

2026 ASIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

* Nomination investment will be returned if your candidate is not selected.



Recognizing Excellence in Leadership Across Corporate Sectors

Profiles in Leadership Journal™ has been giving a big thumbs up to amazing business leaders who make their companies successful, motivate their teams, and create welcoming workplaces since 1999. Now, the Asian Leadership Award is in its sixth year, and it keeps on cheering for awesome professionals with Asian backgrounds who help their companies grow, come up with new ideas, and build strong teams. We're asking companies to put forward the names of incredible Asian leaders—people whose skills, hard work, and leadership have made their company, industry, and community better.

Who Can Be Nominated?

Asian Leaders are superstars at work, picked by their bosses or teammates because they're confident, determined, and really good at what they do. They make things better for everyone around them, from coworkers to customers, and even the whole community.

This award is open to:

- Established executives and up-and-coming stars who help their companies grow by thinking smart, being creative, and working hard.
Influential decision-makers who help develop talent, mentor others, and foster collaboration in their organizations.
High-potential professionals and senior executives who are making a meaningful difference in their workplace, industry, or community.
Problem-solvers and contributors who help their organizations adapt, grow, and achieve business goals.
Leaders at all levels who are committed to professional excellence and advancing opportunities for others.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: April 17, 2026

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Complete Your Nomination in 4 Steps

1. Provide important nomination information on pages 3 & 4 of this document.

Nominations will be reviewed and judged based on the brief bio you provide, that may include contributions and achievements in support of colleagues, customers, or communities, and in other areas the nominator deems important:

- Professional Achievement
- Innovation
- Mentorship
- Community Involvement
- Leadership
- Pipeline development
- Legacy

2. Complete the Nomination Area on Page 5

There is a \$495 processing investment per nomination which must be received by the nomination deadline. *If your nominee is not selected, your nomination investment will be refunded.*

3. Upload* Your Completed Nomination document by April 17, 2026

at <https://leadershipjournal.com/al-nomination-upload/>.

* Nomination forms must be submitted/uploaded via PLJ's secure online portal. Email submissions will not be accepted!

4. Recognize Your Leaders with Confidence

We understand that today's communications require care and consideration. That's why *Profiles in Leadership Journal* offers all nominating organizations the opportunity to review and approve their award winner's profile prior to publication.

Your organization remains in full control of how your leadership is portrayed — we're your partner in celebrating excellence, not a source of concern.

It's that Easy

If your nominee should be selected as a 2026 Asian Leadership award recipient, we will notify both your successful nominee and the person who nominated him or her. We'll also send each nominee a Question & Answer form. He or she will be asked to answer a few questions, write a brief essay, and provide two high-resolution photographs, as well as a digital version of your organization's logo. Each nominee's photograph, essay, and professional information will appear on a dedicated full page in our Mid-Year issue. Just complete the Nomination area on pages 3 and 4. Then upload this completed PDF and submit your entry fee. Links for upload and payment are on page 5.

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(Please fill in all form fields and **be sure to save this file** when completed)

Before You Begin

As part of our collaborative process, your organization will have the chance to review and approve the final profile of your award winner before publication. This ensures alignment with your internal messaging and gives your team full confidence to nominate with peace of mind.

A. Nominee Information

Nominee's Name: Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr. _____
(as it should appear in print and please check prefix that applies)

Job Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Full Corporate Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact info for Nominee's
Administrative Assistant: _____

B. Nominated by:

Note: The nominator must be the primary point of contact for all editorial communications. Using a company executive as the nominator will not increase a nominee's chances of selection. He or she will be evaluated on merit alone. Please ensure that the person whose information is entered below is available to manage all communications related to the nomination and award process.

Nominator's Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Corporate Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Secondary Contact Name & Email: _____

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C. Tell Us Why You Chose this Nominee

Briefly explain why your nominee should be recognized as a 2026 Asian Leadership awardee: (200 words max.)

Provide a brief bio that highlights your nominee's contributions and accomplishments, which may include examples of professional achievement, innovation, mentorship, community involvement, leadership, pipeline development, legacy, and economic development. (300-400 words max.)

