



Greater Washington Area Chapter



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**NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR THE GWAC BAR/GWAC FOUNDATION 2012
CHARLOTTE E. RAY AWARD – DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Washington , DC – (December 16, 2011) The Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division, National Bar Association (GWAC) and the GWAC Foundation, Inc. are actively soliciting nominations for the 2012 Charlotte E. Ray Award. Since 1989, GWAC and the GWAC Foundation, Inc. have annually recognized an outstanding African-American woman from our local bar in honor of Charlotte E. Ray, the first woman admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and the first African-American woman certified as a lawyer in the United States.

In conjunction with the GWAC mission and the trailblazer spirit of Charlotte E. Ray, nominees should demonstrate a strong commitment to community involvement, mentorship, advocacy, and excellence in the Metropolitan Washington community. Nominees must complete the Nominations Form included below. Nominations will remain open until December 31, 2011. If you have any questions about the nomination process please contact Committee Chairperson Sadarie Holston at Sadarie.Holston@gmail.com.

GWAC is a network of African American women attorneys dedicated to the professional development of its members. We are committed to improving the quality of life in the Greater Washington Area through a variety of activities, including educational programs and community service projects. For additional information about GWAC and the GWAC foundation, please visit www.gwacbar.org.



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THE 2012 CHARLOTTE E. RAY AWARD

NOMINATION FORM



Please return this nomination form and accompanying statement by Friday December 31, 2011 to Sadarie C. Holston at Sadarie.Holston@gmail.com. If you have any questions about the nomination process please contact Committee Chairperson Sadarie Holston.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Telephone Numbers of the Nominee: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

Nominator's Telephone Numbers: _____

The nominator must attach to the nomination form a statement that outlines the following attributes regarding the nominee:

1. What about the nominee makes her a trailblazer? (Explain how has she opened doors or paved the way for others.)
2. Has the nominee made herself accessible to others within the community? (Does she guide young people, aspiring lawyers, new members of the bar, judges, or others in the community at large?)
3. What are the nominee's accomplishments?
4. What contributions has the nominee made to the legal community? Over what time period? What is the significance of these contributions?
5. What challenges has the nominee overcome? (Examples include racial, financial, physical disability, etc.)
6. What is the nominee's relationship to GWAC? (For instance, describe whether she is a member, supporter, mentor, etc.)
7. Why should the nominee receive this Award from GWAC?

Please see opposite page for a list of past Charlotte E. Ray Award recipients.

GWAC is the Greater Washington Area Chapter of the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division



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PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE CHARLOTTE E. RAY AWARD

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| 1989 | The Honorable Judith W. Rogers |
| 1990 | The Honorable Julia Cooper Mack |
| 1991 | Mabel Haden |
| 1992 | Brenda Girton |
| 1993 | The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton |
| 1994 | The Honorable Judith Winston |
| 1995 | Dovey J. Roundtree |
| 1996 | The Honorable Inez Smith Reid |
| 1997 | The Honorable Annice Wagner |
| 1998 | Sandra H. Robinson |
| 1999 | Pauline A. Schneider |
| 2000 | The Honorable Zinora Mitchell-Rankin |
| 2001 | The Honorable Wilma A. Lewis |
| 2002 | Barbara R. Arnwine |
| 2003 | Michele A. Roberts |
| 2004 | Loretta Collins Argrett |
| 2005 | Patricia M. Worthy |
| 2006 | The Honorable Kim Kendrick |
| 2007 | The Honorable Rhonda Reid Winston |
| 2008 | The Honorable Anita Josey Herring |
| 2009 | The Honorable Norma Holloway-Johnson |
| 2010 | Kim M. Keenan |
| 2011 | Grace E. Speights |