

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ELIGIBILITY

A candidate must be a Paralegal Affiliate of the American Association for Justice® (AAJ®), formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA®), for at least one year to be eligible for nomination. Members of the Paralegal Advisory Task Force are not eligible for nomination.

NOMINATION

A candidate must be nominated by an AAJ attorney member in good standing or by another AAJ Paralegal Affiliate.

CRITERIA

Judges will be looking for the following qualities/experience:

- Contributions to the paralegal profession by:
 - Teaching or tutoring paralegal students
 - Speaking at seminars and conventions on issues concerning the profession
 - Mentoring paralegal students
 - Displaying commitment and providing services to professional organizations such as local and national paralegal associations
 - Writing articles for legal publications
- Commitment to continuing legal education
- Commitment to community through volunteering

Judges will be looking for candidates who have demonstrated their value as members of a legal services team, shown dedication to the legal profession, and shown dedication to AAJ's mission:

"To promote a fair and effective justice system — and to support the work of attorneys in their efforts to ensure any person who is injured by the misconduct or negligence of others can obtain justice in America's courtrooms, even when taking on the most powerful interests."

The top candidates will be contacted for a phone interview with one of the judges.

JUDGES

Three AAJ Paralegal Affiliates and one attorney member from the Paralegal Advisory Task Force will be selected to judge the candidates. Judges will come to a consensus to determine the winner and runners-up.

SPONSORSHIP & PRIZES

The winner of the 2024 Paralegal of the Year Award will receive complimentary airfare, hotel and registration for the Annual Convention in Nashville, TN.

This award is sponsored by Advocate Capital, Inc.



2024 Advocate Capital Paralegal of the Year Award

PARALEGAL NOMINEE'S NAME _____

Firm/Company Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Office Phone _____ Office Fax _____

Email _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

Is the sponsor a paralegal or an attorney? Paralegal Attorney

Firm/Company Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Office Phone _____ Office Fax _____

Email _____

Please submit this entry form along with a typewritten (limited to two pages) statement describing how the candidate has demonstrated his/her value as a member of the legal services team as well as his/her dedication to the legal profession and AAJ's mission.

Sponsor's Signature _____

Entries will be accepted until May 1, 2024.

SEND TO:

AAJ Paralegal of the Year

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