

NSBA Awards History

George H. Turner Award

2023 Frank J. Daley, Jr.
 2022 Matthew M. Munderloh
 2021 John H. Kellogg, Jr.
 2020 Dennis Collins
 2019 John Atkins
 Dan Wintz
 2018 Hon. John F. Wright (*posthumously*)
 2017 Hon. William J. Riley
 2016 Hon. Lawrence Gendler
 2015 Hon. Michael Offner (*posthumously*)
 2014 Hon. Randall Rehmeier
 2013 Hon. William Blue (*posthumously*)
 2011 Hon. Theodore L. Carlson
 (*posthumously*)
 2010 Robert H. Berkshire
 2009 Douglas J. Stratton
 Gerald L. Soucie
 2008 John V. Hendry
 2007 D. Milo Mumgaard
 2006 Hon. Lyle E. Strom
 2005 James Hewitt
 2004 Hon. Thomas M. Shanahan
 2003 Kevin L. Ruser
 2002 Hon. Robert O. Hippe
 2001 Roberta S. Stick
 2000 Hon. James M. Murphy
 1999 James E. Gordon
 1998 Kim M. Robak
 1997 Robert W. Mullin
 1996 Michael D. Gooch
 1995 Albert T. Reddish
 1994 Indigent Defense Task Force
 1993 Howard P. Olsen Jr.
 1992 James M. Bausch
 1991 Hon. William C. Hastings
 1990 Hon. Gerald E. Rouse
 1989 Ronald Volkmer
 1988 Harvey S. Perlman
 1987 Hon. Norman M. Krivosha
 1986 Bennett G. Hornstein
 1985 Thomas J. Walsh
 1984 Hon. Lyle C. Winkle
 1983 Robert M. Spire
 1982 John M. Gradwohl
 1981 Hon. Herbert A. Ronin
 1980 Thomas R. Burke
 1979 Daniel D. Jewell
 1978 Thomas W. Tye
 1977 David Dow
 1975 Bert L. Overcash
 1974 Jack W. Marer
 1972 Seymour L. Smith
 1971 Herman Ginsburg
 1970 Hon. Paul J. Hickman

1969 Senator Roman L. Hruska
 1968 Hon. Edward F. Carter
 1966 George B. Hastings
 1965 Clarence A. Davis
 1964 Raymond G. Young
Award of Special Merit
 2023 Sen. Steve Lathrop
 2022 Education Rights Counsel
 2021 Michael E. Blackburn
 2020 Jessica Kallstrom-Schreckengost
 2019 D.C. (Woody) Bradford
 2018 Catherine M. Mahern
 Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic
 2017 Marianne Culhane
 2016 ACLU of Nebraska
 2015 James Mowbray
 Thomas Riley
 2014 Dennis G. Carlson
 2012 Ron Henningsen (*posthumously*)
 Lynda Henningsen
The Daily Record
 2011 Hon. Karen B. Flowers
 2010 Sec. of State John Gale
 Attorney General Jon Bruning
 2009 Dean Patrick J. Borchers
 Dean Steven L. Willborn
 2008 John P. Lenich
 2007 Robert Bartle
 2006 Roger W. Kirst
 2005 Hon. Alan L. Brodbeck
 2004 David S. Houghton
 2003 John B. Milligan
 2002 Douglas A. Kristensen
 2001 Jay J. Sullivan
 2000 Omaha Law League
 1999 Dennis R. Keefe
 1998 Mid-American Council Juvenile
 Diversion Program
 Nebraska Court Appointed Special
 Advocate (CASA) Association
 1997 Richard C. Witt
 1996 Hon. Richard D. Sievers
 1994 John R. Doyle
 1993 Charles W. Baskins
 1992 Kathleen M. Severens
 1991 Robert G. Scoville
 1990 Hon. Janice L. Gradwohl
 Hon. Robert Van Pelt
 1989 Hon. W.W. Nuernberger
 1988 Legal Services of SE Nebraska, Inc.
 Omaha Legal Aid Society
 Western Nebraska Legal Services
 Inc.
 1987 Hon. Robert C. McGowan
 1985 Richard M. Van Steenberg

