

LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

2023 Community Excellence Award Nominations

LGBT Bar NY is now accepting nominations for the **2023 Community Excellence Awards**, which recognize New York LGBTQ legal professionals, across all fields of practice, for their commitment to the LGBTQ community and for high achievement in the profession. Recipients of Community Excellence Awards will be celebrated and recognized at LGBT Bar NY's Sapphire Anniversary Gala on **May 25, 2023**.

Community Excellence Awards:

A maximum of four Community Excellence Awards will be bestowed to New York-licensed attorneys at any stage of their careers and across all fields of professional practice, including: public interest; government; non-profit; in-house; large, small, mid-size firms; academia; and judiciary. The Awards will recognize a commitment to serving the LGBTQ community and a record of distinction in the practice of law. Self-nominations are accepted.

Eligibility and Criteria:

To be eligible for consideration for a Community Excellence Award, the applicant shall:

- Be a member of good standing licensed to practice law in New York;
- Be a member in good standing of the LGBT Bar Association of New York (LGBT Bar NY);
- Demonstrate a commitment to serving the LGBTQ community; and
- Demonstrate a distinguished record of excellence in the practice of law.

Individuals of all backgrounds, genders and orientations will be considered and are encouraged to apply. Legal professionals of all career-levels and across all practice areas will be considered. LGBT Bar NY staff and current LGBT Bar NY board members are not eligible to receive a Community Excellence Award.

Nomination and Selection Process:

Please complete the <u>Community Excellence Award Nomination Form</u> to nominate yourself or an individual you believe is worthy of this award. Please include a <u>current resume</u> and <u>two letters of recommendation in support of the nomination</u>. Nominations will be accepted <u>between January 23, 2023 and March 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (EST)</u>. A panel of past Community Vision Award recipients and LGBT Bar NY members will review nominations and recommend a slate of honorees to be voted on by the LGBT Bar NY Association and Foundation Boards. Awardees will be contacted in <u>early March 2023</u> and will be recognized at LGBT Bar NY's Sapphire Anniversary Gala on <u>May 25, 2023</u>.