

Michael Silverstein Prize

About:

The Michael Silverstein Prize has been generously established by Thomson Reuters. This annual monetary award of \$1500 recognizes an outstanding contribution by a member of CALL/ACBD to enhancing understanding, analysis and appreciation of primary law or legal taxonomy. The contribution may be in the form of an article, book, course, research, activities/advocacy or a body of work. The winner will also receive a copy of The Practical Guide to Canadian Legal Research, as Michael wrote the original chapter on the Canadian Abridgment. Michael often spoke of himself as a “primary law guy” and his stewardship of the Abridgment was truly a labour of love.

Nomination process:

- All members of CALL/ACBD who have been in good standing for a minimum of twelve months are eligible to be nominated for the Prize.
- Nominations may come from any member of CALL/ACBD including, but not limited to, a reader or participant of the recommended contribution. Self-nominations are welcome.
- The nomination application should include the name, affiliation and contact information of the nominee and nominating member(s), as well as a letter explaining the reason for the nomination, with reference to the scope of the award. A copy of the article, a course description, the bibliographic citation of the book should be provided where feasible. Supporting documentation such as book reviews or course comments are encouraged.
- Nominations will open in early December and close February 15. Submissions should be sent to Wendy Reynolds, Chair, CALL/ACBD Scholarship and Awards Committee.

Selection Process:

The Scholarships and Awards Committee will consider the following when evaluating a nominee:

- Does the work enhance understanding of primary law or legal taxonomy?
- Is the work novel in its delivery or message?
- Who is the intended audience, and does the nominated work seem to meet their needs? Is there documentation to prove that the audience is benefitting from the work (evaluations, reviews)?

The Scholarships and Awards Committee will determine a winner before the early bird registration rate for the conference expires in order to encourage the winner's attendance.



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APPLICATION FOR THE MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN PRIZE

Name of Prize Applicant: _____

Place of Employment/Business: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Have you been a member of CALL/ACBD for more than twelve months? _____

Name of Nominator (if different from Applicant): _____

Nominator's Place of Employment/Business: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ Nominator's Email: _____

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Written Statement from Nominator**

Please enclose a written statement outlining the reason for the nomination and how it fits within the scope of the award.

2. **Copy of Nominated Work**

If possible, at least one copy of a particular work. If you are nominating someone for a career's work, a bibliography could be sufficient, along with a couple of examples of writing

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send completed applications to:

Wendy Reynolds

Chair, CALL/ACBD Scholarships and Awards Committee

Email: wreynolds@ola.org

The deliberations of the Scholarships and Awards Committee shall be confidential and successful applicants will be notified prior to the early bird registration deadline for the annual conference in order to encourage attendance.