



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.

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,").
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,"). Letters of endorsement from the executive director or the chief legal counsel of the appropriate state league, from the appropriate IMLA State/Provincial Chair, and from the appropriate IMLA Regional Vice President will carry great weight.

Please be aware that fully completed nominations must arrive via E-Mail 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.

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