



THE CANADIAN
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CBABC Women Lawyers Forum Debra Van Ginkel, QC Mentoring Award

This award honours the memory and accomplishments of Debra Van Ginkel, QC, an extraordinary woman and member of the legal profession. Debra sincerely believed that all people, women lawyers especially, need a mentor to support and encourage them professionally and personally. Debra achieved her personal vision of a Mentoring Program to sustain women's participation in the legal profession and enrich their careers in 2003 when the Canadian Bar Association British Columbia Branch (CBABC) Women Lawyers Forum (WLF) Mentoring Program was instituted.

Debra was a committed, inspirational and wise mentor. She had a keen understanding of women's issues generally and within the legal profession, and was a role model for women in many different contexts. All who knew Debra were inspired by her enthusiasm, authenticity and talents, and were proud to call her a colleague. The CBABC WLF Debra Van Ginkel, QC Mentoring Award seeks to keep her vision alive by recognizing in other mentors the qualities and commitment she demonstrated throughout her life and her legal career.

The award is administered by the CBABC WLF Executive and Mentoring Committee in conjunction with the CBABC Awards and Recognition Committee.



Nomination Criteria

Nominees must be current members of the CBA and the WLF, and must have participated for at least one year, currently or in past, in the CBABC WLF Mentoring Program. Nominees must also:

- understand and support women's issues and serve as a role model for women in the law;
- build trusting and collaborative relationships and share her personal experiences with others;
- be inspirational, enthusiastic and authentic in her relationships;
- be a good listener and be empathetic, encouraging and non-judgmental with others; and
- celebrate others' successes.

Nomination Procedure

Nominations must be submitted on or before 4:30 pm on November 5, 2010. Nomination forms are available from the CBABC online at www.cba.org/bc/public_media/dvg/default.aspx or call toll free at 1.888.687.3404 or 604.687.3404. A nomination must be endorsed by three nominators who have been mentored by the nominee. At least one nominator must be a current CBA member. One nominator must have been mentored by the nominee through the CBABC WLF Mentoring Program. The other nominators must have been mentored by the nominee in some capacity. If the nominee is a member of a workplace, only one nominator may be from that workplace. Nominators cannot be members of the selection committee. The nominee must consent to the nomination. Nominees from previous years are welcome to be nominated again. No current WLF Executive Member (National or British Columbia Branch) can be a nominee.

The following items must accompany the nomination form:

- a) the nominee's curriculum vitae; and
- b) letters of support, of not more than 250 words, from the three nominators describing the reasons why they believe the nominee should be recognized with this award based on the criteria above.

The completed Nomination Form may be signed in counterpart and, along with the supporting material, may be emailed, faxed or mailed to:

The Awards and Recognition Committee
The Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch
10th Floor, 845 Cambie Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5T3
Tel: (604) 687-3404
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Nomination Form

We wish to place the following nomination before the CBABC Awards and Recognition Committee:

Name of Person Nominated _____

Address _____ County _____

Telephone _____ CBA Membership ID _____

Following are the signatures of three individuals, including one CBA member in good standing, who support the nomination of _____ for the CBABC WLF Debra Van Ginkel, QC Mentoring Award.

Nominators

Name _____ CBA Member ID _____

Address _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Signature _____

Name _____ CBA Member ID (if applicable) _____

Address _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Signature _____

Name _____ CBA Member ID (if applicable) _____

Address _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Signature _____

NOMINEE'S AGREEMENT

The nominee must sign this nomination form and agree to have her name placed before the CBABC Awards and Recognition Committee for consideration.

I accept the nomination as a candidate for the CBABC WLF Debra Van Ginkel, QC Mentoring Award.

Signature of Nominee _____ Date _____