church</i>	1989	Sister Edmunette Puczesny
1969	Claude F. Shuchter, President <i>Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.</i>	1990	William Shipengrover
1970	William R. Bailey, Asst. V.P. & Mgr. <i>Marine Trust Company of WNY</i>	1991	Norstar Bank, N.A.
1971	William J. Troy <i>United Steel Workers of America</i> George L. Wessel, President <i>Buffalo AFL-CIO</i>	1992	Assemblyman William B. Hoyt (posthumously)
1972	Anne McMatthews, Feature Writer <i>Canisius College</i>	1993	Henry J. Nowak
1973	Rev. James M. Demske, President <i>Canisius College</i>	1994	Hon. John J. LaFalce
1974	Whitworth Ferguson, President <i>Ferguson Electric Construction Co.</i>	1995	Hon. Dennis C. Vacco
1975	William D. Hassett, Jr., President <i>W.D. Hassett, Inc.</i>	1996	Leroy R. Coles
1976	Thomas W. Ryan (posthumously) <i>Former Sheriff of Erie County and former County Republican Chairman</i>	1997	Kids Voting New York
1977	Amherst Central Junior High School	1998	Hon. John T. Curtin
1978	Dr. Ralph W. Loew	1999	Hon. Denise E. O'Donnell
1979	Dr. Marvin A. Block	2000	The One Hundred Club of Buffalo & WNY, Inc.
1980	William C. Baird	2001	University at Buffalo Law School Trial Advocacy Program
1981	Florence E. Baugh, President <i>Board of Education, Buffalo Schools</i>	2002	Neil M. Garvey, Esq. and Mickey H. Osterreicher, Esq.
1982	Norman Goldfarb <i>Citizens Council on Human Relations</i>	2003	William R. Greiner, President <i>State University of New York at Buffalo</i>
1983	Delmar L. Mitchell, City Council President	2004	Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, President <i>Canisius College</i>
1984	James Kelleher, Kenmore Police Dept. <i>Youth Bureau</i> Thomas Hinchey, Kenmore Police Dept.	2005	Maj. William D. Broderick, Jr., Lt. Colonel Robert C. Moscati, Cpt. David State, First Lt. Christopher Wisniewski, Cpt. Christopher Glascott <i>Judge Advocate Generals</i>
1985	Daniel E. Barry, Jr. <i>The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.</i>	2006	Robert D. Lonski, Administrator, Assigned Counsel Program
		2007	City of Buffalo Mayor's Anti-Flipping Task Force
		2008	Scott Gehl, Executive Director, HOME
		2009	Western New York Law Center, Inc.
		2010	Nancy Brady, Ronald DiNicolantonio, Mary Knab <i>Mock Trial Tournament Teacher Coaches</i>
		2011	John J. O'Connor, Mentor Coordinator <i>Buffalo Veteran's Treatment Court, Buffalo City Court</i>
		2012	Matthew J. Garvey, President <i>Lawyers for Learning Program</i>
		2013	New York State Senator Mark Grisanti, 60 th Senate District
		2014	Gary Janas, <i>Teacher, Orchard Park High School</i>
		2015	Kathleen C. Hochul, <i>Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York</i>
		2016	Bethany A. Solek, <i>District Attorney's Office</i>
		2017	Craig R. Bucki, <i>Mock Trial Program Chair</i>
		2018	Peter J. Galie, Ph.D. (Ret., Canisius College) & Fidèle Menavanza, Paralegal, <i>Center for Elder Law & Justice</i>

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Liberty Bell Award Nomination Form

A résumé or similar biographical material for the nominee should accompany this form.
This nomination must be submitted by *January 4, 2019* to:

Awards Committee
Bar Association of Erie County
438 Main Street, Sixth Floor, Buffalo, New York 14202

NOMINEE: _____

TITLE OR POSITION: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

NAME: _____

TITLE/ AFFILIATION: _____

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SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD



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SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Such award shall be presented during the Law Day ceremonies or at such other time as the Board of Directors shall designate.

