

2026 Liberty Bell Award Nomination

The American Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award is the most prestigious award given by lawyers to a non-lawyer. The Award honors a person who has strengthened the American system of freedom and justice under law through their extraordinary contributions in the community. The announcement of the Award is one of the highlights of Law Day, a day set aside by the Congress to celebrate our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law. In 2026, The Warren County Bar Association will celebrate Law Day in early May.

The Liberty Bell Award is given for outstanding service in one of these areas: promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights; encouraging greater respect for law and the courts; stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; contributing to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

The Warren County Bar Association presents its local Award to a Warren County resident to recognize that person for contributions **outside his/her regular employment**, or for service **above and beyond** one's normal and expected work responsibilities if they are currently employed within the legal or criminal justice system.

Non-lawyers of any age are eligible to receive this award. Judges, lawyers, or other members of the State Bar of New York are not eligible. Persons holding or seeking public office, and previous Liberty Bell Award recipients, are not eligible.

The Law Day Committee accepts nominations and traditionally meets in April to review nominees and vote. The person who has made the nomination traditionally introduces the recipient on Law Day, but it could be any member of the Bar.

Nominations must be received **no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, March 13, 2026**.

Submit the completed Nomination Form on the next page and supporting materials to: application and any supporting materials to:

Matthew Skinner, Esq. | Chair, WCBA Law Day Committee
Email: mskinner@mfcllp.com

If you have any questions about the nomination form or process, please contact
Kate Fowler Email: admin@wcbany.com

**WARREN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.
LIBERTY BELL AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Information

Full Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email Address _____

Nominee's Employer Information

Name _____

Address _____

Work Phone (____) _____ Extension _____

Professional Memberships*

Outstanding Contributions to the Legal Community*

(over)

Outstanding Civic & Community Activities*

Special Accomplishments*

Submitted By

Name_____

Employer_____

Address_____

Work Phone (____)_____

Email:_____

Signature (may be typed)_____

Date_____

***If more space is needed, please attach a separate piece of paper to application**