



Call for Nominations for Annual Awards

1. Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

Annually, the Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Section honors an Outstanding Young Lawyer for his/her civic activities, legal accomplishments, and community involvement. Who is considered a “young lawyer?” Any Kentucky lawyer who is 40 years of age or under, or any Kentucky lawyer who has practiced law 10 years or less.

If you know a young lawyer who exemplifies outstanding character traits and activities, please submit a brief cover letter (no more than three pages, single-spaced) and a completed application explaining why the nominee is deserving of the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The nomination letters should include an overview of the nominee’s civic activities, legal accomplishments, and community involvement. Nomination forms can be found at www.kbayls.org.

Nomination materials must be received no later than **Monday, April 2, 2012**. Materials should be mailed to Carl N. Frazier, YLS Vice Chair, at Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, 300 West Vine Street, Suite 2100, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, or emailed as an attachment to Carl.Frazier@skofirm.com.

The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient will be honored at the KBA Convention, June 6-8, 2012 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Award will be presented at the Young Lawyers Section luncheon on Thursday, June 7 during the Convention. If you have any questions, please contact Carl N. Frazier at Carl.Frazier@skofirm.com or (859) 231-3968.

2. Nathaniel R. Harper Award

The Nathaniel R. Harper Award is a trailblazer award that seeks to recognize those individuals or organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to changing the face of the Bar in Kentucky by promoting full and equal participation in the legal profession through the encouragement and inclusion of women, minorities, persons with disabilities, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community and/or other underrepresented groups.

The Award is named for Nathaniel R. Harper, one of the first African-Americans to be admitted to practice law in Kentucky. Because African-Americans were excluded from law schools in the Commonwealth at the time of Harper's admission, he established the Harper Law School in his law office, where he trained and helped produce several African-American lawyers. It is Harper's pioneering spirit and sense of responsibility to pave the way for others that the Award seeks to honor. Nomination forms can be found at www.kbayls.org.

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3. Service to Young Lawyers Award

The Service to Young Lawyers Award is presented to a lawyer, non-lawyer, or organization for exceptional contributions to the professional and personal advancement and mentorship of young lawyers. The Award seeks to recognize those experienced lawyers, organizations, and others who consistently work to promote, mentor, and advance young lawyers.

If you know of a lawyer, non-lawyer, or organization that has made exceptional contributions to the professional and personal advancement and mentorship of young lawyers, please submit a nomination letter (no more than three pages, single-spaced) discussing why the nominee is deserving of the Service to Young Lawyers Award.

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4. Young Lawyer Service to Community Award

The Young Lawyer Service to Community Award is presented to a Young Lawyers Section member(s) for exemplary service to his or her community through volunteerism, service to non-profit organizations, and/or pro bono legal representation. Preference will be given to individual(s) whose service is(are) varied, longstanding, and/or fills a unique niche. When a candidate has engaged in pro bono representation, consideration will be given to both the amount of time the lawyer has contributed and the complexity of the representations completed.

If you know a young lawyer who has engaged in exemplary service to his or her community, please submit a nomination letter (no more than three pages, single-spaced) discussing why the nominee is deserving of the Young Lawyer Service to Community Award. Please include a description of at the least following:

- All Civic Activities, including the name, business address, and business telephone for all civic organizations in which the candidate has been a member while a Kentucky Young Lawyer; any specific offices or leadership positions the candidate has held within the organization; all the projects, programs, or activities organized or chaired for each of the organizations listed above (including dates); and the nominee's most significant contribution in the area of civic activity;
- All Community Activities, including what leadership positions or projects the candidate has participated in his or her community; and
- Pro Bono representation, including a description of the amount of time the lawyer has contributed and the complexity of the representations completed.

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