

ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION THE COMMUNITY CATALYST AWARD:

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Public recognition of a deserving individual or entity for dedication to promoting and increasing awareness of diversity, equity and inclusion in our workplaces, schools and community.

The following are the types of activities that are necessary to meet the minimum criteria for this award:

- Raising and deepening awareness of diversity and equity issues, from both an employment and community service point of view;
- Providing mentoring opportunities for minority students/new community members;
- Supporting inclusive and/or diversity related educational/professional development opportunities;
- Fostering an environment that celebrates differences either in the workplace, school or community setting;
- Implementing inclusive and innovative policies to support the needs of a diverse staff;
- Supporting recruitment and retention of diverse legal professionals in the Erie community;
- Acts as a role model or ally in building an inclusive culture for all with honesty, integrity, impartiality and objectivity.

The nature, impact, commitment to and significance of the activities will be evaluated.

For your nomination to be considered, it MUST explain how your nominee meets one or more of the specified criteria. Please provide biographical information and offer as much detail as possible.

THE WINNER WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL LAW DAY CELEBRATION IN MAY, 2026 AT THE WARNER THEATRE.

Please return this form (along with additional paper or documentation needed to complete your nomination) **no later than Friday, March 13, 2026, to koneil@eriebar.com or mail to: ECBA, attn: Katie O'Neil, Executive Director, 429 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507. Questions - please contact the ECBA at 814-459-3111.**

Name of Nominee: _____ Nominee Title (if any): _____

Nominee Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated by: _____ Title (if any): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I believe this nominee deserves public recognition for their "unwavering dedication to fostering a welcoming environment, professional fairness, and a culture of mutual respect within our workplaces, schools, and the broader community" because: (use additional paper or complete on separate paper, as needed).

I understand that I may be asked to present my nominee's application to the Law Day Committee if needed.

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