



**Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association  
Honorable Reginald Lindsay Public Service Award  
NOMINATION FORM**

The Honorable Reginald Lindsay Public Service Award seeks to support the development of students who, like Judge Lindsay, have overcome adversity to use their outstanding academic ability and skills in public service.

Judge Lindsay was born in Birmingham, Alabama and grew up in the deeply segregated South during the pre-civil rights era. In 1983, Judge Lindsay became confined to a wheelchair due to illness. Despite enduring all of the indignities and disadvantages attendant to his upbringing and his disability, Judge Lindsay overcame obstacles, likely too great for most, to rise to the highest levels of the legal profession. In 1993, he was the second African-American appointed to the federal bench in Massachusetts. Most important, Judge Lindsay exemplified the true meanings of altruism and public service.

In his honor, this award is aimed at law school students of color who have demonstrated their commitment to public service. The nominee should exhibit more than academic ability, but also should possess the very qualities that made Judge Lindsay such an asset to the legal profession: compassion, perspective and honor.

Each student may submit, or have submitted on their behalf, only **one** nomination for **either** the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association's ("MBLA") Honorable Justice Roderick L. Ireland Leadership and Juvenile Advocacy Award **or** the MBLA's Honorable Reginald Lindsay Public Service Award.

You may respond only by completing this form. Your specific and candid replies will be helpful to the nominee and to the MBLA Student Support Committee.

If you need more space please write a letter on the letterhead stationery of your law school, firm or organization, and attach this form, signed by you and the nominee, to your statement. The MBLA Student Support Committee will treat the information you provide as confidential only if the student waives his/her right of access in the box at the bottom of this page.



*To be completed by the Nominee:*

*I understand that Federal law provides me, after enrollment, with a right of access to this Letter of Recommendation, and that no school may require me to waive this right.*

*I hereby*

- Waive
- Do not waive my right of access to this Letter of Recommendation.

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Nominee's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_



RECOMMENDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the Nominee?

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2. Please evaluate the Nominee's commitment to public service. That commitment is evidenced not only by the Nominee's public service activities in high school, college, graduate school, or career, but also by his or her personal qualities of tenacity, compassion, and initiative in the conduct of such activities.

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3. Does the Nominee have special abilities to serve or represent groups or interests lacking access to law and lawyers (*e.g.* language skills, cultural familiarity, insight into a subgroup derived from living experiences)?

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4. Does the Nominee have special intellectual or personal strengths or acquired expertise relevant to public service activities?

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*To be completed by the Recommender:*

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*Last name*

*First name*

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*Position*

*College/University*

*Phone*

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*Date*

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*Signature*

**Nominations must be submitted via email to [voconnor@goodwinprocter.com](mailto:voconnor@goodwinprocter.com) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday February 26th, 2016.**