

New Advocate of the Year Award: Access to Justice Award

PURPOSE

The New Advocate of the Year Award recognizes those who use their legal skills in an active, creative way that produces outstanding benefits for individual clients and the communities in which they live. Eligible nominees are attorneys and paralegals who work with a provider (LSC or non-LSC funded) of civil legal aid to low-income people, who have been employed by their program less than five years.

HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE

The 2025 nomination cycle has closed.

Past Award Winners

2025	Michael Davis (East), Jake Old (West), Patty Sellars (Middle)
2024	Tomi Robb
2023	Elizabeth Leiserson & Julie Yriart
2022	Madison Balducci & Caitlin Hakim
2021	Wesley Dozier & Alexandra Rogers
2020	Danielle Woods
2019	Lucy Boateng & Benjamin Danford
2018	Vanessa Bullock

2017	Christina Magrans-Tillery
2016	Zac Oswald
2015	Robert Downs
2014	Charles E. McDaniel II
2013	Charity Miles Williams & Emily O'Donnell
2012	Adrienne Kittos
2011	Shayla Purifoy
2010	Katie Evans & Chris Coleman
2009	Craig Barnes & Spring Miller
2008	No Award Given
2007	Dawn Gerhardt
2006	McKenna Cox & Sharmila Murphy

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