



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

2011 Loren Miller Legal Services Award

AWARD GUIDELINES

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2011

The [Loren Miller Legal Services Award](#) was established in 1977 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the State Bar of California. It is given annually to a lawyer admitted to practice in California who has demonstrated long-term commitment to legal services and who has personally done significant work in extending legal services to the poor. It is considered a lifetime achievement award. Self-nominations are accepted. Repeat nominations are accepted with updated information. Previous award recipients include staff of legal services organizations such as directors of litigation and executive directors, and private bar attorneys. **Nominations will only be accepted electronically.** An electronic version of the [nomination form](#) is available on the State Bar's website.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

General criteria to be used in the selection of the award recipient include one or more of the following:

- Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services
- Community organizing to increase access to the legal system
- Performance of legal services with a demonstrated long-term commitment to providing legal services
- Successful precedent-setting litigation which benefited the poor
- Successful legislative advocacy on behalf of under-represented persons

Members of the State Bar [Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services \(SCDLS\)](#) are ineligible to receive the award during their service on the committee, and for one year following their departure from the committee.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS, SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The [nomination form](#) which is available on the State Bar of California's website and nominee's current resume or biography with work history and dates are required and must be submitted electronically as a Word document (version 97-2003). In addition, at least one (1) but no more than five (5) letters in support of the nomination that include citations to reported cases and reference to organizing efforts, successful projects and newspaper or other articles. Letters of support and additional supporting material may be attached with the nomination form and résumé as PDF files (articles can be submitted via live URL links). All attachments must be itemized in the body of the e-mail message and size cannot exceed 10 MB. The page limit on letters of support and additional supporting materials (not including the resume) is 25 pages.

All nomination materials should be e-mailed to Kimberly Warmsley at programdevelopment@calbar.ca.gov by **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, March 15, 2011**. Include in the subject line "2011 Loren Miller Award" and the nominee's name. Please do not include more than one nomination per e-mail. If it is a hardship to submit a nomination electronically, please contact Ms. Warmsley at the e-mail address above, or 415-538-2176 about an alternative method for submission. Nominators will receive e-mail notification acknowledging receipt of each nomination. If you do not receive an e-mail acknowledgment within 5 business days, please contact Ms. Warmsley to confirm receipt of submission.

Please answer all questions thoroughly. If information is missing the nomination may be disqualified. If information needs to be clarified, the nominator may be contacted. Each nominee will receive e-mail notification that she or he has been nominated for an award with copy to the nominator. The State Bar [Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services \(SCDLS\)](#) will review the nominations and submit its recommendation to the State Bar Board of Governors in July for final approval. The decision regarding the award recipient will be based on the above criteria or comparable achievements and the strength of the supporting letters. The award will be presented at a reception on September 16, 2011 during the State Bar [Annual Meeting](#) in Long Beach.



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PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1977:	Earl Johnson	1994:	Marilyn Holle
1978:	Cruz Reynoso	1995:	Toby Rothschild
1979:	Fay Stender	1996:	Jack Londen
1980:	John Porter	1997:	Mary Burdick
1981:	Benjamin Dreyfus	1998:	Tanya Neiman
1982:	Joseph Duff	1999:	David Bryson
1983:	Ralph Abascal	2000:	Laurie Zelon
1984:	John McTernan	2001:	Joaquin Avila
1985:	Peter Reid	2002:	Bernida Reagan
1986:	Elena Ackel	2003:	Robert Cohen
1987:	Donald Tamaki	2004:	Bruce Iwasaki
1988:	Carole Brill	2005:	Carl Poirot
1989:	Elaine Alexander	2006:	Joan Messing Graff
1990:	Katherine Krause	2007:	Stewart Kwoh
1991:	Edward Davis, Jr.	2008:	Richard Rothschild
1992:	Evelyn Frank	2009:	Robert Gnaizda
1993:	Alice Bussiere	2010:	Gary Smith