1984 Robert J. Kutak
 1983 Richard D. Shugrue
 James W. Hewitt
 1982 Vard R. Johnson
 1981 Rodney Shkolnick
 John Strong
 1980 Joe R. Seacrest
 Robert D. Mullin
 1979 Robert M. Spire
 1978 Leo F. Clinch
 1977 Alfred G. Ellick
 1976 William J. Baird
 1975 Laurens Williams
 Jack W. Marer
 1974 Hon. Robert R. Moran
 1973 Murl M. Maupin
 Lester A. Danielson

Award of Appreciation

2023 Lynne Morton
2022 Ellen Brokofsky (*posthumously*)
2021 Denise Kracl
2020 Mark Fahleson
Tara Paulson
2019 S. Scott and Wendy Moore Family
2018 William J. Lindsay, Jr.
2017 Lorraine Boyd
2016 Frank C. Heinisch
2015 Congressman Brad Ashford
2014 Senator Steven M. Lathrop
Governor Charles Thone
2013 Hon. Vernon Daniels
Arturo Perez
2012 Hon. Jeffre Chevront
2011 Hon. Gerald E. Moran
2010 Daphne Hyun-Jin Aronson
Kenneth M. Wentz III
Sherman P. Willis
2008 Deanna Lubken
2007 The Woods Charitable Fund
2006 Riko E. Bishop
Mark J. Young
2005 First National Bank
2004 Lawrence Raful
2003 Ronald R. Volkmer
John M. Gradwohl
2002 Lane Foundation
2001 Nebraska Mock Trial Project
2000 Lancaster County Juvenile
Court Judges
1999 Alan H. Frank
1998 Linda L. Willard
1997 Eileen Reilly–Buzzello
James E. Reisinger
1996 The *Omaha World Herald*
1995 Jung Nguyen
1994 Nebraska Bankers Association
1993 Dave Thompson (*posthumously*)
Omaha World Herald
1992 Nebraska Association of Trial
Attorneys
Nebraska Highway Safety Program
1991 Reta Johnson,
Nebraska State Library
1989 Ted Larson, Lincoln
Southeast High School
National Bicentennial Competition
1988 Eleanor Propp, Nebraska
Commission for the Hearing
Impaired
1987 Kathryn E. Haugstatter,
Lincoln Star
1986 *Scottsbluff Star Herald*
1985 Thomas R. Walsh,
Nebraska Department of
Education
1984 KFAB Radio, Tom Johnson

1983 Volunteers Intervening for Equity
1982 KETV Television,
Gary Nielson
1981 Kearney State College,
Brendan McDonald
1980 Gary Kerr,
WOWT Television
1979 Nebraska Educational Television,
John M. Lewis
1978 Nebraska Commission on Aging,
David M. Howard
1977 Ceilia McNamara,
Omaha Bar Association
1975 *Lincoln Journal*,
Bill Kreifel
1974 *Omaha World Herald*,
John Taylor
1973 Junior League of Omaha,
Omaha Law Wives
1972 Donna Belle Weyers,
Secretary of State's Office
1971 KETV Television,
Kenneth James
1970 Maurice H. Sigler,
Nebraska Dept. of Corrections
1969 Benjamin Goble,
Lincoln Police Department
1968 Nebraska Association of
Broadcasters, Paul Jensen
1966 Junior League of Omaha,
Mrs. Tyler Gaines
1965 KMTV Television,
Owen Saddler
1964 *Lincoln Journal News Staff*,
Gil Savery

President's Professionalism Award

2023 Hon. William Jay Riley (*posthumously*)
2022 Thomas M. Maul
2021 Hon. Laurie Smith Camp (*posthumously*)
2020 Linda Crump
2019 G. Michael Fenner
2017 Rick Allan
2016 Lyle Koenig
Richard Moberly
2014 Hon. Lyle E. Strom
2013 Hon. Teresa Luther
2012 James E. Rembolt
2011 Christopher M. Ferdico
2010 Richard A. Knudsen
2009 Robert H. Berkshire
2008 Kevin Colleran (*posthumously*)
2007 Brenda Council
2006 Hon. Warren K. Urbom
2005 Vincent Dowding
Terry Grennan
2003 John B. Milligan

