



THE SOAR MEDAL

for Outstanding Contributions to the
Ontario Administrative Justice System

2024 Nomination Form

Ensure separate detailed documents are attached to Nomination

Nominee

Name _____

Title _____

Agency/Organization _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Nominator

Name _____

Title _____

Agency/Organization _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Yes, I have attached a separate document outlining detailed information and accomplishments about the nominee.

Nomination Instructions

Nominations must include:

- A letter of nomination setting out the reasons for the nomination;
- Background information on the nominee's outstanding service and achievements as they relate to the award;
- A current curriculum vitae; and
- Two (2) letters from other individuals supporting the nomination. Deadline for receipt of all submissions is Friday, October 25, 2024.

Please send completed nomination form and nominee details to:

Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators

PO Box 25, STN F

Toronto, ON, M4Y 2L4

Tel: 416-623-7454

E-mail: executivedirector@soar.on.ca

What is the SOAR Medal?

Award Criteria

The SOAR Medal is SOAR's top honour. The SOAR Medal is the highest expression of esteem that SOAR can convey. It honours those who have made a significant contribution and demonstrated their commitment to the field of administrative justice, who have been dedicated and active members or supporters of SOAR, and who have made a significant contribution to the administrative justice field and to the well-being of the community at large.

To be eligible for the award, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Consistent outstanding service and achievement or exceptional leadership dedicated to advancing excellence in the field of administrative justice, above and beyond the successful completion of day-to-day responsibilities; or
- A singular accomplishment of particular significance to the administrative justice community.

Although it is not mandatory for the award recipient to have volunteered for SOAR, the selection committee will consider an individual's volunteer service with SOAR. For more information about the SOAR Medal program, visit <https://soar.on.ca>.

For questions about the award and selection process:

Daphne Simon, Executive Director
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What are Administrative Justice System Agencies?

Administrative justice system agencies are organizations, which work at arm's length from government and determine the legal rights and regulatory obligations of Ontario residents under provincial statutes.

What is the Society of Ontario Adjudicators & Regulators (SOAR)?

SOAR is a non-government, non-partisan organization of agency chairs, members (adjudicators) and staff devoted to the improvement of Ontario's administrative justice system in the public interest. Its members come from provincial, municipal and federal administrative justice system agencies, domiciled in Ontario.

Who May be Nominated?

The award is open to both current and former members and staff of Ontario's administrative justice community. This includes adjudicators, tribunal staff, lawyers who practice before agencies, public servants, academics and judges. Current members of SOAR's Board of Directors are not eligible.

Who Selects the Award Recipient?

A selection committee from the administrative justice community, which may include past SOAR medal winners, shall meet after the close of nominations to select the winner, from among the nominee applications. The successful candidate shall be chosen by unanimous agreement among the selection committee.

PREVIOUS SOAR MEDAL RECIPIENTS, SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1995

1995 Robert W. Macauley, Q.C., Dr. Ratna B. Ray, George Thomson
1996 Mary Cornish, Andromache Karakatsanis, Andrew J. Roman
1997 Jeff G. Cowan, S. Ron Ellis, Q.C., Margot Priest
1998 Marie C. Rounding, John Swaigen, George Adams
1999 Gary J. Guzzo, Janet Skelton, Gary C. Yee
2000 Clare Lewis, Heather MacNaughton, Brian Goodman
2001 Doug Colborne, Carolyn Fenn, Ken Sandhu
2002 The Hon John Laskin, Kent McClure, Zeynep Onen
2003 Michael Bay, the late David B. Braund, the late Nick McCombie
2004 Kathy Laird, Richard Prial
2005 The Hon Madam Justice Deena Baltman, David Mullan, Ted Yao
2006 Murray Chitra, The Hon Justice Denis O'Connor, Robert Owen
2007 The Hon Justice Douglas Carruthers, Carol Prest

2008 Mary Ellen Cummings, Linda L. Gehrke, Dr. Bonita Porter
2009 Sara Blake, Chisanga Puta-Chekwe
2010 Mary Camacho, Dean Lorne Sossin, The Hon Justice Kevin Whitaker
2011 James Girling, The Hon Justice David Stratas, Toby Vigod
2012 Ayumi Bailly, Justice Edward Ormston, Paul Sommerville
2014 The Hon Justice Stephen T. Goudge, Q.C. Robert Butterworth, Q.C.
2015 Ian Strachan
2016 The Hon Freya Kristjanson, Gary R. Stanley
2017 Avvy Yao Yao Go, Lilian Ma
2018 Valerie Jepson, Janet Leiper
2019 Emanuela Heyninck, Susan E. Opler
2020 Brian Cook, Laura Pettigrew
2021 Raj Anand, David A. Wright
2022 Kwame Addo, Michelle Alton
2023 Margaret Leighton, The Hon Katherine Swinton