



Federal Bar Council

Whitney North Seymour Award Established by the Federal Bar Council in 1987

The Council presents an annual award at its Winter Meeting for “outstanding public service by a private practitioner.” The award is named in honor of the late Whitney North Seymour, a leading member of the bar who served as president of the American Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Legal Aid Society, and in countless other major positions of leadership at the bar and in the community. Except for a brief tour as Assistant Solicitor General of the United States early in his career, Mr. Seymour made all of his many contributions to the public good while in private practice, in the course of which he exemplified the highest standards of excellence. The award is in the form of a barrister’s wig case, similar to the type utilized by barristers in Great Britain and to a case acquired by Whitney North Seymour at the time he was made an honorary bencher of Lincoln’s Inn on the occasion of the first meeting of the American Bar Association held in London.

2023 – Marc Wolinsky	2009 – Michael A. Cooper
2022 – Vilia B. Hayes	2008 – Steven M. Edwards
2021 – no award conferred (due to Covid)	2007 – Bettina B. Plevan
2020 – Evan R. Chesler	2006 – Kenneth R. Feinberg
2019 – Ernest J. Collazo	2005 – Michael F. Armstrong
2018 – Carey R. Dunne	2004 – James F. Stapleton
2017 – Roy L. Reardon	2003 – Frederic S. Nathan
2016 – George A. Davidson	2002 – Evan A. Davis
2015 – Samuel W. Seymour	2001 – Bernard W. Nussbaum
2014 – Frank H. Wohl	2000 – Richard J. Davis
2013 – David R. Schaefer	1999 – Hon. Marvin E. Frankel
2012 – Patricia M. Hynes	1998 – Robert B. Fiske
2011 – William F. Plunkett, Jr.	1997 – Robert MacCrate
2010 – Audrey Strauss	1996 – Dean John D. Feerick
	1995 – Robert M. Kaufman

1994 – Hon. Conrad K. Harper
1993 – Thomas W. Evans
1992 – Amb. Morris B. Abram
1991 – Frederick A.O. Schwartz, Jr.
1990 – Robert B. McKay
1989 – Joseph H. Flom
1988 – Alexander D. Forger
1987 – Arthur L. Liman