



# 2018 Root/Stimson Award



2017 Recipient Lesley Rosenthal with President Sharon Stern Gerstman.

Sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's  
Committee on Annual Award  
David M. Schraver, Chair



As part of its commitment to educate the public about the value lawyers bring to their community, the New York State Bar Association, through its Committee on Annual Award, presents the Root-Stimson Award to a lawyer who has demonstrated a significant, positive impact in the community, state or nation that is unrelated to the practice of law.

**WE ARE SEEKING:** Nominations of lawyers who enhance the public's opinion of the legal profession through community service which exemplifies the key qualities the public values most about lawyers – leadership, problem solving, legal expertise and service.

In the spirit of Elihu Root and Henry L. Stimson, for whom the award is named, this award recognizes members of the legal profession who have given unstintingly of their time and expertise in service to the community. It is presented at the June meeting of the House of Delegates in Cooperstown and one recipient is selected at the discretion of the committee.

To be considered for the Root/Stimson Award:

- 1) nominees must be a member of the New York Bar but need not be a member of the New York State Bar Association.
- 2) nominees should personify the spirit of giving back to their community and demonstrate selfless dedication and donation of time, skills and activities that service community needs.
- 3) nominees may not have served as President of the New York State Bar Association

*NOTE: The committee is not seeking nominees who have provided pro bono legal services representation. Those nominations should be submitted for consideration to the President's Committee on Access to Justice which administers the annual pro bono award.*

Please submit the following:

- \* One copy of the completed nomination form.
- \* One copy of a narrative (500-word maximum) detailing the nominee's record of community service accomplishments. The narrative should include a detailed description of the nominee's community service activities including the names of organizations and dates of service and an explanation of the impact the nominee's activities had on the community (e.g., the unmet needs the activities fulfilled).
- \* Letters of support from individuals with firsthand knowledge of the nominee's community service or who have been directly impacted by such work.

Nominations may be submitted electronically to: [kmchargue@nysba.org](mailto:kmchargue@nysba.org) as either a Word document or a PDF. Please do not submit binders. Materials cannot be returned. *This nomination form may be photocopied.*

**Nominations and other supporting materials must be postmarked by Monday, April 16, 2018.**



## Nomination Form *(please print or type)*

Nominee:

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Home Address:

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Business Name and Address:

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Home Telephone Number:

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Business Telephone Number:

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Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

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Date of Admission to the New York Bar:

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Nomination Submitted by:

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Organization:

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Address:

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Phone Number:

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Date

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**April 16, 2018**

**Return to: Kim McHargue  
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Albany, NY 12207  
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