



Federal Bar Council

Learned Hand Award

Established by the Federal Bar Council in 1962

The Council presents an annual medal for “Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence” designated the Learned Hand Medal, in memory of the late distinguished jurist. The medal is traditionally presented at the Law Day Dinner.

2024 – Circuit Judge Raymond Lohier, Jr.	2006 – Judge Edward R. Korman
2023 – Justice Sonia Sotomayor	2005 – Judge Richard A. Posner
2022 – Circuit Judge Denny Chin	2004 – Judge Michael B. Mukasey
2021 – Circuit Judge Debra A. Livingston	2003 – Judge Dennis Jacobs
2020 – no medal conferred (due to COVID)	2002 – Judge John M. Walker, Jr.
2019 – Judge Guido Calabresi	2001 – Justice Anthony M. Kennedy
2018 – Judge Jed S. Rakoff	2000 – Judge José A. Cabranes
2017 – Judge Richard C. Wesley	1999 – Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
2016 – Judge Gerard E. Lynch.	1998 – Professor Charles Alan Wright
2015 – Justice Clarence Thomas	1997 – Judge Pierre N. Leval
2014 – Justice Stephen G. Breyer	1996 – Judge Ralph K. Winter
2013 – Judge Barrington D. Parker	1995 – Judge Amalya L. Kears
2012 – Judge Robert A. Katzmann	1994 – Judge Thomas J. Meskill
2011 – Justice John Paul Stevens	1993 – Justice Sandra Day O’Connor
2010 – Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr	1992 – Judge Leonard B. Sand
2009 – Judge Lewis A. Kaplan	1991 – Justice Antonin Scalia
2008 – Judge Robert D. Sack	1990 – Justice Harry A. Blackmun
2007 – Judge Reena Raggi	1989 – Judge Morris A. Lasker

1988 – Professor Gerald Gunther
1987 – Judge Jon O. Newman
1986 – Judge Jack B. Weinstein
1985 – Professor Herbert Wechsler
1984 – Judge Edward T. Gignoux
1983 – Judge James L. Oakes
1982 – Judge Wilfred Feinberg
1981 – Judge Walter R. Mansfield
1980 – Judge John F. Dooling, Jr.
1979 – Professor Walter Gellhorn
1978 – Professor Paul A. Freund
1977 – Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
1976 – Judge Edward H. Levi
1975 – Justice Thurgood Marshall
1974 – Judge Irving R. Kaufman

1973 – Judge Edward Weinfeld
1972 – Judge Henry J. Friendly
1971 – Justice Warren E. Burger
1970 – U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers
1969 – U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr.
1968 – Justice William J. Brennan, Jr.
1967 – Justice John M. Harlan
1966 – Justice Abe Fortas
1965 – Judge Harold R. Medina
1964 – Judge J. Edward Lumbard, Jr.
1963 – Justice Arthur J. Goldberg
1962 – Professor James William Moore