PURPOSE: To recognize outstanding service to the legal profession thus strengthening the effective function of the legal profession, our institutions of government and the judicial system.

CRITERIA: The award will recognize service to the legal profession. Such service would include:

1. Courteous treatment of members of the legal profession;
2. Efficient handling of duties;
3. Cooperation with members of the legal profession; and
4. Willingness to extend himself/herself for the good of the legal profession and the public.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person who is not a lawyer and who is connected with the courts or other governmental department or agency including administrative bodies.

Special Service Award Past Recipients:

1974	Charles N. Orlando <i>Deputy Erie County Clerk</i>	1992	Richard Holzman, Erie County Family Court
1975	Anna Lee Gagnon <i>Associate Court Clerk Criminal Records Room, Buffalo City Court</i>	1993	Karen Bolm
1976	Mildred Bauer <i>Mortgage Tax Examiner County Clerk's Office</i>	1994	Erie County Sheriff's Court Division
1977	Beverly Bullion <i>Assistant Surrogate's Court Clerk</i>	1995	Natalie Wood
1978	Thomas V. Lyons <i>Former Deputy Court Clerk</i>	1996	Dolores McCoy
1979	Loretta K. Knoll (nee Botsford) <i>Former Judgment Clerk Buffalo City Court</i>	1997	Sharon Thomas
1980	Alda M. Koelsch <i>Former Special Deputy Sup. Ct. Clerk</i>	1998	Katherine S. Bifaro, <i>Executive Director, BAEC</i>
1981	Raymond J. McMahon <i>Former Chief Clerk Buffalo City Court</i>	1999	Rosanne Marranca
1982	Frederick Deuschle (posthumously) <i>Vice President, Title Guaranty Co.</i>	2000	Barbara Ann Mahoney (posthumously) <i>Erie County Family Court</i>
1983	Lily F. Jacobs <i>Calendar Clerk, Erie County Hall</i>	2001	Charlene Weishaupt, Erie County Court Clerk
1984	Anne M. Moore, Deputy Clerk <i>United States Bankruptcy Court</i>	2002	Mehrl F. King, Erie County Commissioner of Jurors
1985	Helen Murdough, Erie County Surrogate's Ct.	2003	Gloria Mularski, Clerk, Erie County Family Court
1986	Nora J. Whalen <i>Supreme Court Matrimonial Calendar</i>	2004	Jeffrey D. Smith, Principal Program Analyst <i>Eighth Judicial District</i>
1987	Thomas "Stretch" McMahon, Supreme Court <i>Chief Civil Calendar Clerk</i>	2005	Jean Marie McCarthy, Operations Supervisor <i>United States District Court, WDNY</i>
1988	Jeanette Pleger	2006	Ginger B. Maiman, Resource Counselor <i>Erie County Bar Foundation</i>
1989	Antoinette M. Dimino, Ex Parte Clerk		Gary E. Light, BAEC Outreach Committee
1990	Ruby S. Green, Chair <i>Erie County Citizen's Committee on Rape, Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse, Inc.</i>	2007	Janet Curry, Judicial Assistant, US District Court
1991	Betty Virostro <i>Assistant Clerk to Hon. Norman Stiller</i>	2008	Rodney C. Early, Clerk of the Court <i>United States District Court, WDNY</i>
		2009	Michelle A. Pierce, Chief Deputy Clerk <i>United States Bankruptcy Court, WDNY</i>
		2010	Barbara J. Mahoney, Scheduling Coordinator <i>Martin P. Violante ADR Program, 8th District</i>
		2011	Oliver C. Young, Principal Court Attorney <i>Eighth Judicial District</i>
		2012	Nora J. Whalen, Principal Court Analyst <i>Eighth Judicial District</i>
		2013	Kamilah M. Archibald & Ronald Coleman, <i>Case Managers, DUI Court, Buffalo City Court</i>
		2014	Dilma Rosales, <i>Paralegal Coordinator, VLP</i>
		2015	Bernadette Maguda, <i>Lead Case Technician for the Social Security Administration Office</i>
		2016	Christine C. Biggie, <i>Volunteer Attorney Coordinator, VLP</i>
		2017	Ana Brignoni-Waliczek, Principal Court Interpreter, NYS Supreme Court
		2018	Tiffany Szymanek Pavone, Director of Operations, Family Justice Center & Denise J. Daniels, Courtroom Clerk to Hon. Richard J. Arcara