NSBA Diversity Award

2023 Korey T. Taylor
2022 Rose Godinez
2021 Shawntal Mallory
2020 Anna Shavers
2019 Yvonne Sosa
2018 Jamie C. Cooper
2017 Charlie Wright
2016 UNO Goodrich Scholarship Program
2015 Linda R. Crump
2014 Rita L. Melgares
2013 Frederick Franklin
Fredericks Peebles & Morgan, LLP
2012 Baird Holm LLP
2011 Fraser Stryker PC LLO
Hon. Vernon Daniels
2010 Kutak Rock LLP
Baird Holm LLP

Jan Gradwohl Outstanding Contributor to Women in the Law Award

2023 Mary Kay Hansen
2022 Anna W. Shavers (*posthumously*)
2021 Gail Perry
2020 Amy Van Horne
2019 Megan Belcher
2018 Hon. Mary Gilbride
2017 Hon. Riko Bishop
2016 Linda R. Crump
2015 Kathleen Neary
2014 Glenda J. Pierce
2013 Hon. Karen B. Flowers
2012 Marsha E. Fangmeyer
2011 Dean Susan Poser
Dean Marianne Culhane
2010 Deborah R. Gilg
2009 Susan Ann Koenig
2008 Marilyn B. Hutchinson
2007 Roberta Stick
2006 Eleanor Knoll Swanson
2005 Hon. Laurie Smith Camp
2004 Hon. Janice L. Gradwohl

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

2023 Ryan J. Kirshenbaum
2022 Lily Amare
2021 Dwyer Arce
2020 Kara Brostrom
2019 Christin Lovegrove
2018 Patrick M. Lee
2017 Laura Essay
2016 Breanna Anderson
2015 Jaclyn N. Daake
2014 Sara VanBrandwijk
2013 Ross R. Pesek
2012 Heidi M. Hayes
2011 Bradley A. Sipp
2010 Karine E. Sokpoh
2009 Brian Davis

Visionary Award

2024 Justin M. Daake
Susan Reff
Audrey R. Svane
2023 Melodie T. Bellamy
Ross R. Pesek
Ryan M. Swaroff
2022 Tana M. Fye
Catherine "Kate" M. Mahern
Ryan J. Stover
2021 Frederick T. Bartell
Mindy Rush Chipman
2020 Ann Mangiameli
Paul W. Snyder
Karine Sokpoh
2019 Molly Brummond
Terry Grennan
Todd Richardson
2018 Ryan Sullivan
Jennifer Kearney
Brouillette, Dugan & Troshynski
2017 Stacy C. Bach
Marsha E. Fangmeyer
Steven H. Howard
Muirne Heaney
2016 Karisa D. Johnson
Omaha Bar Association
2015 Senator Danielle M. Conrad
Michael F. Kinney
2014 Fitzgerald Vetter & Temple
Michelle M. Mitchell
Mark Jacobs
2013 Michael T. Brogan
Kim M. Seacrest
Margaret M. Zarbano
2012 James E. Schneider
Jackson Lewis, LLP
2011 Kutak Rock, LLP
Larry W. Beucke

Robert M. Spire Pro Bono Award

2024 Judith A. Schweikart
2023 Amy L. Van Horne
2022 James E. Gordon (*posthumously*)
2021 Ryan P. Sullivan
2020 Hon. Teresa Luther
2019 Harold Rock (*posthumously*)
2018 James A. Cada
2017 Jane Schoenike (*posthumously*)
2016 Hon. Stephen M. Swartz, ret.
2015 Avis Andrews
2014 James H. Truell
2013 Adam R. Tripp
2012 Tara L. Gardner
2011 Ann S. Moshman
2010 Susan M. Koenig
2009 Alan D. Martin
2008 Diane B. Metz
2007 Paul M. Conley
2006 Charles R. Maser
2005 Catherine Mahern
2004 Ralph E. Peppard
2003 John V. Morgan
2002 D. C. "Woody" Bradford
2001 Charles A. Nye
Stephen A. Scherr
2000 Mary L. Wilson
1999 Mark R. Widell
1998 Martin J. Kushner (*posthumously*)
1997 Gail S. Perry
1996 Connie Kearney
Robert F. Martin
1995 Paul W. Rea
1994 The Marks & Clare Firm
1993 Michael D. Matejka
1992 J. Marvin Weems
1991 Earl D. Ahlschwede
1990 Clark J. Grant
1989 James W. Crampton
1988 James R. Nisley
1987 Paul W. Korslund
1986 David Perlman
1985 John W. Ballew Jr.