

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

**Nominations are open from June 9, 2025 to Friday, August 29th, 2025.**

**Awards Presentation: Opening of the Courts Ceremony, Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

I, , hereby nominate for:

your full name nominee’s full name

* ***AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE*** recognizes exceptional career contributions and/or achievements by MLA members to the legal profession and/or a law-related benefit to the community including mentorship related to the profession of law and/or leadership roles in the community. Those who receive the award will have made a significant contribution to the profession of law, whether as a solicitor in effectively performing services in that position, as a barrister in attaining an excellent reputation in the courts, as an academic, or for a single act of notable distinction and/or innovation in the practice of law that advances the ideals of the profession.
* ***AWARD FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE*** recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to providing commendable legal services to those in need through Legal Aid Ontario or through pro bono legal services and/or offered academic contributions pertaining to the study of legal aid and/or created innovative measures or built links between lawyers and community organizations/advocates to promote better access to justice in Middlesex County.
* ***RISING STAR AWARD*** recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the practice of law, who advance the ideals of the profession, demonstrating community involvement, and have been practicing for less than 10 years.
* ***AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPY*** recognizes exceptional contributions and/or dedication by MLA members to the community by supporting not-for-profit organizations and/or performing charitable services.
* ***AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED PARALEGAL*** recognizes a paralegal’s exceptional career contributions and/or achievements to the paralegal profession and/or a law-related benefit to the community including mentorship related to the paralegal profession and/or leadership roles in the community. Those who will receive the award will have made a significant contribution to the paralegal profession, whether in effectively performing services in that position, as an academic, or for a single act of notable distinction and/or innovation that advances the ideals of the profession.

*Please provide the following information:*

Nominee’s Email: Ph: Nominator’s Email: Ph:

# Grounds for Nomination

Please include information about the nominee’s (please also provide examples as applicable):

* + Deals, Cases and/or Files: Nominee has an outstanding track record of success relative to others in their field and at a notably high level of complexity.
	+ Community Involvement: Nominee has an outstanding track record of involvement and leadership in community and/or pro bono work.
	+ Contribution to the legal profession and professional development: Nominee has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to shaping the legal profession (key business/professional achievements to date, business innovations) and a commitment to a career in the legal profession through continuing education, career progression, mentoring, and coaching.
	+ Contribution to Organizational Success: Nominee has demonstrated their value to their department, organization, and/or firm by internal leadership and service, being highly skilled at synchronizing the efforts and work of multiple players, and generous in sharing the most interesting work.
	+ Client Service Strategy: Nominee has demonstrated a unique, innovative, and effective approach to client service, considering the central legal needs/issues of their clients’ business. Their client strategy is reflected in business success.
	+ Legal profession awards/accolades: Please list any other accolades or awards received by the nominee.

*Note: A successful nominee need not fulfill each enumerated ground outlined above; the grounds for nomination are meant as a guide. Please feel free to attach additional pages, a letter, and/or other supporting documents you wish the Awards Committee to consider. Details outlined in this nomination form and supporting documents will not be released to the public.*

*Grounds for Nomination Cont'd (please attach additional pages as needed)*

Dated this day of , 2025

Signature of Nominator:

*\*A nominator must be an active member of the Middlesex Law Association.*

*This Nomination Form, along with all supporting documentation, must be submitted by the deadline of* ***August 29th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.*** *to MLA at* *admin@middlaw.on.ca**.*

*If you are nominating an individual for more than one Award, please complete a separate Nomination Form and provide supporting documentation for each Award.*