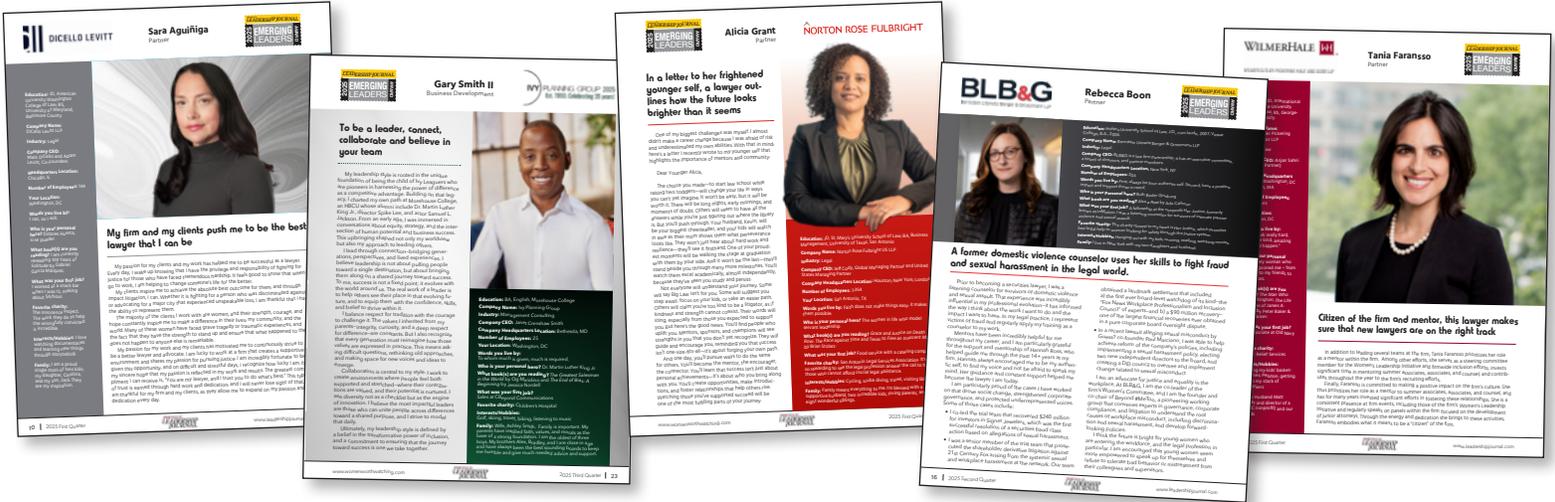


Emerging Leaders Award Second Quarter

NOMINATION FORM

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



The Emerging Leaders Award aims to honor professionals who embody excellence, integrity, and innovation, regardless of their age or position within the organization. By highlighting these rising leaders, we are committed to showcasing varied perspectives of leadership that drives organizations forward and advocating for greater recognition of emerging talent. We are offering the Emerging Leaders Award every quarter. Take advantage of the ability to recognize these individuals as they develop into becoming the leaders of tomorrow.

Why This Award is Unique and Prestigious

- This award specifically recognizes the contributions and leadership of professionals who are early in their leadership journey within organizations.
• Recognizes individuals for their professional achievements and their ability to positively influence their work environment and colleagues through their personal qualities and actions.
• Winners will be honored with a full-page profile in the current quarterly issue of Profiles in Leadership Journal, providing significant visibility and recognition.

Deadline for Nominations: April 17, 2026



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# Emerging Leaders Award

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## NOMINATION FORM

### 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 must include some or all of the following criteria:

- **Exemplary Personal Commitment:** Nominees must have a track record of demonstrating exceptional personal commitment and drive for excellence in their roles.
- **Positive Influence and Charisma:** Nominees should have a positive influence on their colleagues and work environment, showcasing their charisma and ability to uplift others.
- **Innovation and Impact:** Nominees should demonstrate innovative thinking and have made a significant impact on their organization or community.
- **Empathy and Integrity:** Nominees should exhibit empathy and integrity, fostering a supportive and inclusive workplace.