D. Final Profile Approval

Please confirm your preference regarding the final profile approval process:

- Yes**, we would like to review and approve the final profile before publication.
- No**, we trust the editorial process and do not require a final review.

Note: If "Yes" is selected, publication will not proceed without your organization's approval.

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E. Nomination Processing

NOMINATION INVESTMENT: \$495:

After uploading your Nomination form, please be sure to go to our secure payment portal where you can submit your entry payment. If your nominee is not selected, *PLJ* will refund your nomination investment.



Please upload this document at: *(do not email)*
<https://leadershipjournal.com/al-nomination-upload/>



Submit \$495 payment at:
<https://buy.stripe.com/7sldTGgNJ2ptfCwfZ5>

**If you need an invoice for payment, please email
James Rector: publisher@leadershipjournal.com**

Submitted nomination and fee must be received by April 17, 2026.
Emailed submissions will not be accepted!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Will our organization have the opportunity to review the award winner's profile before publication?**
Yes. We offer every nominating organization the chance to review and approve the final profile of their award winner before publication. We understand the importance of alignment with internal communications and public messaging. Your team remains in full control of what is shared publicly. If you have any edits or changes that you would like to make to your page(s) after the magazine is posted online please email stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com.
- 2. Will the nomination investment be refunded if our candidate is not selected?**
Yes.
- 3. Is my organization allowed to nominate a candidate who has been named an Asian Leadership Award winner in the past?**
Yes. Your nominees may include a candidate or candidates who have previously been named Asian Leadership Award winners.
- 4. How will my organization be notified of our nominee's acceptance?**
Confirmation that your organization's nominee has been accepted will be sent to the nominator and the award winner. We will also be sending him or her a Question & Answer Form to fill out and upload to us, along with a high resolution photo and corporate logo.
- 5. Is purchasing an advertisement in the Mid-Year 2026 issue of *PLJ* required if our nominee is accepted?**
No advertising purchase is required.
- 6. Will we be able to request PDFs of our nominee's profile layout?**
Yes. Please email stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com after the magazine issue comes out, and he will send you the PDF files that you would like to receive **free of charge**.

Here are samples of some past winners' profile pages.

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Inderveer Hothi
Partner



Passionate about helping people and excelling in the law

Inderveer Hothi, a partner in Akin's debt finance practice, boasts an impressive track record of consistently delivering exceptional results for her commercial clients, and is passionate about many causes. She has built enduring relationships with her clients, which include a premier global asset manager, a leading private equity firm, and one of the world's largest oil and gas companies, all of whom benefit from her expertise and dedication.

In addition to her impressive professional accomplishments, Inderveer is passionately dedicated to pro bono work and promoting social mobility. She actively mentors aspiring lawyers and advocates for a more inclusive legal profession, establishing herself as a genuine champion for both her clients and the broader community.

Inderveer is a vital member of Akin's finance team, specializing in the structuring of debt finance transactions across various industries and jurisdictions. She has earned the respect of both clients and colleagues for her expertise in private placements, direct lending, acquisition financing, and restructuring mandates.

A passionate advocate for the next generation of lawyers, Inderveer actively participates in social mobility initiatives. She collaborates with partner organizations to engage with students, offering guidance on how to pursue a career in law. As a London Graduate Recruitment Partner, she plays a key role in both the recruitment and development of solicitors, including overseeing the London Vacation Scheme and dedicating significant time to mentoring trainees and junior associates.

Inderveer is also a member of Akin's Women's Firmwide Resource Group (FRG) and the REACH FRG. These inclusive groups foster ongoing dialogue around shared interests and concerns among our lawyers and professionals, creating a supportive environment for building stronger connections and generating innovative solutions to complex challenges.

In 2024, Inderveer dedicated over 170 hours to pro bono work, including assisting immigrant children with their citizenship applications. Her efforts have helped these children secure documentation, allowing them to remain with their families and build a brighter future.

