

***2025 Frank L. Maraist Award***

We look forward to presenting the 11th Annual Frank L. Maraist Award on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Calcasieu in New Orleans, LA.

The Frank L. Maraist Award program recognizes young lawyers who have outstanding achievements in their practice and have made significant contributions to the legal profession, the defense bar, and the community.

This year, as in years past, we will open up nominations and encourage that the membership submit nominees who they believe best represent the spirit of this award. However, this year, the Young Lawyer Committee has decided to change the evaluation process.

Once the time for nominations closes, the Young Lawyer Committee will evaluate the nominations and select a number of finalists. We received very positive feedback regarding the the new written question criterion we added to the process last year, so we are making that a permanent part of the process moving forward. Once the finalists are selected, they will be contacted, provided with a written question or questions intended to give the Board and the Committee a chance to hear from them on why they are deserving of this recognition, and given a deadline to send in their written response(s).

The Young Lawyer Committee and the Board will then vote for the recipient of the Frank L. Maraist Award. All finalists will be invited with a guest to attend the Awards dinner on August 7, 2025.

**Dates To Remember**

Open nominations – June 2, 2025

Deadline for nominations – June 26, 2025

Finalists Announced – July 2, 2025

Finalists Sent Written Questions – July 2, 2025

Written Submissions Due – July 15, 2025

Voting Complete by July 22, 2025

Awards Ceremony – August 7, 2025



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The outstanding qualities of each nominee will be considered in selecting the Frank L. Maraist Award recipient. Award criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Is admitted to practice in Louisiana and is in good standing;

• Is 39 years old or younger or in practice for six or fewer years;

* Is a member in good standing of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel;

• Demonstrates professional excellence;

• Demonstrates service to the profession and the bar;

• Demonstrates commitment to pro bono work and community service; and

• Demonstrates contributions to furthering the ideals of the legal profession.

Please submit a brief synopsis of no more than 300 words explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award. Supporting materials should not exceed five pages.



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**Nomination Form**

*Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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*Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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