



2017 Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award

The Innocence Network is an affiliation of organizations dedicated to providing pro bono legal and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove innocence for crimes for which they have been convicted, working to redress the causes of wrongful convictions, and supporting the exonerated after they are freed.

The Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award was created to honor individuals who go above and beyond in supporting and championing efforts that free the wrongfully convicted, and/or reform the criminal justice system to prevent wrongful convictions. Their work strengthens the integrity of the justice system, is imbued by their sense of fairness and professionalism, and demonstrates a lasting dedication to the fair execution of the law.

All nominations for the 2017 Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award must be submitted to Norah Scanlan, Innocence Network Operations Associate (nscanlan@innocencenetwork.org) by **December 15, 2017, at midnight EST.**

Nominations will be evaluated and the winner will be chosen by the Innocence Network Executive Board. The winner will be honored during the Innocence Network Conference on March 23-24, 2018, in Memphis, Tennessee. The winner will receive complimentary conference registration and the winner's lodging and travel expenses will be covered up to \$1,000 by the Innocence Network. Please note that the Innocence Network will handle reserving and paying for the winner's hotel room directly. Winners must make their own travel arrangements and reimbursement for travel expenses will be provided following the conclusion of the conference. There are no restrictions regarding how many individuals may be included in one submission; however, only one physical award will be provided and reimbursement of conference expenses for the entire group will be capped at \$1,000. Please note that nominators are NOT required to alert nominees prior to their nomination.

Any questions about the award criteria or application should be directed to Norah Scanlan, Innocence Network Operations Associate, at 212-364-5370 or nscanlan@innocencenetwork.org.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Nominees may not be employed by nor work indirectly for an Innocence Network member organization.
2. Nominations should be submitted by a Network member who has working knowledge of the nominee's dedication to the just administration of the criminal justice system related to the goals of the Innocence Network.
3. Entries must be submitted in English.
4. All award entries must include an application form and a letter from the nominator(s) outlining the qualities that make the nominee an ideal candidate for this award, including the specific relevant activities the nominee has undertaken and the impact the actions have had on their community. Additional materials, including up to three letters of support, articles, or a list of the nominee's achievements may also be included in the application packet.
5. Contributions considered for this award are not limited to contributions made in the year of the award. However, the Network Executive Board will consider the timeliness of the nominee's contributions as a factor in evaluating the merit of the nomination.
6. Entries will be retained by the Innocence Network and may be cited to or displayed at Innocence Network events. No materials will be returned.
7. The nominator is responsible for confirming with the winner their willingness to accept this award within **three days** if/when he or she is chosen.
8. In the event that the original winner is unable to accept the award, the Network Executive Board reserves the right to choose another recipient.
9. Entries must be submitted by **December 15, 2017, at midnight EST.** No entries will be accepted after that time.
10. All submissions should be sent in one packet with the application form and letter to Norah Scanlan at nscanlan@innocencenetwork.org.



2017 Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award Application Form

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Please submit all materials (application form, letter, and any supplemental materials) in one packet to Norah Scanlan at nscanlan@innocencenetwork.org.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2017, at midnight EST

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Title, Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Title, Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

***In a separate letter to the Innocence Network Executive Board, please explain why the nominee should be considered for the Champion of Justice Award, including, but not limited to, the qualities that make the nominee an ideal candidate for this award (specifically, relevant activities the nominee has undertaken and the impact the actions have had on his or her community). Additional materials, such as up to three letters of support, articles, or a list of the nominee's achievements, may also be included in the application packet.**