

**THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

**2016 JACK BERMAN AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, THE JUDICIARY AND THE PUBLIC**

AWARD GUIDELINES

Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2016 11:59 PM

Each year, the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA), a Committee of the California State Bar Association, recognizes a young or new lawyer for distinguished service to the public sector, the judiciary, or the public with the Jack Berman Award of Achievement.

The California State Bar established this prestigious award in 1992 to recognize the individual achievements of a lawyer who is either in his/her first five years of practice or age 36 and under. The award is named in memory of Jack Berman, a young lawyer who demonstrated outstanding service to the profession and the public, and who was tragically killed in a San Francisco shooting. This annual award honors his dedicated service to issues of concern to the profession, especially its young lawyers.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Any active member of The State Bar of California who is either in his/her first five years of practice or age 36 and under is eligible for nomination.
- Award applications should be based on a project or service to the public, the judiciary, or the profession. The project/service need not be pro bono.
- The project/service may include work performed in prior years, but should highlight the achievements accomplished in 2015.
- The award recognizes one individual for his/her individual achievements.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS, SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

INSTRUCTIONS: To nominate an attorney for the Jack Berman Award of Achievement, you must submit the following documents electronically as described below:

- (1) The [nomination form](#) with all sections (Parts 1-3) completed;
- (2) A current resume or biography;
- (3) Letters of support – at least one but no more than five letters in support of the nominee that include citations to reported cases, reference to organizing efforts, successful projects, news articles or other applicable information;
- (4) Additional supporting materials up to a maximum of 25 pages may also be submitted.

All of the above documents must be submitted electronically in PDF format as follows:

- Via email to staff at CYLA@calbar.ca.gov by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Friday, February 26, 2016.
- Include in the subject line “2016 Jack Berman Award” and the nominee’s name.
- Itemize attachments in the body of the e-mail message.
- One nomination per e-mail (multiple nominations require separate email submissions).

If it is a hardship to submit a nomination electronically, please contact staff at the e-mail address above, or by phone at (415) 538-2232 about an alternative method for submission. Nominators will receive e-mail notification acknowledging receipt of each nomination. If you do not receive an e-mail acknowledgment within five business days, please contact staff to confirm receipt of submission.

If information is missing, the nominator may be contacted to complete the nomination, or the nomination may be disqualified. Each nominee will receive notification that he/she has been nominated for the award with a copy to the nominator. Any attempt to contact the CYLA Board of Directors or the State Bar of California outside of the normal application process described above may render the applicant ineligible for consideration.

SELECTION PROCESS & AWARD PRESENTATION: The CYLA Jack Berman Award Committee will review the nominations and submit its recommendation to the CYLA Board of Directors in March 2016 and to the State Bar Board of Trustees for final approval. The decision regarding the award recipient will be based on the above criteria and the strength of the supporting materials. The award will be presented during the State Bar Annual Meeting.