AWARD GUIDELINES

The Annual California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) Individual Award of Achievement for Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Public was established in 1992 to recognize the substantial achievements of a young lawyer. In 1993, the CYLA Board of Directors renamed the award in memory of Jack Berman who was killed in the 101 California Street (San Francisco) shooting earlier that year. Mr. Berman was a young lawyer who demonstrated outstanding service to the profession and the public, and dedication to issues of concern to the profession, especially its young lawyers.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

• Any active member of the State Bar of California who is either in his/her first five years of practice or age 36 and under, can be nominated.

• The accomplishments of the individual may be provided through a program(s), project(s) and/or special event(s) whether or not coordinated by a local barrister association.

• Award applications should be submitted on behalf of any single service to the public, to the judiciary, or to the profession completed in 2003.

• A project/service submitted for the individual award consideration in prior years may not be submitted.

• One award shall be granted.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The person or organization making the nomination must complete the nomination form for the 2004 Jack Berman Award of Achievement for Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Public and mail four copies of the form and exhibits and/or supporting materials to the address listed on the nomination form. Nomination forms and supporting materials must be postmarked Friday, April 16, 2004. Emails or faxes will not be accepted.

SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The CYLA’s Board of Directors will select an award recipient and make its decision based on the above criteria on comparable achievements and strength of the supporting letters. The project/service need not be pro bono but must involve service to the public sector, service to the judiciary or service to the profession.

Immediately after the Board of Director’s decision, the recipient shall be notified in writing. The award presentation will be held during the State Bar Annual Meeting in Monterey, October 7-10, 2004.
NOMINATION FORM

COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS
MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 16, 2004. EMAILS OR FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please refer to the award guidelines before completing this form. An online version of the nomination form and guidelines are also available for downloading on the CYLA’s Web page on the State Bar’s Web site, www.calbar.ca.gov/CYLA.

Name of Nominee: ____________________________

Employer: __________________________________

Address: ____________________________________

City: _________ State: _________ Zip Code: ______

Phone: _________ Fax: _________ Email: _________

Please answer the following questions on separate sheets and attach the sheets with four copies of supporting materials to the nomination form:

1. Describe the nominee’s project/service, including purpose, focus, goals results and impact to the community and the bar, and dates of service.

2. Describe the organization and/or program through which the nominee served.

3. Describe how and why the service/project fits within award criteria, and the effect it had on the membership and/or community.

4. Describe the nominee’s law practice including firm size, type and the nominee’s principal legal areas of practice.

5. Please list the nominee’s memberships in local state, national bar associations and/or professional organizations.

6. Please provide any additional information about the nominee.
NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominator: ______________________________________________________________

Relationship to Nominee: ________________________________________________________

Organization or firm: ____________________________________________________________

Employer: _____________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ______________ Zip Code: ________________________

Phone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________ Email: ______________

Completed nomination form and supporting materials must be postmarked by Friday, April 16, 2004 (emails or faxes will not be accepted) and delivered to:

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