



## ADVOCATE CAPITAL INC. / AAJ PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

### **ELIGIBILITY**

A candidate must be a Paralegal Affiliate of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) for at least one year to be eligible for nomination. Members of the Paralegal Advisory Task Force are not eligible for nomination.

### **NOMINATION**

A candidate must be nominated by an AAJ Attorney Member in good standing or by another AAJ Paralegal Affiliate.

### **CRITERIA**

Judges will be looking for the following qualities/experience:

1. Contributions to the paralegal profession by:
  - a. Teaching or tutoring paralegal students
  - b. Speaking at seminars and conventions on issues concerning the profession
  - c. Mentoring paralegal students
  - d. Displaying commitment and providing services to professional organizations such as local and national paralegal associations.
  - e. Writing articles for legal publications
2. Commitment to continuing legal education
3. Commitment to community through volunteering

Judges will be looking for candidates who have demonstrated their value as members of a legal services team, shown dedication to the legal profession, and shown dedication to AAJ's mission:

"To promote a fair and effective justice system — and to support the work of attorneys in their efforts to ensure any person who is injured by the misconduct or negligence of others can obtain justice in America's courtrooms, even when taking on the most powerful interests."

### **JUDGES**

AAJ paralegal affiliates members and one attorney member from the AAJ Paralegal Advisory Task Force will be selected to judge the candidates. Judges will come to a consensus to determine the winner and runners-up.

### **SPONSORSHIP & PRIZES**

The winner of the 2011 Paralegal of the Year Award will receive free airfare, hotel and registration to AAJ's 2011 Annual Convention in New York, New York, July 9-13.

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**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

**Paralegal Nominee's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Is the sponsor a paralegal or an attorney? \_\_\_ Paralegal \_\_\_ Attorney

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this entry form along with four copies of a typewritten (limited to two pages) statement describing how the candidate has demonstrated his/her value as a member of the legal services team as well as his/her dedication to the legal profession and AAJ's mission.

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entries will be accepted until **May 24, 2011!**

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Please send your completed nominations to Brandon Grubsky via fax or email at 202-298-6849 or [Brandon.grubsky@justice.org](mailto:Brandon.grubsky@justice.org).**