



## **Bruce A. Noble Award for a Distinguished Canadian Municipal Lawyer**

### **CRITERIA**

The Bruce A. Noble award is named in honour of IMLA's first Canadian President, whose outstanding achievements on behalf of IMLA and many other legal associations are only matched by his passion for the practice of law and knowledge of municipal law practice.

The following are the criteria against which each nominee will be measured. The award shall be presented to a Canadian member of IMLA (including a retired municipal lawyer) who has demonstrated excellence in any single or combination of achievements:

- Proven skills and expertise in the provision of legal services in municipal practice, including written and oral advocacy, legal advice, legislative drafting, negotiation skills, alternative dispute resolution, or public policy;
- Characteristically exhibits the highest degrees of professionalism, integrity, and civility;
- Outstanding contributions in the area of legal education, professional development, mentorship or organizational contribution in or on behalf of government or a provincial law society in relation to municipal issues or public sector lawyers;
- Outstanding contribution to IMLA through membership on a committee, holding office, volunteering as a speaker, or through other IMLA projects or initiatives;
- Leadership in the municipal bar through the sharing of knowledge, experience, skill, commitment, and by acting as a role model and mentor to new members of the profession and to his or her peers;
- Enhancing the practice of municipal law scholarly and other writing, teaching, speaking commitments, or other exemplary achievements; and/or
- Contributions to the development of municipal related policies, procedures, practice and legislation in Canada.

Consistent with other IMLA Awards criteria, no lawyer will be permitted to nominate himself or herself. A current member of the IMLA Board of Directors is eligible for nomination.

The nominees for this award will be reviewed by the Canadian member on the IMLA Board of Directors and the Regional Vice President for Canada (unless they are the nominee for the award).

The Board of Directors does not expect any nominee to meet all of the criteria. However, the nominee who best meets the most criteria will be selected as that year's recipient. How the

nominee meets the criteria should be thoroughly described in the nominator's statement in support of the nomination and in the letters of endorsement of the nominee. IMLA reserves the right to withhold bestowal of the award in any given year and to reject any and all nominees. Nominators may re-submit nominations from previous years, if appropriate.

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.