



YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

KENTUCKY OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER AWARD

The Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Division is seeking nominations for the 2026 Kentucky Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The Award seeks to honor individuals who have excelled in three areas: 1) the practice of law; 2) service to the legal profession; and 3) community service. The Selection Committee will consider each of the three criteria listed above in determining the Award recipient.

To be eligible for the Award, a nominee must be:

- a) Admitted to the practice of law in Kentucky; and
- b) Forty years old or younger as of July 1, 2025 **or** have been admitted to the practice of law for ten or fewer years as of July 1, 2025.

A nominee need not be a member of the Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

To nominate an individual for the 2026 Kentucky Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, please submit the following materials by **noon on Friday, February 20, 2026**:

- a) Completed nomination form;
- b) Two recommendation letters discussing why the nominee is deserving of the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award; and
- c) Curriculum vitae or resume.

These nomination materials should be emailed as attachments to the YLD Vice Chair at yldvicechair@kybar.org.

The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient will be honored at the KBA Convention, June 11-12, 2026 in Covington, Kentucky. The Award will be presented at the Young Lawyers Division luncheon during the Convention. If you have any questions, please contact the YLD Vice Chair at yldvicechair@kybar.org.

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

(These questions may be answered on separate pages.)

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name:

Business Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Fax:

Date of Birth:
2. Law school attended:

Year of graduation:

Date admitted to the Kentucky Bar:

II. LEGAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Employer name:
2. Job title:
3. Practice area(s):
4. Please list and explain with specificity the candidate's exemplary legal accomplishments.

III. SERVICE TO THE BAR AND LEGAL PROFESSION

1. Please identify all local, state, or national bar associations upon which the candidate has served, including dates of service.
2. Please list any offices or leadership positions the candidate has held within the bar associations listed above.

3. Please describe the projects, programs, activities, or committees organized or chaired for each of the bar associations listed above.
4. Please describe the candidate's pro bono efforts.
5. Please describe any other contributions in the area of service to the bar and legal profession.

IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. In what specific ways has the candidate been involved in his or her community, including volunteer activities and civic organizations?
2. In what leadership positions or projects has the candidate participated in his/her community? Please be specific and include date(s).

V. CONCLUSION

1. Overall, why is this candidate the best qualified to be named Kentucky's Outstanding Young Lawyer?
2. If the candidate was nominated by someone else, please list that individual's name, business address, telephone, and his/her relationship to the candidate.