

INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS  
PUBLIC LAW SECTION OF THE CALIFORNIA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION  
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC LAW (OAPL)

The Executive Committee of the Public Law Section of the California Lawyers Association is pleased to announce that it is soliciting nominations for the Outstanding Achievement in Public Law (OAPL) Award. This award recognizes an individual or team for a recent exceptional accomplishment that has improved the lives of Californians through the representation of a local, state, or federal government entity. Achievements may be wide and varied! For example, they could include a precedent-setting court victory, guiding a public entity through a particularly challenging process, or assisting California residents during an emergency event. The Executive Committee is honored to invite members of the Public Law Section, the State Bar, and the public at large to submit nominations for the first annual OAPL award.

The Public Law Section supports the goal of diversity in its membership and leadership. As such, the Public Law Section encourages nominations that represent California's diversity, including people of color, women and LGBTQ people.

**The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2021.**

**ELIGIBILITY**

*To be eligible, a nomination must meet the following criteria:*

- Include at least one member of the State Bar of California; and
- The nominee(s) must have achieved a recent legal victory that has improved the lives of Californians through the representation of a government entity or represented or advised a government entity through a particularly challenging matter or process.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*The Executive Committee may consider the following factors when selecting the recipient(s) of award:*

- Whether the achievement resulted in benefits to Californians extending beyond the public entity represented.
- Whether the achievement required a commitment to public law above and beyond what is ordinarily expected.
- Use of innovative or creative problem-solving by the nominee(s).

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

*To nominate an individual or team for this award, please submit the following:*

1. Nomination Form
2. Nominator's Statement of Nomination
3. Letter(s) of Support (*no more than five*)

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Nominations and supporting materials must be **received** no later than **April 30, 2021**, by mail or e-mail at:

OAPL Award  
Public Law Section, Attn: Nikki Smith  
400 Capitol Mall Suite 650  
Sacramento CA 95814  
E-Mail: [Nikki.smith@calawyers.org](mailto:Nikki.smith@calawyers.org)

NOMINATION FORM  
PUBLIC LAW SECTION OF THE CALIFORNIA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION  
OAPL AWARD

NOMINEE INFORMATION

| Nominee Name(s) | State Bar Number(s) |
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Agency or Government Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF NOMINATION - Please attach a narrative description of the outstanding achievement for which you believe the nominee(s) should receive recognition. (750 words or fewer.)

LETTERS OF SUPPORT - Broad support for your nominee(s) is desirable. You may encourage other persons or organizations to submit letters of support on behalf of you nominee(s). A maximum of five letters may be submitted.

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For Office Use:

- Nomination Form
- Statement of Nomination

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

- State Bar Record Verified
- Letter(s) of Support Received

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