



# UTAH MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION

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## PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN THE LAW

### UMBA Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their outstanding legal skills? Is there a community member who gives back to the community and deserves recognition? If so, you still have time to nominate someone, including yourself, for the UMBA Annual Awards. UMBA is seeking nominations to be given at the **October 23, 2009** Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet. Available awards are:

1. **UMBA Honoree of the Year Award:** This award goes to a lawyer or other individual who has made a special accomplishment toward the purposes of UMBA.
2. **UMBA Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award:** This award goes to a member of the Utah State Bar who has demonstrated achievement or dedication to objectives consistent with the purposes of UMBA which include promoting the professional advancement of minority attorneys and the social and civic standing of the minority community; assisting minority attorneys and others in their professional pursuits; to promote the appointment of others in their professional pursuits; and to develop a support system for minority law students and for minority individuals seeking admission to law school.\*
3. **Pete Suazo Community Service Award:** Named after the late Senator Pete Suazo, who dedicated his life to service to minority communities, this award goes to a non-lawyer member of the community who serves minority communities.
4. **Jimi Mitsunaga Excellence in Criminal Law or Pro Bono Award:** This award is named in honor of Jimi Mitsunaga, one of the First 50 minority attorneys in Utah, who contributed much to the legal profession and worked tirelessly to promote the provision of legal services to underserved communities, including minority communities. The award goes to a member of the Utah State Bar who has excelled in the practice of criminal law or has made a substantial achievement in the area of pro bono legal services.

**To nominate someone:** Please send the nominee's name, contact information, and a brief description of why the nominee is deserving of the award to Cheryl Mori at [moric@sec.gov](mailto:moric@sec.gov). No official forms required.

\* For more information about UMBA, please visit our website at: [www.umbalaw.org](http://www.umbalaw.org)

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