

ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Attorney of the Year award is given to attorneys who have demonstrated exceptional skills, accomplishments, and contributions to the legal profession. Common criteria that will be considered are as follows:

Attorney must be a member of the RCBA for a minimum of one year.

Nominees must be actively practicing or retired for less than one year.

Legal Excellence - The attorney should have a track record of outstanding legal work, including successful cases and a high level of expertise in their field of law.

Significant achievements – The attorney should have achieved significant outcomes for their clients or their community. This may include landmark cases, favorable settlements, or impactful legal advocacy.

Professionalism and Ethics – The attorney should demonstrate a commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and integrity in their legal practice.

Legal Innovation – Attorneys who have developed innovative legal strategies, tools, or solutions that have had a positive impact in the legal field may receive recognition.

Leadership and Service – Attorneys who have shown leadership within the legal community or have made substantial contributions through pro bono work, community service, or legal education may be considered more strongly.

Client Testimonials – Positive feedback and testimonials from clients or colleagues can be influential in the selection process.

Impact on the Legal Profession – The attorney's contributions to the advancement of the legal profession, such as mentoring or teaching may be considered.

Case Complexity – The complexity and significance of the cases the attorney has handled may play a role in the selection process.

Instructions for submitting a nomination for the Attorney of the Year Award

1. Review the eligibility criteria. Make sure the attorney you wish to nominate meets the requirements. Be specific in your nomination, highlighting the attorney's exceptional contributions.

2. Please submit supporting information that showcase the attorney's qualifications, accomplishments, and contributions to the legal profession. This may include

- A resume or curriculum vitae of the nominated attorney.
- A written statement explaining why the attorney deserves the award.
- Testimonials or recommendation letters from colleagues and/or clients.
- Documentation of significant cases or legal achievements.
- Any relevant publications, articles, or presentations to which the attorney has contributed.
- Awards, recognitions or honors the attorney has received.

Please submit your contact information as the nominator and the contact information of your nominee to the Riverside County Bar Association at 4129 Main Street, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92501 or by email to Charlene@riversidecountybar.com. All nominations must be submitted by June 14, 2024. Voting will be held in July 2024 and awards will be presented at the Installation of Officers Dinner on September 19, 2024.

RCBA Board members are ineligible for nomination.