



ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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Liberty Bell Award 2018 Nomination Form

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

This form shall be completed in its entirety with a concise, yet 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 nominee background/biographical information..

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.



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The American Bar Association's 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. In 2018, Law Day will be celebrated with a ceremony at the Syracuse University College of Law on Tuesday, May 1st.

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.

The Onondaga County Bar Association presents its local Award to an Onondaga County resident to recognize that person for contributions **outside his/her regular employment**, or for service **above and beyond** one's normal and expected work responsibilities if they are currently employed within the legal or criminal justice system.

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 April to review nominees and vote. The person who has made the nomination traditionally introduces 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 13, 2018. Submit the application and any supporting materials to:

Anastasia M. Semel, Esq. | Co-Chair, OCBA Law Day Committee
c/o Onondaga County Bar Association
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Syracuse, NY 13202
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The Liberty Bell Award will be presented at the Onondaga County Bar Association Law Day morning ceremony on May 1, 2018. If you have any questions about the nomination form or process, please contact Jeff Unaitis at JUnaitis@onbar.org or **315-471-2667**.