



2009 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 of crimes for which they have been convicted and working to redress the causes of wrongful convictions.

The Innocence Network "CHAMPION OF JUSTICE" Award was created to honor public servants 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.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Nominees may not be employed by nor work indirectly for an Innocence Network affiliate.
2. Nominations should be submitted by an individual 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 additional letters of support, articles, or a list of the nominee's achievements may also be included in the application packet.
5. All nominees must be made aware of their nomination prior to the submission of an application packet and must be willing to accept the award should she/he be selected.
6. Contributions considered for this award are not limited to contributions made in the year of the award. However, the Committee will consider the timeliness of the nominee's contributions as a factor in evaluating the merit of the nomination.
7. Entries will be retained by the Innocence Network and may be cited to or displayed at Innocence Network events. No materials will be returned.
8. Entries must be submitted by January 8, 2010, midnight. No entries will be accepted after that time.
9. All submissions should be sent with the application/nomination form (printed on 8.5"x11' white paper) to:
Innocence Network "Champion of Justice" Award
c/o Jodi Shorr
Ohio Innocence Project
College of Law
University of Cincinnati
Clifton Ave. at Calhoun St.
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040

The winner will receive an award plaque, to be presented at the annual Innocence Network Conference, April 16-18, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. The winner will have his or her expenses paid to attend the INNOCENCE NETWORK Conference in Atlanta, and, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may be required to be present at the awards ceremony in order to receive the award.

Any questions about the award criteria or application should be directed to: Jodi Shorr, Ohio Innocence Project, (513) 556-0752, or networkawards@gmail.com.



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Please submit all materials (Application Form, Nomination Letter and any Supplemental Materials) in one packet to: Innocence Network "FRIEND OF THE INNOCENCE NETWORK" Award, c/o Jodi Shorr, Ohio Innocence Project, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, Corner of Clifton and Calhoun, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0040

Application Deadline: January 8, 2010

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

To be completed by the Nominator:

I, _____, certify that I have informed the Nominee, _____, prior to the submission of these materials of my intent to nominate him/her for the 2009 Innocence Network "Champion of Justice" Award.

Signature of Nominator:

Date:

Name (Printed)

*In a separate letter to the Innocence Network "CHAMPION OF JUSTICE" Awards Committee, please explain why the Nominee should be considered for the 1st Annual Innocence Network "CHAMPION OF JUSTICE" Award – including, but not limited to, 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 additional letters of support, articles, or a list of the nominee's achievements may also be included in the application packet.