

**American Bar Association
2017 International Human Rights Award**

Information and Nomination Form

The American Bar Association’s International Human Rights Award was established to honor and give public recognition to an individual or organization that has made an exceptional contribution to the advancement of human rights outside of the United States. Given on behalf of the Association’s [Center for Human Rights](#), [Section of International Law](#), [Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice](#), [Section of Litigation](#), and [Rule of Initiative](#), the 2017 award will be presented at the ABA Annual Meeting in New York City.

Award Criteria

The purpose of the ABA International Human Rights Award is “to honor and give public recognition to an individual or entity who has made a special contribution in the area of human rights outside the United States.”

A. Nominees.

A nominee shall be a lawyer, human rights luminary, or international human rights entity, from any jurisdiction outside the United States or working primarily outside the United States. Nominees not selected for the award may be nominated again in subsequent years. Awardees may not receive the award more than once.

B. Criteria.

Nominees for the award must have made substantial and long-term contributions in furtherance of civil rights, civil liberties, and/or human rights outside the United States. A “substantial” contribution shall be considered to be one demonstrating a level of dedication or achievement beyond that expected in the normal course of an individual’s work. Factors to be considered include:

- i. Performing sustained, exceptional, and direct representation of, or advocacy for, persons outside of the United States whose human rights have been violated; and/or
- ii. Creating or sustaining expanded access to a legal system for persons outside the United States whose human rights may be or have been violated; and/or
- iii. Performing direct representation in one or more cases that resulted in significant benefits to persons or groups outside the United States whose human rights are or were on the verge of being violated.

Nomination Package

The nomination package must include:

- A. Nomination form;
- B. Award criteria narrative;
- C. Resume or CV;
- D. Biography; and
- E. Letters of support

The nomination form and accompanying materials must be sent electronically or submitted online on or before Friday, **February 24, 2017** to michael.pates@americanbar.org. The Nomination Form and all accompanying materials must be submitted in English.

A. Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Title/Position: _____

Nominee's Firm/Organization: _____

Nominee's Street Address: _____

City, Country and Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Title: _____

Nominator's Firm/Organization: _____

Nominator's Street Address: _____

City, Country, Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

B. Award Criteria Narrative

Nominees for the award must have made substantial and long-term contributions in furtherance of civil rights, civil liberties and/or human rights outside of the United States. A "substantial" contribution shall be considered to be one demonstrating a level of dedication or achievement beyond that expected in the normal course of an individual's or entity's work. Please provide a statement of no more than two

pages that describes ways in which the nominee meets the award criteria, including specific examples of human rights contributions.

C. Nominee’s Resume or CV

The nomination package must include a resume or CV that sets out the nominee’s educational and professional background; the nominee’s principal areas of practice, including years of practice, or other work advancing human rights; and the nominee’s professional achievements.

D. Biographical Narrative

The nomination package must also include a narrative biography describing the nominee’s substantial and long-term contributions in the furtherance of civil rights, civil liberties and/or human rights outside of the United States. Please provide a narrative, of no more than one page, that illustrates the nominee’s substantial and long-term commitment to human rights advancement.

E. Letters of Support

Please submit at least one, but no more than 12, letters of support from individuals or organizations that describe the nominee’s:

- Professional excellence in his/her/the entity’s field;
- Distinctive contributions to civil rights, civil liberties and human rights outside of the United States; and
- Inspiration, encouragement or mentoring of others in pursuing careers dedicated to civil rights, civil liberties and human rights advancement.