

# AWARD INFORMATION FOR NCBP EVENTS

## *ABA LAW DAY AWARDS*

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment, the 2017 Law Day theme explored how the Citizenship, Due Process and Equal Protection clauses of this transformative amendment served as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for those who advocate for equal justice under law.

Three well deserving programs were selected for the Outstanding Law Day 2017 Activity Awards:

### **Best Student Program—**

#### **Orange County Bar Association**

Engaged students in an array of educational, fun, and interactive activities to reinforce the history, purpose, and impact of the 14th Amendment.

[www.orangecountybar.org](http://www.orangecountybar.org)

### **Best Public Program—**

#### **Friends of City Heights Library**

Collaboration of over twenty municipal, educational, community service, and non-profit organizations, providing diverse programs that connected a wide audience.

[www.cityheightslaw.org](http://www.cityheightslaw.org)

### **Best Theme Interpretation—**

#### **Utah State Bar**

Exhibited a unique approach through print, social media, and broadcast media

campaigns, to inform the public about the 14th Amendment and its enduring relevance.

[www.utahbar.org](http://www.utahbar.org)

Additional details and a list of finalists can be viewed at [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org).

## *LOUIS M. BROWN AWARDS*

The mission of the ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services is to expand access to legal services for those of moderate income. The Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access honors the work of those who advance this mission in ways that are remarkable and replicable. The recipient of the 2018 Louis M. Brown Award is the Chicago Bar Foundation. The Committee also recognizes two programs with Meritorious Recognition: the British Columbia Civil Resolution Tribunal and Chi City Legal.

All nominees of the Brown Award are also entered into the running for Brown Select, which is presented to the Brown Award nominee that gets the most votes from the general public through online voting. At the time of printing, the winner of the Brown Select was not completed but can be found at: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/delivery\\_legal\\_services/initiatives\\_awards/louis\\_m\\_brown\\_award\\_for\\_legal\\_access/2018-brown-select.html](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/delivery_legal_services/initiatives_awards/louis_m_brown_award_for_legal_access/2018-brown-select.html).

## NCBP FELLOWS AWARD

Fred D. Gray, past president of the Alabama State Bar and the National Bar Association, and past member of the NCBP Council, has been named the 2018 NCBP Fellows Award Winner.

Fred David Gray, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, currently lives in Tuskegee and is a civil rights lawyer. His legal career spans over 60 years, and he is one of the first African Americans to serve in the Alabama Legislature since reconstruction. Gray served as the President of the National Bar Association in 1985. In 2002, Gray was the first person of color elected as President of the Alabama State Bar, and served as its 127th President for the year 2002-2003. In 2003, he was selected for a three-year term as a member of the Executive Council of the National Conference of Bar Presidents.

Currently he is the senior managing shareholder in the law firm of Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray, Gray & Nathanson P.C., with offices in Montgomery and Tuskegee, Alabama. In October of 1999, Gray became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Mr. Gray has been the recipient of numerous honorary Doctor of Laws degrees, and his awards are many. In 2017, Case Reserve

held a Symposium: *In Honor of Fred Gray: Making Civil Rights Law from Rosa Parks to the Twenty-First Century*. On November 12, 2016, Lipscomb University renamed their Institute for Law, Society and Justice to the Fred D. Gray Institute for Law Society and Justice.



Mr. Gray is also a noted author of three books, “Bus Ride To Justice,” “The Tuskegee Syphilis Study,” and “The Children Coming on: A Retrospective of the Montgomery Bus Boycott,” which he wrote with Frank Sikora, and J. Mills Thornton III.

Mr. Gray was the first person of color to serve as General Counsel for Alabama State University (ASU). He was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2003. Under the ASU Trust for Excellence, he has established an endowment trust in the name of his late wife, Bernice H. Gray, a 1956 graduate of ASU. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. An elder of the Tuskegee Church of Christ, Gray is married to Carol Porter of Cleveland, Ohio. He is the father of four, grandfather of six and stepfather of three.