Young Lawyers Division Awards

Presented at the YLD Awards Luncheon the PBA Annual Meeting in May.

YLD LIBERTY BELL AWARD CRITERIA

The PBA/YLD presents the Liberty Bell Award to a non-lawyer for his/her outstanding community service and for promoting the “blessing of liberty” guaranteed by our Constitution. Service meriting nomination for the Liberty Bell Award includes:

1) Promoting a better understanding of our form of government and especially the Bill of Rights;
2) Encouraging greater respect for the law and the courts;
3) Creating a deeper awareness of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights;
4) Contributing to the effective functioning of our government; and
5) Encouraging a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

YLD MICHAEL K. SMITH EXCELLENCE AWARD CRITERIA

The PBA/YLD presents the Michael K. Smith Excellence in Service Award to a Pennsylvania young lawyer who through his exemplary personal and professional conduct reminded lawyers of their professional responsibilities. This award is very dear to the hearts of those of us who worked in the YLD with Michael Smith. During the year, please keep this award in mind as well as your responsibility to make nominations so that the best possible candidate can be chosen.