



## **CRITERIA FOR THE 2024 LEONARD WEINGLASS IN DEFENSE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AWARD**

**The criteria considered by the committee for judging the nominees includes:**

1. A particular achievement in significantly advancing or protecting civil rights;
2. The public interest significance of the case(s). This includes the civil rights issues that were litigated, the novelty of the issues involved, the importance of the issues, whether the case made “new law,” and whether it affected others similarly situated;
3. The harmfulness of the defendant's conduct. This includes the enormity of the wrong committed by the defendant and the degree of suffering or victimization of the plaintiffs;
4. The vulnerability of the rights or individuals protected;
5. The result that was reached in the case(s); and
6. The extent to which the nominee's work advances the goals of
  - protecting individuals and their civil liberties;
  - holding accountable those who abuse power;
  - increasing access to the courts;
  - combating threats to our Bill of Rights and our justice system; and
  - inspiring lawyers and others to fight to preserve the rights of individuals, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

### **2024 Leonard Weinglass in Defense of Civil Liberties Award Presentation.**

The Leonard Weinglass in Defense of Civil Liberties Award will be presented at the 2024 AAJ Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.



**CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
NOMINATION FORM FOR THE 2024  
LEONARD WEINGLASS IN DEFENSE  
OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AWARD**

**Nomination deadline for the 2024 Leonard Weinglass in Defense of Civil Liberties Award: Monday, May 6, 2024.**

**Completed nomination forms should be emailed to [sections@justice.org](mailto:sections@justice.org).**

**Nominator Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Information**

Please provide a brief description (1-2 pages) of why you think the nominee deserves the Award, including the work they have done to advance civil liberties. Please include links to news clips, biographies, or other pertinent information about the nominee.

**Questions**

For more information regarding Leonard Weinglass in Defense of Civil Liberties Award, please contact Matt Eichelberger, Chair of the Civil Rights Section, at [matt@ike-law.com](mailto:matt@ike-law.com)