

Rising Star Nomination

Established in 2015, the Rising Star award is presented annually by the National Consumer Law Center's Partners Council. The award honors an attorney or attorneys in practice for 15 years or less who have made a major contribution to consumer law by trying or settling one or more highly successful and significant cases within the past two years.

A subcommittee, composed of members of NCLC's Partners Council, will evaluate each nominated case using the following criteria. Please fill out this PDF if your nominee meets the requirements.

The cases won or settled by nominees may cover a broad range of consumer law, including but not limited to debt collection, credit cards, student loans, mortgage-related activity, truth in lending, auto sales or loans, bankruptcy, privacy, and racial justice. The case must meet this criteria:

- **The impact on consumers and consumer law.** This may include the consumer law issues that were litigated, the novelty of the issues involved, the importance of the case, the extent of relief, the number of people affected, the changes in industry practice, whether it affected others similarly situated and whether the case made "new law."
- **The commitment, perseverance, and expertise of the lawyer involved,** including the length of the case, the strategic and tactical skill involved, the obstacles and pitfalls overcome, the difficulty of the procedural hurdles, and trial strategy.
- **The deleterious effects of the defendant's conduct.** This includes the enormity of the wrong committed by the defendant and the degree of suffering or victimization of the plaintiffs.
- **The result** - specific relief obtained and whether it is final, including the amount of damages and/or the nature and extent of relief obtained, and any other results obtained.

Please fill in the following form:

1. Nominator Name:
Organization:
Email:

2. Nominee Name:
Organization:
Email:

3. Enter name of case:

4. Does your Nominee have less than 15 Year's Experience? Y/N
Y N

5. I have attached the Nominees Resume/CV: Y/N
Y N

6. Reference #1 (*can be same as Nominator)
Name:
Organization:
Email:

7. Reference #2
Name:
Organization:
Email:

Please submit a nomination by emailing this PDF and any required attachments to cmurray@nclc.org. References will be emailed and asked to write a small anecdote to why they support the nominee.