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Nominations Sought for Hon. Sylvia H. Rambo Award

Each year the Women's Law Caucus (WLC) of Penn State Dickinson Law honors a female in the legal profession, who has had a distinguished career and who, by example, has made the professional success of other women more likely. The WLC established this award in 1993, when it honored Judge Sylvia Rambo as the first recipient, paying tribute to her contributions as a lawyer and jurist and to her interest in promoting the role of women in the law. In conjunction with this award, the WLC sponsors the Honorable Sylvia H. Rambo Award Reception which will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Judge Rambo graduated cum laude from Dickinson College in 1958 and received her J.D. degree from The Dickinson School of Law in 1962. She served as the Cumberland County Chief Public Defender and as an adjunct professor of law at the Dickinson School of Law. Judge Rambo currently serves as a Senior Judge for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. She was originally appointed to the Federal bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 and was the first woman to serve as Chief Judge for the Middle District from 1992 to 1999. In May 2022 President Joe Biden signed a bill designating the United States courthouse on North 6th Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse." The legislation was introduced by Pennsylvania Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey and passed the U.S. House in March 2022.

Nominations for this prestigious award are now being solicited. Anyone may nominate a woman in the legal profession (lawyer, judge, politician, etc.) by using the online form provided on the Law School's website or by completing the form on the reverse side and forwarding it by mail to the attention of the Women's Law Caucus at Penn State Dickinson Law, 150 South College Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 or by email to DickinsonLawAlum@psu.edu. Supporting documentation (resume, curriculum vitae, newspaper or magazine articles, etc.) is greatly appreciated and will aid the Selection Committee in making its determination. The deadline for nominations is Friday, December 9, 2022.

Nomination Form the Hon. Sylvia H. Rambo Award

Nominations should reflect how the nominee meets the following criteria being used to select the recipient of the Award. All nominees for must be female, hold a J.D. from an American Bar Association accredited law school, and have been in the legal profession for at least ten years. Nominees may be attorneys, judges, or public officials, either currently practicing or retired, but may not be a current employee of Penn State’s Dickinson Law. The Selection Committee shall take into consideration whether the nominee has an affiliation with Pennsylvania State University and/or Dickinson Law. However, such affiliation shall not be the determinative factor in selection. Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding legal expertise through election or appointment to managerial, leadership, supervisory, or advisory positions and must have contributed to the status of women in the legal profession by demonstrating two or more of the following:

- Advising or mentoring female students in high school, college/universities, and/or graduate/professional schools
- Advising or mentoring female attorneys or peers in the legal profession
- Volunteering services to organizations affiliated with women’s issues
- Contributing to, participating in, or being affiliated with by membership in, or founding organizations affiliated with women’s issues
- Providing legal advice to organizations affiliated with women’s issues
- Being promoted as the first woman in a particular position
- Having an employment or an educational background in women’s issues
- Being a member of a women’s commission, committee, or council
- Having gained recognition through awards, honors, or achievements by other organizations or peers in the legal community, including but not limited to, local and state bar associations

Name of Nominee _____

Position of Nominee _____

Describe in detail how this Nominee meets the above Award criteria (Attach additional pages as needed)

Explain why you are nominating this Nominee (Attach additional pages as needed)

Additional comments _____

Supporting documentation. Please forward any available supporting documentation (resume, curriculum vitae, newspaper or magazine article) by mail to the attention of the Women’s Law Caucus at Penn State Dickinson Law, 150 South College Street, Carlisle, PA 17013, or by email attachment to DickinsonLawAlum@psu.edu.

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____ Your Email Address _____