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The Award is named in honour of Lorne Clarke, Q.C., former Chief Justice of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, past member of Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia Board of Directors and a long time supporter of access to justice and public legal education.

The Lorne Clarke, Q.C. Access to Justice Award was created to recognize exceptional contributions in promoting access to justice and legal information in Nova Scotia by an individual or organization in one or more of the following areas:

- Promoting of human rights and equality
- Championing a particular legal issue or the elimination of a particular injustice or discrimination
- Promoting access to courts or legal services
- Being instrumental in law reform or changes to the law
- Developing innovation in legal education
- Providing exemplary professional service to the Nova Scotian within the legal or justice field.

The 2010 Award will be judged on the contribution and efforts of the nominees for the calendar years of 2007 -2009.

Who is the Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia?

The Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (LISNS pronounced like “listens”) is a registered charity that seeks to assist Nova Scotians by informing and educating them about the law and legal processes. LISNS has provided legal information to the community since 1982.

LISNS mission is to enable Nova Scotians to:

- Have access to legal information
- Solve legal problems with informed choices
- Act on their rights and responsibilities.

Who can be nominated?

- Any resident of Nova Scotia provided they have been resident for at least a year.
- A group or organization based in Nova Scotia.

Who can make a nomination?

- Anyone may make a nomination with the following exceptions:
 - A person cannot nominate him or herself or a relative.
 - A person cannot nominate his or her organization.

What is the Nomination Process?

- Nominations must be submitted on the LISNS Lorne Clarke, Q.C. Access to Justice Nomination Form and must be signed by the nominator
- The nominee must agree to be nominated and sign the nomination form.
- The nomination must include a letter of support from a third party. Third party cannot be related to the nominator or to the nominee.
- Nominations may be submitted by email, fax or ordinary mail and must be received by LISNS no later than February 15th, 2010.

What is the Award Process?

- All Nominations will be reviewed by the LISNS Award Committee.
- Recommendations will be forwarded from the committee to the LISNS Board of Directors for final approval and acceptance.
- The recipient will be chosen in the 4th week of February 2010.
- The award recipient will be contacted before a public announcement is made.
- The 2010 Award will be presented at LISNS LAW-Di-Dah Dinner on March 3, 2010 in Halifax.
- Following presentation of the Award a list of all nominees will be displayed at the dinner and published on the LISNS website.
- If no nominees meet the criteria in a specific year, there will be no award in that year.

The Award

- The Award will be a depiction of LISNS Legal Seagull.
- The recipients name will be attached to the Award along with the date of the Award. The Legal Seagull is a trademark of LISNS and is LISNS search-engine on its website.



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Lorne Clarke, Q.C. Access to Justice Award
- Recognizing exceptional contributions in promoting access to justice and legal information
in the Province of Nova Scotia -**

Completed nomination forms must be received by LISNS no latter than February 15, 2010

Please send the form and support letter by mail to:
Lorne Clarke, Q.C. Access to Justice Award
Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia
5523B Young Street
Halifax, NS, B3K 1Z7

By fax to: 902-455-3105 By email: to development@legalinfo.org

Information about the individual or organization you are nominating

Name:
Title:
Organization:
Address:
Postal Code:
Phone:
Fax:
Email:
Signature of the Nominee:

Information about you, the Nominator

Name:
Title:
Organization:
Address:
Postal Code:
Phone:
Fax:
Email:
Signature of the Nominator:

The Nominee's contribution to promoting access to justice and legal information in Nova Scotia.

Please explain your reasons for the nomination and describe the nominee's accomplishments in promoting access to justice and legal information during 2007-2009 in one or more of the following areas:

- Promotion of human rights and equality
- Highlighting a particular injustice, issue or discrimination
- Promotion access to courts or legal services
- Instrumental in law reform or changes to the law
- Innovation in legal education
- Exemplary professional service to the Nova Scotia public within the legal or social justice field.

You may also attach relevant reports, newspaper clippings, pamphlets etc.

Don't forget to include a letter of support for the nomination from another person.

Reasons for the nomination: (should be 750 words or less):

Here's what the Awards Committee would like to tell them:

- What did the nominee do?
- Was he or she involved with a particular issue or cause?
- Who was affected by his or her work and how?
- What was accomplished by the nominee's work?
- What other "work" does the nominee do in the community?