



Federal Bar Council

Learned Hand Award

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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.

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2019 – Judge Guido Calabresi	2000 – Judge José A. Cabranes
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2015 – Justice Clarence Thomas	1996 – Judge Ralph K. Winter
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2012 – Judge Robert A. Katzmann	1993 – Justice Sandra Day O’Connor
2011 – Justice John Paul Stevens	1992 – Judge Leonard B. Sand
2010 – Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.	1991 – Justice Antonin Scalia
2009 – Judge Lewis A. Kaplan	1990 – Justice Harry A. Blackmun
2008 – Judge Robert D. Sack	1989 – Judge Morris A. Lasker
2007 – Judge Reena Raggi	1988 – Professor Gerald Gunther
2006 – Judge Edward R. Korman	1987 – Judge Jon O. Newman
2005 – Judge Richard A. Posner	1986 – Judge Jack B. Weinstein
2004 – Judge Michael B. Mukasey	1985 – Professor Herbert Wechsler
2003 – Judge Dennis Jacobs	1984 – Judge Edward T. Gignoux
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1977 – Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
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1973 – Judge Edward Weinfeld
1972 – Judge Henry J. Friendly

1971 – Justice Warren E. Burger
1970 – U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers
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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