

Victor Rosskopf Award for Professionalism and Ethics Guidelines

- 1. Committee Composition.** The Rosskopf Award Selection Committee will be appointed each year by the NAALJ President. The Committee will consist of a chair and four other members. The chair and two members will be past award recipients. The fourth member will be selected from the NAALJ Board of Governors, and the fifth member selected from the NAALJ general membership. The composition of the committee will be inclusive and reflect the diversity of the NAALJ membership.
- 2. Selection Criteria.** The following criteria will be used to evaluate a candidate's judicial professionalism and ethics. Candidates must demonstrate moral courage, fairness, patience, mercy, decisiveness, innovation, intelligence, dignity, and integrity in the performance of their jobs. Candidates will also be evaluated based on their contributions to the field of administrative adjudication. They need not be an attorney or a NAALJ member. A person may be posthumously nominated for the award.
- 3. Soliciting Nominations.** The Committee will solicit nominations from the NAALJ membership. Nominations will be submitted by email to the Chair and are due by August 19, 2022. Each nomination must include an explanation of the candidate's qualifications for the award. Committee members can also make nominations.
- 4. Recipient Selection.** The Committee will meet and review the nominations and each candidate's qualifications using the above criteria. The award recipient must receive a majority vote of the Committee members. The committee may also decide not to select an award recipient in a particular year. The chair shall notify the Board of Governors of the choice of the award recipient or decision not to select an award recipient no later than 30 days before NAALJ's annual meeting.
- 5. Making the Award.** The recipient's name will be provided to the NAALJ executive director, who will arrange for purchasing and engraving the actual award. The chair will be responsible for notifying the recipient and nominator of the selection. If the award is posthumous, appropriate family members will be notified instead. The Board may, funds permitting, authorize payment for transportation and lodging for the recipient or an immediate family member to the annual meeting and the banquet. When the award is given, the award will be explained and the recipient introduced by a person selected by the President, and the recipient or family member will be given an opportunity to make an acceptance speech. Award recipients may also accept the award by telephone or video conferencing.

The Victor J. Roskopf Achievement Award

Established in 2000, the Vic Roskopf award honors judges who embody the highest qualities of judicial professionalism and ethics. The award honors the memory of the late Judge Vic Roskopf, a longtime member of the NAALJ Board and its Treasurer. The award is bestowed no more than once annually; and there was no award given in 2006, 2010, 2013, or 2020.