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POLICE OFFICER AWARD

Nominations shall be made by the Criminal Law Committee



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POLICE OFFICER AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize law enforcement service which strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of justice and freedom under the law.

CRITERIA: The award will recognize outstanding law enforcement service in keeping with the spirit of the Constitution which imposes upon police officers the unique duty to balance the rights of society against the rights of the accused. Among the activities, achievements and qualities to be considered shall be included:

1. Conduct which demonstrates an understanding of the Constitution and especially the Bill of Rights;
2. Conduct which encourages respect for the law and the rule of law;
3. Conduct which promotes and contributes to a better understanding of, respect for, and effective functioning of the judicial process;
4. Cooperation with the legal community; and
5. Conduct which demonstrates a concern for society and appreciation for the dignity of all persons.

ELIGIBILITY: *Any law enforcement officer of any law enforcement agency whose jurisdiction includes or encompasses any part of Erie County.*

CANDIDATE SELECTION: **Nominations shall be made by the Criminal Law Committee no later than December 31 of each year.** The Criminal Law Committee shall then recommend a recipient to the Board of Directors no later than January 31st of each year. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for approval.

Police Officer Award Past Recipients:

1967 Det. Sergeant Charles Quinn <i>Buffalo Police Dept.</i> Lester W. Grawunder <i>Erie County Sheriff</i> Major John P. Nohlen <i>NYS Police Dept.</i>	1975 Det. Sergt. Vincent Andolino <i>Buffalo Police, Precinct 16</i>
1968 Cpt. Peter A. Scaccio <i>Erie County Sheriff</i> Cpt. Henry Williams <i>NYS Police Dept.</i>	1976 Cpt. Floyd Edwards <i>Buffalo Police, Precinct 16</i>
1969 Thomas Blair, Buffalo Police Dennis Murphy <i>Erie County Sheriff</i> Ronald Dennis, NYS Police	1977 Joseph J. Weir, Principal Guard <i>Erie County Holding Center</i>
1970 Richard Weltz, NYS Police	1978 Kenneth J. Braun <i>Erie County Sheriff</i>
1971 Cpt. Patrick Morrissey <i>Buffalo Police Dept.</i> Frank Festa, Erie Cty. Sheriff Sen. Investig. Lloyd Schwab <i>NYS Police Dept.</i>	1979 Det. Sergeant Edwin Gorski <i>Buffalo Police Dept.</i>
1972 Cpt. Carroll Lyman <i>Buffalo Police Dept.</i> Cpt. Samuel Giordano <i>Erie County Sheriff</i> Cpt. Jack Miller, NYS Police	1980 Joe C. Formen, Superintendent <i>Erie County Holding Center</i>
1973 Leo Donovan, Buffalo Police Salvatore Faletta <i>Erie County Sheriff</i> John Russell, NYS Police Larry Hoffman <i>Town of Tonawanda Police</i>	1981 Stephen R. Pikus, Dir. Training <i>Central Police Services</i> <i>Law Enforcement Train. Acad.</i>
1974 Will McLean, Buffalo Police Patricia Schlessinger <i>Erie County Sheriff</i> Thomas J. Kenny, NYS Police Cpt. John T. Maccarone <i>Town of Depew Police Dept.</i>	1982 Lt. Thomas E. Rowan <i>Cheektowaga Police Dept.</i>
	1983 Det. Glen R. Mayne <i>Erie County Sheriff's Dept.</i>
	1984 Lt. Russel Baker
	1985 Det. Henry Kozierowski <i>West Seneca Police Dept.</i>
	1986 Lt. Raymond P. "Sam" Slade <i>NYS Police, BCI</i>
	1987 Lt. Richard K. LeRoy and Investigators James Daly and John Byrne <i>Operation "Snow Flake"</i>
	1988 Detectives Robert Chella and James Murphy <i>Buffalo Police, Precinct 6</i>
	1989 Raul Russi, Superintendent <i>Erie County Holding Center</i>
	1990 Det. Sergeant Joseph Ransford
	1991 Lt. Paul Reinig, Buffalo Police
	1992 Det. Joseph D. LaRosa
	1993 Kevin D. Daniels

