



2009 Golden Gavel Award Nomination Deadline is October 30

Because Wisconsin residents rely on radio, television and other media to keep them informed about important legal issues, the State Bar of Wisconsin recognizes outstanding media coverage of those issues through its annual Wisconsin Gavel Awards competition. Golden Gavel and Certificate of Commendation Awards are made for news stories, documentaries, editorials and other broadcasts that contribute to the public's understanding of our justice system.

Award submissions are invited for exceptional materials that advance the following objectives:

1. To foster greater public understanding of the judicial and legal system;
2. To inform and to educate citizens about the roles of society, the law, the courts, law enforcement agencies and the legal profession; and
3. To disclose practices and procedures that improve and modernize our laws, courts and other law-related institutions statewide.

The Judging Committee, composed of lawyers, judges, educators and media representatives, will select winning entries based on informational value and educational merit, creativity, thoroughness, reportorial and other technical skills and impact.

2009 Golden Gavel and Certificate of Commendation Awards will be presented at a 2010 WBA event for outstanding work broadcast between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. All entries are due to the State Bar by Friday, October 30, 2009.

Information and entry forms will be distributed by the State Bar to the media and is also available on the State Bar's website at www.wisbar.org/gavel. For more information, contact Thomas Solberg, the State Bar's Media Relations Coordinator, at 608-250-6025 or via email at tsolberg@wisbar.org.

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