#### 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/el-q2-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 an Emerging Leader 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 packet. He or she will be asked to answer a few general questions, write an optional brief essay, and provide two high-resolution photographs, as well as a digital version of your organization's logo. Each nominee's photograph, optional essay, and professional information will appear on a dedicated full page in our Q2 issue. Just complete the Nomination area on pages 3 and 4. 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 Emerging Leader awardee: (200 words max.)

**Provide a brief bio** that highlights your nominee's personal commitment and drive for excellence in their roles. Describe one of the following: 1) How they positively influence their colleagues and work environment. 2) How they demonstrate innovative thinking and make a significant impact on your organization or community. 3) Or their exhibitions of empathy and integrity, fostering a supportive and caring workplace. (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/el-q2-nomination-upload/>



Submit \$495 payment at:

<https://buy.stripe.com/4gw2aYbtp5BF3TOcMX>

**If you need an invoice for payment, please email  
James Rector: [publisher@leadershipjournal.com](mailto:publisher@leadershipjournal.com)**

**Submitted application 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.
- 2. Will the nomination investment be refunded if our candidate is not selected?**  
Yes.
- 3. Can my organization nominate more than one Emerging Leader for 2026?**  
Yes. Each organization may nominate up to four (4) candidates for this award.
- 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 along with the Question & Answer Form.
- 5. Why is the Emerging Leaders Award being offered quarterly?**  
We want to give organizations the ability to recognize their new leaders all year.
- 6. Is purchasing an advertisement in the Q2 2026 issue of *PLJ* required if our nominee is accepted?**  
No advertising purchase is required.
- 7. Will we be able to order printable PDFs of our nominee's profile layout?**  
Yes. If you wish to receive a FREE PDF of your nominee's layout from the Q2 magazine, please email a request to [stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com](mailto:stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com) after the issue has been launched.

# HERE IS A SAMPLE OF A PAST AWARD WINNER PROFILE PAGE.

COHEN  
ZIFFER  
FRENCHMAN  
& MCKENNA

**Orrie Levy**  
Partner



**Education:** JD, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; BA, New York University

**Company Name:** Cohen Ziffer Frenchman & McKenna LLP

**Industry:** Law

**Company Headquarters Location:** New York, NY

**Number of Employees:** 50

**Words you live by:** Integrity is everything.

**Who is your personal hero?** My father

**What book(s) are you reading?** *Unsong* by Scott Alexander

**What was your first job?** Lifeguard

**Favorite charity:** Bike4Chai

**Interests/Hobbies:** Cooking, Exercise, Painting

**Family:** Wife and three children



## Lead by example means teamwork, hard work and empowerment go hand in hand

“Lead by example” is often a cliché or tagline; but for me it is a guiding principle. It means that we are in this together. It means that when I expect my team to fight zealously for our clients, but always within the bounds of ethics and integrity, it is because I am deeply committed to these values. It means that if I ask my team to take pride in their work, it is because I take pride in my work. And it means that if I ask my team to work over the weekend it is because a project is important and time sensitive, and not because of mismanagement. Rest assured, I make sure this happens rarely, and that I am working over the weekend too. I have found that this type of leadership not only leads to the best work product, but also fosters a work environment where people feel supported and empowered to take ownership over their work and develop professionally.

I learned this style of leadership early in my career as a prosecutor, observing my supervisors approach decision-making with care and deep conviction, knowing that their decisions impacted people’s lives. That approach to justice had a profound impact on me, as I found myself

working tirelessly to live up to their example, both in terms of their legal acumen, and in terms of their moral seriousness. At the same time, they trusted me with high-profile matters and significant responsibility at an early point in my career, which taught me that trusting people to rise to the occasion and giving them the support they need to succeed often encourages people to meet that challenge head on, rather than run from it.

This lesson in leadership continued as I transitioned to private practice, where I met colleagues and mentors (some of whom are now my partners) who were committed to honing their craft, and helped me take my practice to the next level. They were always available (and still are) if I had a question, to discuss a case, offer constructive criticism, or to provide helpful guidance.

As I embark on the next chapter of my career, I intend to continue emulating the supervisors and mentors who taught me the critical value of leading by example. In doing so, I hope to empower the next generation of leaders to approach their legal practice tenaciously, but also with empathy.