



## **The Sharon Corbitt Award**

The ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence created the Sharon Corbitt Award in 2008 to recognize exceptional service and leadership in improving the legal response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking by a lawyer from any area of practice, including non-profit, private firm, government, corporate counsel, and the judiciary, in the spirit of Sharon Corbitt.

Sharon L. Corbitt was an active member of the American Bar Association for 25 years, serving as a member of the Commission on Domestic Violence from 2002 to 2005 after completing her term as Chair of the Family Law Section. In honor of her exemplary professional and personal contributions to victims of domestic violence throughout her career, this award will recognize an attorney each year who embodies her spirit and dedication.

### **Prior winners:**

- 2009 Joan Meier, GWU School of Law Professor & founder of DV LEAP Appeals Project
- 2010 Kathleen Schoen, Director, Local Bar Relations and Access to Justice, Colorado Bar Association
- 2011 Roberta Valente, Consultant, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- 2012 Loretta Frederick, Senior Legal & Policy Advisor, Battered Women's Justice Project

### **How do I submit a nomination for the Sharon Corbitt Award?**

Any person familiar with the achievements of a candidate may submit a nomination. The Commission urges nominators to choose only one candidate a year. No self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations must be submitted by **March 30, 2013**. Submit Nominations electronically to [CorbittAward@americanbar.org](mailto:CorbittAward@americanbar.org).

**Nomination Form:** The nomination form must be completed and returned as the cover sheet for the nomination package.

**Candidate's Resume:** Include the candidate's resume, describing her/his background and contributions. The resume must not exceed **2 pages**.

**Award Criteria Narrative:** In no more than **1200 words**, provide specific, concrete examples for the first selection criterion and at least one of the other required criteria. Provide a detailed narrative explanation of the candidate's service, including: how the nominee's service is outstanding, significant and "above the call of duty"; the time frame of the service; and assessment of the impact of the extraordinary service.

**References:** Please provide names, titles and phone numbers of three other persons who are familiar with nominee's achievements and who are willing to be contacted by the Award committee.

**No other supporting materials may be submitted.** Additional information may be requested by the Award committee.



### **The Sharon Corbitt Award Eligibility Requirements**

The eligible candidate is an attorney who has and/or currently is working to increase access to justice and provision of outstanding legal services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking, **AND**

Serves as a leader and a champion for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking within the ABA and/or other bar and professional organizations; **OR**

Personally represents victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking, either on a pro bono or full time basis; **OR**

Participates in community activities to increase and improve services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking (e.g. through board membership or political and financial advocacy); **OR**

Mentors others to provide exemplary service to victims (e.g. through instruction, training, or scholarship); **OR**

Achieves legislation or litigation outcomes that contribute substantially to increased safety and justice for victims.

*Nominees may be ABA members or non-members.* Current Commission members or liaisons are not eligible for the Award for the duration of their terms and for two years following service. ***Nominees must be available to attend the Sharon Corbitt Award Reception on Friday, August 9, 2013 in San Francisco, CA.***

***Application Deadline: March 30, 2013***



## The Sharon Corbitt Award Nomination Form

### Information about Nominee

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Nominee (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

### Information about Nominator

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Nominator (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Length and Nature of Relationship of Nominator to Nominee

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Is the Nominator nominating any other candidates (circle one)? Y N

If yes, please list the other nominees

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