**2022 EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

We’re currently seeking nominations for our annual Excellence Awards.

Each year, the Excellence Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of friends, members, and partners of the legal aid community who have gone above and beyond in their work on behalf of marginalized and vulnerable populations. Recipients are chosen based on their commitment, dedication, and effort to improving the availability and quality of civil legal services in Pennsylvania.

Nominations are being sought for the following categories:

**LEGAL SERVICES STAFF**
This category recognizes legal aid attorneys, paralegals, and support staff of civil legal aid programs.

**PRIVATE BAR**
This category recognizes members of the private bar.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**
This category recognizes the work of government officials, volunteers, and other members of the community.

**LAY & CLIENT ADVOCACY**
This category recognizes client leaders, organizational partners, and other individuals and groups that demonstrate a commitment to serving the legal needs of low-income Pennsylvanians.

Nominations are open to everyone, and there is no limit to the number of nominations you may submit. Letters of recommendation, relevant news articles, and other documents that support your nomination are considered when selecting award recipients. We ask that you please include any supporting documentation when submitting your nomination form.

This form should be sent by mail or fax to:

PLAN Awards Committee
The Louise Brookins Building
118 Locust Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: (717) 233-4088

**Nominations must be received no later than Friday, October 29, 2021.**

For inquiries about the Excellence Awards, please contact Brianna Bosak at bbosak@palegalaid.net or call (717) 710-3840.

**EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

Please provide the following information to nominate someone for an Excellence Award.Letters of recommendation, relevant news articles, and other documents that support your nomination should be submitted along with this form.
**I. NAME, COMPANY, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF NOMINEE.**

**II. Category of Nomination:**

* Legal Services Staff
* Private Bar
* Community Services
* Lay & Client Advocacy

**III. NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE.** Provide an overview of the nominee's experience with or on behalf of civil legal aid programs and their clients.

**IV. NOMINEE'S EXAMPLES OF EXCELLENCE.** Tell us how this individual or group exemplifies excellence. Provide examples or explain how your nominee stands out as an advocate for legal aid.

**V. NAME, COMPANY, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF NOMINATOR(S).**

**VI. REFERENCES.** Provide contact information for others who are familiar with this nominee’s examples of excellence. We may contact these individuals for additional supporting testimonials or ask them to provide content for the award video if the nominee is selected to receive an award.