Education: LPC, The College of Law (London); Bachelor of Laws (with honors), University of Sheffield

Company Name: Akin

Industry: Law

Company CEO: Abid Qureshi and Dan Walsh

Number of Employees: 1,800+

Your Location: London, UK

Words you live by: Be yourself.

Who is your personal hero? Both my parents who worked incredibly hard to give their children the best start in life by making us believe that anything is possible if you apply yourself.

What book are you reading? *Empireland* by Satnam Sanghera and *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin.

What was your first job? Sales assistant in a shoe shop which sparked a lifelong addiction to shoes.

Favorite charity: The Trussell Trust which is a UK based anti-poverty charity and community of food banks.

Interests/Hobbies: Fashion, live music and travel.

Family: I am blessed with an amazing family - my parents, my three siblings and my nieces are all incredibly supportive. I also have a very close extended family network of aunts, uncles and cousins who play an instrumental role in my life.



Her career hasn't gone in a straight line but it's been rewarding all the same

Growing up, my parents always stressed the importance of education. Around the dinner table, they'd talk about how careers in medicine and engineering could open doors to a stable, fulfilling future. For my sister and me, these conversations made those paths feel both exciting and achievable. Their support built my curiosity and confidence early on, especially when it came to science.

I chose engineering because it fit how I think—I love solving problems and analyzing how things work. It became my way of understanding the world and making a real impact. The critical thinking I honed during my studies and in my early career set the stage for a shift I didn't see coming but ended up loving just as much.

Switching from engineering to law and patent litigation wasn't part of my original plan, but it made sense as my interests evolved. Engineering didn't just teach me how to build things; it taught me how to think through complex systems and challenges. That mindset was invaluable in learning intellectual property and technology law. At their core, both engineering and law are about breaking down complexity and finding practical and impactful solutions.

Reflecting on my career path, it hasn't been a straight line, but every step has led me closer to what feels right for me. Each chapter, from engineering to law, has opened doors to new challenges and meaningful opportunities. Being named one of the Asian Leadership awardees is a humbling milestone, and I hope my story inspires others to trust their growth, follow their passions, and carve out their own unique paths.

Education: JD, UC Berkeley; MS EE, UC San Diego; BS EE, UC Irvine

Company Name: Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP

Industry: Law

Company CEO: Jennifer Estremera, Managing Partner

Company Headquarters Location: Five offices nationwide

Your Location: New York, NY

Words you live by: Everything in moderation, including moderation.

Who is your personal hero? Mom and Dad

What book are you reading? *Decrypting Money: A Comprehensive Introduction to Bitcoin* by Anthony Jefferies, Marco Krohn, and Marco Streng

What was your first job? Bagging groceries

Favorite charity: Orchard Valley School

Interests/Hobbies: Gardening, architecture, gastronomy

Family: Partnered



Education: UCLA

Company Name: Stretto

Industry: Legal Services

Company CEO: Eric Kurtzman,
Jonathan Carson

Company Headquarters Location:
Irvine, CA

Number of Employees: 350+

Words you live by: Gratitude, purpose
(and by extension, so what?)

Who is your personal hero? My mom

What book are you reading?
The Biography of Saladin

What was your first job? I helped my
mom sew garments while in grade
school; then graduated to flipping
burgers at the mall.

Favorite charity: Our family sponsors a
water filtration system for 4,000 people
in a remote village in Vietnam.

Interests/Hobbies: Spending time with
my family, listening to history podcasts,
investing, and gaming.

Family: Married to my high school
sweetheart, Maisa. Father to amazing
and hardworking twins, Sophia
and Jacob.

Great mentors have inspired him to do great work

Knowing when to lead and when to follow – my mentors, Stretto’s Co-CEOs Eric Kurtzman and Jonathan Carson, with whom I’ve worked closely for over 20 years, consistently exhibit this quality.

They were often the smartest people in the room—not always, but maybe 95% of the time. For the remaining five percent, they recognized who around the table was smarter on any given topic, and not just sought their counsel, but acted on it. This intellectual honesty in leadership remains refreshing to this day.