



Marvin J. Glink Private Practice Local Government Attorney Award

CRITERIA

IMLA established this award to honor the memory of Marvin J. Glink by recognizing a private practitioner who as part of a private practice represents a local government and who exhibits those qualities that made Marvin Glink one of the truly remarkable lawyers working on behalf of public clients. In addition to the traditional qualities of excellence in the practice of law, the award seeks to recognize a practitioner who has provided outstanding service to the public and who possesses an exemplary reputation in the legal community, the highest of ethical standards and who is devoted to mentoring young lawyers and educating lawyers in local government law. The Awards Committee supports the goal of diversity in the membership and leadership of the profession. As such, promoting and achieving diversity is considered carefully in selecting a person to receive this award. To be eligible, a nominee must meet the following criteria:

- To be selected a nominee must be in private practice and as part of that practice represent a local government.
- The nominee must have substantial experience representing local governments and be recognized as such.
- The nominee must be an active participant in IMLA.
- Although the nominee's excellent qualities and service exemplified throughout their years of practice will be taken into consideration, the award primarily recognizes outstanding achievements during the course of the preceding year.

The following qualities either in the course of the past year or during the course of the nominee's practice may be considered by the Awards Committee in its selection of the recipient of the Private Practice Public Lawyer of the Year Award (as this is an annual award, emphasis will be placed on those features that have occurred during the past year):

- Demonstrated commitment of the nominee to the practice of public law.
- Use of innovative or creative problem-solving by the nominee in the practice of public law.
- Demonstrated commitment to mentoring and teaching young lawyers to enhance their skills and knowledge of the law.
- Scholarly publications or presentations that foster the development and understanding of municipal law.
- Exceptional accomplishments by the nominee in the practice of public law.

- Contributions by the nominee to the public and to the legal profession, above and beyond his or her occupational duties.
- Exhibits high level of professionalism and exemplary integrity, diligence and personal conduct.

PROCEDURE

1. The nominator must furnish basic information about the nominee by completing the attached nomination form or by furnishing the information called for on the form in a substantially identical format.
2. The nominator needs to write a clear and concise statement in support of the nomination describing the significant and surpassing professional achievements in the field of local government law that have occurred or culminated during the previous year, conveying as much information about the personal characteristics of the nominee as the nominator thinks would be helpful to the nomination, and thoroughly describing how the nominee fulfills the criteria established for bestowing the award (see “Criteria,” below).
3. The nominator must solicit and secure no fewer than three letters of endorsement of the nominee. The nominator should consider carefully the persons chosen to write the letters endorsing the nominee. Each letter should clearly and concisely convey information about the significant and surpassing professional achievements of the nominee in the field of local government law occurring or culminating in the previous year and the personal characteristics of the nominee, and should thoroughly describe how the nominee fulfills the criteria established for bestowing the award (see “Criteria,” below). Letters of endorsement from the executive director or the chief legal counsel of the appropriate State League, from the appropriate IMLA State Chair, and from the appropriate IMLA Regional Vice President will carry great weight.
4. The nominator must submit the completed nomination form, the statement in support of the nomination, and the three letters of endorsement to the IMLA Executive Director who, after adding IMLA staff comments, will forward these materials to the IMLA Awards Committee for its recommendation. The Awards Committee will then review the nomination and submit its recommendation to the IMLA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will decide whether to make the award. The Executive Director will notify the nominator of the Board’s decision.

Please be aware that fully completed nominations must arrive at the IMLA offices by no later than the established deadline for that year in order to be considered. IMLA reserves the right to withhold bestowal of the award in any given year and to reject any and all nominees.

1. Nominators may re-submit nominations from previous years, if appropriate.
2. The award will be presented to the person selected to receive the award at a formal awards ceremony held during that year’s IMLA Annual Conference.