



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2026 NYIPLA

INVENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year, the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA) presents the “*Inventor of the Year Award*” to pay tribute to an individual or group of individuals who, through their inventive talents, have made worthy contributions to society by promoting “the progress of Science and useful Arts.”

We encourage you to nominate one or more candidates. The Inventor of the Year Award enables the Association to extend recognition to deserving innovators and inventors, and promote the practice of intellectual property law.

In order to be eligible for the Award, nominees must have received one or more U.S. patents for his/her/their invention(s) contributing to modern society. A nomination form for submitting candidates is attached. Additional copies may be obtained from the Association website (www.nyipla.org) or by contacting the undersigned. Please forward your nominations by **Friday, January 9th, 2026**. See the nomination form for further rules and information, as well as the Frequently Asked Questions.

This year’s award will be accompanied by recognition at the Association’s Annual Meeting Awards Dinner and a monetary award of \$5,000 to the winner.

Thank you,

Ksenia Takhistova

Co-Chair, Inventor of the Year Award Committee

Maxine Graham

Co-Chair, Inventor of the Year Award Committee

About the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA):

The New York Intellectual Property Law Association was founded more than a century ago as an organization through which patent lawyers in New York could make their views known in Washington and provide support for the judiciary. Over the years, the NYIPLA evolved into an association that serves as a vehicle to promote the development and administration of all forms of intellectual property interests. The NYIPLA strives to educate the public and members of the bar in this field and continually works with foreign associations to harmonize the substance and interpretation of international conventions for the protection of intellectual property. Today, the NYIPLA consists of nearly 1,700 intellectual property attorneys practicing throughout the United States and abroad.

NOMINATION FORM FOR INVENTOR OF THE YEAR — 2026

Instructions: You may nominate as many people as you wish. Please provide one form for each nominee or joint nominee. Please submit two copies of all papers, including this form, that you wish to be considered by the Awards Panel. A nominee must: (a) have one or more issued U.S. patents (preferably not be the subject of pending litigation); (b) be favorably disposed to the patent system; (c) be respected by his or her professional peers. The Award is made in recognition of an inventor's, or group of inventors', contributions to science and the patent system.

1. Nominee(s): _____
Address: _____
Tel: _____ E-mail: _____
2. Identify invention(s) forming the basis of the nomination:

3. List, by number and inventor, the United States Patent(s) with respect to the above invention(s):

4. Set forth any known litigation, interference, or other proceeding that involves or has involved the foregoing inventions or patents, and the result:

5. Nominator: _____
Address: _____
Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
6. How did you learn about this opportunity to submit the IOTY Nomination?

Please feel free to provide a summary of the nominee's contributions which form the basis of this nomination, and of any recognition of the nominee's contributions accorded by their peers. Include any additional information you believe the Awards Panel will find helpful. Materials submitted may not be returned. Please forward the nomination materials by **Friday, January 9th, 2026** to the **NYIPLA Executive Office**, E-mail admin@nyipla.org. **Due to the number of submissions received, please do not contact the Inventor of the Year Award Committee regarding the status of your nomination submission.** Unsolicited contact (after nomination and before the selection of a winner) with the committee by the nominee or their representative may result in the automatic disqualification of the nominee.