



Rhode Island Bar Association Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism

The Rhode Island Bar Association 2020 Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism is named for past Rhode Island Bar Association President Ralph P. Semonoff who championed the law as a high calling, justice as a defensible right, and public service as the beacon of a life's work. This award is presented to an attorney who has, by his or her ethical and personal conduct, commitment and activities exemplified, for fellow Rhode Island attorneys, the epitome of professionalism in the law, advancing the calling of professional practice through leadership, high standards of integrity, commitment and dedication.

Award Selection Criteria

Selection by, but not limited to:

- 1) respect for the law;
- 2) service as an officer of the court and protector of individual rights;
- 3) contribution of time and resources to public service, public education, charitable and pro bono activities in the community;
- 4) working with others in the legal system to make our legal system more accessible and responsive;
- 5) knowledge of the law and proficiency in practice;
- 6) courtesy, personal dignity, and professional integrity.

The recipient of the Ralph P. Semonoff Professionalism Award should not only observe the principles set forth above, but demonstrate an effort to educate those who do not conform to them to ensure adherence by the entire profession.

Please postal mail or email your nomination, including a written report detailing how the nominee meets the criteria and your name, telephone number, and email address, no later than March 16, 2020, to:

**Ralph P. Semonoff Professionalism Award Committee
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