**THE LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL *MARYGOLD MELLI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD***

**AWARD PURPOSE**

The Marygold Melli Achievement Award was established in 1994 by the Legal Association for Women. Each year it recognizes and celebrates an outstanding individual in Wisconsin who has made substantial contributions to the interests of women in the law, has achieved professional excellence, and has contributed significantly to the eradication of gender bias in the legal system. The award honors Marygold Shire Melli, Professor Emerita at the University of Wisconsin Law School, a distinguished teacher, prolific scholar, parent of four children and contributor to her profession and her community. Professor Melli passed away on January 6, 2018.

**LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN**

The Legal Association for Women (LAW) is a voluntary association of lawyers and non-lawyers concerned about the law as it affects women and about women in the legal and law-related professions. LAW strives to promote equality and justice for all people, to advance the interests of women members of the legal profession, to improve the administration of justice, to improve relations between the legal profession and the public and to promote the rights of women in society. Organized in 1974, LAW provides continuing education and professional development opportunities for members. Outreach activities include liaisons to other organizations and bar associations, publications, and projects facilitating community access to the legal profession.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

A person of professional excellence who has made significant contributions to women in the law by:

1. *Advancing the interests of women members of the legal profession*;

2. *Promoting improvements in the administration of justice*;

3. *Promoting equality and social justice for all people*;

4. *Promoting the rights of women in society*; and

5. *Improving relations between the legal profession and the public*.

**PAST RECIPIENTS**

* Marie Stanton
* Linda Roberson
* Prof. Asifa Quraishi-Landes
* Mary Beth Keppel
* Kristine Euclide
* Hon. Margaret Vergeront
* Judy Schwaemle
* Gretchen Viney
* Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
* Marsha M. Mansfield
* Betsy Abramson
* Prof. Carin Clauss
* Hon. Angela Bartell
* Hon. Burneatta Bridge
* Eunice Gibson
* Pamela Barker
* Susan Steingass
* Prof. Louise Trubek
* Prof. June Weisberger
* Dianne Greenley
* Hon. Barbara Crabb
* Hon. Shirley Abrahamson
* Hon. JoAnne Kloppenburg
* Mary Lou Munts
* Ruth Doyle
* Tamara Packard
* Prof. Mary Prosser
* Diane Welsh

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Name of Nominee:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Please send the following materials, using the guidelines below, by **April 26, 2024**:

1. **Nomination Form**. The cover page of your nomination materials should be this completed form.
2. **Nominee's Resume**. The second document should be the nominee's resume or biography, describing her/his background and contributions. This document should not exceed two (2) pages.
3. **Nominee’s Photo**: A photo of the nominee appropriate for marketing provided in an email format.
4. **Award Criteria Narrative and Supporting Material**. In no more than two (2) typed pages, provide specific examples demonstrating that the nominee meets the award criteria. In addition, you may also include any other relevant material (up to eight (8) pages), including letters of support from individuals or organizations. However, the total nomination submission may not exceed ten (10) pages.
5. **Procedural Guidelines**. The nomination form and your attachments form the sole basis for the nomination. Submissions will not be returned and must be received in a readable e-mailed format sent to the Marygold Melli Award Committee, c/o **Erin Rome,** **rome@pdbusinesslaw.com****, and Emily Cunningham,** **emily@forwardlegalservices.com**