



# NEW HAVEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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## NHCBA YALE SAPPERN CIVILITY AWARD

### **Purpose:**

To honor and recognize a New Haven area lawyer or court staff person who exhibits and/or embodies the kind and helpful qualities found in the person and work of Yale Sappern, the Administrative Supervisor of the Family Division of the Superior Court, J.D. at New Haven, from 1966 to 1997. The intent of the award is to increase and encourage civility in our courthouse and legal community.

### **Criteria:**

The honoree should possess the attributes shown by Attorney Yale Sappern throughout his career to those with whom he worked or encountered. Specifically, these are:

- Encourages new staff or attorneys;
- Is patient with everyone;
- Is courteous to clients, attorneys, court and staff;
- Gives others the sense of importance in that they listen and give guidance;
- Sees substance over formality;
- Strives for excellence;
- Is candid and honest towards the Court and to colleagues;
- Sees the importance of others more than the importance of self; and
- Helps out colleagues without drawing attention to self.

### **Nomination Process:**

The membership of the New Haven County Bar Association will be sent a nomination form to solicit names from both the bench and the bar for this award. The staff of the Superior Courthouses in the City of New Haven and local sitting judges also will receive the award information and nomination form.

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Nominations should be submitted to the executive director of the New Haven County Bar Association by the date listed on the nomination form.

The Selection Committee shall meet in August to choose the recipient. The Committee's choice will be final. The Selection Committee shall consist of:

1. Three bar association representatives:

New Haven County Bar Association President  
New Haven County Bar Association President-Elect  
New Haven County Bar Association Court Relations Committee Chair

2. Chief Clerk, New Haven Superior Court

3. Three of the following judges, to be appointed by the Administrative Judge,  
New Haven J.D.:

The J.D. Presiding Judge of Family  
The J.D. Presiding Judge of Criminal  
The J.D. Presiding Judge of Civil  
The J.D. Presiding Judge of Juvenile

Questions should be directed to the New Haven County Bar Association office at (203) 562-9652. Nominations may be faxed to the office at (203) 624-8695, or submitted by e-mail to [NHCBAinfo@newhavenbar.org](mailto:NHCBAinfo@newhavenbar.org).