

THE LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL *MARYGOLD MELLI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*

AWARD PURPOSE

The Marygold Melli Achievement Award was established in 1994 by the Legal Association for Women. Each year it recognizes and celebrates an outstanding individual in Wisconsin who has made substantial contributions to the interests of women in the law, has achieved professional excellence, and has contributed significantly to the eradication of gender bias in the legal system. The award honors Marygold Shire Melli, Professor Emerita at the University of Wisconsin Law School, a distinguished teacher, prolific scholar, parent of four children and contributor to her profession and her community. Professor Melli passed away on January 6, 2018.

LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN

The Legal Association for Women (LAW) is a voluntary association of lawyers and non-lawyers concerned about the law as it affects women and about women in the legal and law-related professions. LAW strives to promote equality and justice for all people, to advance the interests of women members of the legal profession, to improve the administration of justice, to improve relations between the legal profession and the public and to promote the rights of women in society. Organized in 1974, LAW provides continuing education and professional development opportunities for members. Outreach activities include liaisons to other organizations and bar associations, publications, and projects facilitating community access to the legal profession.

AWARD CRITERIA

A person of professional excellence who has made significant contributions to women in the law, for example by:

1. *Advancing the interests of women members of the legal profession;*
2. *Promoting improvements in the administration of justice;*
3. *Promoting equality and social justice for all people;*
4. *Promoting the rights of women in society; or*
5. *Improving relations between the legal profession and the public.*

PAST RECIPIENTS

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| ❖ Marie Stanton | ❖ Pamela Barker |
| ❖ Linda Roberson | ❖ Susan Steingass |
| ❖ Prof. Asifa Quraishi-Landes | ❖ Prof. Louise Trubek |
| ❖ Mary Beth Keppel | ❖ Prof. June Weisberger |
| ❖ Kristine Euclide | ❖ Dianne Greenley |
| ❖ Hon. Margaret Vergeront | ❖ Hon. Barbara Crabb |
| ❖ Judy Schwaemle | ❖ Hon. Shirley Abrahamson |
| ❖ Gretchen Viney | ❖ Hon. JoAnne Kloppenburg |
| ❖ Justice Ann Walsh Bradley | ❖ Mary Lou Munts |
| ❖ Marsha M. Mansfield | ❖ Ruth Doyle |
| ❖ Betsy Abramson | ❖ Tamara Packard |
| ❖ Prof. Carin Clauss | ❖ Prof. Mary Prosser |
| ❖ Hon. Angela Bartell | ❖ Diane Welsh |
| ❖ Hon. Burneatta Bridge | ❖ Prof. Erin Barbato |
| ❖ Eunice Gibson | ❖ Prof. Sarah Davis |

NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Title/Position: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Your Name: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Please send the following materials, using the guidelines below, by **May 29, 2026**:

- A. **Nomination Form.** The cover page of your nomination materials should be this completed form.
- B. **Nominee's Resume.** The second document should be the nominee's resume, CV, or biography, describing her/his background and contributions. Please contact the Award Committee if you do not have access to the nominee's resume or CV, as this may be provided later if not immediately accessible to you.
- C. **Award Criteria Narrative and Supporting Material.** In no more than two (2) typed pages, provide examples demonstrating how the nominee meets the award criteria. The Award Committee understands that a nominee may not meet each individual criterion or may have made more significant contributions in one area over another and will take this into consideration. In addition, you may also include any other relevant material (up to eight (8) pages), including letters of support from individuals or organizations. However, the total submission should not exceed ten (10) pages.
- D. **Procedural Guidelines.** The nomination form and your attachments form the basis for the nomination. Email submissions to the Marygold Melli Award Committee, c/o **Erin Rome**, erome@staffordlaw.com, and **Emily Cunningham**, emily@forwardlegalservices.com