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Specifics of the 2019 Burton Awards Program

The 20th annual national awards will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Library of Congress.

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The Burton Awards program is run in association with the Library of Congress. The non-profit event is held each year to honor distinguished writers and recognize leaders in law, including those counsel belonging to America's most prestigious law firms. Patterned after the Pulitzers, the program has become one of the most prominent and dynamic awards programs in law. While the emphasis is on writing, the program is also geared towards rewarding legal achievement in many other areas of law. For example, awards are also given to general counsel for their distinguished careers in law, and even to lawyers in the military.

Prior Renowned Guest Speakers





Above left: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg eulogizes U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in 2016. Above right: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor discusses her "Book of the Year in Law" winning memoir with Bill Press.

Below left: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer speaks with Bill Press, CNN commentator and Burton Awards Master of Ceremonies. Below right: Prior "Book of the Year" Award winner U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens (retired) joins guests for cocktail reception after being interviewed at the Program.





Distinguished Writing Awards

Category: Law Firms

This award is presented to partners and counsel in law firms who have written outstanding articles that are clear, concise, and comprehensive. An article published during the preceding year is submitted for consideration at no fee or cost. One author or coauthor must be a partner at the firm at the date the article was written, and the subject of the article can be devoted to any legal topic. The article may have appeared in any printed publication, whether written for lawyers or for consumers.

Category: Law Schools

This award is presented to law school students who have written outstanding articles that are clear, concise, and comprehensive. The author must have been enrolled in the 2018 calendar year, and the winning article must have a publication date of 2018, even if it was actually printed at a later date. The subject of the article can be devoted to any legal topic, and the length of the article is not limited. The article may have appeared in any publication printed at the student's law school, including law reviews and journals, and may be a note, a comment, or an article.

Applications, as well as all criteria and restrictions, can be found at www.burtonawards.com.



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