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:


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