

PRESS RELEASE

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SEEKS NOMINEES FOR "WOMEN WITH VISION" AWARDS

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The Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBAI) is seeking nominations for its 2006 "Women with Vision" Awards. The awards will be presented at the WBAI Joint Professional Dinner, on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at the Westin Chicago River North Hotel in downtown Chicago.

The "Women with Vision" Awards were first presented in 1997 by the WBAI to honor and recognize women who have demonstrated visionary approaches in their professional endeavors and who have made a contribution to the well-being and empowerment of women.

Nominees may be chosen from various professions, including law, medicine, academics, public office, business/entrepreneur, trades/labor, journalism, community/religious service, etc.

WBAI members are invited to apply for or nominate candidates for the "Women with Vision" Awards. Please submit an application, including a statement no more than four 8½" by 11" pages, about a candidate's specific qualifications, to: Jessica O'Brien, 47 W. Polk St. #201, Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 814-1016.

Applications, which may include resumes, press clippings and copies of published articles, must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006. All submitted material will remain the property of the WBAI.

Past recipients include:

2005:

Law:	Laurel Bellows, Partner, Bellows & Bellows, P.C.
Legal Aid:	Ruth Ann Schmitt, Executive Director, Lawyer's Trust Fund of Illinois
Business:	Vicki Kunkel, Chief Executive Officer, Presentation Makers
Academics:	Nancy John, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago
Community Service:	Willye White, Founder and President, Willye White Foundation

2004:

Community Development:	Evette Cardona, Senior Program Officer of the Polk Bros. Foundation
Community Service:	Barbara Engel, Consultant on Women's Issues
Government:	Rep. Julie Hamos, 18 th District
Business/Law:	Andrea Zopp, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel, Sears, Roebuck and Co.

2003:

Community Service:	Isabel Carter Stewart, Executive Director, Chicago Foundation for Women
Law Enforcement:	Karen Rowan, Esq., General Counsel to the Superintendent, Chicago Police Dept.
Business/Law:	Gloria Santona, Esq., Corp. Exec. VP, General Counsel, Corp. Sec., McDonald's Corp.

2002

Medical:	Dr. Jewell Oats, Executive Director of the Women's Treatment Center
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Law/Education: Joan Hall, Founder of Young Women's Leadership Charter School of Chicago
Community Development: Zenobia Johnson-Black, President/CEO of Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center
Corporate Management: Tammy Sender, President-Elect/CEO of the YMCA, Mid-West Region
Community Service: Joede Berman Schlossberg, Founder of Charles H. Berman Memorial Educational Fund

2001

Government: Jill Zwick, Director of Dept. of Intergovernmental Affairs, Illinois Sec. Of State's Office
Labor: Margaret Blackshere, President, Illinios AFL-CIO
Law: Susan Fortino-Brown, J.D. Immigration Attorney
Medicine: Nada L. Stotland, M.D., M.P.H., Speaker of the Assembly, American Psychiatric Assoc.
Business: Joint award to Maryann Waryjas, Katten Muchin Zavis and Susan Davis, President of Capital Missions Company

2000

Business/Entrepreneur: Pam McDonough, Director, Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs
Community Service: Reta Wilcox, CEO, Girl Scouts, Illinois Crossroads Council
Journalism: Mary Mitchell, Editorial Board Member, Chicago Sun Times
Academics: Joint Award to three authors: Morrison Torrey, Professor -DePaul University College of Law; Mary Becker, Professor - DePaul University College of Law; and Cynthia Bowman, Professor - Northwestern University Law School

1999

Academics: Zafra M. Lerman, Ph.D., Professor, Columbia College Chicago
Business/Entrepreneur: Linda Calafiore, President, The Cooking and Hospitality Inst. of Chicago
Community Service: Sheri L. Boho, Director of various civic organizations
Law: Teree E. Foster, Dean, DePaul University College of Law
Medicine: Gloria Balague, Ph.D., Sports Psychologist, UIC
Trades/Labor: Geri L. Harston, Electricians Joint Apprenticeship & Training Trust

1998

Academic: Donna M. Carroll, President, Dominican University
Business/Entrepreneur: Marilyn Miglin, President, Marilyn Miglin, LP
Community Service: Patricia Crowley, Executive Director, Deborah's Place
Journalism: Sherren Leigh, Editor and Publisher, Today's Chicago Woman
Judiciary: Hon. Ann Williams, Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
Law: Jacqueline W. Vlaming, Partner, McBride, Baker & Coles

1997

Academic: Nina Appel, Dean, Loyola Law School
Community Service: Susan Murphy-Milano, Author & Executive Director, Project: Protect
Government: Barbara Flynn Currie, Representative, Illinois House of Representatives
Judiciary: Hon. Judith Cohen, Presiding Judge, Cook County Law Division
Law: Katherine Smith Dedrick, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson
Medicine: Dr. Sharon Byrd, Head of Neuroimaging, Children's Memorial Hospital