Police Officer Award Past Recipients continued

- 1994 Richard T. Donovan
1995 Det. Harold F. Frank, Jr.
1996 Chief Charles Fieramusca
1997 Lt. Sam M. McCune
Orchard Park Police Dept.
1998 Officer Charles "Skip"
McDougald (posthumously)
1999 Chief John B. Askey
Amherst Police Dept.
2000 Lawrence Schwegler
Assistant District Attorney
Det. Sergeant Henry M. Smardz
Det. Raniero Masecchia
Buffalo Police Dept.
2001 Joseph Riga, Chief of Homicide
Buffalo Police Dept.
2002 Crystalea Burns-Pelletier, *First Deputy Police*
Commissioner, Buffalo Police Dept.
2003 Det. William Krier and
Det. Brian Moline
Town of Tonawanda Police Dept.
2004 Lt. James Koch
Town of Hamburg Police Dept.
2005 Rocco Diina
Buffalo Police Commissioner
2006 Sr. Investigator Edward Kennedy
Investigator Josh Keats
Investigator Thomas Spulecki
New York State Police
2007 Buffalo Police Officers
Carl Andolina & Patricia Parete
2008 Multi-Agency Bike Path Rapist
Task Force
2009 Edward Needham, FBI
2010 Buffalo Det. Sgt. James Lonergan
2011 Senior Investigator Kevin Kendall
New York State Police
2012 Deputy Elizabeth Rodriguez Fildes
Erie County Sheriff's Office
2013 Homicide Investigator Mary Evans,
Buffalo Police Department
2014 Detective Brian G. Ross,
Buffalo Police Department
2015 Joseph Dubreville, *Special Agent*
(Ret.), Dept of Homeland Security &
Christopher S. Weber, *Senior*
Investigator, New York State Police
2016 Detective David A. Kubiak (Ret.),
Amherst Police Department
2017 Officer Tommy Champion
Buffalo Police Department
2018 Craig E. Lehner, *Buffalo Police Lieutenant*
(posthumously)

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JUSTICE AWARD



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JUSTICE AWARD

The Justice Award, to be presented from time-to-time, to an individual, lawyer or non-lawyer, whose efforts have substantially contributed to the improvement of the justice system.

Justice Award Past Recipients:

- 1986 William J. Raga, *Erie County District Attorney's Office*
- 1992 Detective Sergeant Daniel B. Tauriello, Team Commander
Hostage Management Team Detectives Robert M. Davis, Chester M. Glica, Peter J. Talty &
Lt. Carolyn D. Lukaszewski
- 1993 Kevin M. Dillon, *Erie County District Attorney*
- 1994 Sheila A. DiTullio, *Assistant District Attorney*
- 1995 Denise E. O'Donnell, *Assistant U.S. Attorney*
- 1996 Robert D. Lonski, Administrator, *Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society*
- 1997 Diane M. LaVallee, Esq.
Sharon M. Simon, *Deputy Chief Clerk, Buffalo City Court*
- 1998 Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
- 1999 John V. Elmore, Esq.
James P. Harrington, Esq.
- 2000 District Attorney Frank J. Clark, III
- 2001 John P. Simich, Ph.D., Senior Forensic Serologist
Erie County Central Police Services Laboratory
- 2002 Robert P. Sawicki, Esq. (posthumously)
- 2003 Dr. Khalid Qazi, President
American Muslim Council of Western New York
- 2004 Frank B. Mesiah, President
NAACP Buffalo Chapter
- 2005 Nicholas G. Baich, *Chief Clerk of the Courts*
- 2006 not presented
- 2007 City of Buffalo Youth Court
- 2008 Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D.
Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D.
- 2009 The Veterans Treatment Court Part of Buffalo City Court
Hon. Robert T. Russell, Jr., Presiding
- 2010 Frank J. Boccio, *Chief Clerk, Erie County Family Court*
- 2011 Officer Colleen M. Rahill-Beuler
Officer Michael J. Quarantillo
United States Probation Office
- 2012 not presented
- 2013 Anthony San Giacomo, *Chief U.S. Probation Officer*
- 2014 Noreen Flynn, L.C.S.W., *Expedited Matrimonial Social Worker*
- 2015 Family Court Help Desk/Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program and the UB Law Pro Se Civil Litigation
Support Practicum
- 2016 Kimberly L. Beaty, Deputy Commissioner, *Buffalo Police Department*
- 2017 Court Officers of the Eighth Judicial District
- 2018 Gayle Towne Murphy, Pro Bono Manager, Volunteer Lawyers Project

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MEDIA AWARD



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MEDIA AWARD

This award is presented annually as part of the Law Day celebration to recognize achievements in print and electronic media and products in media and the arts which strengthen our system of justice and the freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution.

Media Award Past Recipients:

1975	Ralph Biddle, Reporter, <i>Buffalo Evening News</i>
1976	Gregg Flaherty, Reporter, <i>Courier Express</i>
1977	N/A
1978	N/A
1979	N/A
1980	Matt Gryta, Reporter, <i>Buffalo Evening News</i>
1981	Grad Krohn, Assignment Editor, WEBR Radio
1982	Radio Station WEBR
1983	Richard Hirsch, Channel 17, WNED
1984	N/A
1985	N/A
1986	N/A
1987	Liebert "Lee" Coppola, Reporter
1988	N/A
1989	Leslie Arries, Vice President, WIVB-TV
1990	Mike Igoe, Esq., Consumer Reporter, WGRZ-TV
1991	Matt Gryta, Reporter, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
1992	N/A
1993	James Heaney
1994	Brian Meyer, WBEN
1995	Annemarie Franczyk, <i>Business First</i>
1996	Marie Rice, Reporter, WIVB-TV
1997	Rod Watson, Editor, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
1998	Steve Boyd and Mickey Osterreicher, WKBW-TV
1999	Mike Desmond, WNED-AM
2000	Daniel Herbeck, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
2001	N/A
2002	Susan Banks, Anchor/Reporter, WKBW-TV, Channel 7
2003	Tom Toles, Editorial Cartoonist, <i>The Washington Post</i>
2004	Rich Kellman, Senior Correspondent, WGRZ-TV, Channel 2
2005	John Caher, Albany Bureau Chief, <i>New York Law Journal</i>
2006	Douglas L. Turner, Washington Bureau Chief, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
2007	Rich Newberg, Senior Correspondent, WIVB-TV, Channel 4
2008	Eileen Buckley, Assistant News Director/Reporter, WBFO Radio
2009	Barbara Burns, Anchor/Reporter, WBEN-Radio/WGR-Radio
2010	Jack Connors, President and Publisher, <i>Business First</i> and <i>Buffalo Law Journal</i>
2011	Michael Beebe, Retired Reporter, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
2012	Mary B. Pasciak, Education Reporter, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
2013	Maria Visco & Al Vaughters, Call 4 Action Program, WIVB-TV
2014	Jeffrey A. Spencer, Esq., <i>Court Attorney Referee, Expedited Matrimonials</i>
2015	Adam Zyglis, Editorial Cartoonist, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
2016	Susan Arbetter, Host, Capitol Press Room
2017	Phil Fairbanks, <i>The Buffalo News</i>
2018	Jerry Zremski and Derek Gee, <i>The Buffalo News</i>

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