

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (“LACBA”)
SHATTUCK-PRICE OUTSTANDING LAWYER AWARD
CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND

Established by LACBA’s Board of Trustees (“Board”) in 1968, the Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award (the “Award”) was originally named the “Shattuck-Price Memorial Award.” The Board subsequently changed the name by replacing “Memorial” with “Outstanding Lawyer.” The Award commemorates former LACBA Presidents Edward S. Shattuck and Ira M. Price II, both of whom died in office.

AWARD CRITERIA

The Award is given to recognize an individual’s contributions as a lawyer, as distinguished from contributions made as a jurist or while on the bench. Contributions as a lawyer may include those made while representing clients as well as those made as an author, educator, administrator, public policy advocate, government or non-profit employee, elected or appointed official, bar leader, community leader or in some other non-judicial capacity. The more detailed Award criteria adopted by the Board in February 2002 are attached hereto as Exhibit A, and are incorporated herein.

AWARD FREQUENCY AND SELECTION PROCESS

The Award may be given only once during each bar year (July 1 to June 30). Each bar year the Award is given, the Board shall select the recipient(s) from a confidential list of nominees submitted by an Award Committee established in accordance with these procedures.

COMPOSITION OF THE AWARD COMMITTEE

Each year, LACBA’s President will constitute a Shattuck-Price Award Committee (the “Award Committee”) for that year. Such Award Committee shall have at least five but no more than nine members, each of whom shall be a current LACBA member. Any current LACBA Trustee may serve on the Award Committee. Persons who are not current Trustees may also serve, but shall make up no more than a minority of the Award Committee members. The Award Committee members shall be chosen as follows:

- One Chair, appointed by LACBA’s President from among the current Trustees.
- One Vice-Chair, appointed by LACBA’s President-Elect from among the current Trustees.
- In addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair, at least three but no more than seven other members, chosen by LACBA’s President taking into consideration the following:
 - current members, and past or present leaders, of LACBA sections and non-Board committees;
 - current members, and past or present leaders, of current LACBA affiliated bars;
 - former LACBA Presidents; and
 - previous Award recipients.

In selecting the Chair and additional members of the Award Committee, LACBA’s President shall endeavor to reflect, as much as practicable given the small size and other limitations of Awards Committee membership, the demographic diversity of LACBA’s membership (including age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and other personal characteristics).

ELIGIBILITY TO BE NOMINATED BY THE AWARD COMMITTEE

The Award Committee may nominate only individuals who, when nominated, are living, have not previously received the Award and either: (1) are attorneys licensed to practice law or retired from the practice of law, whose principal work location (or, if the individual is retired, principal residence) is in Los Angeles County; or (2) met the foregoing criteria during the two years immediately prior to the Award Committee's first meeting, but have since relocated, joined the bench or otherwise changed positions. Organizations and groups are not eligible to be nominated.

ANNUAL PROCESS FOR SELECTING AN AWARD RECIPIENT

The Award Committee shall conduct its business and submit its nominees to the Board as follows:

- (1) The Award Committee may solicit suggested nominations from LACBA members through LACBA's publications, and from past Award recipients, former LACBA Presidents and community leaders by whatever means it elects.
- (2) Suggested nominations may be made to the Award Committee, in writing (including by e-mail and letter), by any current LACBA member, by any past Award recipient, by former LACBA Presidents and by LACBA's current Executive Director. Suggested nominations may also be made by any Award Committee member.
- (3) The Award Committee may also consider again any candidates considered or nominated by an Award Committee in prior years, as long as such candidates remain eligible to receive the Award.
- (4) The Award Committee will meet, as the Chair may determine, to consider suggested nominations, to evaluate the merits of each suggested nominee in the light of the Award criteria and to endeavor to agree upon a list of exactly three (no more, no less) eligible Award nominees to propose for consideration by the Board.
- (5) Unless the President otherwise instructs when appointing the Award Committee, within six weeks of the Award Committee's appointment, the Award Committee Chair will either (a) submit to the Board a list of three eligible Award nominees approved by the Award Committee (by simple majority vote) for consideration by the Board, or (b) advise the Board that the Award Committee did not agree upon three such eligible Award nominees (in which case the Award will not be given that bar year).

If the Award Committee Chair timely submits to the Board a list of three eligible Award nominees approved by the Award Committee, the Board will consider, at its next regularly-scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, whether to select one of those nominees as the Award recipient for that bar year. At the Board meeting during which the Award Committee's nominees are considered:

- (a) The Board's selection among the nominees will be by simple majority vote in a secret ballot.
- (b) A tie between two top vote-getting nominees must be broken or will result in neither nominee receiving the Award that bar year.
- (c) If no nominee receives a majority on the first or any subsequent ballot, successive secret ballots may be held after elimination of the nominee with the lowest vote tally in the prior ballot, until one nominee receives a majority or the selection process is abandoned.
- (d) No additional nominees from the floor will be permitted, but the Board may decide (by simple majority vote) to abandon the selection process.
- (e) If the Board votes to abandon the selection process, or otherwise fails to select one of the Award Committee's nominees as the Award recipient by the end of that Board meeting, no Award shall be given that bar year.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All proceedings of the Award Committee and the Board relating to the selection of Award recipients (including the identity and investigation of suggested nominees, the list of nominees submitted to the Board, and all discussions about suggested or actual nominees), as well as any report or other writings of the Award Committee or the Board relating to the selection of Award recipients, shall be and remain confidential, except that (1) the Award Committee may solicit nominations as provided above, (2) the current Award Committee members may be provided with the list(s) of candidates considered, and list(s) of nominees presented to the Board, by previous Award Committees, and (3) the name of any Awardee(s) selected by the Board, including the names of all prior Awardees, may be made public.

Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award

The Association's highest award, the Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award, is given by the Association from time to time to an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to improving the administration of justice in Los Angeles County. The contribution may be the result of the person's own efforts or the result of providing leadership or inspiration to others.

Among the factors to be considered are whether the individual contributed to one or more of the following aspects of the civil or criminal justice system and the profession:

1. Enhanced fairness or impartiality of the legal system
2. Increased responsiveness of the legal system to changing public needs
3. Enhanced performance in or other improvement to our legal system
4. Expanded or improved delivery of legal services
5. Increased public knowledge or understanding of the principles and functioning of the legal system
6. Increased public knowledge or understanding of the high principles of the legal profession
7. Assuring access to the legal system and a just result for an individual, class of individuals or group who would have otherwise been denied such access and result
8. Advancement of the legal profession
9. Advancement of the organized bar

Among the personal characteristics to be considered are whether the individual:

1. Exhibited professional or personal courage
2. Maintains high ethical and moral standards
3. Maintains high professional standards
4. Exhibited dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession

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