



Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Please see attached rules for details regarding submittal requirements.)

1. Select the type of award for which you are making a nomination.

- Local Government Distinguished Service Award
 Annual
 Lifetime
- Local Government Litigation Award
- Local Government Innovation Award
- Longevity Award
- "Listserver of the Year" Award

2. Person or Firm Nominated:

Name _____

Firm _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Fax/E-mail: _____

3. Nominator:

Name _____

Firm _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Fax/E-mail: _____

4. Attach supporting documentation and submit via mail by **January 15** to
The Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association, Center for Governmental Studies,
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115;
or send electronically to the following address: dpeters@niu.edu;
or send via facsimile to 815-753-7278

AWARD NOMINATION RULES

General - Applicable to All Awards

1. Awards may be given to any licensed attorney in the State of Illinois currently in good standing who currently represents or in the past has represented a unit of local government.
2. Award nominations may be made at any time during the year.
3. Nominations may be made by any person. Self nominations are acceptable.
4. All written nomination material must be submitted via mail to the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115; or send electronically to the following address: dpeters@niu.edu; or send via facsimile to 815-753-7278.

Distinguished Service Awards

Distinguished service awards are made as follows:

1. An Annual Distinguished Service Award is made to an attorney or firm who has, during the previous calendar year, exemplified the mission statement of the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association in that the attorney or firm has promoted professional education, information exchange, and interaction among local government attorneys in Illinois.
2. A Distinguished Service Award for a lifetime achievement is made to an attorney or firm who has promoted the ideals of and mission of the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association over a career (usually 25 year or longer) or in the case of a firm for 25 years or longer.

The submittal for this award should be no more than a five-page summary of the person's or firm's contributions during the past year or career.

Litigation Award

The Litigation Award is made to an attorney or firm who has established favorable legal precedent for local governments during the past year. The litigation must have been completed and resulted in an Illinois Appellate or Illinois Supreme Court Opinion, or a Seventh Circuit or U.S. Supreme Court Opinion.

The submittal for this award should be simply a copy of the Opinion of the case for which the attorney is nominated.

Innovation Award

An Innovation Award is made to an attorney or firm who has developed a new or novel way of approaching a local government legal issue, either through the development of an ordinance or legislation, or procedure designed to solve a problem for or create an opportunity for a unit of local government.

Criteria for the Innovation Award would include significance of issue, novelty of approach, apparent, legal sustainability, and successful implementation. The submittal should be a thorough description, including accompanying descriptive material, of the legal issue that was presented and the method of solving the issue along with accompanying written material.

Longevity Award

This award seeks to recognize those local government lawyers who have been able to persevere through changes in government over a period of at least 25 years and who have been a member of ILGL during all or a part of that career. This award is a milestone award that recognizes the significant achievement of having the political and legal skills necessary to represent the same community for at least 25 years.

“Listserver of the Year” Award

The ILGL Members Listserv provides instantaneous posting of inquiries and responses when you need quick answers and advice. The ILGL Listserv allows members to ask questions and receive responses from fellow ILGL members simply by sending an email. Through the ILGL Listserv, ILGL Members can request the input of other Members on Local Government Law issues or questions. The Listserv may also serve as a platform for debate among municipal attorneys on topics of current interest or to request sample documents such as ordinances, agreements, etc. from other Members.

An award to the “ILGL Listserver of the Year” will be presented at the annual conference to the ILGL member based on the following criteria: (1) quality of responses to questions posed on the Listserv; and (2) number of responses to questions posed on the Listserv. The Awards Committee will determine the award winner.

Final Decisions

The Board of Directors of the ILGL will act upon the recommendation of the committee responsible for judging or reviewing the nominations for the awards.