



PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION

2017 Sandra Day O'Connor Award Nomination Form

The Sandra Day O'Connor Award was named in honor of the first woman Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and is given annually to an outstanding woman attorney in the Philadelphia area. The recipient is expected to exemplify the qualities that Justice O'Connor has demonstrated in her life and work. Therefore, the Award Committee gives preference to those nominees who have achieved prominence and the highest degree of professional excellence in their field over a sustained period and who have openly and visibly used their position and stature in the community to mentor, promote and advance other women lawyers.

Award Criteria

- Female attorney with law practice or other professional activities in Philadelphia.
- A career path that demonstrates superior legal talent and ability characterized by unique contributions to and significant achievements within the legal community.
- Advocacy for the advancement and equal treatment of women in the profession, as well as the community.
- A reputation for mentoring other women in the profession.
- Nominee does not have to be a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Women in the Profession committee when nominated; however, the Awards Committee may take such membership into consideration when evaluating candidate.
- Nominee cannot be a member of the Awards Committee or a member of the immediate family of a member of the Awards Committee.

Return the completed form with all additional materials by **Wednesday, March 22, 2017** to: Dawn Petit, O'Connor Award, by email to dpetit@philabar.org. **All materials must be submitted electronically via email.**

Nominee's Name: _____ Title: _____

Firm/Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Title: _____

Firm/Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. How long have you known the nominee?
2. What has been your association with the nominee?
3. Describe the nominee's professional accomplishments.
4. What is the nominee's most significant accomplishment?
5. Describe how the nominee has been an advocate and used her position and stature in the community to advance, and provide career opportunities for, women lawyers generally.
6. Describe what the nominee has done to mentor, promote and advance other women lawyers.
7. Describe other activities in which the nominee has engaged that have advanced women inside and outside the legal community.

Nominators should provide answers to questions 1-7, and are encouraged to include additional material on the nominee, such as curriculum vitae, press clippings, resume. A maximum of three letters of recommendation may be submitted. Letters of recommendation must be included at time of submission.

Award nominations will be considered for the year in which they were submitted. A Candidate may be re-considered the following year if the original nominator submits written notification to that effect and submits an updated nomination form. The re-nomination letter, updated letters of recommendation (no more than three) and any supplemental materials must be received within the nomination deadline established by the Committee. This does not prohibit a new nominator from submitting an application nominating the previously nominated candidate.