



# ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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March 2015

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Onondaga County Bar Association (OCBA) and Bar Foundation, we are excited to announce **Law Day 2015: "Magna Carta: No one, no matter how powerful, is above the law."**

**We invite you to sponsor this year's Law Week events.** This year's theme and planned programs present a unique opportunity to spotlight the importance of the Magna Carta and its applicability to our lives. Your sponsorship will help make this year's Law Week events possible.

Your sponsorship will be recognized in announcements to the OCBA's 1,200-plus members, in press releases about Law Week, at the Law Week Career Fair, at the Law Week Courthouse Ceremonies, and at the Law Day luncheon held at Sky Armory, 351 South Clinton Street, downtown Syracuse on Friday, May 1st, where we will be joined by special guest **Dan Cummings** from NewsChannel9 and Newsmakers, who will be moderating an all new high school debate about this year's Law Week theme.

Please consider sponsoring Law Week 2015 and helping to continue this important program for our community by completing and returning the attached Sponsorship Form.

If you have any questions, please call Jeff Unaitis at the OCBA, 579-2581

Very truly yours,

Joseph J. Bufano  
OCBA Law Week Co-Chair  
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# Onondaga County Bar Foundation

## Sponsorship Levels | Law Day 2015

### Platinum | \$1000

- 1 Full Table (10 complimentary tickets) at the Law Day Luncheon (Friday, May 1) (value \$300)
- Recognition with company name/logo on event signage
- Permission to use company banner or sign at all events
- Primary PR and media acknowledgement
- Primary acknowledgement on OCBA website and Law Day Luncheon Program
- Recognition in Bar Reporter newsletter both before and after the Luncheon

### Gold | \$750

- 1 Full Table (10 complimentary tickets) at the Law Day Luncheon (Friday, May 1) (value \$300)
- Recognition with company name/logo on event signage
- Acknowledgement on OCBA website and Law Day Luncheon Program
- Recognition in Bar Reporter newsletter both before and after the Luncheon

### Silver | \$500

- 1 Full Table (10 complimentary tickets) at the Law Day Luncheon (Friday, May 1) (value \$300)
- Recognition with company name/logo on event signage
- Acknowledgement on OCBA website and Law Day Luncheon Program
- Recognition in Bar Reporter newsletter both before and after the Luncheon

### Event Sponsor | \$250

- 2 complimentary tickets to the Law Day Luncheon (value \$60)
- Company or individual name on event signage
- Acknowledgement on OCBA website and Law Day Luncheon Program
- Recognition in Bar Reporter newsletter both before and after the Luncheon

### Supporter | \$100

- Acknowledgement on OCBA website and Law Day Luncheon Program
- Recognition in Bar Reporter newsletter both before and after the Luncheon

Sponsorship Level:  Platinum  Gold  Silver  Event Sponsor  Supporter

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it should appear on all printed material)

Key Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed  Visa, MasterCard, or AmEx Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Please email your logo as a jpeg, tiff or pdf

Please make check payable to  
Onondaga County Bar Foundation and mail to:

Jeff Unaitis, Executive Director OCBA  
431 East Fayette St.  
Syracuse, NY 13202

If you have questions please contact **Jeff at 315-579-2581**  
via Email: [junaitis@onbar.org](mailto:junaitis@onbar.org)

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## Liberty Bell Award Nomination

According to the American Bar Association, the Liberty Bell Award is the most prestigious award given by lawyers to a non-lawyer. The Award honors a person who has strengthened the American system of freedom and justice under law through their extraordinary contributions in the community. The announcement of the Award is one of the highlights of Law Day, a day set aside by the Congress to celebrate our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law.

The Liberty Bell Award is given for outstanding service in one of these areas: promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights; encouraging greater respect for law and the courts; stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; contributing to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

In local bar tradition, the Award is given to an Onondaga County resident to recognize that person for contributions **OUTSIDE OF THE PERSON'S REGULAR EMPLOYMENT**. For example, a police officer or a bailiff would not be recognized for those things which he/she has done in the line of duty but outside of work, such as organizing and handling a scout troop.

Non-lawyers of any age are eligible to receive this award. Judges, lawyers, or other members of the State Bar of New York are not eligible. Persons holding or seeking public office, and previous Liberty Bell Award recipients, are not eligible.

The Law Day Committee accepts nominations and traditionally meets in late April to discuss the nominees and vote. The person who has made the nomination traditionally is the one to introduce the recipient on Law Day but it could be any member of the Bar.

**Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2015.** Submit the application and any supporting materials to:

Joseph J. Bufano, Esq. | Co-Chair, OCBA Law Day Committee  
c/o Onondaga County Bar Association  
431 East Fayette Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
Email: [jjbufano@ferrarafirm.com](mailto:jjbufano@ferrarafirm.com)

The Liberty Bell Award will be presented at the Onondaga County Bar Association Law Day morning ceremony on May 1, 2015. If you have any questions about the nomination form or process, please contact Joe Bufano at [jjbufano@ferrarafirm.com](mailto:jjbufano@ferrarafirm.com) or 315-437-7600.

### Recent OCBA Liberty Bell Award Recipients

2014: John F.X. (Jack) Mannion  
2012: Agnes McCray  
2010: Joseph Vargo  
2009: Angela DeSantis  
2008: Nodesia Hernandez  
2007: Joanne Sawmiller  
2006: Sidney Oglesby  
2010: Joseph Vargo

2005: Larry Baerman  
2003: Barbara Romeo  
2002: Dr. Martin Irwin  
2001: Barbara Benedict  
2000: Mary Bonner  
1999: Rev. Harold Garman  
1998: Mary Winter  
1997: Marsha Weisman



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## Liberty Bell Award 2015 Entry Form

### *Nominator Information*

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This form shall be completed in its entirety with a concise but thorough description of the nominee's qualifications. Please use additional pages when completing the questions asked. The nomination package shall be strictly limited to no more than 5 total pages, including this entry form and all supporting documentation.

### *Nominee Information*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **1. Background Information**

Provide background/biographical information concerning the nominee.

### **2. Contribution to the American System of Justice**

Describe how the nominee meets the award criteria. In detail, provide the service, length of time involved, and overall impact.

### **3. Other Relevant Information**

Additional information and supporting materials, such as letters of support, curriculum vitae or resumé, are welcome but not required.

Onondaga County Bar Association & Onondaga County Bar Foundation  
**2015 LAW DAY LUNCHEON**

**SKY ARMORY | FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**351 South Clinton Street | Syracuse NY 13202 | 12:00 pm**

**Luncheon "Great Debate Moderator"**

**Dan Cummings | News Channel 9 | "Newsmakers"**



**MAGNA CARTA | SYMBOL OF FREEDOM UNDER LAW**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCHEON: Table for 10 (\$275) \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Tickets: (\$30/each) \_\_\_\_\_**

Payment must be made prior to event and included with this returned signed agreement.  
Payment is non-refundable. Please make checks payable to the **Onondaga County Bar Foundation**.

**Optional Credit Card payment:**

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return to Onondaga County Bar Association  
email: [info1@onbar.org](mailto:info1@onbar.org) ..... or FAX: 315-471-0705

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