

Vern Countryman Award

Nominate a 2020 Recipient today!

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.

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

Elizabeth Cabraser (2019), 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)



Will Ogburn and Dale Irwin (2014 Award Winner)



Mark Chavez (2016 Award Winner) and Rich Dubois



Elizabeth Cabraser (2019 Award Winner) and Mark Chavez



Lorray Brown (2018 Award Winner)



Sarah Mancini and Karen Brown (2018 Award Winner)



David Humphreys and Luke Wallace (2017 Award Winners) with Dick Rubin



2015 speakers after a session



2016 Conference Attendees



2017 Conference Attendees

Award Winners 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

Award Winners 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