



# THE SOAR MEDAL

for Outstanding Contributions to the  
Ontario Administrative Justice System

## 2025 Nomination Form

*Ensure separate detailed documents are attached to Nomination*

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>
Name _____	Name _____
Title _____	Title _____
Agency/Organization _____	Agency/Organization _____
Telephone _____	Telephone _____
Email _____	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 24, 2025.

**Please send completed nomination form and nominee details to:**

**Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators**

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Toronto, ON, M4Y 2L4

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# 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, Lillian 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  
2024 Pam Chapman