

# [Vern Countryman Award](#)

Each year NCLC presents the Vern Countryman Consumer Law Award to a legal services or other public interest attorney whose special contributions to the practice of consumer law have strengthened and affirmed the rights of low-income Americans.

Since the first award was presented in 1990, the Vern Countryman Award has quickly become the top honor for consumer attorneys with 15 or more years of experience. We are most proud to know these outstanding advocates and applaud their efforts on behalf of low-income consumers. Each year NCLC presents the Vern Countryman Award to an attorney whose career work has significantly contributed to the rights and well-being of low-income consumers.

We welcome and encourage your nominations for a deserving defender of consumer rights to receive the 2019 Countryman Award, which will be presented at our annual [Consumer Rights Litigation Conference](#) this November in Boston.

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Deadline: May 31, 2019

Winners include some of the most highly regarded consumer advocates in the country:

[Karen Brown](#) (2018), David Humphreys and Luke Wallace (2017), [Mark Chavez](#) (2016), [Lorray Brown](#) (2015), [Dale Irwin](#) (2014), [Richard N. Feferman](#) (2013), [David Leen](#) (2012), [Carlene McNulty](#) (2011)

### **2000-2010**

[O. Randolph Bragg](#), 2010  
[Michael D. Donovan](#), 2009  
[Bernard E. Brown](#), 2008  
[Mallam J. Maynard](#), 2007  
[F. Paul Bland, Jr.](#), 2006  
[Irv Ackelsberg](#), 2005  
[Gail Hillebrand](#), 2004  
[Dan Hedges](#), 2003  
[Joanne Faulkner](#), 2002  
[Lynn Drysdale](#), 2001  
[Richard Rubin](#), 2000

### **1990-1999**

Kathleen Keest, 1999  
Alan Alop, 1998  
David Ramp, 1997  
Elizabeth Imholz, 1996  
James Sturdevant, 1995  
Patricia Sturdevant, 1995  
Michael Ferry, 1994  
William Brennan, 1993  
Carolyn Carter, 1992  
Margot Freeman Saunders, 1991  
Henry Sommer, 1990