



NOMINATION FOR THE JOSEPH GRIMBERG OUTSTANDING YOUNG ADVOCATE AWARD 2025

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GUIDANCE NOTE FOR NOMINATION

About the Award

1. Established in 2018, the Award is named in honour of Mr Joseph Grimberg (1933–2017), a highly-regarded former Judicial Commissioner and Senior Counsel in Singapore. He was viewed as one of Singapore’s finest and most respected legal experts with exceptional leadership in the legal profession. This Award seeks to honour his memory by awarding an annual prize to a young lawyer (below 10 years PQE) who has shown excellence in his/her work and achievements, and who has also displayed outstanding professional excellence and ethical standards.

Eligibility and Award Criteria

2. A nominee must:
- (a) be engaged in the practice of law for 10 years or fewer with a principal focus on advocacy;
 - (b) be a well-rounded person actively involved in and committed to his or her community;
 - (c) be 40 years of age or below at the time of application; and
 - (d) be a member in good standing of the Singapore Academy of Law.

The Nomination Process

3. The administrative support is provided by the Singapore Academy of Law (“SAL”), which treats each application as confidential to the Selection Committee. We welcome nominations from law firms in Singapore, the Singapore Legal Service and individual applicants (self-nominations).

4. A Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law comprising Supreme Court Judge(s) will select the Award recipient. The Committee may call for interviews of shortlisted nominees.

5. Submission period: 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025.

6. Please note that the nomination must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation. Examples include letters from the nominee’s clients, individuals familiar with the nominee’s service to the community, the nominee’s current or former employers, fellow practitioners, individuals familiar with the nominee’s service to the Bar, or any other individual who can explain why the nominee should be awarded the Award.

7. The completed nomination form, along with two letters of recommendation, must be received by SAL at awards@sal.org.sg no later than 4.30 PM SGT on 30 June 2025.

8. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reject nominations that are incomplete or do not comply with the instructions. To allow time for any necessary clarifications, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their nominations at least 3 weeks before the closing date.

Notification of result

9. The Award will comprise a premium writing instrument and a trophy both sponsored by Drew & Napier LLC, with which Mr Grimberg had a long association. The winner will be notified in August 2025 and will receive the award from the President of SAL, The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, at the annual SAL Appreciation and Awards Dinner on 15 October 2025.

NOMINATION FORM FOR JOSEPH GRIMBERG OUTSTANDING YOUNG ADVOCATE AWARD 2025

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Section A - To be completed by Proposer / Nominator

1 Nominee Details

Salutation

Name in full

Company / Organisation

Designation

Email Address

Contact Number

2 Proposer / Nominator Details (please leave blank if you are self-nominated)

Salutation

Name in full

Company / Organisation

Designation

Email Address

Contact Number

Relationship with Nominee

Reasons for nomination (or Personal Statement for Self-Nomination)

Please provide a detailed explanation of the nominee's qualifications, achievements, and the specific reasons he/she deserve this nomination. If you are nominating yourself, please share a personal statement outlining your accomplishments, strengths, and the contributions that make you a worthy candidate.

Section B - To be completed by Nominee

Please provide as annexes:

(a) two letters of recommendation. Examples include letters from the nominee's clients, individuals familiar with the nominee's service to the community, the nominee's current or former employers, fellow practitioners, individuals familiar with the nominee's service to the Bar, or any other individual who can explain why the nominee should be awarded the Award.

Please provide details of the reference letters:

Recommendation Letter 1

- Referee's full name:
- Referee's organisation:
- Referee's designation:

Recommendation Letter 2

- Referee's full name:
- Referee's organisation:
- Referee's designation:

1 Education and admissions

Please list your educational background, including degrees obtained, institutions attended, and any relevant certifications or professional admissions (e.g. bar admissions, professional licenses).

2 Achievements and appointments

Please list your professional accomplishments and notable appointments received. This could include awards, recognitions, prestigious assignments, or leadership roles within the legal community or other sectors.

3 Career History

Please provide a summary of your professional career, including past and current positions held. Include the name of the organisations, roles, and the duration of employment. You may wish to highlight any significant responsibilities and contributions made during their tenure in each position.

4 Significant cases as counsel either in court or arbitration

Describe any major cases or matters where you have served as counsel, either in court or in arbitration.

5 Service to the community and Bar

Please details on the contributions to the community and to the legal profession. This may include volunteer work, mentoring, pro bono services, involvement in professional associations, or any other activities that demonstrate your dedication to improving both the community and the legal profession.

