

GUIDELINES FOR THE 2025 TOPEKA BAR ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Only one of each award may be given in any one year. However, an annual presentation is not mandatory. Therefore, the award may not be given every year.

The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

This award is presented to recognize the outstanding efforts of a Young Lawyer member of the Topeka Bar Association who has rendered meritorious service to the legal profession, the community, or the Topeka Bar Association.

The recipient shall:

1. Qualify as a Young Lawyer of the Topeka Bar Association.
2. Have energetically devoted time to a law-related project with such accomplishment being above and beyond that expected; or
3. Have rendered significant service to the legal profession, Topeka Bar Association and/or the public.

The Warren W. Shaw Distinguished Service Award

This award is presented for the purpose of recognizing a lawyer or judge for exemplary service to the legal profession or the Topeka Bar Association. It may be awarded to recognize an especially meritorious deed for service which significantly advances the administration of justice, the goals of the legal profession or brings honor and recognition to the Topeka Bar Association or may be awarded to recognize the continuous longstanding service of a recipient to the legal profession or the Topeka Bar Association.

The recipient shall:

1. Be a lawyer or judge who is a member of the Topeka Bar Association.
2. Have energetically devoted time to a law-related project with such accomplishments being above and beyond that expected; or
3. Have made a significant contribution to the goals of the legal profession, the Topeka Bar Association and/or the public.

The Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award

This award is presented to recognize a member of the Topeka Bar Association who, by his or her conduct, honesty, integrity and courtesy, best exemplify, represent and encourage other lawyers to follow the highest standards of the legal profession, including those contained in the Topeka Bar Association Creed of Professional Courtesy.

The recipient shall:

1. Be a lawyer or judge who is a member of the Topeka Bar Association.
2. Has by his or her conduct demonstrated the highest standards of honesty, integrity and courtesy contained the TBA Creed of Professional Courtesy.

Topeka Bar Association Awards Nomination Form

To nominate someone for a TBA award, please indicate on this form, the award for which you are submitting an entry; include his or her name, offer a name and phone number of someone to contact for additional reference if needed; and explain how the nominee meets the award criteria below. Additional pages may be attached if needed.

Nominations must be received at the TBA office by March 1, 2025.

— **Outstanding Young Lawyers Award**

— **Warren W. Shaw Distinguished Service Award**

— **Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award**

Nominee _____

Please list how the nominee meets the award criteria: _____

Name and phone number of another contact person for additional reference if needed: _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mail to: Topeka Bar Association - 700 SW Jackson St., Ste. 209 - Topeka, KS 66603 *or* email tba@topekabar.com
Visit <http://topekabar.com/about-us/awards> for a list of past award recipients.